

Women of Vision & Women of Vision Too

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 Betsy Adler
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 Darcy McGraw Altman
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 Judith August
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 Betsy Barnston
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 Judith Barr
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 Ruthann Beckerman
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 Barbara Berg
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 Civianne Bloch
 Sarah Blum
 Marjorie Botwinik
 Elaine Braffman
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 Laura Campbell
 Linda Cedarbaum
 Elaine Chapman
 Roslyn Chosak
 Roxanne Coady
 Gloria Cohen
 Nancy Cohen
 Linda Cohen
 Linda Friedman Cole
 Emily Resnik-Conn
 Harriet Cooper
 Joanna Cooper
 Judy Cooper**
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 Ann Drobnis
 Elizabeth Edelglass*
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 Yvette Eder
 Jody Ellant
 Arlene Elovich
 In Honor of my granddaughter, Danielle Epstein, by Nancy Cohen
 In Honor of my granddaughter, Jill Epstein, by Nancy Cohen
 Debra Epstein
 Linda Cohen Epstein
 Ruth Fagen
 Harriet K. Fast**
 Susan Birke-Fiedler
 Emily Fine

Marilyn Fishbone
 Betsy Gandelman Fiske
 Betsy Flaherty
 Joanne Foodim
 Linda Friedman
 Nancy Frydman
 Suzanne Gallant
 Lillian Gandelman
 Deb Gaudette
 Dorothy Giannini-Meyers
 Pat Ginsberg
 Bess Glazer
 Miriam Glenn
 Eve Gold
 Lindy Gold
 Bonnie K. Goldberg
 In Honor of my mother, Bernice Michel Goldberg, by Hyla G. Vine
 In tribute to the memory of my brother, Dr. Edward Goodruff Steinlauf, by Heidi Hurwitz
 Carole Greenbaum
 Barbara Greenberg
 In Honor of Barbara Greenberg, a real Woman of Vision, by Ruthann Beckerman
 Doris Greenberg
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 Marjorie Greenblatt
 Ruth Greenblatt
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 Velma Grodd
 Roberta Grossman
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 Betsy Hoos*
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 Dale Hurwitz
 Teddy Hurwitz
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 Bertha Kahn**
 Lisa Kapp
 Iny Karp
 Barbara Katz
 Marni Smith Katz

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 Susan Kaufman
 Rosalyn Kaye
 Sandy Kerzner
 Danielle Kinstlinger
 Elaine Klein
 Judy Kleinstein
 Caryl Kligfeld
 In loving memory of Florence Ratner Klugman by her daughter, Marilyn Fishbone
 In loving memory of Bertha Konowitz by her son, Ed Konowitz
 Alison Kogan
 Nurit Kohl
 Jackie Koral
 Robin Kramer
 Evelyn Krevolin*
 Shirley Kroopnick
 Elaine Lawson
 Cindy Leffell
 Helaine Lender
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 Roslyn Lerner
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 Lydia Levine
 Betty Levy
 Beverly Levy
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 Roberta Litvinoff
 Jan Magid
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 Bernice Margolis
 Joan Glazer Margolis
 Marilyn Margolis
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 Mary Mathog
 Rebecca Meyer
 Roslyn Meyer
 Barbara Jean Miller
 Lauren Miller
 Harriett Miller
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 Ann Nishball
 Nancy Olins
 Barbara Green Orell
 Ruth Ostfeld
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 Melissa Perkal
 Danya Perry
 Sarah Perry
 Sydney A. Perry
 Madeline Potash
 Jo-Ann Price
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Hyla Raphael
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 Lillian Resnik
 Carol Robbins
 Patricia Rogovin
 Lynda Rosenfeld
 In loving memory of Marilyn Rosenfield by her daughter, Andrea and Ed Konowitz
 In Honor of my granddaughter, Samara Rozen, by Nancy Cohen
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 Lynn Rudich
 Jane Rudner
 Ruth Sachs
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 Mary Beth Saltzman
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 Linda Savitsky
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 Gloria Schaffer
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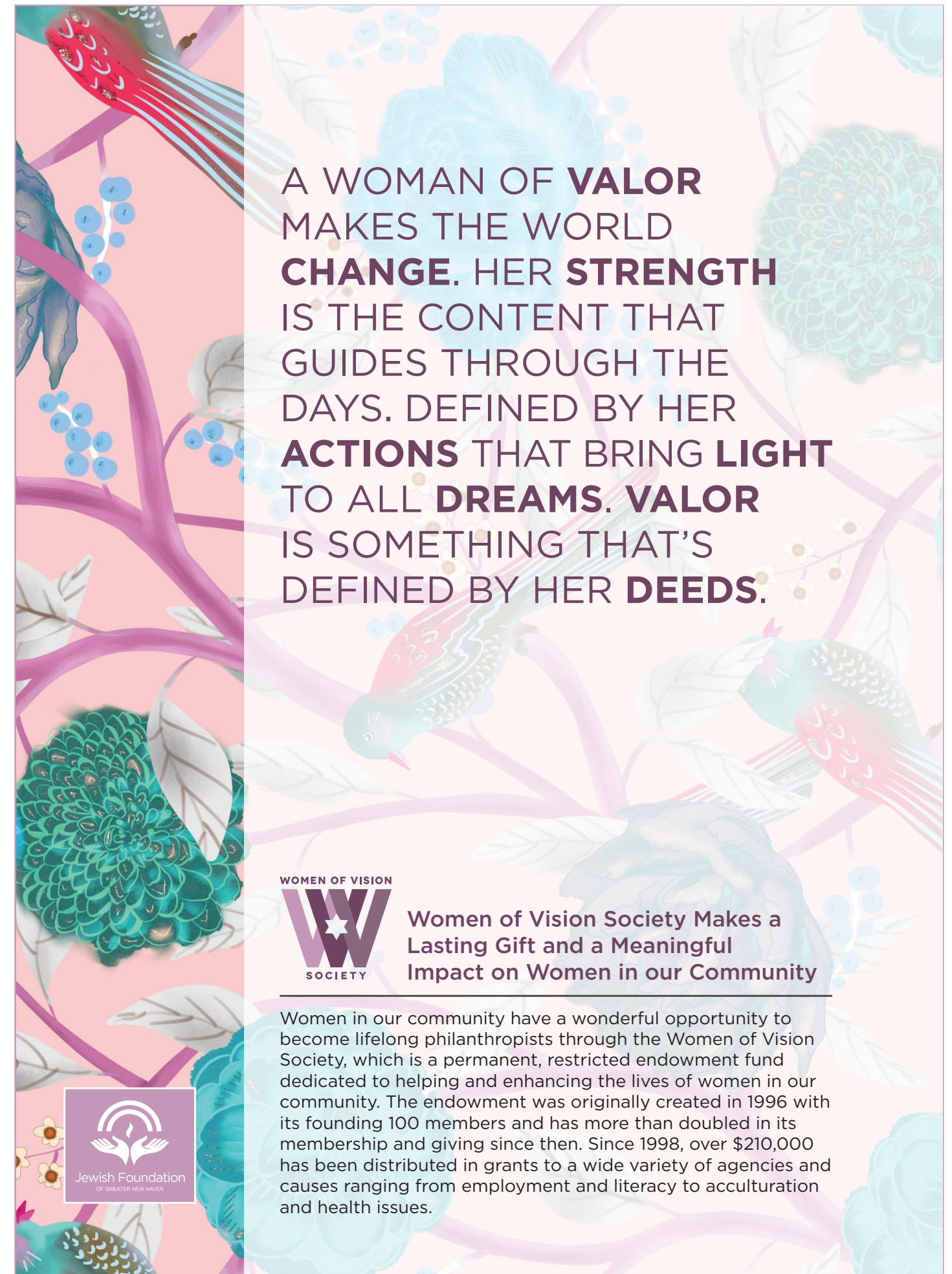
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 In Honor of my daughter, Ilana Michel Vine, by Hyla G. Vine
 In loving memory of my mother-in-law, Lillian E. Vine, by Hyla G. Vine
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 In Honor of my daughter, Lisa Fishbone Wallack by Marilyn Fishbone
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**Designates a new Woman of Vision

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A WOMAN OF **VALOR**
 MAKES THE WORLD
CHANGE. HER **STRENGTH**
 IS THE CONTENT THAT
 GUIDES THROUGH THE
 DAYS. DEFINED BY HER
ACTIONS THAT BRING **LIGHT**
 TO ALL **DREAMS.** **VALOR**
 IS SOMETHING THAT'S
 DEFINED BY HER **DEEDS.**



Women of Vision Society Makes a Lasting Gift and a Meaningful Impact on Women in our Community

Women in our community have a wonderful opportunity to become lifelong philanthropists through the Women of Vision Society, which is a permanent, restricted endowment fund dedicated to helping and enhancing the lives of women in our community. The endowment was originally created in 1996 with its founding 100 members and has more than doubled in its membership and giving since then. Since 1998, over \$210,000 has been distributed in grants to a wide variety of agencies and causes ranging from employment and literacy to acculturation and health issues.



Women of Vision Society: 2021 Grant Recipients

Women of Vision Committee

Nancy Cohen,
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Auerbach

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Linda Cedarbaum

Marni Katz

Emily Sandberg

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven – Dignity Grows

Human Dignity is not a luxury, yet many women suffer from period poverty, lacking money to purchase basic menstrual and hygiene products. This initiative mobilizes volunteers to organize, assemble, and distribute free, reusable totes filled with a month's supply of these basic necessities. This program also partners with local organizations, such as Jewish Family Service and the Diaper Bank, to get the monthly supplies to the women who need them.

Yashar LaChayal – Female Hareidi Lone Soldier Project

This organization has supported lone soldiers in the Israeli Defense Forces since 2006, and ultra-orthodox lone soldiers since 2019. The support of female, ultra-orthodox lone soldiers is their newest initiative. These young women are soldiers from ultra-orthodox families who don't receive support from their families due to their decisions to serve in the Israeli Defense Forces. These girls need a place to live and a support system that will guide them -- Including a home for them while they are on leave, assistance with integration into the IDF, and a support system during and after their service.

Eschcolot B'Emek U'Behar – Living Space

This program is located in Kibbutz Megiddo in the Gilboa/Afula region, New Haven's sister community in Israel. The program provides occupational and therapeutic work for 120 intellectually disabled adults who are residents of the kibbutz. This farm/petting zoo uses animal assisted therapy to empower and address the emotional needs of the kibbutz residents while providing them with meaningful work. The program also partners with area volunteers including army groups, an area juvenile detention center, a women's drug rehabilitation center, and retirees.

The Towers at Tower Lane– Dignified Dining: Dining Scarves Initiative

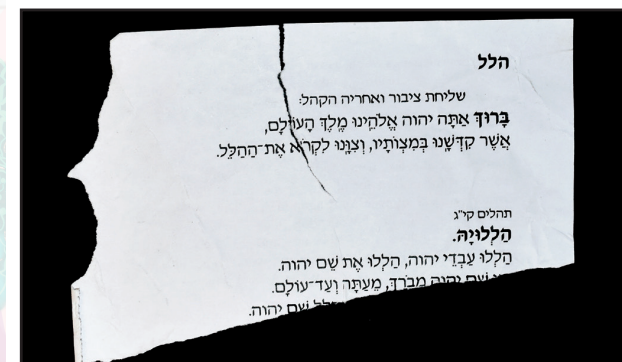
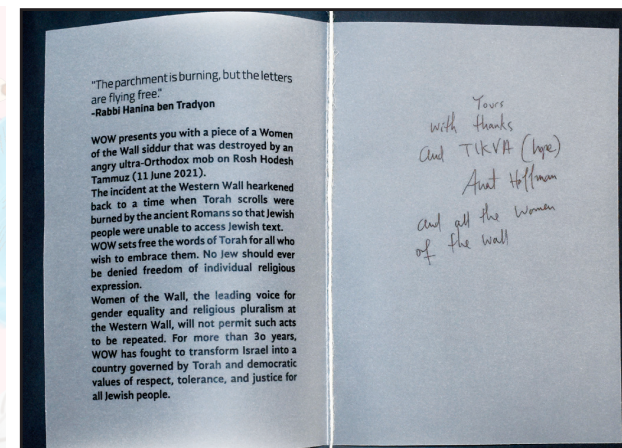
The Towers is launching a new dining program for those residents with dementia and/or cognitive decline who cannot dine comfortably in the Towers' main dining room. This project is being overseen by a task force of dementia, aging, and dining experts to ensure excellence in its delivery. Features will include new contrast rimmed dishes, new equipment, menus that include photos, adjusted lighting and staff training. Residents with dementia and/or cognitive decline often require bibs, which can be infantilizing and humiliating for an adult. The dining scarves initiative of this program allows other Towers' residents to create beautiful washable dining scarves, that can be used in place of bibs, for the participants in the dignified dining program.

This month, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven received a card from Women of the Wall Nashot HaKotel (WOW) which has received multiple grants from the Women of Vision Society. The card contained a torn fragment of a siddur (pictures right).

In June, during their monthly Rosh Hodesh services at the Western Wall, WOW was beset "by an angry ultra-Orthodox mob" who seized and destroyed their siddurim. The fragment pictured was one saved from this desecration by WOW. It was sent to the Jewish Foundation as thanks for our support and as a testament to the work WOW is doing to promote gender equality and religious pluralism at the Western Wall, as well as a reminder of the opposition they face.

WOW's director Anat Hoffman signed the card, "Yours with thanks and tikvah (hope), Anat Hoffman and all the Women of the Wall."

Learn about all of our 2021 Women of Vision grantees at <https://newhavenjewishfoundation.org/women-of-vision-grant-recipients-2020-21/> and learn more about the Women of Vision grant and how to apply at <https://www.jewishnewhaven.org/grants>.



Eshcolot B'Emek U'Behar in Afula/Gilboa Receives Women of Vision Grant Award for Therapeutic Petting Zoo

"We are grateful to the Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation of Greater for their assistance in helping us to expand this very important program. It will serve not only the special-needs participants of the Eshcolot organization, but will provide these services to all area residents who seek them. Animal-assisted therapies have been found to be successful in calming anxiety and for reducing emotional stress often experienced by special-needs populations. The vision of our the Eshcolot organization is to integrate people with intellectual disabilities into a normative lifestyle, to provide them equal opportunities, and to create the atmosphere of inclusiveness regardless of color, faith, gender or ability."

The **Eshcolot B'Emek U'Behar** organization was founded in 2004 by parents of special-needs children. Its activities are centered in the north of Israel, in our sister community of the Afula/ Gilboa region, and it serves a broad population which includes adults with Down Syndrome, Autism, as well as those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program provides both occupational/vocational and therapeutic services. The residents of some seven institutions in the area are served by the daily, weekly, or monthly activities and services which provide for their welfare, and their emotional well-being. In a novel approach to provide a sustaining, satisfying lifestyle for these adults, the Eshcolot program established a Visitor's Center which is housed at Kibbutz Megiddo where 120 participants from the program operate and staff an organic farm. These special-needs adults serve as the hosts to visiting groups and individuals who come to the Visitor's Center to experience the farm, enjoying meals with freshly picked produce. This interaction between staff and visitor, bridges the gaps, and dispels misconceptions and prejudices about this population.

A new project of the Visitor's Center is a Therapeutic Petting Zoo, where animal-assisted therapies are employed, both for the benefit of these special-needs adults, as well as those coming to the Center to seek these special therapies. The animals here range freely and are NOT in cages. The facility is staffed by the special-needs adults, as well as professionals and students of the Oranim College's animal-assisted therapy department. In addition, therapeutic horseback riding is available for residents in the area, with the animals being cared for and tended by special-needs adults. For more information on **Eshcolot B'Emek U'Behar** go to www.eshcholot.org.

For more information on the Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation of GNH go to www.newhavenjewishfoundation.org