

Dear Congregational Partners,

At this time of great need and uncertainty, I want to inform you that, through a partnership of our Jewish Community Foundation and Schoke Jewish Family Service, we are offering a pool of zero-interest loans for members of our Jewish community.

Schoke Jewish Family Service has recently launched a Hebrew Free Loan program, and, just yesterday, our Jewish Community Foundation agreed to allocate a pool of \$60,000 to be made available to loan to members of the Upper Fairfield County Jewish community.

I have copied information below detailing the program and providing a contact for potential applicants.

We want to make sure these funds are used well - and used now, if necessary - to serve those who may desperately need them. Please feel free to provide this information, as you feel appropriate, to your congregants who might be in need.

Gratefully,

David



Families Affected by the Economic Impact of the Coronavirus Are Eligible to Receive Hebrew Free Loans from Schoke Jewish Family Service

The Schoke Jewish Family Service Hebrew Free Loan program was designed to offer community members the opportunity to receive interest-free loans to support financial needs that do not qualify for funding through our emergency assistance program.

Community members can receive funding to support immediate needs including: emergency home or car repairs, medical expenses, funeral costs, camp tuition, participation in a gap-year or short-term Jewish or Israel education program, or attending a vocational or technical program to advance their career. The Hebrew Free Loan Program will also be extended to families affected by the Coronavirus.

To participate in the program, applicants will need to provide financial information, secure a guarantor, submit a statement of need, and commit to a repayment schedule. The length of repayment will be determined by the loan amount, with the assumption that most loans will be repaid within 36 months.

This initiative has been funded by Upper Fairfield County's Jewish Community Foundation.

For more information about the program, please contact Jonathan Fass, COO of Schoke JFS at 203-921-4161 or jfass@ctjfs.org.

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