



JEWISH WOMEN'S FUND

The Federation's San Francisco Jewish Women's Fund (SFJWF) strives to strengthen Jewish community by helping women and girls in the Jewish community flourish. We grant primarily in the San Francisco Bay Area but also consider grants nationally and in Israel. With this expression of tikkun olam, we deepen our connections to each other and to our Jewish heritage.

In 2016-2017, a total of **\$215,800** was granted in two different categories: older adults and Jewish single mothers.

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2016-2017

OLDER ADULTS – Granted total of \$92,000

Older adults represent 20% of San Francisco's population and are the most likely of any population to live in poverty (15%). Women are more likely to experience poverty as they age, and women aged 75 and up are over three times as likely to live in poverty as men. Inequalities in economic, social, and personal rights for women under the age of 65 persist and compound as they age, increasing older women's vulnerability to economic insecurity and abuse. SFJWF supports initiatives to address inequities in Safety & Security, Health & Well-being, and Economic Security.

► Jewish Vocational Services – \$20,000

Builds on the Jewish Employment Network to provide additional resources to launch, test, and refine a pilot series of specialized workshops customized to serve 10-15 older women, helping them build skills and confidence to re-enter the workforce.

► Jewish Family and Children's Services – \$57,000

Supports older Jewish women who can become isolated when they are caring for a loved one. The Caring Women's Initiative fosters community connections through events, offers respite care to relieve caregivers, and offers volunteer visits.

► JCC San Francisco – \$15,000

Supports "Embracing the Journey," a day-long event that starts the conversation around end-of-life issues while providing needed content and access to practitioners and service providers. Attendees are empowered to act on their own behalves through educational activities that break down barriers, anxiety, and fear to better help them feel more comfortable navigating end of life issues.

SINGLE JEWISH MOTHERS – Granted total of \$113,800

Single mothers are among the fastest-growing vulnerable populations nationally, yet are often overlooked in the Jewish community. These grants focus on raising awareness and strategizing to include the growing number of Bay Area single Jewish moms in new and existing programs and services.

▶ **Camp Tawonga** – \$21,800

Supports a special program track exclusively for single moms and their children at two family camp weekends. This single-mom track includes personalized support from staff, scholarships, counselor directed outdoor activities for children, a variety of group-centric offerings for the moms, and increased babysitting to allow moms to participate in evening programming.

▶ **Camp Tawonga** – \$27,000

Provides camp scholarships to allow more single mothers to send their children to full summer camp.

▶ **Congregation Shomrei Torah** – \$20,000

To help single mothers find and build a local community that is Jewish and works for a hectic schedule. This program fosters community through havurot, babysitting at all synagogue events, childcare co-op, and outreach to unaffiliated single Jewish moms.

▶ **Peninsula Jewish Community Center** – \$27,000

Supports *Nashim*, a program that creates opportunities for engagement and increased accessibility to existing programs at North Peninsula institutions for single Jewish mothers. The program includes a community “passport” for single moms, a “Navigator” to coordinate, direct, and connect single Jewish moms, and free/low-cost programs for single-parent families.

▶ **Shalom Bayit** – \$18,000

Supports Shalom Bayit’s Empowerment Project for single Jewish moms, which gives single Jewish mothers a tangible leg up by helping them make smart decisions about their future, gain skills to achieve financial stability, and link to a supportive Jewish community to move from crisis to wholeness to thrive.

SLINGSHOT GRANT:

Awarded to innovative Jewish organizations and projects that positively impact the lives of women and girls.

▶ **Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom** – \$10,000

Supports the founding of a Bay Area chapter to foster interfaith dialogue between Muslim and Jewish women to build bridges that fight negative stereotyping and prejudice. Members form friendships as they participate in dialogue, cultural exchange, community building, and collaborate on social initiatives.

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