



# JEWISH WOMEN'S FUND

The Federation's San Francisco Jewish Women's Fund (SFJWF) provides an in-depth philanthropic experience for women to go beyond being donors, to become active participants in group grantmaking. These community members come together to leverage their resources and explore issues through both a Jewish and gender lens, with the ultimate goal of sparking social change.

In 2015-2016 a total of **\$267,350** was granted in two different categories: seniors and Jewish single mothers.

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## GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2015-2016

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### **ISOLATED SENIORS** - Granted total of \$114,100

Many older adults experience isolation as they age due to limited mobility and access to transportation.

Understanding that 75% of older adults are women, the SFJWF supports initiatives that alleviate senior isolation and keep seniors connected to community, which in turn helps them to lead more active, healthy lives.

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#### ▶ **Bernard Osher Marin JCC** – Granted \$80,000

Supports the cost of a bus that will be deployed to keep able-bodied, isolated seniors involved and active in the community. The JCC plans to build a program around this new bus that includes both overnight and day trips. Having this new bus will result in doubling the number of senior excursions offered each year and tripling the number of participants.

#### ▶ **Jewish Community Center of Sonoma** – Granted \$17,100

Supports the inclusion of two additional senior excursions through JCC Sonoma that engage younger seniors on the cusp of needing social and physical support. Their goal is to ease the transition of accepting services as seniors' age in order to keep them connected to the Jewish community.

#### ▶ **The Jewish Home** – Granted \$17,000

Underwrites a study of Bay Area transportation for seniors conducted by the Jewish Home. The study will review transportation options for seniors provided by four cities with infrastructure comparable to San Francisco's. The study includes an inventory and evaluation of existing transportation resources and the development of a plan to coordinate access into a one-stop service model for the Jewish Home.

## SINGLE JEWISH MOTHERS - Granted total of \$148,250

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.

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### ▶ **Big Tent Judaism** – Granted \$34,000

Supports Big Tent Judaism's Concierge program to expand system-wide thinking and collaboration across institutions to be more inclusive of single Jewish moms. The Concierge program provides referral services, coordinates meet-ups for solo moms and their children, and advocates on their behalf at Jewish communal institutions.

### ▶ **Camp Tawonga** – Granted \$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.

### ▶ **Congregation Shomrei Torah** – Granted \$19,450

Enables Congregation Shomrei Torah to launch its "Modern Mishpacha" to help single mothers find and build a local community that is both Jewish and works for a hectic schedule. This program fosters community through havurot, babysitting at all synagogue events, child care co-op, and outreach to unaffiliated single Jewish moms.

### ▶ **Peninsula Jewish Community Center** – Granted \$58,000

Allows for the creation of the "Nashim" program, headed by The Peninsula Jewish Community Center and involving various North Peninsula Jewish institutions. Nashim 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** – Granted \$15,000

Supports Shalom Bayit's Empowerment Project for single Jewish moms. The Project recognizes becoming a single parent can be a time of great vulnerability and aims to provide tools for navigating key challenges like money or the prospect of new relationships.

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## JEWISH WOMEN'S FUNDS COLLABORATIVE GRANT IN ISRAEL

### ▶ **Jewish Women's Fund** – Granted \$5,000

This grant is the SFJWF's contribution to a \$170,000 collaborative effort of all the Jewish Women's Funds, over the next two years, to support gender transformative employment policies for women and working mothers

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