







# Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis invites you to be part of our Passover program!

Each year, JFCS provides referred individuals and families in need with a gift bag of ritual Passover foods and other meaningful items to help celebrate this holiday. As part of JFCS' Hag Sameach (Happy Holidays) program, this gift is often a family's only opportunity to obtain the items it needs to celebrate the rich traditions of Passover.

When you make a donation to the Hag Sameach *Adopt a Family for Passover* program, you truly make this special holiday a happy one for those in need by helping cover the cost of each bag. Last year JFCS served about 260 families for Passover and the need will be just as great this year. **Passover begins at sundown on April 22.** 

For assistance in receiving Passover ritual items/foods, call our confidential line at 952-542-4843 or fill out the self-referral form on the JFCS website at jfcsmpls.org/passover-self-referral.



#### DONATE

#### Your donation in any amount is greatly appreciated!

To Adopt a Family for Passover, simply make a minimum donation of \$36 by:

- Submitting a check payable to: Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis - 5905 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55422
- Going online to: jfcsmpls.org/donate/hag-sameach and clicking "Make an online donation to our Hag Sameach Passover program"
- Paying with a credit card by calling Molly Knopf at 952-542-4874



#### **VOLUNTEER**

You can also give your time!
Passover Hag Sameach volunteer opportunities:

- Create meaningful items to put in the Passover bags to add excitement when recipients open their bags (just like finding the afikomen!)
  - Ideas for this include making matzah covers,
     Shabbat candle holders; seder plate crafts;
     putting together a bag of Passover plagues, etc.
- We now have two options for delivery volunteers!
   You may choose to do a drop off delivery, <u>OR</u> choose
   to be a delivery visitor (brief training provided). This
   is a new opportunity to support recipients living
   in isolation that would value the gift of a visitor in
   addition to receiving their holiday items.
  - This is a great community service experience for volunteers of all ages. To learn more and sign up to deliver, visit https://signup.com/go/YNXnYTS

For more information, contact Mindy Teele, Hag Sameach Manager, at 952-542-4870 or mteele@jfcsmpls.org

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# From first jobs to 'career changers,' IT Pathways program provides a route to



It Pathways program staff

rior to the pandemic in 2020, many participants in JFCS Career Services' IT Pathways program were younger individuals looking to get their first job. But since then, the program has seen a lot more participation from older individuals looking for a change – many who worked in the hospitality industry.

"Many were laid off during the pandemic and needed a career change," said JFCS Employment Counselor Anna Ferdelman. "They often have a general interest in IT. A lot of these jobs are fully remote, which is what people want nowadays."

Program serves individuals with lower incomes from demographics who traditionally are not represented in the IT field

IT Pathways has been around for more than 10 years. It's part of the MSP TechHire initiative, which serves lower-income residents from Minneapolis who are not traditionally represented in the IT field – women, people of color, veterans and/or people with disabilities. The program provides training in software development and UX (user experience) design.

For a lot of participants who are "art adjacent," these types of IT jobs are a good way to do something creative while still earning a living wage. Program Manager Leah Temkin pointed out the program served one client who was an actor, another who was a theater set designer,

Overall, I feel like a different person than I did when I started this new career. I feel more confident and capable, like I belong in this space, despite being new to it. I owe everyone at JFCS an enormous thank you. Without the support I received from you, I have no doubts I'd be back in the restaurant industry looking for a way out.

I simpy cannot express how much of an impact your assistance has been and how much the continued support has meant to me and my family over the last two years, navigating these turbulent times. Life changing. Thanks for doing what you do!

I want to thank you, JFCS, and the state of Minnesota for all the help you have given me during this journey – financially, as well as emotionally. I didn't know where I was heading in April 2020 or how many challenges I would face, but your help has made it all easier and really made a huge impact on me and my children's lives.

# financial stability

and several graphic designers as well. Some clients come from generational poverty.

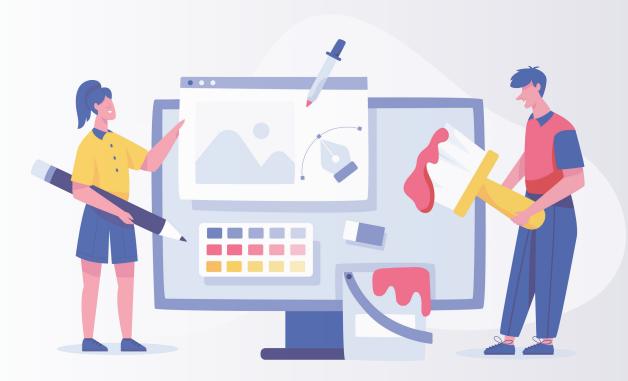
"It creates different lives for the clients." Temkin said. "We had a husband and wife both go through program. After they got jobs, they sent us an email saying for the first time in their lives, they had money left over at the end of the month and decided to open a savings account. It's life changing."

Though the end result is worth it, the program is an intense one. Participants don't have the time to work a day job when doing the full-time 16-week training, so they typically make arrangements in advance to live with family members or use savings for rent/mortage

during that period.

Both during and after the training program, JFCS' employment counselors provide the participants with job search coaching, career counseling, and support. When appropriate, they will refer them to other JFCS programs such as emergency financial assistance, counseling and/or services from Hennepin County.

"I love our clients' willingness and commitment to the program," said **Employment Counselor Marah** Johnson. "It's difficult to not work they say no matter what I'm going to complete the program. As an employment counselor, seeing them graduate and get the job of their dreams is rewarding."



# A huge **thank you** to all our volunteers! National Volunteer Week is April 21-21

**880** volunteers of all ages supported our programs and services in 2023.

Hundreds of volunteers (made up of individuals and groups), provided support to our largest volunteer program, Hag Sameach (Happy Holidays), by serving on the leadership team and filling 380 shifts leading up to the winter holidays to help in multiple ways. This included sorting, prepping, wrapping, providing Russian-interpretation, and delivering gifts, which went to 777 referred individuals in the community.

Volunteers provided **326 rides** to doctor's appointment and errands, totaling **5,699 miles** for Garber Transportation.

We are **grateful** to the many individuals, families and groups who stepped up and gave of their time, resources and talents through short-term and long-term volunteer opportunities to help us better serve the Jewish and broader communities!





For more information on volunteering, contact **DANA SHAPIRO**, Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager dshapiro@jfcsmpls.org | 952.417.2112 | jfcsmpls.org/volunteering

For a full list of volunteers: jfcsmpls.org/2023-volunteer-list





Volunteers helped at the Annual Mental Health Education Conference and with the planning committee.



Volunteer driver Stuart provided rides around town for Garber Transportation.



Quick Fix volunteers Harry and Larry helped a Senior Service client prepare for an upcoming move.







Volunteers and staff gathered for a Senior Services volunteer appreciation lunch.



Volunteers in Action provided support at a PRISM produce distribution day.



Volunteers Elina and Iryna assisted with calls to Russian-speaking clients on Hag Sameach delivery day.



Jewish Youth Mentor Bridget and her mentee went to a Vikings game.



NextGen participants volunteered with Hag Sameach Program's Passover delivery day.





PJ Our Way volunteers assembled toiletry kits.



Lucy and her mom Stacey dropped off food-related centerpieces after participating in a JFCS mitzvah project for her Bat Mitzvah.



#### **Counseling Services**



#### **WALK AND TALK THERAPY:**

#### Moving the body, quieting the mind



JFCS Counseling offers several modalities of therapy, focusing on everything from childhood anxiety to couple's therapy and beyond. One modality we offer that has become more popular in recent years is Walk and Talk Therapy.

Therapist Samantha Shepherd piloted this type of therapy at JFCS with some of her clients; after seeing how they responded to this body-based alternative to therapy in

an office, our program felt it would be useful to expand upon the Walk and Talk approach. Shepherd trained several of our other therapists in the practice and it has become more popular for our Counseling clients.

#### What is Walk and Talk Therapy?

**Shepherd:** Walk and Talk is a therapeutic approach that combines walking, therapy and nature. After an initial intake counseling session, clients and therapists collaborate on hopes for the services and how to make these a reality.

This process is a viable option for clients that do not find a traditional therapy setting appealing or comfortable. Walking side-by-side instead of using direct eye contact may be an easier way for some folks to share and reflect.

#### What are the benefits?

In this modality, there is an emphasis on the mind-body connection. This can lead to reduction of stress, relieve

body tension, and improve circulation. Movement reduces levels of the body's stress hormones, such as adrenaline and cortisol. It also stimulates the production of endorphins, the body's natural mood elevator. Clients that participated in Walk and Talk reported an increase in openness and connection to self, as well as reduced stress.

#### What happens in sessions?

We meet and check in at the JFCS office and then move our session outdoors. Walking side by side, we discuss what comes to mind for you that day in alignment with your overall goals, just as if we were sitting inside the office together or meeting virtually. At times, we might take a few moments to stand in silent reflection, deep breathe, or sit in guided visualization. The movement in these sessions is easy-going; you set the

pace for our sessions.

#### Learn more

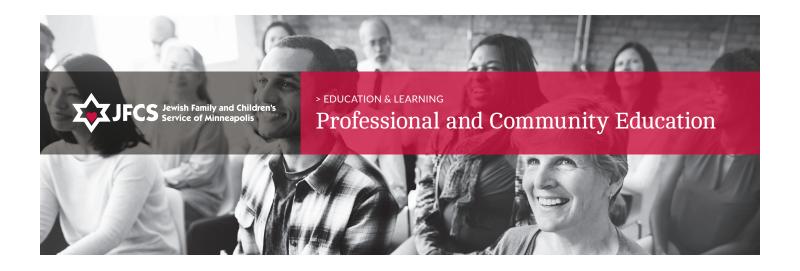
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The JFCS Counseling team provides a compassionate, warm, and judgment-free environment where you can explore the challenges you are facing. Our clinicians are contracted with most major insurance networks including Medicare and Medical Assistance. We offer both inperson and telehealth appointments, and we work with partners, parents, adults, adolescents, and children. For more information call 952-546-0616 or visit jfcsmpls.org/counseling.



### **Introducing Professional and Community** Education: Training and coaching for professionals, families, and community



By Leah Persky, Phd & CFLE Professional and Community Education Manager

JFCS is excited to announce that Family Life Education is now Professional and Community Education. This new name highlights the professional services we provide in this program. We serve professionals, families, and the community with training, coaching, professional development, and community education on diverse topics.

Family Life Education (FLE) was the program name we have used at JFCS for decades. For more than 20 years, FLE provided learning opportunities on diverse topics impacting families in the community – how to support the LGBT community, families impacted by HIV/AIDS, divorced parents, and families dealing with addiction were just a few of the highlights. These offerings demonstrate the ways that community needs have always informed the work and offerings of this program. We are honored to carry on this tradition to understand and meet the evolving needs of our

community with a spirit of collaboration, respect, professionalism, and innovation.

As we took stock of our work over the past five years, we realized that much of it is focused on serving organizations for their professional development and training needs and making connections to the community through educational events and professional conferences. We also realize that coaching informs much of our work with families, staff, and organizations. The decision to change the name came from the idea that Family Life Education as a title does not accurately reflect the people and organizations we most often serve. The new program name of Professional and Community Education provides a more inclusive and comprehensive description of all people whom this program reaches.

The name change to Professional and Community Education will allow us to align our work with our name and find synergy between the variety of educational work that happens at JFCS. Our dedication to collaboration, education, prevention, and promoting the well-being of families, the community, professionals, and organizations remains unchanged. Parent coaching, professional trainings, community education, and the commitment to understanding and

meeting the needs of our community remain the "why" behind our work.

We recognize that many JFCS professionals have contributed to making FLE a successful program for more than 20 years. The knowledge, expertise, care, and empathy that many staff have contributed to the program allows us to continue this important work in a changing world with evolving challenges and needs. We look forward to the future and working to support our diverse community in the spirit of tikkun olam (repairing the world) – one person, family, organization, and community at a time.

To learn more about Professional and Community Education contact Leah Persky, PhD & CFLE, Manager of Professional and Community Education & Addiction and Recovery Services, 952-542-4825 | lpersky@jfcsmpls.org

For more from Professional and Community Education on topics like processing the news during an election year, setting family goals, and practicing digital mindfulness, visit the JFCS Blog!

# Staff Accomplishments

Several JFCS staff members presented at the 22nd Annual Mental Health Education Conference, which the agency co-sponsors. Presenters included Counseling Manager Angela Cowan, Therapist Natalie Quiring-Oleson, Professional and Community Education Program Manager Leah Persky, and Senior Services Case Manager and Memory Café Coordinator Lindsay Kant.









**Lindsay Kant** 

was certified

as a Licensed

Independent

Clinical Social

Worker (LICSW).

Therapist Samantha Shepherd completed a graduate certification in holistic health studies from St. Catherine's University.



Administrative Assistant Wendy Pedersen received a HIPPA Compliance Certificate of Completion through the Network Academy of Education and Advancement.

**Leah Persky** also presented at the MN Rural Education Association Conference in Brainerd and

at the Minnesota Children's Crisis Response 4th Annual Conference. In addition, she earned the designation of Certified Youth Wellbeing Coach by completing the 50 coaching education hours, which included training, practicum, and supervision requirements.





**Jewish Youth Mentoring** Program Coordinator Dori Gelfman joined the MENTOR Minnesota Program Services Council. It serves as an advisory group to MENTOR Minnesota's program services staff by providing strategic guidance for quality initiatives, training resources, and other services for Minnesota mentoring programs.



Development Director **Dana Rubin** was appointed to the Minnesota Gift Planning Association (MGPA) Board of Directors. MGPA is the professional association for people whose work includes developing, marketing and administering charitable planned gifts.

# congratulations!



# Tribute Gifts

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#### Caron H. Dubinsky Fund to

provide assistance to single parents and financially-challenged families with school-related costs for Jewish education

**Elliott S. Dubinsky Fund to** support the ParentChild+ program

#### Lillian Dubinsky-Wishnick-Muscovitz/Muriel Dubinsky

Fund to assist with educational costs for youth with disabilities

#### **Doris and Mischa Dworsky** Fund for emergency financial

assistance

Peretz Dworsky Fund for use where most needed

**AnnRita Edelberg Fund** to assist clients who are hearing impaired

#### Michael Engler Children's Fund

to support programs and services for children

Michael Engel Memorial Fund for use where most needed

#### Mark and Carol Epstein Family

Fund to provide support to children with special needs

Richard and Jennifer Ezrilov Family Fund for use where most needed

Vivian and Bob Ezrilov Fund to support services to children

#### **Corrine and Tom Feinberg Fund** to support programs related to

Jewish education for children **David E. Feinberg Family Fund** 

#### Francine and Neil Feinberg **Healing Fund**

for use where most needed

#### Joan and Arnold Feinberg Fund for use where most needed

Feinstein/Dworsky/Molever Fund to support JFCS Senior Services and Counseling

<sup>1</sup>Harry Feinstein Memorial Fund to meet the needs of Russian Jewish immigrant children

Aaron Feuer Fund to provide mental health services for adolescents and young adults

**Ida Finne and Janice Kwiat Fund** for services to the elderly

**Gerda and Haskel Fishman Fund** to support senior services or camp scholarships

Mike and Linda Fiterman Youth **Experience Fund** to provide youth with special opportunities

**Robert and Virginia Forbush** Fund for use where most needed

Frank Family Perpetual GIVE Fund to support programs and services

**Barbara and Neal Frank Fund** for use where most needed

Bruce Frank Fund for use where most needed

**Jerry and Sharie Frank Family** Fund for mental health services

Libby and Ben Frank Fund to support programs and services for individuals with special needs, with a focus on children

**Shirley and Byron Frank Family** Fund for JFCS Senior Services

**Nancy and Stuart Friedell** Family Fund for use where most needed

Renee, Jim and Joan Gainsley Family Fund for use where most needed

**Gale, Herman, Segal Fund for** use where most needed

<sup>1</sup>Markus and Sabina Gapany Prescription Drug Fund for the elderly to help with the cost of prescription drugs

**Debbie & Mickey Gensler Choose Kindness Fund to** offer support and prevention of childhood bullying.

**Ida and Bernard Gingold Fund** for use where most needed

**Roy Ginsburg Fund** to support JFCS Senior Services

Greg, Tom, and Elliot Glaser-**Leder Fund** for expenses associated with adoption and child welfare

#### **David and Dorothy Glickson Senior Transportation Fund**

to support transportation services for older adults

**Leah Golberstein Family Fund** for the Twin Cities Jewish **Healing Program** 

Gold Family Children's Fund to provide services to children

Richard H. Goldblatt Healing Fund for use where most needed

<sup>1</sup>Barbara and Steve Goldfarb **Designated Fund** to benefit the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

Cindi and Harold Goldfine Fund to support the JFCS Annual Benefit Dessert Reception

Cindi and Harold Goldfine Family Fund to support Education and Learning

Sylvia and Arnold Goldman Fund for use where most needed

**Lois and Stanley Goodman** Family Fund for services to children and young adults, and to support hospice services and programs

**Bernice Cowl Gordon Mitzvah** Fund for use where most needed

Gary A. Gordon Family Fund for children with special needs

**Guita Bearman Gordon** Scholarship Fund for women in rabbinical or cantorial studies

**Sewell Gordon Scholarship** Fund to support educational expenses based on need and merit

**Jacob and Golda Gottlieb Twin** Cities Free Loan Fund to support the Jewish Free Loan Program in the Twin Cities area

Adeline and Mel Gould Family Fund for use where most needed

Jimmy Grais Fund to provide mental health support

**Arlis and Erwin Grossman** Family Fund for use where most needed

Kopple and Anita Hallock Family Fund to provide services for children in foster care, residential placement and other impermanent living situations

**Judy and Andy Halper Family** Fund for use where most needed

Halpern Green Family Fund for use where most needed

**Arlene and Sidney Harris** Family Fund for use where most needed

Sid Hartman Fund to support the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

Louis & Bessie Heck, Harold & Marion Kaplan and Eugene **Heck Memorial Fund for use** where most needed

**Elissa Heilicher Family Fund for Healthy Family Relationships** to support programs and services to combat Jewish domestic abuse

Avron (Ron) C. Heiligman Healing Fund to support activities of the Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program

Jory M. Herman Family **Summer Youth Experience** Fund to assist youth to attend summer camp or have an Israel experience

<sup>1</sup>Agnes Berenberg Hoffman **Tribute Fund for emergency** financial assistance to older adults

**Holocaust Survivors Fund for** special programs and services for survivors

Sam and Frances Hymanson Scholarship Fund for college scholarships

Mark (Pesach) Jaffe Fund to support services and programs of the Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program

JFCS Bequest Fund for use where most needed

**JGB Fund** to support the Jewish Free Loan Program

Marvin A. Jolson Fund to support individuals with Parkinson's Disease and their

Jeanne and Stan Kagin Family Fund for use where most needed

Bruce R. Kahn Endowment **Fund** to support services for the

**Orlee and Jeffrey Kahn Family** Fund for use where most needed

Janice and Steven Kalin Family Fund for use where most needed

Joe and Estelle Kane Family Fund to support JFCS Senior

**Doug and Cindy Kanter Family Endowment Fund** for use where most needed

Carole and Marty Kaplan Family Fund for use where most needed

Esther and Reuben Kaplan

Fund for educational expenses for single mothers and their children

Michael and Beverly Karch **Security and Safety Fund** 

**Bob and Stefanie Karon Fund** to support mental health services for adolescents

**Maynard Katz Tennis** Scholarship Fund to support junior tennis scholarships for young athletes in need of financial assistance

Alvin and Audrey Kaufman Fund for use where most needed

**Delores and Robert Kelber Fund** for use where most needed

<sup>1</sup>Margaret Kelen Emergency Aid to the Elderly Fund

Sharon and Marty Kieffer Family Fund to provide mental health services and support for children and adults with disabilities

Eva, Sheldon, and Marshall Kieffer Campership Fund to provide camp scholarships

<sup>1</sup>Jaeson and Marjorie Kline **Tribute Fund** for emergency financial assistance to older adults

**Deborah and Gary Kohler** Family Fund for use where most needed

Julie and Marc Kozberg Fund to support services to seniors

**Grace and Marvin Kramer Fund** to provide emergency financial assistance to families with minor children

**Nettie and Ben Kramer Family** Fund for emergency financial assistance

**Kramer/Saxl Family Fund for** use where most needed

Max and Eva Krause Memorial **Fund** to support Senior Services and Holocaust Survivors

**Faye and Mayer Krupp** Family Fund for adults with developmental disabilities

**Lonia and Leon Kuperman** Fund for use where most needed

Martin and Judy Kuretsky Family Fund for use where most needed

Jeanette and Max Kurnow Family Fund to provide food, shelter and emergency assistance to people in need

Teresa and Robert Laing Family Fund to provide medical and dental care for children and older

adults

Cliff and Susan Lake Family

Cliff and Susan Lake Family Fund to support services for children

**Robin and Bryan Landy Family Fund** to support volunteer work at JFCS

**Jerry Lavin Memorial Fund** to support services and programs to children, with priority to those with special needs

Sam and Betty Lavine Family Fund for use where most needed

Russell F. Lederman Jewish Youth Mentoring Program Fund

Angela and Jack Leibman Family Fund for use where most needed

**Judy Lehrman Fund** to support Caring Connections and the Inclusion Program

**Levenson/Spanier Family Fund** to provide mental health support services

Robert and Sally Leventhal Family Fund for use where most needed

Margie and Leo Levie and Family Fund to provide respite care for those who are caregivers for a frail older adult, ill spouse or sick child

Carol and Jerry Levin Family Fund for the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program and for services to older adults

<sup>1</sup>Jeanne and Albert Levin Family Fund to provide emergency aid to the elderly

George and Marion Levine Fund for use where most needed

Joan and Robert H. Levine Family Fund for services to children with learning and other disabilities

**Sid and Joanie Levinsohn Family Fund** for scholarships for higher education

Lucky and Leonard (Butch) Levy Memorial Fund to support recovery and addiction services

**Lichtblau Family Fund** to provide support to caregivers

Ben and Ruth Liman Family Fund for use where most needed Lois and Hy Liss Family Fund

to provide services to Parkinson's patients and their families, and to support programs and services to older adults

The Jeffrey Locketz Memorial Endowment Fund for Kosher Meals on Wheels and Senior Services programs

Francelyne and Richard Lurie Family Spirit of JFCS Fund for use where most needed

Marian Maisel Mental Health and Healing Fund

Malakoff Family Fund for use where most needed

The Mark & Roberta Mandel Family Food Security Fund so no one will ever be hungry

Hymie and Doris Margolis Fund for special experiences for children

**Alyssa and Jon Marker Fund** for use where most needed

Jacob, Max and Sam Mars Fund to assist children and youth with physical or emotional disabilities

Metropolitan Mt. Sinai Fund for medical prescriptions and transportation to medical appointments

<sup>2</sup>Paul and Juliana Michel Fund to support Mental Health and Food Security for the elderly and children

Alvin and Mildred Miller Fund for use where most needed

**Ben Miller Foundation Fund** to support JFCS Senior Services

**Beryl and Florence Miller Family Fund** to support JFCS Senior Services

**Mogilevsky Family Fund** for use where most needed

**John Morgan Fund** for use where most needed

Joyce and Donald Moscoe Family Emergency Fund

Jeffrey and Gloria Murman Family Fund for use where most needed

Charles and Candice Nadler Family Fund to support the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

**Edith and George E. Nadler Fund** to provide special services for seniors Nager Greenberg Fund for educational scholarships for Jewish students based on need

**Corky and Bob Neuman Fund** for services to children

**Harriet and Nathan Newman Family Fund** to provide holiday assistance for Jewish older adults

Louis Newman and Rabbi Amy Eilberg Fund to support the Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program

Irv Nudell Special Projects
Fund for use where most needed

**Jean Nudell Fund** to provide financial assistance and special opportunities for single mothers and children

Alice Okrent Hag Sameach Fund to provide holiday toys, items and other goods for families in need

**Okrent Wertheim Family Fund** to support mental health services

**Allen and Marcia Oleisky Fund** to support transportation and other services for Mental Health Support Services clients

**Robert E. Oleisky Fund** for young adult outreach and Mental Health Support Services

**Abe Olkon Fund** to support respite care

**Orbuch/Grayson Family Fund** to support competitive workforce training

Ruth Paley Family Fund to support staff professional development

**Parish Family Fund** for use where most needed

**Patients Assistance Fund** to financially assist with medical services

Alvin and June Perlman Fund to support programs and services for older adults

Richard and Sara Pieser Children's Fund to support programs and services for children

**Scott I. Pink Fund** for services to people with chronic mental illness

Marcia and Aaron Pinkus Fund to support inclusion for adults and children with disabilities

**Myrna L. Pinto Family Fund** for use where most needed

**Sharon Plotnick Memorial Fund** to support JFCS Senior Services **Tracey Popkin Spiwak Fund** to support programs in Senior Services

Margot and Jeno Por Helping Hand Fund to provide noninterest loans or grants, with priority given to single parents and new Americans

Alina and Alexander Portnoy Fund for use where most needed

Steve and Jeanne Prawer Family Fund to support Jewish children and their families by offering positive Jewish role models to children who can benefit from the relationship

**Tybie Proman Fund** for young adult programs and for services to adults with developmental disabilities

Rabinowitz Porter Family Fund for use where most needed

**Rafowitz Family Fund** to support services related to substance abuse

The Amy Susan Raskin Mental Wellness Fund to support mental health counseling

**Ilana Fay Ratner Fund** to provide training and education, emergency financial assistance, and support and advocacy for children with special needs and their families

Sylvia and David Ratner Memorial Fund for JFCS special needs and inclusion programs

Rachel Raviv Hoffer Fund to support the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

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Fund for programs and services to
children

**Michael and Arlene Reich Fund** for kids to experience summer camp

Marvin and Sharon Resnick Family Fund to provide dental services to those in need and transportation services to older adults

Nancy and Kevin Rhein Family Fund for use where most needed

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**Robbins Family Fund** for use where most needed

**Roberts Family Fund** for emergency financial assistance

Robin Family University Merit Scholarship Fund for educational expenses, based on merit and need **Robins Family Fund** to support older adult services

**Robinson-Marks Mental Health Fund** to support mental health programs and projects

Norton and Bert Rockler Family Fund for vocational programs and for use where most needed

**Roitenberg Family Fund** for use where most needed

**Rolnick Family Fund** for use where most needed

Phyllis and Justin Rosenblatt Fund for services to children

**Ricky Rosoff Memorial Fund** to support the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

Marie L. Rothschild Fund for use where most needed

**Karen Rubin Hag Sameach Fund** to provide holiday toys, items and other goods for families in need

Lisa and Ben Rubin Family Youth Experience Fund

to support the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

**Dr. Manly and Sybil Rubin Family Fund** to support the care or shelter of abused children or children in need

William and Jacquie Rudelius Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to undergraduates in Minnesota State Schools

Max and Linda Rutman Family Fund for use where most needed

**Sabes Family Foundation Fund** for use where most needed

**Sally Salloway Memorial Fund** for emergency financial needs of individuals

**Saloshin Fund for special services** for older adults and émigrés

**Connell and Dorothy Saltzman Fund** for older adults and children with special needs

**Stephen and Suzanne Saltzman Fund** to support Alzheimer's, MS and ALS respite care

Helen and Michael Sandler Fund to support senior services

Clara and Leonard Savitt Family Fund for use where most needed

**Sborov Family Fund** for services to émigrés from the former Soviet Union and for use where most needed

Irv and Ruth Schloff Family
Fund for use where most needed

Albert Schneider Memorial Fund to support services for older adults and appropriate workshops or lectures

**Schochet Family Fund** for emergency financial assistance

**Anita B. Schwartz Fund** to support emergency financial assistance to the elderly

**Linda and Ivan Schwartzman Fund** for use where most needed

<sup>1</sup>Roz and David Schwartzman Fund for use where most needed

<sup>1</sup>Martin and Gloria Segal Fund for services to adults with chronic mental illness

Millie and Howard Segal Acts of Kindness Fund for use where most needed

Joyce and Stanley Segelbaum Fund for Jewish recovery to support JFCS Addiction and Recovery Services

**Serber Family Fund** to support services for children with disabilities

**Dick and Rossy Shaller Mentoring Fund** to provide adult mentors for children at risk

**Leonard and Zetta Shapiro Discretionary Fund** for use where most needed

Sam and Lorraine Shark Family Emergency Fund for emergency financial assistance

Carl and Rose Jean Sharpe Family Camp Scholarship

**Fund** for children and youth who, without such scholarships, would be unlikely to have a camping experience

**Sidney Shields Simcha Fund** 

to support social and cultural outings for older adults and individuals with disabilities

Monroe J. and Charlotte K. Shine Family Fund for use where most needed

**Beverly Siegel Fund** to support the Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program

Molly and Alexander Silver Family Fund for use where most needed

Bobby Silverman Memorial Fund for children who are at risk

Loreen and Perry Silverman Fund for use where most needed Shirley and Frances Snyder Memorial Fund for use where most needed

**Evlyn Solomon Fund** to support the Jewish Free Loan Program

<sup>1</sup>Harold and Fleurette Spear Fund for Jewish camping experiences and other enriching experiences for children

Janet Specht Memorial Fund

Jeanette and Allen Spencer Family Fund to support the Jewish Inclusion Fund for People with Disabilities

**Mark Jon Starr Fund** to support services and programs of the Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program

Rhonda Stein and Stuart Goldenberg Family Fund for use where most needed

Samantha, Ari and Dori Stein Tikkun Olam Fund to support children's services and where most needed

Marvin and Chelle Stillman Fund to support the Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program

**Stillman Family Foundation Fund** for children's programs and services

Marcia and Larry Swartz Fund to support families in need of emergency financial assistance

Susie and Stuart Swartz Family Fund to support services for children with special needs

**Dr. Ian Swatez Medical Scholarship Fund** to support deserving medical students based on merit and need

**Hill and Arlene Sweet Fund** for use where most needed

Gary and Marsha, Scott and Hindy Tankenoff Families Fund to support hunger relief and hunger support programs

James Tankenoff Family Fund to support programs and services for children

**Elizabeth and Mayer Tapper Educational Fund** to support career services for individuals with barriers to employment

Sidney and Roslyn Tarshish Family Fund for Jewish educational, camping and travel experiences for children and young adults, and for Jewish individuals to pursue higher education

Taswell-Moscowitz Family Fund for use where most needed

Twin Cities Gay/Lesbian/ Bisexual/Transgender Program Fund for the Jewish community

Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program Fund

Twin Cities Mitzvahs Fund to support the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

**Ruth Usem Family Fund** to provide services where most needed

**Dr. Gary Velick Memorial Fund** to provide assistance with medical prescriptions and other medical needs

**Jerry Waldman Fund** to provide special experiences for children and youth, and professional enrichment for Jewish communal workers

**Bruce Walonick Family Fund** for counseling and mental health services

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fund for services to low-income individuals and families

**Weiner Family Fund** for innovative projects or for use where most needed

**Bob and Barbara Weinstine Fund** to support people with learning disabilities

**Dr. Martin and Marilyn Weisberg Family Fund** to support JFCS Senior Services

Siegfried Weiser Memorial Fund to support services for older adults and émigrés

Dori and Herb Weisman Family Fund for staff self-care training

Steven and Debra Weiss Family Fund to support JFCS Senior Services

**Shale and Joan Wilensky Fund** to support people with employment issues

Sybil and Seymour Wilensky Family Fund for use where most needed

WilsonSell Family Fund in honor of Sheri A. Sell to support Mental Health and Counseling Services

<sup>1</sup>Norman and Sally Winer Fund to provide emergency financial assistance to low-income older adults and youth

**Wiss Family Fund** to provide assistance to single parents and their families

Sheldon and Judy Witebsky Family Fund for use where most

Anne and Allen Wolf and Stephan Wolf Memorial Fund to support the Jewish Youth

Wolfish Family Fund for use where most needed

Mentoring Program

Fremajane and Blair Wolfson **Fund** for Emergency Food Assistance

**Leo and Helen Wolk Fund for** use where most needed

**Yesnes/Finkelstein Family** Fund to support programs and services for children

Young Women's Fund to provide financial assistance to women to further their personal growth, education, recreation, fun, familial obligations and other wants and needs. The fund was created by Marshall Silberstein in memory of his wife, Debbie, an outstanding social worker, college instructor and friend to many.

Zack Family Fund for use where most needed

David C. Zalk Fund for children and youth

Shirley and Larry Zipkin Transportation Fund

**Zouber Family Fund for use** where most needed

#### **Named Funds for Immediate Use**

**Eric and Sally Bressler Family Fund** to support the Jewish Free Loan Program

**Herbert A. Chernoff Fund to** support eye care for children and adults

**Kelner-Witebsky Memory Care Fund** to provide family consultations & education for caregivers

**MORE for NOW Fund for** mortgage or rent emergency assistance

Jon and Diane Rappaport Family Fund for use where most

Waller Family Fund to support Older Adult Services and the Jewish Youth Mentoring Program

1-Endowment funds designated to JFCS through the Jewish Community Foundation

2-New Endowment funds established since Nov. 15, 2023

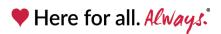
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#### **Leave Your Legacy, for Generations to Come**

Establishing an Endowment Fund is a wonderful and easy way to ensure that your commitment to Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis continues over time. A fund can be established with a minimum gift of \$2,500 (fulfilled in a number of ways) and can be used to benefit an area of special interest to you and/or your family or for general use to support JFCS' many programs and services. Your contribution is also fully tax-deductible.

We also encourage the growth of your fund through additional donations from you, family or friends and investment performance. Any donations made to your fund are acknowledged with a beautiful card from JFCS indicating that a contribution was made to your fund. Distributions from Endowment Funds are drawn throughout the year to support JFCS programs and services, and a yearly fund report is sent to each fund holder indicating contributions, growth and allocations.

For more information, contact Development Director Dana Rubin at 952-542-4803 or drubin@jfcsmpls.org.



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#### Founding Sponsors - \$50,000 and above

Anonymous - General Operations, ParentChild+

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Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany -Holocaust Survivor Support

The Richard and Beverly Fink Family Fund - ParentChild+, PJ Library Endowment Fund

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Harold Grinspoon Foundation - PJ Library

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Pat and Tom Grossman Transformational Fund - HR capacity

Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department - Mental Health Support Services, MFIP, SNAP Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation

Clara Ruth Kaner Children's Fund, a designated fund of the Minnesota Jewish Community Foundation - Emergency Financial Assistance, College Scholarships, Hag Sameach

The Kaplan Family, in loving memory of Julie Kaplan - Counseling

Kris and John MacDonald - PJ Library Endowment Fund

Minneapolis Jewish Federation - General Operations

Minnesota Department of Education - ParentChild+

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development - Dislocated Worker, IT Pathways, Vocational Rehabilitation

Estate of Joseph Moses and Frances Moses - Career Services

Lynne & Andrew Redleaf Foundation - ParentChild+

Schulze Family Foundation - ParentChild+

Allan Stillerman, in memory of his late parents: Friedel and David

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**Engler Family Foundation - Counseling** 

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L'Dor V'Dor Family Foundation: Irene Bartram, Spencer & Ligia Bartram and Vanessa Bartram - PJ Library Endowment Fund

Gail & Steve Machov - Memory Café

Nancy and Kevin Rhein - PJ Library Endowment Fund

The Oren and Sharron Steinfeldt Foundation - Senior Services

Tankenoff Families Foundation - Camp Scholarships, Emergency Financial Assistance

The Toodie and Frank Trestman Special Needs and Collaborative Education Endowment Fund, a designated fund of the Minnesota Jewish Community Foundation - Jewish Community Inclusion Program for People with Disabilities

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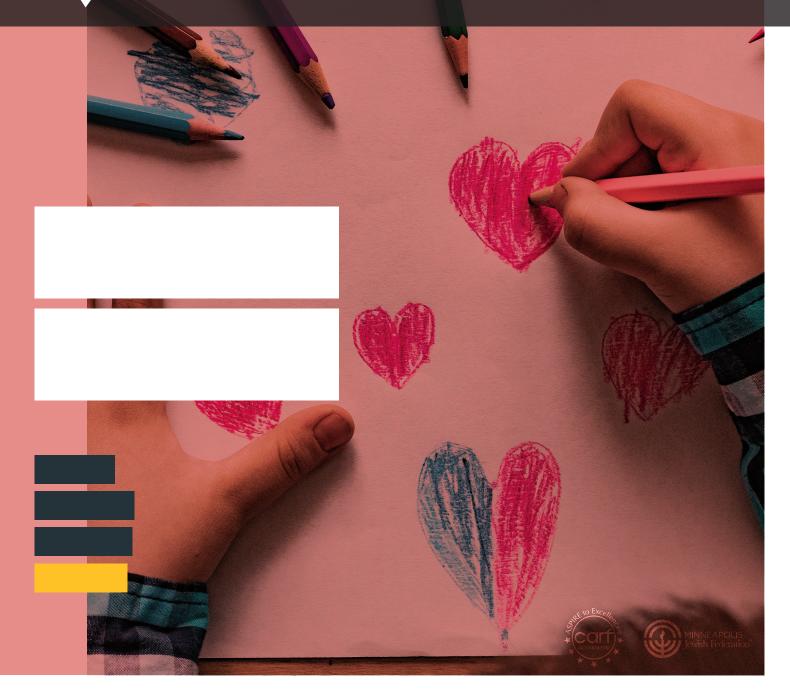
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#### to our **VALUED SUPPORTERS**,

For centuries, poets, historians, mathematicians, and artists of all types have attempted to distill a year of information into a single picture, graph, lyric or tagline. It's not easy to do. Perhaps one of the best of these efforts most of us remember is the rock musical Rent. The playwright Jonathon Larson memorably began the song "Seasons of Love" with the lyrics "Five-hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes," bringing to life the amount of time that occurred in one year to a group of bohemians in New York City, scratching out the meanings of their lives. The story is breathtaking and heartbreaking as we learn of the triumphs and tragedies affecting these young lives.

An annual report, even one as compelling as Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis' traditional accounting to our community of supporters, may not be as dramatic as a Broadway play. However, our numbers and narratives are nonetheless illustrative of the essential work done day in and day out to support the needs of our community. We are proud to share our results - in 2023 we cared for nearly 14,000 people from the

Like the story of Rent, IFCS exists to help people manage the challenges to their 525,600 minutes of daily living

Jewish and broad community. This care is reflected in individuals receiving financial assistance; mentors who provided guidance to teens and young adults; and elderly people who were able to age in place and remain in their chosen homes with a little help from a JFCS shopper, a ride from our Garber Transportation program, and more.

Like the story of Rent, JFCS exists to help people manage the challenges to their 525,600 minutes of daily living. We are here to assist individuals with barriers to employment so that they can successfully find meaningful jobs and achieve self-sufficiency. We are here to provide a weekend emergency shelf-stable box of food to families who are just squeaking by due to unforeseen and unplanned emergencies. We are here to ensure that everyone gets to enjoy the winter and Passover holidays, providing food, ritual items, and gifts when budgets can't stretch far enough to provide these joys. When mental health, depression, anxiety, and other disruptive disorders are preventing children and people of all ages from full participation in daily activities, JFCS is here to offer counseling, case management and therapeutic strategies for coping.

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, established in 1910, is here to serve you, your friends, families, co-workers, and neighbors, and we have more than 30 programs and services

to meet almost any need. And we do more, because you do more! We are grateful to our 880 volunteers, our staff of 130, and our hundreds of donors who make sure that from year to year, every 525,600 minutes, all those who seek our help will be welcomed and supported..

Here for all...Always.

Judy Halper,

Chief Executive Officer

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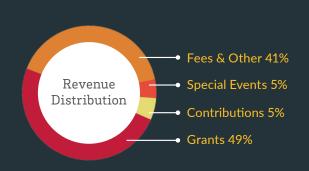
#### statement of FINANCIAL POSITION

#### LIABILITIES **ASSETS FYE 2023 FYE 2023** Cash and cash equivalents \$ 3,657,326 Accounts payable \$ 140,281 \$ 341.844 Current receivables and other assets \$ 15.589.265 Accrued expenses Investments \$ 546,296 Deferred revenue Other long-term liabilities Long-term assets \$ 490,355 Property and equipment, net \$ 9,218,331 **Total Liabilities** Endowment held at JCF \$ 17,370,766 \$ 972,479 Total Assets \$ 46.381.985 Total Net Assets \$ 45,409,506

#### SUPPORT & REVENUES FYE 2023

Direct contributions	\$ 458,299
Indirect contributions	\$ 32,309
Non-government grants	\$ 1,470,332
Government grants	\$ 3,108,842
Government fees	\$ 1,399,428
Program service fees, other	\$ 1,126,690
Miscellaneous income	\$ 248,584
Special events	\$ 418,089
Release Restriction	\$ 3,192,029
Endowment/HBSF	\$ 1,238,890

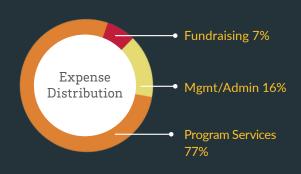
Total Revenues \$ 12,693,491



#### **EXPENSES**

Aging Services \$ 1,703,750
Children's Services \$ 1,947,653
Clinical & Case Management Svcs \$ 2,292,514
Community Services \$ 1,093,691
Career Services \$ 2,776,699
Fundraising \$ 901,191
Management/Admin \$ 1,957,301

Total Expenses \$ 12,672,799 Change in Net Assets \$ 20,692



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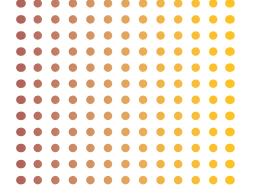
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#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

For nearly 14,000 people from the Jewish and broad community, JFCS remains committed to our mission to provide essential services to help sustain healthy relationships, ease suffering and offer support in times of need. We are *Here for all. Always*.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

The **Hag Sameach** program made a huge impact during both the winter holidays and Passover in the spring. Our winter program provided gifts to almost 800 people of all backgrounds, including families, seniors, hospital programs and adults with disabilities. Beyond the Holidays, which provides necessary items throughout the year, served 40 families – a significant increase over 2022.

Hag Sameach is also our largest volunteer program, where **hundreds of volunteers** filled 380 shifts in gift sorting, prepping, wrapping and more leading up to the winter holidays. Another program with a huge volunteer impact is Garber Transportation, where volunteers provided 326 rides to doctor's appointment and errands, totaling 5,699 miles.

Caring Connections provided opportunities for Jewish adults with disabilities to take part in social and educational events and engage in Jewish holidays, celebrations and traditions. This included concerts, plays, Passover seders, volunteer opportunities, and more. In addition, participants attended a series of art classes, creating pieces that were exhibited at the Sabes JCC in early 2024.

The **Food Security Program** distributed 120 emergency food boxes – a 47 percent increase over the prior year. These boxes are regularly distributed to clients from all of JFCS' programs and services, based on need. The program also provided direct support to 156 individuals and food security outreach via material, phone consult and community tabling to another 4,189.

**PJ Library Minneapolis** strengthened Jewish identity by sending Jewish-content books and music to families and also hosted regular community events for kids and families. It distributed

16,655 books and hosted 65 events for families raising Jewish children to meet up and engage with each other.

J-Pride created community through queer-focused Jewish programming for LGBTQ+ Jews and their allies throughout the Twin Cities. In addition to its presence at the Twin Cities Pride festival, J-Pride hosted events throughout the year, including a Tu B'Shvat seder, traveling Shabbats, events for Queer Families through a partnership with PJ Library, and more.

#### CAREER SERVICES

Career Services' **IT Pathways** program continued to connect individuals with the needed resources to prepare for success in IT jobs. It awarded \$500,000 in scholarship funding to 32 low-income Minneapolis residents, enabling them to get training in software development and UX design. Thirteen of these obtained employment in the field at the average wage of \$36/hr.

The **Dislocated Worker** program continued to provide career counseling to laid-off individuals to help them make strategic decisions about their professional futures. Those who qualified received training funds to develop new skills, update existing skills, or obtain required certifications or credentials. The program served 140 laid-off workers; 34 of these got new jobs, with an average wage of \$34/hr.

**Vocational Rehabilitation**, which provides personalized services to individuals with disabilities seeking to improve their work lives or find employment, served 87 people – up from 77 in 2022.

Following an update and refresh to the office space, the **Minnesota Family Investment Program** is consistently staffing



J-Pride at the Twin Cities Pride Parade



Senior Services' Memory Café volunteers



Watercolor artwork by Memory Café participants



Hag Sameach program volunteers









its Minneapolis office to provide another meeting option for program participants. The program provides support for families to help them move toward self-sufficiency through employment and overcome barriers such as childcare, food security, education, and transportation.

#### COUNSELING & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The JFCS Counseling program expanded its offerings – our therapists now offer SPACE therapy designed to treat children with anxiety; Discernment Therapy designed for couples deciding whether to move forward in their relationship or divorce; and Walk and Talk Therapy, an outdoor alternative to sessions held in an office.

To address increasing and changing demands, our **Mental Health Support Services** added a Behavioral Health Case Aide. This has allowed us to streamline our services to clients, which require more intensive supports due to limited access to mental (and physical) healthcare throughout the pandemic, along with worsening food and housing instability.

#### EDUCATION & LEARNING

**ParentChild+**, a free home visiting program that promotes creative ways to learn through play, increases parenting skills and helps children prepare for school, served 308 children and their families through nearly 15,000 home visits.

**Professional and Community Education**, known previously as Family Life Education, re-branded with a new name that better

represents the services it provides to professionals, families, and the community. The program, which offers trainings, coaching, professional development, and community education on diverse topics, provided 31 trainings and events, serving 1,154 people.

The 23rd Annual Mental Health Education Conference continued to build and strengthen movement in improving mental health access, understanding, and education in the community. More than 260 people attended the event, which featured keynoter Sophie Riegel, a recent college graduate who is an author, professional speaker, certified coach, and mental health advocate.

#### SENIOR SERVICES

**Senior Services'** re-launch of its Accompanied Transportation service was a huge success. The program continues to see increased requests for caregiver supports, case management, volunteer outreach visitors, transportation, PRISM food shelf deliveries, shopping, and accompanied transportation.

Our **Holocaust Survivor Support Services** rolled out several new initiatives, including grocery gift cards, medical reimbursement, dental expense reimbursement, and emergency financial assistance.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes, which JFCS has offered for several years, expanded by partnering with the Minnesota JCC Sabes campus and the Lennox Community Center to lead classes for their participants. Our Memory Café continued to serve as a comfortable, safe environment for people with memory loss and their caregivers.



Caring Connections participants creating art



ParentChild+ program



23rd Annual Mental Health

Education Conference



#### Jewish Youth Mentoring Program



My 8-yearold son wants to play basketball with me all day long and 1 only have so much time.



extended family lives out of town so it is important for our kids to feel a part of the community.



My kids are all grown and I'd like to continue making a difference in the lives of kids.







#### **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.

#### **Contact JYMP at JFCS:**

**Dori Gelfman** 952-542-4835 dgelfman@jfcsmpls.org

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.



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.





# a Reasons Why

# Reason #496

"We send JFCS Tribute Cards for just about everything - from celebrating life events like anniversaries and birthdays to memorializing a family member, yahrzeits, and general thank yous. Each of us has been fortunate in many ways, including being the recipients of Tribute Cards. We appreciate being recognized by those in the community and it's an honor to pay it forward by sending Tribute Cards to honor others. While there are lots of ways to donate to JFCS, sending Tribute Cards is easy, effective, and meaningful."

The Bader Family



Sid and Molly Bader (pictured) along with their children Kristi Bader and Gary Swartz, Stuart Bader and Rick Werlin, Scott and Kerry Bader











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