



# JFS AGENCY NEWS AND UPDATES NOVEMBER 14, 2017

### **Visit Our New and Improved Website!**

After months of planning, thought, and design, the Jewish Family Service of Harrisburg's new website is live. We think you will find this website easy to use and navigate, informative, and pleasing to the eye. We expect that this new and improved web presence will allow JFS to further serve its community members for years to come. Check it out now!

#### Thank You Outgoing JFS Board Members & Welcome New Board Members!

As we begin our new 2017/18 fiscal year, we'd like to thank our outgoing Board Members for their years of service to the Agency and to the community: Karen Ball, Sheri Solomon, Sandy Leopold, Shira Ettinger, Michael Weinstock, and Lisa Bonebrake.

New to the Board this year are Kathi Spiegelman, Bruce Cohen, Yasminah Huberman, Jill Henig, Cheryl Woren, and Varsha Lift. We very much appreciate their volunteering to continue our mission. Click here to read more about our new board members accomplishments and backgrounds.

#### **Recap of JAAM**

On October 19th, JFS participated in the 3rd annual Joint Agency Annual Meeting (JAAM) at the JCC. The event included a dessert reception, Kol Haneshama performance, and awards for honorees from JFS, Jewish Community Foundation, Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, Jewish Home, and The Silver Academy.

Each agency presented awards to volunteers and employees. Our 2017 Edward "Teddy" Cohen Kosher Meals on Wheels Award winners were Michael Shapiro and Larry Freedman. Michael was on hand to receive his award, presented by SeniorLinks employee Lori Weitzman. AdoptionLinks Coordinator Brynna Sherr was honored as we celebrated her 5 year anniversary at JFS.

You can read more about our KMOW award winners' and their involvement in the Kosher Meals on Wheels program <a href="here.">here.</a>





#### Life, Animated

JFS will be featuring a lecture by Ron Suskind, author and journalist for a fund-raising event on Sunday evening, April 15, 2017.

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Suskind is the author of the book, "Life Animated," his chronology of the challenges that come with raising an autisitic child and how he and his wife used Disney animated films to open up lines of communication with their son.

We will also be screening the documentary film that was released last year about the book. Inquiries about sponsorship opportunities can be directed to <u>Barry Stein</u>. The movie trailer is available <u>here</u>.

## Make a Difference in the Community Through United Way!

The United Way 2018 Campaign is underway and runs up until the week of Thanksgiving. The United Way is instrumental in collecting and distributing funds for Harrisburg-based nonprofit foundations. Through this campaign, United Way works toward finding solutions that more effectively address health, education, income, and basic needs.

Please consider contributing generously to the UW Campaign this year. You can do so either through an employer-based worplace campaign or by clicking <a href="here">here</a> for an online giving form.

You have the option of making a pledge to the general campaign or designating JFS as the direct recipient of your pledge. The Jewish Family Service account number for designated giving is 7022.

For more information on workplace giving, you can contact <u>Lori Weitzman</u> at <u>717-233-1681 x 3008</u> or visit United Way's <u>website</u>.



JFS helps individuals and families meet life's challenges; we are a forward-thinking mental health and social service agency dedicated to helping people achieve their full potential while honoring choice, diversity, and Jewish values through every stage of life.

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