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From Judy's desk

Every edition of our Directions newsletter is hopefully as special to you as it is to us, the Board and staff of Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis. We could not be more proud to share all the news from our organization; communicate all the ways JFCS can help you or someone you know; and remind you of all the ways you can help out in building a strong community one person at a time.

In this edition, we are kvelling (bursting with joy) to announce that longtime JFCS volunteer Jeff Barin, his wife, Wendy Fox, and their wonderful family, will be the honorees at this year's Annual Benefit on Dec. 2. The Barin family will receive the Friends of the Family Award in recognition of all the ways they have contributed as volunteers and supporters of JFCS. We couldn't be more excited to say a big THANK YOU to this generous family, who are now a three-generation group of volunteers!

Our cover conveys a big story, too – longtime JFCS employee Ruth Paley is retiring after 25 years of service. Ruth has been a gift to both the clients she has served and all those she has worked with at the agency. In her work at Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, Ruth has provided counseling, cared for

older adults, guided our early literacy and parenting program (ParentChild+), and so much more! Her passion for social work and Jewish communal service are unparalleled, and with full hearts, we wish Ruth only the best in her retirement later this month.

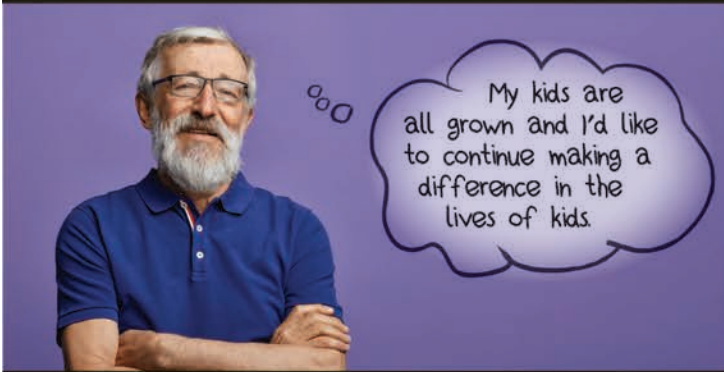
JFCS' 113th Annual Meeting took place in June, and you'll see pictures and read all about it in the following pages. Our remarkable "birth" in 1910 reminds us of our past and how we began as a resettlement organization to serve the needs of our Jewish ancestors who arrived from Europe, fleeing persecution and anti-Semitism. Our Annual Meeting is also a remarkable look at who we are today, a full-service organization meeting the needs of the Jewish and broad community with programs and services spanning the life cycle.

I am excited to welcome our new Board President Natalie Zamansky to her new leadership role and look forward to all the ways we will continue to be Here for all. *Always.*

Judy Halper, JFCS Chief Executive Officer



Jewish Youth Mentoring Program



♥ JEWISH YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

The Jewish Youth Mentoring Program (formerly the Jewish Big Brother/Big Sister Program), is a community-based mentoring program for Jewish-identified youth that is designed to promote positive social-emotional-spiritual development and increase engagement in the Jewish community. Since the program's inception in 1975, it has matched over 400 Jewish youth with mentors.

The program is open to all families! Anyone can benefit from a personal, one-on-one connection with someone who is giving their undivided attention to them.

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Participants are matched with carefully screened and selected volunteer mentors based on family preferences, age, gender identity, common interests, geographic proximity and more. Common match activities include visiting libraries or bookstores; arts and crafts; baking; exploring local parks; playing sports; going to museums; playing board games; and attending community events. Mentees are aged 6-12 and mentors are 16 and up, with a valid driver's license.



For the Barin/Fox Family, supporting and volunteering for JFCS passes through the generations

The Jeff Barin and Wendy Fox family will be honored with *Friends of the Family Award* for decades of service to JFCS

Many years ago, when Jeff Barin's and Wendy Fox's children were attending Hebrew school, they noticed how they were a couple of the many "portico parents" who waited in line in their cars under the synagogue portico to pick up their children.

One day Wendy pointed out that if they were going to ask their children to participate in the Jewish community, they should do so themselves – to go inside the synagogue, get involved, and not just wait in the car. "If we're going to ask our kids to do something, we have to be involved ourselves," Jeff said.

This idea became the start of a longtime commitment to volunteering for many agencies in the community, including decades of service at JFCS. Not only that, their children and grandchildren have been active at JFCS as well. In recognition of all these years of support, the Jeff Barin and Wendy Fox family will receive JFCS' Friends of the Family Award at the agency's Annual Benefit in December.

"Jeff and Wendy demonstrate the value of contributing and giving back by their involvement and support of Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis," CEO Judy Halper said. "Their children

and grandchildren have front row seats to these acts of kindness they fulfill on a regular basis. When you see a parent or mentor volunteering and contributing, you learn this important lesson in a very profound way. You learn that doing what you can for others is not just a nice thing to do, but a necessary component of being a member of a community."

Paying it forward

Jeff became a mentor in the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Jewish Big Brother/Big Sister Program) in 1986. At the time, it was a way for him to pay it forward in supporting the program; his own son, Sandy, had previously been a mentee in the program and had a wonderful experience with it.

"I wanted to pay it forward and thought it would be a lot of fun to be a big brother to someone else," Jeff said. "My 'little' was actually a little older than me – we went to Twins games, went to dinners. It was so much fun. I think I had more fun than he had."

This volunteer opportunity was just the start of Jeff's involvement at JFCS – he later joined an early version of the JFCS Board of Director's Marketing Committee

and helped develop it into what it is today. He was appointed to the Board in 2013 and even served as Board President from 2019-21. While on the Board, he helped launch JFCS' Business Development Committee, which eventually led to the agency's successful partnership with the PRISM Food Shelf and Thrift Store.

No longer on the Board, he still volunteers for JFCS as a driver with the Garber Transportation program, driving ambulatory adults to doctor's appointments, friend's houses, grocery stores and more. "I wanted to continue doing something at JFCS just as a volunteer," Jeff said. "It's very similar to my first experience volunteering as a big brother – I get more out of doing this than the people I drive. They're just wonderful people."

Jeff's wife, Wendy, similarly has been very involved in the community for years, though often for St. Paul-based organizations, which is where she grew up. She had a little sister through Jewish Family Service of St. Paul's (JFS) mentoring program and has volunteered often at the St. Paul Sholom home. She's volunteered for JFCS' Hag Sameach program and at J-HAP (Jewish Housing and Programming), which is one of JFCS' partners.



One day Wendy pointed out that if they were going to ask their children to participate in the Jewish community, they should do so themselves – to go inside the synagogue, get involved, and not just wait in the car.

Jeff and Wendy have also established an endowment at JFCS, the Wendy Fox and Jeff Barin Family Fund. “JFCS seemed like an obvious choice because it supported everything Jeff and I were interested in,” Wendy said.

L’dor v’dor

Jeff and Wendy’s example definitely made an impression on their children, Sandy, Ryan and Todd, who have taken up the mantle of community involvement and volunteering, often for JFCS.

Sandy always remembered his experience as a mentee at JFCS and after he and his wife, Abby, had their own children, they made a point of volunteering. “We wanted to show the kids that being involved in the community is important – it’s paying it forward,” he said. “There are a lot of non-profits, but we like how visible JFCS is in the community. It has a lot of programs where it’s easy to step in and fill a role. L’dor v’dor (generation to generation) – my dad volunteered here, now it’s us and our kids.”

In addition to volunteering as a family for JFCS’ Hag Sameach program, Abby has gotten involved with the Board’s Marketing Committee, following in the footsteps of her father-in-law. After leaving the workforce to raise their three children, Abby found the Marketing Committee to be a great outlet for her when she joined four years ago.

“I was looking to get involved and stay current,” she said. “I wanted to use my experience to help a non-profit. It was a way to still be involved in the community.” She has since officially joined the JFCS Board of Directors and will soon be Chair of the Marketing Committee.

Ryan said his parents have been role models for leadership and giving back to the community. Today, he serves on boards for a few community organizations and his family has volunteered for JFCS. “We try to be involved as we can,” said his wife, Mandy Jelinek. “We participate in JFCS events and have volunteered for meal deliveries. It’s been so welcoming and a great sense of community and we’re happy to be a part of it.”

Jeff and Wendy’s youngest son, Todd, is also involved with the agency. He joined JFCS’ NextGen program Board in 2021 and will be installed as its president in 2024. “I like the friendships that come with it,” he said. “I like seeing faces I haven’t seen in a long time. We have a really solid group and a good foundation.”

JFCS has benefitted greatly from the entire family’s involvement, Halper said, but it is clear the greatest honor Jeff and Wendy could receive is watching the next generations do what they can to help build a strong community and contribute to tikkun olam (repair of the world).

“It is so heartwarming for me and Wendy to listen to our kids talking about being involved in JFCS and the Jewish community,” Jeff said. “I guess not being ‘portico parents’ paid off.”



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25 years
..... of leadership

Putting a cap on a career in social work that always focused on individuals' 'stories'

Ruth Paley's retirement in July marks the end of a 25-year leadership role at JFCS

Even before she got a degree in social work – back when she had an undergraduate degree in theater and enjoyed performing in community and street theater troupes – Ruth Paley noticed that people often told her their “stories” – their challenges, successes, struggles, and more.

It happened often enough that one of her friends recommended she get a degree in social work so that she would know how to advise people in an official capacity. “I think that helped me find my direction,” she said.

Ruth received her master's in social work when she was in her 30s – it was a perfect fit, leading to a decades-long career in the field, including the last 25 years at JFCS, where she serves on JFCS' Executive Leadership Team as Director of Children and Family Programs.

Ruth will be retiring at the end of July – while she knew the day for retirement would eventually come, she said it hadn't been an easy decision. “I have mixed feelings about leaving,” she said. “I really didn't want to leave until my work was finished. But I know that this work is never really finished.”

'Social work in my blood'

Ruth grew up in Indiana and her mother was a social worker – she was the director of Planned Parenthood – and her three aunts all worked in social services as well. “These very powerful women were all doing things for others, which made a big impression on me,” Ruth said. “I had social work in my blood, but it took me time to find it.”

After getting her master's in social work from the University of Louisville in Kentucky, Ruth worked at both the Jewish Federation and JFCS in Louisville – she was the manager of the latter's Resettlement Program and Counseling department. It was the 1980s, when many refugees from the former Soviet Union were coming to the U.S. and JFCS agencies across the country were helping them get resettled.

Her husband, Nathan's job brought the family to the Twin Cities in 1987; the manager position of JFCS' Resettlement Program happened to have a vacancy and Ruth was a natural fit for it. Her life took another detour when her husband's job moved the family to Geneva, Switzerland, for seven years, but they came back to the Twin Cities after that and have been here ever since.

Her first position at JFCS after coming back was as a case manager with Holocaust Survivors in Senior Services; she has held a few different management and leadership positions here over her long career at the agency.

“One of the things that enabled me to stay here for 25 years is having the opportunity to grow professionally – all of it was here for me,” she said. “I appreciate that my personal and professional values have been in sync for all this time.”

Developing a new generation of social workers and leaders

One area of social work that has been a throughline her entire career is supervision. When she was going to school for her master's degree, the class on supervision was one of her favorites, and supervising staff is something she has practiced in all her positions throughout her career. She loves the philosophy of supervision – how to work with staff to deal with conflict, growth and more.

JFCS CEO Judy Halper said one of Ruth's biggest legacies will be how much she contributed to the development of a new generation of social workers and leaders. “Every student, emerging professional or seasoned clinician who had the opportunity to work with Ruth has felt their growth and skills were positively informed by the great counsel and guidance Ruth offered to them,” she said.

One of those staff members who considers Ruth a mentor and a role model is JFCS COO Lee Friedman. “Since the day I arrived

at JFCS, Ruth has been one of my biggest influences,” he said. “She has been my teacher on many subjects, including social work, mental illness and mental health, person-centered service delivery, and moving through life's toughest challenges with courage and grace. Ruth has also been an influential role model for what it takes to lead a team, have the backs of the staff you lead, and to provide supportive and impactful supervision.”

Looking back, Ruth said it's too difficult to pick one or two favorite memories from her career because there have been so many. She had the opportunity to be a presenter on Holocaust Survivors at two international conferences and has been a guest lecturer for 12 years at the University of Minnesota graduate school of social work, presenting on supervision.

She said she was blessed with the good fortune to work as a manager here at JFCS in many different programs throughout her professional life. “I've always felt I supervised the smartest, most dedicated and compassionate people, and I think I'm good at matching their skills and interests in what they need to be successful at their jobs,” she said.

She has always tried to foster a strong sense of community at work, creating a space where people feel seen and know that leadership is invested in their growth and learning.

“Ruth has consistently demonstrated passion for helping individuals to achieve better outcomes, and she does so with deep compassion and strong support,” Judy said. “It has been a privilege to work with her over these past 25 years.”

As she caps off a long and successful career in social work, Ruth feels confident that JFCS has a bright future ahead. “I'm proud of what I've been able to accomplish here, and I look forward to seeing the agency continue to meet the needs of our community,” she said.

MFIP program helps remove barriers

to employment, addressing childcare, food security, education and more

New MFIP Program Manager Sharicka Kennedy speaks about why the program is **vital**

JFCS Career Services empower people to explore and identify their visions of career success, including access to or support for career training. One of our many career programs, the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), provides support for families to help them move toward self-sufficiency through employment.

Sharicka Kennedy recently became JFCS' new MFIP Program Manager. She spoke about why she wanted this role and why the program is so important for individuals, families and the community as a whole.

Why did the MFIP manager role appeal to you?

The position appealed to me for a couple of reasons; I desired to be involved with MFIP for several years now. I believe the state's push to assist program participants towards employment is beneficial and I want to be a part of those successes. I had also heard wonderful things about JFCS from former co-workers and people supported by JFCS. The two increased my desire to apply and join the JFCS team.

How do you describe the MFIP program to those who don't know what it is?

MFIP is the state's primary program for helping low-income families with children move out of poverty through employment. The MFIP program assists participants in gaining employment through assessment, counseling, educational planning, and case management. We help people address barriers to employment, childcare, food security, education, and transportation.

Why is the program important for both clients and the community as a whole?

Our program is beneficial to our participants because it allows them to receive needed supports to overcome the many barriers to employment. Once a participant finds success through securing employment, they often feel their lives are moving forward and that they are able to independently support their families. It benefits our communities because having more competent individuals in the workforce creates economic growth.

How is the quickly changing and evolving job market affecting the program and its clients?

As the job market tightened, we saw many employers loosen requirements around experience and college degrees. We also started to see increased accommodations for those who are still learning English, and flexibility in scheduling related to childcare and transportation. While there has been an increase in wages, the effects of inflation have lessened the real impact of the additional income. Recently, we have started to see an increase in employer layoffs; those with the most complex barriers to finding and maintaining employment risk remaining on the sidelines.

Anything else you would like to add?

I'm excited to expand our team and knock our goals out of the park!



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Teri & Michael Greenstein

Martha Rast
In Her Honor
Mary Tambornino & Ronald Usem

Wendy & Jeffrey Ringer
Becoming Grandparents to Sonia
Lorin & Scott Godes
Jane & Todd Lifson

Rollye & Chuck Rinkey
New Home
Diane & Irwin Ingber

Donna Roback
80th Birthday
Elaine & Gary Dachis

Dona Rodich
70th Birthday
Shelly & Ira Golden

David Rosenberg
85th Birthday
Linda & Miles Braufman
Elaine & Gary Dachis
Susan & Richard Proman
Shelly Reichert & Marty Bell
Linda & Tom Sklar

Sagit & Mike Rosenberg
New Grandson
Rosalie & Fredric Goldberg

Ava & David Rubin
50th Anniversary
Marcia & Mark Cherniack

Lawrence Rustin
Birthday
Gloria Jaffe

Sheryl & Randy Rutzick
Birth Of Eden
Ann Hunegs

Mari Forbush & Don Salisbury
Marriage
Judy & Andy Halper
Joshua & Andrew Meyer

Joanne Savitt
Special Birthday
Bobbie & Alan Miller

Kori Savitt
Being Honored At JFCS Annual Meeting
Abbe & Ralph Bernstein
Diane & Louis Goldenberg

Nancy Schachtman
75th Birthday
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Carole Davidson
Jill & Jeff Rabinovitz
Kristi Bader & Gary Swartz

Steve Schachtman
75th Birthday
Kristi Bader & Gary Swartz
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Carole Davidson
Jill & Jeff Rabinovitz
Jim Tankenoff

Eileen Scherling
80th Birthday
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Judy Emmons

Phill Schneider
80th Birthday
Barbara & Tom Carlstrom

David Schwartzman
Birthday
Gloria Jaffe

Millie Segal
86th Birthday
Susanna & Tim Lodge

Merton Shapiro
Special Birthday
Lorraine Applebaum
Kristi Bader & Gary Swartz
Gloria Jaffe
Simie Kaye
Eva Kieffer
Suzi Nathanson
Harriett Rochlin
Roz & David Schwartzman

David Sherman
Outside The Lines Exhibit
Susan & Peter Gross

Tom Sherman
Special Birthday
Tammy & Carl Birnberg

Scott Shragg
60th Birthday
Debra Orbuch Grayson &
Scott Grayson

Wendy & Marty Shragg
Birth Of Granddaughter
Teri & Michael Greenstein

Paula Sieger
Birthday
Barbara Bearmon

Anna & Charles Silverman
Passover
Jenny Oleisky Lessner &
Michael Lessner

Shelly & Jerry Silverman
60th Wedding Anniversary
Dori & Herb Weisman

Dan Silvers
Special Birthday
Judy Emmons
Shirley & Larry Zipkin

Ethel Smith
Special Birthday
Shelley Kornblum &
Mickey Greenberg

**Erica Solomon &
Jackson Collins**
Marriage
Angie Podvin & Tim Lester

David Spencer
Special Birthday
Sheila & Stewart Derechin
Kori & Charles Savitt

Ellen Spokane
Birthday
Barbara Bearmon

Eleanor Steinberg
90th Birthday
Karen & Morris Davidman

Gary Swartz
75th Birthday
Kerry & Scott Bader
Stuart Bader & Rick Werlin

Helen Swatez
100th Birthday
Marilyn Chern
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Carole Davidson
Eileen & James Gantman
Cindi & Harold Goldfine
Shirley Held
Diane & Irwin Ingber
Betty Sue & David
Lipschultz
Jill & Jeff Rabinovitz
Audrae & Jerry Rosenzweig

Nancy & Steve Schachtman
Barbara Stillman

Adele Tannenbaum
80th Birthday
Charlotte & Richard Berman

**Lisa Baumgarten &
Marc Usem**
In Their Honor
Mary Tambornino &
Ronald Usem

Robert Wagner
Birth Of Son
Jim Tankenoff

Betsy & Alan Weiner
In Their Honor
Mary Tambornino &
Ronald Usem

Irwin Weisman
Birthday
Linda & Miles Braufman

Amy Weiss
5 Year Anniversary at JFCS
Ruth Paley

Rick Werlin
*Anniversary Of Heart
Transplant*
Kristi Bader & Gary Swartz

Seymour Wilensky
Birthday
Alaine & Howard Wilensky

Sybil Wilensky
85th Birthday
Alaine & Howard Wilensky

Harriet Wiss
Special Birthday
Sandy & James Goodman

Cindy & Perry Witkin
Birth Of Granddaughter
Judy & Andy Halper

Bonnie Wolfe
Mother's Day
Ari Wolfe

Yvonne & Adrian Yribar
In Their Honor
Maria Poeschl

Josh & Rory Zamansky
Birth Of Son
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Ricki Butwinick &
Jim Tankenoff

Lynn & Ron Zamansky
Birth Of Grandson
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Ricki Butwinick &
Jim Tankenoff

Minnie Zweigbaum
100th Birthday
Cindi & Harold Goldfine
Hannah Grunberg
Avis & Robert Held
Helen Swatez

Marilyn Swatez
Randee & Sam Wolfson

Noah Zwiren
Finding The Afikomen
Jill & David Orbuch

In Appreciation Of
Molly & Sid Bader
*Rick's Transplant Anniversary
Celebration*
Stuart Bader & Rick Werlin

**Sandra & Louis Bennett
Linda & Les Fieldman
Joyce & Mike Shapiro**
Love And Support
Debra & Bruce Lieberman

Tammy Birnberg
Patti Baskin
Judy Graceman

Peggy L. Bloom
Bobbi & Larry Friedman

Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Patti Baskin
Judy Graceman
Marilyn Marker
Jim Tankenoff

Elaine Dachis
Susan Chalfen
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Susan Proman

Mike Dvorkin
Diane & Irwin Ingber

Kim Gedan
Lily Penn
Randy Victor
A Beautiful Day
Corrine Feinberg

Jane Hagstrom
Tabitha Benci DeRango

Cindy & Doug Kanter
Hospitality
Judy & Andy Halper

Dr. & Mrs. Allen Lichter
A Wonderful Seder
Fremajane Wolfson &
Dean Greenberg

Todd Marker
Patti Baskin
Judy Graceman

Sheila Marver
Bobbi & Larry Friedman

Alice Okrent
Penny & Mark Ziessman

Martin Rich
A Wonderful Seder
Fremajane Wolfson

Chickie Rosen
Susan Chalfen
Marcia & Mark Cherniack
Susan Proman

Vic Sandler
Don Salisbury

Sharron Steinfeldt
Your Good Deed
Corrine Feinberg

Cass & Andrew Stillman
Robin & Bryan Landy

Lori & Gene Taubbaum
Hospitality
Judy & Andy Halper

Sheryl S. Warren
Patricia Kenton &
Philip Politz

Ben Wolfe
Barbara Bearmon

Dawn & Danny Zouber
Generous Hospitality
Marilyn Chern

Thinking Of You

Susan Rappaport
Judi Belzer & Jerry Waldman

Neil Sell
Janie & Orrin Kirschbaum

Sylvia Zouber
Judy Harris

*A Speedy
Recovery To*

Bernard Abramson
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Sara Atlas
Carole Davidson

Howie Basuk
Joanne & Douglas Savitt

Lilly Berman
Marilyn Chern

Linda Braufman
Kathy Bonnifield &
Adam Oliansky
Sue & Tom Stillman
Shirley & Larry Zipkin

Sam Brown
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Joni Burg
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Rita Covin
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Shelly Reichert & Marty Bell
Ruth Usem

Michael Farber
Gail & Bill Ribnick

Allan Garvis
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Margie & Stuart Cohen
Karen & Morris Davidman
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Anita Geller
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Reva Gould
Shirley Held

Diane Ingber
Paula & Marshall Lehman

Alan Knopf
Rita & Larry Covin
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Michael Kopman
Marilyn Chern

Bill Kuretsky
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Julie Miller
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Leslie Nerenberg
Elizabeth Salsberg

Butch Orensten
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Geri Serber Sweet
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Schneider
Linda & Tom Sklar
Sharon & Bill Torodor
Judi Belzer & Jerry Waldman

Stuart Wasserman
Sharon & Marvin Resnick

Paul Wernick
Karen & Morris Davidman
Sue & Chuck Muscoplat
Lynn Lederman &
Ken Raskin

Yahrzeit Of

Ginger Bell
Sandra Wallack

Aaron Feuer
Fran & David Bayer
Kristi Bader & Gary Swartz

Robert Markman
Allie & Mark Divine

Jami Marks
Sherri & Larry Feuer

Jared Grossman
Dana Rubin

In Memory Of

We note the following 6 individuals who passed away between Jan. 1 and May 31, 2023. We thank their families for thoughtfully designating JFCS for their memorials. It is a beautiful tribute to those who passed and a fitting way to ensure their legacy will continue to enhance the lives of many others in the community. May their memories always be for a blessing.

Marilyn Baum
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Arlene Kellstein
Marilyn Lieberman
Steve Newman

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Dorothy Herman

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Marsha Chernoff Golob
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Kevin Abramson
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Freda Ackerman
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Janice Alch
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Robert Alch
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Robert Barghini
Missy & David Gewolb

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Jodie & Andy Weinstein
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Stan Holland
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Ruth Usem

Sid Jerson
Shirley Held
Sally Masnek

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Gloria Murman &
Marty Gaines

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Beth Binder
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Shale Juster
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Michael Kronick
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Ruth Usem

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Becca Kirby
Kristine Bassett &
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Alice Okrent &
Larry Wertheim

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Nancy Liss
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Marilyn Swatez
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Gerald Ludwig
Vicki Schrabert

Francie Lurie
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Lori Fritz
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Laura Henson
Orlee & Jeff Kahn
Sara Lynn Newberger
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Kay Melemed
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David Minehart
Lee Friedman

Efrem Misheev
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Tim Broms
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Steve Newman
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Karin & Larry Margolis
Dana Rubin
Vicki Schrabert
Cheryl Shachaf &
Mary Small
Hindy & Scott Tankenoff
Marsha Tankenoff

Mary Nilsson
Abby & Sandy Barin

Salome & Barbara Noun
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Evann Oelschlager
Barbara Friedman

Serene Paletz
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Judy Emmons
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Dorothy Herman
Sharon Kivens
Donna Krietzman
Susan & Richard Proman
Eileen Roston
Dana Rubin
Jana Rubin
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Harriet Swatez

Ricki Butwinick &
Jim Tankenoff
Ruth Usem

Marcy Pearlman
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Lee Friedman
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Norman Pink
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Robert Rosen

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Marc Rosenberg

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Colette & Gloria Jaffe
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Harry Rubin

Art Rudick

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Evie & Alan Ingber
Janice Levin
Sally Masnek
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Kristi Bader & Gary Swartz
Harriet Swatez

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JFCS staff and volunteers active participants in historic legislative session that will benefit agency programs



By Lee Friedman • JFCS Chief Operating Officer | Amy Weiss • JFCS Community Services Director

The Minnesota Legislature recently completed the 2023 session. JFCS staff and volunteers were active participants in what is being called a historic session for the large amount of policy and budget bills that were passed. While JFCS is not an advocacy organization, we are an organization that does advocacy. JFCS' Advocacy Committee focuses on obtaining or preserving funding for agency programs and advocating for policy and funding that supports the people we serve.

The Advocacy Committee is an extension of the JFCS Board of Directors and is a collaborative effort with staff and volunteers from PRISM and Jewish Family Service in St. Paul (JFS). JFCS' advocacy is non-partisan, and we value interaction with officials representing multiple political parties and perspectives. JFCS advocacy activities include meetings with legislators and others, calls, emails, participating in coalitions, signing on to position statements, attending rallies or press conferences, and testifying at a hearings.

For the 2023 session, the Advocacy Committee selected several priority issues, and we encouraged legislators and the governor's administration to pass bills consistent with our priorities. Here are some highlights of results that we supported through our advocacy:

ParentChild+: JFCS secured funding that is needed to sustain the current level of programming in the Twin Cities and four Greater Minnesota partner communities through 2025.

Child Tax Credit: With a temporary federal child tax credit ended, a new Minnesota income-targeted Child Tax

Credit was passed. The Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University estimates that it will reduce child poverty in Minnesota by roughly one-third.

Food Justice (see below for more information about food justice this session): Free school meals for all Minnesota students, emergency funding for food shelves, increased base funding for food shelves, and more.

Affordable Childcare: Provisions to serve more families, support the childcare workforce, and increase state reimbursement rates paid to childcare providers to better match the cost of caring for children.

Long-Term Care: A comprehensive funding bill passed at the last moment, which will provide financial support that nursing homes and other long-term care providers desperately need to pay their staff higher wages and keep providing care for seniors.

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP): Several improvements passed, including indexing of the housing allowance to inflation and elimination of monthly reporting and retrospective budgeting.

Housing: Legislation simplified and expanded the Minnesota's Renters' Credit, which reimburses folks for some of the property taxes they pay through their rent.

Education and Anti-Discrimination: Passage of a Holocaust, Genocide of Indigenous Peoples, and Other Genocides Education mandate.

Gun Violence Prevention: Expanded background checks for private transfers at

gun shows or between people who connect in other ways, and extreme risk protection orders (red flag law) for emergency removal of guns from people known to be an imminent threat to themselves or others.

Paid Family and Medical Leave: Mandatory Paid Family and Medical Leave is a new program launching for Minnesotans in 2026. This will expand on the paid family and medical leave that JFCS already voluntarily provides.

JFCS also participates in coalition groups (food security, seniors, etc.) that advocate for policy and funding that supports the people we serve. One example of this is Minnesota Partners to End Hunger, which includes more than 40 agencies from throughout the state working together to reduce food insecurity. **Some highlights of our work in this area include:**

- The bill to provide free school meals for all Minnesota students
- Secured \$5 million in emergency funding to food shelves
- Secured funding to ensure food security for Minnesotans in need:
- Increased base funding for food shelves by \$3 million a year
- Funding to improve food access among tribal nations
- Base funding for SNAP Outreach
- Funding \$540,000/year for Metro Meals on Wheels to provide home-delivered meals to veterans in need

Introducing

new JFCS Board President **Natalie Zamansky**

Natalie Zamansky was installed as the new JFCS Board President at the agency's 113th Annual Meeting on June 14 and will serve a two-year term. She recently spoke about what her goals are as Board President:

Why did you originally decide to serve on the JFCS Board of Directors?

After completing the Harry Kay program in 2013, I was compelled to get more actively involved in the Jewish community. I had some familiarity with JFCS through its PJ Library program, but really became acquainted after attending the Annual Benefit as a guest that winter. Shortly after, I received a call from and had a coffee date with CEO Judy Halper – the rest is history! What attracted me at first was the "Jewish" nature of the organization, but what's kept me involved, no doubt, is its inclusivity and broad reach; the fact that JFCS is "Here for ALL" resonates strongly with me and I am so proud of the work JFCS does around the Twin Cities.

What areas have you focused on during your time on the Board?

During my tenure, I have focused the majority of my time on the Marketing Committee since that's my professional background. I chaired that committee a few years ago, which led to involvement with Judy and the Executive Leadership Team. I have also helped on the JFCS Strategic Planning Committee and several of the Annual Benefit planning committees. Also, because it's hard to say "no" around here, I also lent my amateur acting skills (or lack thereof) to the two virtual Benefits!

What are you most excited about in becoming Board President?

I am most excited that I get to keep learning and remain involved with the organization! By the time I felt like I had a handle on all the amazing, important, professional services offered at JFCS, my regular Board terms were coming to an end – 6 years in a blink – so I have been grateful for the extended time. The organization has continued to grow and change and I am excited for what's to come!

What are your goals for the Board/agency during your two-year term?

My presidency is the first post-COVID term in which we will likely settle on the reality of our new normal. As we all know, there is a time and place for "virtual work," but the JFCS clients, staff and volunteers are better when we are engaging interpersonally off the screens. My goal is to bring the Board purposefully together for meaningful interactions that benefit both the individuals and the organization. Similarly, as the community adapts to the post-COVID world, I am excited for our Board – which brings forth a wide range of talents and expertise – to help JFCS lead with innovation, empathy and compassion to meet the changing needs of our community.



Anything else you would like to add?

I love JFCS!

113th annual meeting

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis hosted its 113th Annual Meeting on June 14, where elections for the JFCS Board of Directors were held. We welcomed those being elected for a first three-year term, including Katie Cera, Allie Divine, Emily Grinberg and Sara Schlipp-Reidel, and heard remarks from outgoing Board President Josh Hasko and incoming Board President Natalie Zamansky.

We acknowledged the contributions of longtime, dedicated volunteers Kori Savitt and Senior Companions Elizabeth Balaeva, Lyudmila Baltyukova, Barys Brehman, Nadezhda Bronshteyn, Zhanna Gromyko, Igor Sagalov, Sam Shurslep, Viatcheslav Trusov and Grigoriy Veksler. Staff milestone anniversaries were honored as well.



"It brings a purpose to my day and life and it is such a rewarding feeling I get for helping JFCS - especially the people that JFCS serves."

– Volunteer Honoree **Kori Savitt**,
(2nd row, 3rd from right) with JFCS staff members

From our
**Volunteer Honoree
Senior Companions**
on why they enjoy
JFCS volunteering:



"It is such a pleasure working with JFCS and knowing that you appreciate my work and my time. Volunteering and helping people gives me a lot of joy and happiness." – **Elizabeth Balaeva**

"Volunteering adds variety to my life and makes it more interesting. This program allows me to be a part of the community and help other people." – **Lyudmila Baltyukova**

"I like to help people who need help." – **Sam Shurslep**

"It feels good to be needed and helping people to be less isolated." – **Viatcheslav Trusov**

"Volunteering makes me healthier and improves my mood. I feel satisfied when my clients are happy with my service." – **Grigoriy Veksler**

Parent

By Kristi Murray • ParentChild+ Program Manager

ParentChild+ celebrates the return of in-person, in-home visits and the graduation of 146 children with their families

After much consideration and planning, the ParentChild+ 2022-23 program year resumed the in-person in-home option of home visits as our standard service delivery practice in the fall of 2022. This was the first step back into families' homes since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Families were able to choose the virtual option if they preferred to ensure everyone felt comfortable and safe. Staff and families could also choose virtual options when inclement weather, illness or other reasons would make a virtual visit a safer choice – this allowed families to keep on track with their regular two visits per week.

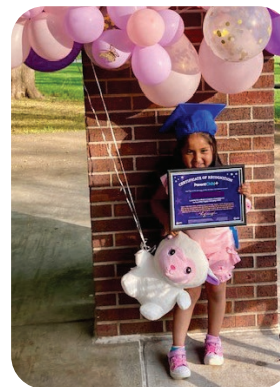
Over 75% of the program families from all ParentChild+ sites in Minnesota chose in-person in-home visits as their standard practice for this program year. Whether in-person, in-home or virtual visits, our committed staff provide high-quality, home visits twice a week, which include gifting the families an educational book or toy every week.

In May and June, ParentChild+ celebrated the graduation of 80 children and their families in the Twin Cities served by JFCS staff that completed the full two-year program. Staff held individual family graduation celebrations as a special way to honor each graduating family. Staff provided each graduating child a graduation hat, backpack and dictionary; the parents were given a photo magnet, graduation yard sign and a framed certificate of completion. The individual graduations allow staff and families to make a very memorable final home visit as they close their time with ParentChild+ and feel empowered to move forward to their child's next educational step to preschool or kindergarten.

All of our Greater Minnesota partner sites celebrated graduations too. Cass County had four graduates and our newer partner sites all celebrated their third graduations – Promise Neighborhood of Central MN St. Cloud had 13 graduates; Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association Rochester had 21 graduates again this year; and Rice County had 28 graduates. In total, ParentChild+ Minnesota graduated 146 bright children and their incredible parents who are their child's first and most important teacher!



Child+



Outcomes:

Compared to their socioeconomic peers, ParentChild+ program participants are:

- 50% more likely to be ready for kindergarten
- 50% less likely to need special education services by third grade

J-Pride and Jewish community celebrate at Twin Cities Pride weekend



By Isaac Ezra Jennings • J-Pride Program Coordinator

Twin Cities Pride 2023 was an absolute blast! Thank you so much to all the incredible volunteers, community partners, and JFCS staff members who helped staff the booth. We had more than a thousand visitors stop by the booth over the course of the weekend to learn about J-Pride and JFCS, and we couldn't have done it without all of you! During TC Pride weekend, Rabbi Aaron Weininger and Wendy Goldberg led a beautiful Shabbat service on the Rainbow

Stage. J-Pride participants and JFCS staff were joined by congregants and clergy from Mayim Rabim and Mount Zion to walk, dance, and blow bubbles down Hennepin Ave in the Ashley Rukes Pride March. Geri Goldman led a PJ Library storytime and craft activity for local families. On both days, we had incredible rabbis from across the Twin Cities volunteering at the booth, answering questions and sharing fascinating facts with hundreds of community members. Over and over again, whether shared at the booth or shouted to us during the march, TC Pride attendees expressed

their joy and appreciation at seeing queer Jewishness represented and celebrated. Thank you so much to everyone who helped at the booth, joined the march, participated in the service, helped spread the word, or just stopped by to say hi. We hope to see you there again next year! J-Pride, a program of JFCS, creates community through queer-focused Jewish programming for LGBTQ+ Jews and their allies throughout the Twin Cities.

For more information:
www.jfcsmpls.org
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Staff Accomplishments



Community Conference Coordinator **Tabitha Benci DeRango** completed the Powerful Tools for Caregivers training, earning certification as a class leader.



ParentChild+ Coordinators **Asha Husein, LaShawn Meredith and Kate Yanike** all completed the 30-hour New Coordinator Training Institute facilitated by the ParentChild+ International Center.



Family Life Education Manager **Leah Persky** presented at the MN Association for Children's Mental Health Conference in Duluth. She presented on the topic of "Managing Screens, Technology and Social Media: Applying the Principles of Harm Reduction."



Employment Counselor **Caroline Moriarty** completed her Customized Employment training and certification, which is a process for achieving competitive integrated employment or self-employment through a relationship between employee and employer that is personalized to meet the needs of both.



Senior Services Case Managers **Jennifer Koontz** and **Clare Gravon** completed Caregiver Coaching Basic Skills Training sponsored by Trellis and the Central Minnesota Council on Aging. The training is designed to increase knowledge, competencies and skill sets for professionals supporting family and friend caregivers.



Senior Services Case Managers **Irina Yakusheva** (left), **Jennifer Koontz**, and **Clare Gravon**, and Senior Services Program Manager **Roni Falck** (right) were certified as Dementia Friends Champions, which is part of a global movement that is designed to change the way people think, act, and talk about dementia.

Joe Moses' legacy gift will support vocational education and career services at JFCS

Longtime owner of Lee Stamping was a firm believer in skilled trades and technical training

As the longtime owner of a metal stamping business, Joseph (Joe) Moses didn't believe that everyone needed to get a four-year college degree. He was interested in supporting vocational education, allowing people to be creative and acquiring skilled trades.

Joe died in June 2022 at 102 years old and left a generous legacy gift to Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis. When it came time to decide which JFCS programs to support with his estate gift, his family knew it made sense to choose employment support and technical training.

"He specifically picked JFCS," said his daughter, Susan Moses-Zirkes. "My parents were supporters of the organization for a number of years. We wanted to honor what he thought was important. He was devoted to helping the manufacturing base in the Twin Cities in any way he could."

Joe and his family came to the U.S. as refugees from Germany – they left in 1937, before World War II started, but after the Nazis had risen to power. He served in the U.S. Army and then received an engineering degree from the University of Minnesota with the assistance of a G.I. bill.

However, due to anti-Semitism that was prevalent in the Twin Cities at the time, it was difficult for Joe to get a job, so he decided to start his own business. He co-founded a metal stamping business, Bermo, with his brother-in-law, Fred Berdass, and then went on to found Lee Stamping in 1966.

"He really enjoyed solving technical problems and creating things," Susan said. "What he felt most proud of was that he helped his employees provide for their families."

Joe didn't retire until he was 80(!) years old, and even then, he still kept busy with trade skills; he volunteered at Bloomington Kennedy High School for 20 years, helping teach kids in the metal shop class.

"He wanted to support individuals on their journeys," Susan said. "He was proud when the Kennedy kids would get scholarships. He was a big supporter of vocational training and didn't think everyone needed a four-year-degree."



Joe Moses, pictured with his wife, Frances, left a generous legacy gift to JFCS in support of Career Services.

JFCS Career Services assists individuals in achieving their career goals in many different areas, including technical training programs. "Each year, we support on average about 250 program participants as they engage in vocational training to develop marketable skills so they can find and maintain employment with family-sustaining wages," said Career Services Director Sheilah Howard. "These short-term training opportunities can be life changing for our participants and their families."

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The JFCS Annual GIVE campaign raises funds to be used where needed most, benefiting thousands in the community each year. For more information and to make a contribution visit www.jfcsmpls.org/donate

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