



JFS AGENCY NEWS AND UPDATES DECEMBER 20, 2017

JFS Receives Grant from the Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund to Support People with Mental Illness and Financial Hardship

JFS is pleased to report that it has received a grant from the Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), which will extend and enhance a new pilot program assisting people and their families who have unmet mental health, financial, housing, employment, and medical needs.

The grant was awarded based on the recent success of the pilot project. The program is facilitated by Elaine Strokoff, who was hired by JFS to provide short-term case management interventions for JFS clientele. The program directs individuals toward organizations and resources that will help sustain longer-term self-sufficiency and quality of life. [Read more about the program and Elaine's involvement here.](#)



***Elaine Strokoff facilitates the JFS
Pilot Intervention Program.***

The Silver Academy Teams Up with JFS for Older Adults!

Each year, The Silver Academy first graders bring their high energy and enthusiasm to the Kosher Meals on Wheels (KMOW) Program at Jewish Family Service by participating in a very special mitzvah. This is the mitzvah of bringing Chanukah joy to older adults in our community who often find themselves alone at this time a year. The students worked diligently to put together seventy five packages that were then hand delivered throughout the holiday. There was a variety of delectable Hanukkah nosh for the recipients, including



sufganiyot, chocolate gelt, applesauce, and potato chips (the closest we could get to Latkes). In addition to Chanukah, the students also fulfill this mitzvah in advance of Rosh Hashanah and Passover. We always look forward to having our youngest volunteers come to JFS and learn that volunteering is not only an important act of kindness, but it can be fun as well! Thank you to Morah Alla and her First Grade class! See you again in the Spring

Be Our Friend! Make Your Contribution Before the End of the Tax Year!

Friends and supporters,

Thank you for your commitment to JFS. As we move forward in the holiday season, we are continuing our 2018 Friends Campaign. Our Friends Campaign is critical to the ongoing sustainability of our organization, providing needed revenue for our life-saving service. To maximize your impact and benefit, we encourage you to give before the end of the current tax year. [Please click here to view our Campaign letter](#) and please consider giving generously. You can also [give online here](#).



Life, Animated: An Evening with Ron Suskind

JFS will be featuring a lecture by Ron Suskind, author and journalist for a fund-raising event on Sunday evening, April 15, 2018.

Suskind is the author of the book, "Life Animated," his chronology of the challenges that come with raising an autistic 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 [Barry Stein](#). More information and the movie trailer is available [here](#).



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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