

**Together we will make the difference!**

September 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

The United Jewish Appeal is reaching out to you to become part of another successful fundraising drive for 2020-2021.

As the unifying force for the Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands Jewish Communities, we are proud of the fact that we touch the lives of so many people. With your contributions to the annual campaign, the Jewish Federation supports many programs and individuals throughout the year.

**Here is what your contributions achieve locally, in Israel and beyond:**

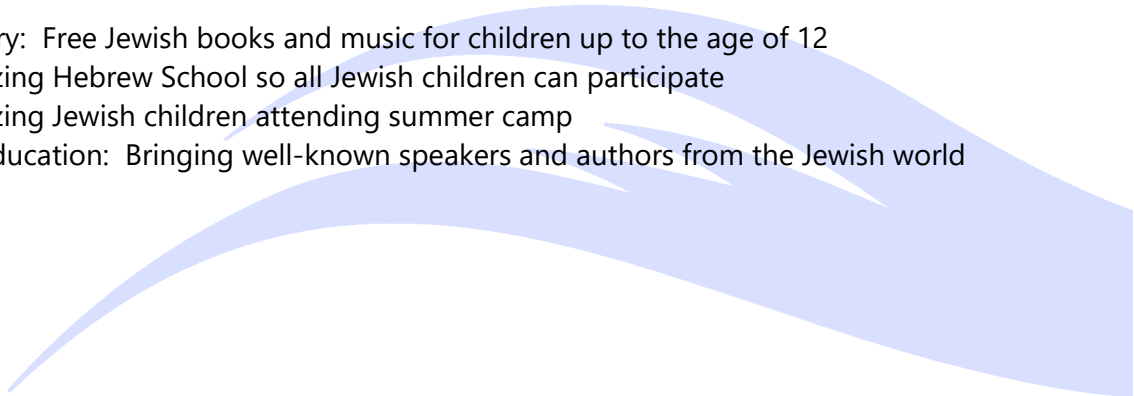
**On Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands:**

- Assist vulnerable Jewish elderly and shut-ins
- Assist families and individuals in need with food subsidies and summer camp scholarships
- Support children with learning disabilities in Hebrew School settings
- Subsidizing families in need to attend Pesach Seders and purchase holiday foods
- Holocaust education programs and memorials
- Monitoring and Reporting Antisemitism to regional and national authorities

**Cultural and Community Development:**

- Victoria International Jewish Film Festival
- Bema Productions (Live Theatre through Congregation Emanu-El)
- Jewish Community Choir
- Hillel House and the UVic Jewish Chaplaincy
- Central Vancouver Island Jewish Community Programming

**Education:**

- PJ Library: Free Jewish books and music for children up to the age of 12
  - Subsidizing Hebrew School so all Jewish children can participate
  - Subsidizing Jewish children attending summer camp
  - Adult Education: Bringing well-known speakers and authors from the Jewish world
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**Israel:**

- Youth Futures: a high-impact program to assist youth escape risk and poverty
- Advocacy workshops and speakers on Israel
- Israel Experience Grants

**Beyond:**

- Supporting vulnerable Jewish elderly in the Ukraine with food and fuel supplies

We need your participation to continue to make a difference in the lives of those who have fewer advantages than we have.

We need your participation to continue to develop and grow our Jewish communities on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

We are asking for your help in reaching our campaign goal of \$160,000 – together we can do this!

Please find enclosed a brochure that provides information about our campaign. We look forward to your generous support again this year.

JFVVI Campaign Team  
United Jewish Appeal