

”למען ציון לא אֶחָשָׂה,  
וּלְמַעַן יְרוּשָׁלַם לֹא אֶשְׁקוּט,  
עַד-יֵצֵא כְּנֶגְהָ צְדָקָה,  
וְיִשׁוּעָתָה כְּלֶפֶיד יִבְעָר”

ישעיהו פרק סב' פסוק א'



*“For the sake  
of Zion, I will  
not be silent,  
and for the sake  
of Jerusalem  
I will not rest,  
until her  
righteousness  
comes out like  
brilliance,  
and her  
salvation burns  
like a torch”*

Isaiah 62:1



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ll citizens of Jerusalem benefit from the efforts of the Jerusalem Foundation on a daily basis. Someone, somewhere, benefits from a Jerusalem Foundation project every minute of every day and every night. The Foundation's work touches every population – of every social group of every age, in every neighborhood of the city.

Founded over 40 years ago by the legendary Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, the Jerusalem Foundation has an unmatched track record in creating and nurturing philanthropy projects in Jerusalem.



With Jewish values as the source of its inspiration, the Jerusalem Foundation seeks to create a just society for all citizens of Jerusalem, and it is committed to strengthening weak communities and enriching the lives of all Jerusalemites. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting Jerusalem's Haredi community at this critical moment in the community's development to help its members improve their quality of life, enable change from within and contribute to the richness of life in the city.



Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) community has grown enormously over the years and now makes up a full 20% of the city's population and 50% of the Jewish children living and studying in the city. This community has always been committed to raising new generations of Jews committed to strict religious observance, Jewish values and the continuity of the Jewish people.

Today Jerusalem is the largest Haredi population center in Israel. Jerusalem's Haredi community contributes enormously to the ever-unfolding story and spirit of Jerusalem but it is struggling financially. The community represents the largest Jewish sector in the city living beneath the poverty line.

Recently, Haredi rabbis and community leaders have expressed their feeling that lives of poverty are also lives without respect and honor. Large sectors of the community have begun the process of adjusting to accept the need for men to join the workforce and to prepare the next generation to lead independent lives within the Haredi tradition. "If there is no bread, there is no Torah." Unfortunately, men and women of working age now find that they lack the basic skills needed to find employment in the age of technology.

With this in mind, The Jerusalem Foundation has begun to work with the leaders of the various streams of the Haredi world – Belz and Gur Hassidim, Lithuanian communities, the Torani and Shas educational streams - to help their communities acquire the skills necessary to enter the work force as well as to find a way that is comfortable for them to be part of the full and varied mosaic of the city.



Creating a dialogue with the community and strengthening and empowering the Haredi community in Jerusalem

- Improving the socio-economic situation of the Haredi community
- Increasing the Haredi community's economic independence by decreasing its dependence on welfare services
- Culturally enriching the lives of Haredi adults and children
- Strengthening the community's contribution to Jerusalem as a vibrant, multicultural city

## Educational Opportunities

In order to best prepare the next generation it is imperative that children begin to enter the world of science and technology as early in their lives as possible. Therefore, the Jerusalem Foundation has worked together with community leaders to develop a series of programs to make this possible.

### Computer Education through a Mobile Classroom

This program will bring computers and computer classes to the Haredi community through a mobile computer classroom enabling youngsters to learn fundamental computer skills.

**Funding needed: \$50,000 per year**  
**(\$5,000 per school for 2 classes x 10 schools)**



## **Science Education and Science in the Community**

Science and history education within Haredi schools is extremely limited. Educational programs are carried out in cooperation with the Bloomfield Science Museum, Tower of David Museum and the Meyerhoff Youth Center for Advanced Studies. Programming in the community brings staff and resources of the Bloomfield Science Museum to children and adults through summer camps, school programs, after-school courses, science fairs and other activities at local schools and community centers. A special program has been developed to introduce appropriate activities into Shas elementary schools in Jerusalem including computer studies, science enrichment and visits to educational institutions around the city.

**In the schools funding needed: \$40,000 – 50,000 per year**

**In the community funding needed: \$25,000 per year**

**Shas Schools funding needed: \$350-\$400,000 over 4 years**

## **Expanding Lending Libraries in Haredi Boys' Talmudei Torah**

In order to make approved books of a non religious nature more accessible to all students, many Talmudei Torah are building small lending libraries on their premises which will open up new worlds to the boys by helping Haredi Talmudei Torah to expand their library collections.

**Funding needed: \$2,000 - \$7,000 per library**



## **Treatment & Enrichment Activity Center (TEACH)**

The Treatment & Enrichment Activity Center for Haredi Children (TEACH) provides a team of education experts who evaluate, diagnose and treat approximately 50 children aged 11-14 each year. The center also hosts a play center-toy library that increases interaction between parents and children.

**TEACH funding needed: \$30,000 per year**

**Play Center funding needed: \$1,000 - \$10,000**



## **Establishing a Kindergarten Science Resource Center**

Establishment of a central Science Resource Center for Kindergartens in the Haredi community based on a successful model for Kindergarten Arts Centers, which has been operating for some time. The Science Resource Center would offer quality science lessons and experiments to a wide range of kindergarten classes, adapted to the needs of the community.

**Funding needed: \$350,000 - \$500,000**



## **Talmud Torah (Haredi Elementary School) for Boys**

In the Har Nof and Talpiot neighborhoods there are two schools that particularly combine aspects of Haredi education in the religious subjects and a high level of education in secular subjects. These schools are in need of expansion and renovation to provide the pupils with appropriate learning facilities.

**Funding needed: \$1.5 - 3 million**

## **Teachers' Toolbox Center: Enhancing Science, Math and Language Education in Haredi Elementary Schools**

Establishment of the Teacher's Toolbox Center to improve the level of instruction in math and sciences through intensive professional development seminars for teachers in Talmudei Torah (Haredi elementary-schools). The programs offered will combine professional development seminars and professional consultation and follow-up that will aid in assimilating these changes in the classroom.

**Funding needed: \$2-5 million**





## Professional/Vocational Training for Adults

### Mobile Computer Classrooms

Training in computer use is the key to successful future employment. The same type of mobile classroom used to teach youngsters the fundamentals of computers can be used to teach adults the skills they need to enter the work force.

**Funding needed:** At \$2,000 per course, the Jerusalem Foundation is seeking to subsidize 20 courses (\$40,000) in predominantly Haredi neighborhoods;

**\$75,000 to purchase an additional fully-equipped mobile computer classroom.**

### Pre-professional and Vocational Training Scholarships

Many of the young adults in the Haredi community lack the basic skills to enable them to move forward in their education and must undergo pre-professional training courses to receive matriculation certificates. Financial obstacles stand in the way of the vast majority of these potential students who come from large families with limited resources. The Jerusalem Foundation offers scholarships that provide an opportunity to these students to change their future. Scholarships have been granted for training in a number of higher education institutions in Jerusalem, including: the Haredi College, Machon Lev, Lamda Center, Beit Ve'Gan College, Open University and more.

**Scholarship Program - Funding needed: \$2,500 per scholarship**



## The Haredi College of Jerusalem

The Haredi College of Jerusalem was established in 2001 as the first higher academic institution in Israel specifically for the ultra-Orthodox public. The college trains some 200 men and women each year to successfully enter the workforce and provides a special career counseling center. The Haredi College of Jerusalem currently has a student enrollment of 450. This number is expected to grow quickly in the coming years. The college rents space in Romema that is insufficient to meet the needs of its students and faculty. It has identified an appropriate building that it wishes to purchase and renovate.

**Center for Career Counseling - Funding needed: \$60,000 per year.**

**Permanent Campus - Funding needed: \$15 million**

## Women's Photography Course

The Jerusalem Foundation seeks to help all members of the community and has developed a special program to train Haredi women as event photographers. Twelve women participate in each course which provides practical information for starting a business. The women receive a professional camera upon completion of the program.

**Funding needed: \$20,000 per course**



## **Outreach Program for Holocaust Survivors**

The Jerusalem Foundation identifies the weakest members of the community for particular attention. This group includes holocaust survivors from within the Haredi community that have rarely had the opportunity for treatment or special programming. The age of the participants makes this program particularly urgent. The special meetings are held in separate groups for men and women and feature treatment as well as cultural and social programming.

**Funding needed: \$40,000**

## **Cultural Activities for the Haredi Community**

A report recently issued by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, the city's leading policy institute, overwhelmingly confirmed that the Haredi community feels there is a lack of appropriate cultural events. The Jerusalem Foundation seeks to develop outstanding cultural facilities and events to provide cultural opportunities especially for the city's Haredi community. Activities and events are planned at facilities established and supported by the Jerusalem Foundation, such as the Ein Ya'el Living Museum and the Tisch Family Zoological Gardens in Jerusalem - the Biblical Zoo. Special performances, workshops and concerts are scheduled to take place at community centers and other facilities located in predominantly Haredi neighborhoods.

**Funding needed: \$100,000 per year**



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