

# Member Highlights

## March 2019



**NETWORK**  
of Jewish Human  
Service Agencies

The best part of our NETWORK is sharing successes. We want to promote your organizations. Let your fellow member agencies know what's going on in your community! Share updates with Megan, Director of Marketing & Communications.

### JFS Detroit's 100 Mensches Offers College Scholarships



100 Mensches, a program of **Jewish Family Service of Detroit**, is inviting Jewish juniors and seniors to submit an essay for the opportunity to win one of three college scholarships totaling \$3,000. The 800-1,000 word original essay should be based on this prompt: In the past couple of years, the #metoo movement has been building momentum and raising awareness about sexual assault, sexual harassment and domestic abuse. How has the #metoo movement affected you, your high school or your Jewish community? How can Jewish values continue to affect change toward a future free of these issues? [Learn more here.](#)

### Agence Ometz Receives Transformational Gift from The Azrieli Foundation



At-risk youth and young adults will now have better access to **Agence Ometz** services thanks to a generous lead gift from the Azrieli Foundation. The funding will go towards the creation of a brand new Centre that will offer comprehensive services and programming to 16 to 35-year-olds, in an inclusive and community-based environment. Opening in fall 2019, the new Centre (name TBD) will provide an inclusive environment for individuals to connect and form supportive relationships as well as advocacy, training, education, employment and empowerment opportunities.

## JFCS Northern NJ Joins Forces with Catholic Charities to Feed the Hungry



**Jewish Family & Children's Services of Northern New Jersey** and Catholic Charities have joined forces to feed the hungry. Both organizations shared a common goal: to serve the vulnerable of Northern NJ by feeding families facing food insecurity, through our food pantries. Having identified this common objective, CCAN chose to share resources with JFCS for more effective distribution to the community. This initiative involves a monthly donation of approximately 500 pounds of fresh produce from Trader Joe's, and a frequent donation from Goya Foods to our two food pantries in Teaneck and Fair Lawn. And JFCS is sharing recent food donations from Osem (owned by Nestle) with the CCAN food pantry too.

## City of Miami Declares JCS South Florida 2-1-1 Day



**Jewish Community Services of South Florida** is thrilled to see their work making a difference in the community! The City of Miami has declared February 11th, the official JCS Miami 2-1-1 Day in honor of the work they do to assist clients 24/7 every day. The 2-1-1 team is hard working and dedicated! [Learn more here.](#)

## JFS St. Paul Expands Community Chaplaincy Program



**Jewish Family Service of St. Paul** has expanded their Community Chaplaincy program. Community Chaplain Rabbi Lynn Liberman will now serve in a full-time capacity. The program was initially developed to fill a gap in spiritual need within the Jewish community for those Jews who feel marginalized, isolated, unconnected or unaffiliated with a synagogue or other Jewish agency.

## JFS Fairfield County Delivers Meals to those in Need



The Pamela and Michael Hirsch Kosher Home Delivered Meal program at **Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County** in CT will provide meals delivered weekly to those in our communities who have difficulty shopping and preparing their own food. Once a week, a volunteer will deliver the meals and spend a little time visiting with the recipients.

## JFS Houston Award Recipient Honored at International Conference



One year ago, during our 2018 ReelAbilities Festival **Jewish Family Service of Houston** honored Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi. Last month, Jennifer, through her organization, RespectAbility, was announced as one of 6 disability rights organizations that were asked to present at the Zero Project Conference 2019 at the UN in Vienna! This event, founded by the Essl Foundation, brings together over 700 experts from more than 70 countries to focus on best practices in inclusive projects and strategies to advance access in all arenas for individuals with disabilities. In her co-keynote, Jennifer spoke on work that fights implicit bias which limits jobs and other opportunities for people with disabilities. Selected by over 3,000 voting participants, RespectAbility was one of 11 organizations (out of 66) given awards for their outstanding work - Congratulations on this major achievement!