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The Crisis Is New, the Tradition Is Not

Jews have faced crises throughout history. Whenever faced with emergencies, Jews traditionally respond with prayer, action, and adaptability. Today, we are faced with both a flood of emotions and a flood of requests for assistance

from our local community.

As is the tradition, the Greater Charlotte Jewish community has responded to these needs with understanding, compassion, and financial support. But, as is also a tradition within the Jew-

ish community, people need to participate. The escalation of COVID-19 calls for a coordinated response to meet the demands created by this unprecedented pandemic. And that coordinated response is the JewishCharlotte

Emergency Response Fund.

The JewishCharlotte Emergency Response Fund will be guided by the Federation and fund individuals, families, and Jewish organizations affected by the pandemic. The assistance will allow organizations to preserve their workforces, and deliver critical services. 100% of every dollar raised will go directly to agencies to meet critical needs.

To help with this important effort, Please donate at www.jewishcharlotte.org or mail your check to Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, 5007 Providence Road, Ste. 101, Charlotte, NC 28226.

If you need more information, contact Sam Bernstein, Federation Chief Development and Marketing Officer at 704-944-6758. ✪



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THANK YOU!

As of April 14, our **JEWISHCOMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND** has raised more than **\$312,000!** Thank you to those who have already donated. The needs will continue. Visit www.jewishcharlotte.org and donate today.

Please join us for our **Virtual Annual Meeting** on **May 21 at 7:00 pm** as we honor Outgoing President, Alison Lerner and welcome Incoming President, Ron Townsend.

Last month, the first round of grants was approved for distribution to meet the most immediate needs. Learn how these dollars will help strengthen and sustain our community, and how Federation is working in partnership with you, our dedicated and generous community members, to stay responsive during COVID-19.

Campaign 2020 Powered by You

As Federation continues to work with our network of beneficiary agencies to meet short-term needs as a result of COVID-19, our 2020 Annual Campaign continues to insure that we are able to sustain the recovery once this crisis is over and beyond. Federation is uniquely positioned to manage overall communal needs by con-

vening its partners to identify and respond to those needs and ultimately working with the largest donor base in the community to help fund those needs. This is what Federation does day in and day out and this is what your Annual Campaign dollars fund year in and year out.

Donors to Federation's Annual

Campaign appreciate the importance of community. Your investment means even more in times of crises so that we continue to support those organizations and programs that make our Charlotte Jewish community a special place to live. If you have not already done so, please make your 2020 Annual Campaign commitment today at www.jewishcharlotte.org or mail your donation to Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, 5007 Providence Road, Ste. 101, Charlotte, NC 28226. ✪



CAMPAIGN 2020: AT A GLANCE



Songs to Wash Your Hands for 20 Seconds - Jewishly

1. Recite the ritual handwashing blessing two times: "Baruch Atah Adonai Elheinu Melech HaOlam Al N'teelat Yadaim."
2. Sing the first verse of *Mi Chamocha* using the Dan Nichols arrangement.

Do you have a favorite Jewish tune to wash your hands by?

Tell us what it is on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/charlottejewishnews.

FOR A MORE CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WRITTEN BY RABBI JUDY SCHINDLER, PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 25.

Stay safe and healthy, from the staff and board of The Charlotte Jewish News

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