



THE LIBERAL JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL 5779/2018

עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפֵּט יְתוֹם וְאַלְמָנָה וְאַהֲב גֵּר לְתֵת לוֹ לֶחֶם וְשִׂמְלָה:
וְאַהֲבֵתֶם אֶת־הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:

Just as the Eternal One upholds the cause of the orphan and the widow and befriends the stranger, providing food and clothing – so you too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt (Deuteronomy 10:18-19)

This year, the Yom Kippur Appeal Committee considered 23 applications from a wide range of charities who are doing amazing work. It was very difficult to choose our beneficiaries, but we have selected the following particularly worthwhile causes:



The Jewish Council for Racial Equality (JCore) Young Neighbours Project (Anglo-Jewish charity): at a critical time for Jews and Muslims, this project addresses the shared feeling of a sense of isolation and dislocation when singled out for hate. By bringing together young people aged 18-25, this project builds understanding and creates dialogue around purposeful activity.



Ben Gurion University – Bedouin Bursary Fund (Israeli charity): an impressive project that provides supplementary scholarships and ‘assistance packages’ for Bedouin students, 70% of whom are women, studying at BGU in the Negev.



The Avenues (non-Jewish charity): a youth project that works with children and young people aged 8-18. Based in Queen’s Park, an area of high levels of social and economic inequality, the charity provides preventative front-line services that help to build resilience into fragile communities.

We also include UJIA, as we do every year, for their youth and education projects benefiting LJ and LJY-Netzer, and through this, our own young people.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity to support others at this very special time of year.



The Jewish Council for Racial Equality (JCore)

was founded in 1976 by Dr Edie Friedman who felt that there should be a Jewish voice on issues of social justice and particularly racial equality. In April 2018, JCore launched its newest project, Young Neighbours, aware that both anti-Semitic and Islamophobic hate crimes have increased significantly. For the

coming year, JCore is focusing on youth engagement across the two communities and is asking the LJS to fund an exciting new project for 18-25 year olds in partnership with the Al-Khoei Foundation, an Islamic educational organisation.' www.jcore.org.uk

Young Neighbours brings together young Jews and Muslims in a cause that resonates strongly with both our communities – supporting the rights of asylum seekers in the UK. The young people will:

- Organise collections of basic necessities for asylum seekers.
- Learn about asylum in Britain by meeting asylum seekers, lawyers and politicians.
- Campaign for policies that ensure asylum seekers are treated fairly.
- Build understanding and communal dialogue.

Ben Gurion University (BGU) was founded in 1969 as the University of the Negev, and renamed Ben Gurion University in 1973, after the death of Israel's first prime minister. BGU is based in Beersheva and in other parts of southern Israel, with 20,000 students including 450 Bedouin among its 1,200 Arab students. Many Bedouin students come from poor peripheral communities and receive little financial support from their families. The expenses associated with higher education are a measurable barrier to university education. BGU provides scholarships to all students in need, and they would also like to provide Bedouin students with specific financial aid packages to address the other expenses they incur, such as books, travel and subsidies for social and cultural events to enable them to study successfully..

The LJS is being asked to provide £1,200 per student, for 10 (or more) financially assessed students. Many Bedouin students train to become doctors, nurses, and pharmacists, and in this way become part of the mainstream society in Israel.

<http://in.bgu.ac.il>



Dr Sarah Abu-Kaf is a faculty member and lecturer in cross-cultural psychology in BGU's Conflict Management and Resolution Programme and the first clinical psychologist in Bedouin society. In July 2018, she was selected by Forbes Magazine as one of the 50 most influential women in Israel.

Having completed three degrees at BGU and postdoctoral training at Harvard University, Dr Abu-Kaf researches a wide range of topics: mental health issues in different cultural groups, and adjustment to academic life by Arab and Bedouin students. Like many of the Bedouin students she teaches, Dr Abu-Kaf returns home to the village of Um Batin each evening, where there is no electricity or running water. 'In winter I bring laptops with me to the University to charge them', she says, 'because I know that at home I can't.'

The Avenues Youth Project works with disadvantaged children aged 8-18 in North Westminster and the surrounding area. Families living on local estates in the Queen's Park area suffer among the worst levels of child poverty in the country. Many of the children who attend The Avenues receive free school meals, many have special educational needs or behavioural difficulties, and some have child protection orders. A number of other local youth clubs have closed down, but the Avenues has retained its modern building with a kitchen where children learn to cook, a dance studio and music suites, a quiet space for homework and recording studios. The Avenues provides holiday and after-school programmes, but due to funding cuts in 2017, it was forced to cancel some of its programmes. The LJS is being asked to raise funds for half-term and holiday programmes in 2019. www.avenues.org.uk

The Avenues provides stimulating, fun, and healthy activities with the following benefits:

- Ensuring safety by taking young people off the streets, reducing the risk of gang involvement, sexual exploitation and vulnerability to crime.
- Offering a daily nutritious meal.
- Providing contact with trained youth workers when school is closed, building trust with the young people and providing childcare support for working parents.
- Maintaining the structure in day-to-day life that school provides in term time, helping to diminish the learning loss that can happen over the holiday period.
- Organising outings which will expand children's and young people's experience and broaden their horizons.



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Yom Kippur Appeal Charities:	Split by £	Percentage split
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2. BEN GURION UNIVERSITY (BGU)	£	%
3. THE AVENUES	£	%
4. UJIA – (benefiting LJ & LJY-Netzer, UK)	£	%
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