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JFS and Chai House Expand Partnership

Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley and Chai House are proud to announce a new partnership. After nearly 30 years of providing weekly case management for Chai House residences, **JFS now has an onsite office at Chai House** and will provide expanded social services most days of the week.

According to Chai House Board of Directors President Gail Long, “**The Chai House Board of Directors and the Resident Council of Chai House are very excited to bring more resources and an integrated community approach to aging independently.** Together the office staff, San Jose State University nursing interns, and the JFS staff will form a working community of professionals who will service the needs and community of Chai House.”

Lisa Warner, JFS Director of Clinical and Social Services adds, “This will enable us to provide valuable counseling and case management support to Chai House residents who need support and resources to enhance their lives.”



Lisa Warner (right) welcomes Yanex Orellana, as JFS' new Senior Services Social Worker. Yanex will be bringing new services to Chai House residents.

Yanex and Lisa will be joining JFS' Senior Services Case Manager Avital Agam, who has been assisting Chai House residents for nearly 30 years.

In addition to expanded counseling and case management, our new program will include caregiver support and bereavement groups, along with groups tailored for “welcome to life at Chai House” and aging gracefully.

For more information please contact Lisa Warner, LCSW, at (408) 357-7456 or lisaw@jfsnv.org.

JFS has hired Yanex Orellana as our Senior Services Social Worker. Beginning in mid-July, Yanex will be working onsite at Chai House with our new expanded Chai House program and onsite at JFS with our home care program. According to Lisa, “Yanex will bring her intelligence and enthusiasm as well as her special affinity for working with seniors.”

JFS staff are looking forward to bringing a **cadre of wellness and supportive services** to Chai House.

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From Our President

JFS is Jewish Values in Action

Richard Namm



Dear Friends,

There's no place I'd rather be.

My wife Patti and I began delivering

food packages from Jewish Family Services to seniors for Passover, the High Holy Days and Hanukkah in 2002. We wanted to provide some assistance to people who would appreciate the Jewish connection. Each older gentleman we visited was a Holocaust survivor; and as the relationships grew they shared stories of fear, redemption and accomplishment. One of our senior friends was even interviewed by Steven Spielberg and spoke to astonished kids at school assemblies.

Patti became a Friendly Visitor with JFS, a program that promotes the alliance between a volunteer and a senior seeking companionship. Over the course of five or six years, Pearl became part of our family. She survived the Holocaust, moved to New York and then West Palm Beach in Florida where, unbeknownst to any of us, she lived two blocks from Patti's parents. To Patti, she was like a second mother. To me, Pearl was the larger-than-life aunt everyone seems to have. We still think of her practically every day.

Delivering food packages (which we still do) and the Friendly Visitor program rekindled a passion to move outside my comfort zone and actively try to make a difference in the Jewish community. I made some inquiries and was invited to join the

JFS Board in 2014.

JFS is where I belong. It's Jewish values in action...everyday. People have problems and, regardless of religion, they are addressed. Seniors get non-judgmental support and a warm smile. Kids from lower income homes collect clothing, food and school supplies. Parents going through tough times receive counseling. Refugees from war-torn parts of the world go through a multi-year vetting process guided by JFS and are welcomed into the open arms of our staff at the airport. **It's hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart.**

As we approach our 40th anniversary, we invite you to come see what it's all about at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 22nd. Meet recipients of the 2017 awards for service and share the warmth created by people doing good deeds for other people.

All the best,

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Executive Director's Message

Jewish Family Services is Blooming and Growing

Mindy Berkowitz



Dear Friends,

What a beautiful time of year this is! Our gardens are blooming and growing - and so is Jewish Family Services!

We're expanding our staff and starting new programs. Perhaps our most exciting news is our new partnership with Chai House. JFS has been providing case management and wellness activities for Chai House residents for nearly 30 years - and now we're expanding to include new staff, new programs and more days per week. We also have a new JFS office on the first floor of Chai House. We hope you'll stop by and say hi to Avital, Lisa, and our newest

staff member Yanex.

Each June we hold our agency's **Annual Meeting**. This is a special time to hear more of the stories of the people whose lives have changed through JFS. It's an hour of your time well spent. Come join us on June 22nd. For more information, please see page 4.

This is the third summer of our **Equipped to Learn Backpack Drive** (see page 7). It's a great way to show and teach your kids and grandkids how to help other students. Check out our Equipped to Learn Backpack boards at local congregations (Beth David, Beth Am, Sinai; and Temples Emanu-El and Beth Torah) as well as at the Levy Family Campus. It's really a fun activity - and does so much good.

Do you have a child who's approaching her bat mitzvah? Is your bar mitzvah boy in need of a way to bring more meaning to his special day? We're calling on all 12-year-olds to become **B'nai Mitzvah Mensches!** You can find out how on page 8. JFS has lots of great projects for your child.

Many of you - like me - find solace and beauty in our gardens... along with a bumper crop of fruits and vegetables. Please don't let them go to waste. **Share your garden's bounty** with our clients. You cannot imagine how much they appreciate your fresh produce. Find more information on page 15.

May your summer be fruitful!

B'shalom,

Mindy



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JFS SV: Repairing Our World



What a joyful morning at JFS! We recently resettled a Zoroastrian family from Iran. They arrived the next morning at JFS, bleary-eyed but very grateful to be in beautiful California. There is much anticipation - and so much to do - as we make them comfortable and help them adjust to their new life. Legos are a universal language for their young son.

Creating Hope and Transforming Lives

**You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the
Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley**

Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Levy Family Campus Auditorium

Inspirational Stories from the People JFS Helps
Honoring Volunteers and Staff for Outstanding Service
Installation of New Slate of Board of Directors

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Grief Support Group

When: 2nd and 4th Sunday each month, 10:30 AM to noon

Where: JFS classroom, Levy Family Campus

Facilitator: Lisa Warner, LCSW,
Director of Clinical
and Social Services

This group is for adults who are grieving the loss of parents, children, spouses or friends. It is a safe environment to talk about grief and obtain support and feedback.

Lisa is a licensed clinical social worker with more than 25 years of experience working in the areas of palliative care, caregiver support, anxiety, depression, and grief and loss. If you are interested, please contact her at (408) 357-7456 or lisaw@jfssv.org.

Donate Your Computer

JFS SV's computer lab needs six new computers for our Connections to Work program, which helps refugees get their first jobs in America. **Computer specifications are any brand with Intel Core i3, i5 or later (with Kaby Lake architecture) with at least 8GB RAM.** (Sorry, we cannot accept earlier models.)

Please call before bringing in a computer to donate. Contact Zoya Lazer, Director of Refugee and Career Services, at (408) 357-7452 or email zoyal@jfssv.org.

Thank you!



Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

The Ruth Perkins Emergency Fund for Refugee Services



JFS SV urgently needs your help! We protect refugees who have experienced persecution due to their religion, ethnicity, political expression or sexual orientation. They come from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Former Soviet Union and various countries throughout Africa. The people we help are fleeing dire and often violent circumstances.

As the second largest refugee resettlement agency in Santa Clara County, JFS SV serves **200+** refugees annually with resettlement, pro-bono legal immigration clinic, vocational English training, job search assistance, case management, and emergency food assistance. Our services to refugees have been funded through HIAS, County of Santa Clara, United Way Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, foundations, and generous individuals.

Due to our current government's administration, funding for refugee resettlement is uncertain. Our refugee resettlement and Connections to Work for Refugees Programs have depended on annual awards of over \$300,000 from HIAS and United Way for the past decade—and these are no longer certain. **Refugees in our care need the crucial services that JFS SV provides. Learn more at www.jfssv.org.**

To keep our Refugee Services work going strong,
Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley launched
the Emergency Fund for Refugee Services.

Please join us!

Your gift will ensure that vulnerable refugees can build new lives
and live in safety and freedom.

----- ***Jewish Family Services Emergency Fund for Refugees*** -----

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Development Director Position Opening

Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley (JFS SV) is seeking a **Full-Time Development Director** to strategically develop, implement and analyze our fundraising efforts.

Your job responsibilities include donor development, corporate giving, event planning and community relations.

You must be **friendly, detail-oriented, analytical and highly organized**; and have a passion for helping people have better lives.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

We offer flexible hours in a pleasant office environment and excellent benefits.

Minimum Requirements:

- ❖ B.A or B.S. degree
- ❖ 5+ years of increasingly responsible nonprofit development experience
- ❖ Exceptional oral and written communication and interpersonal skills
- ❖ Ability to work independently as well as part of a team, setting priorities and completing assignments in a timely manner
- ❖ Thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office and database software
- ❖ Ability to interact effectively with Board of Directors
- ❖ Ability to be flexible and perform with grace and humor under pressure

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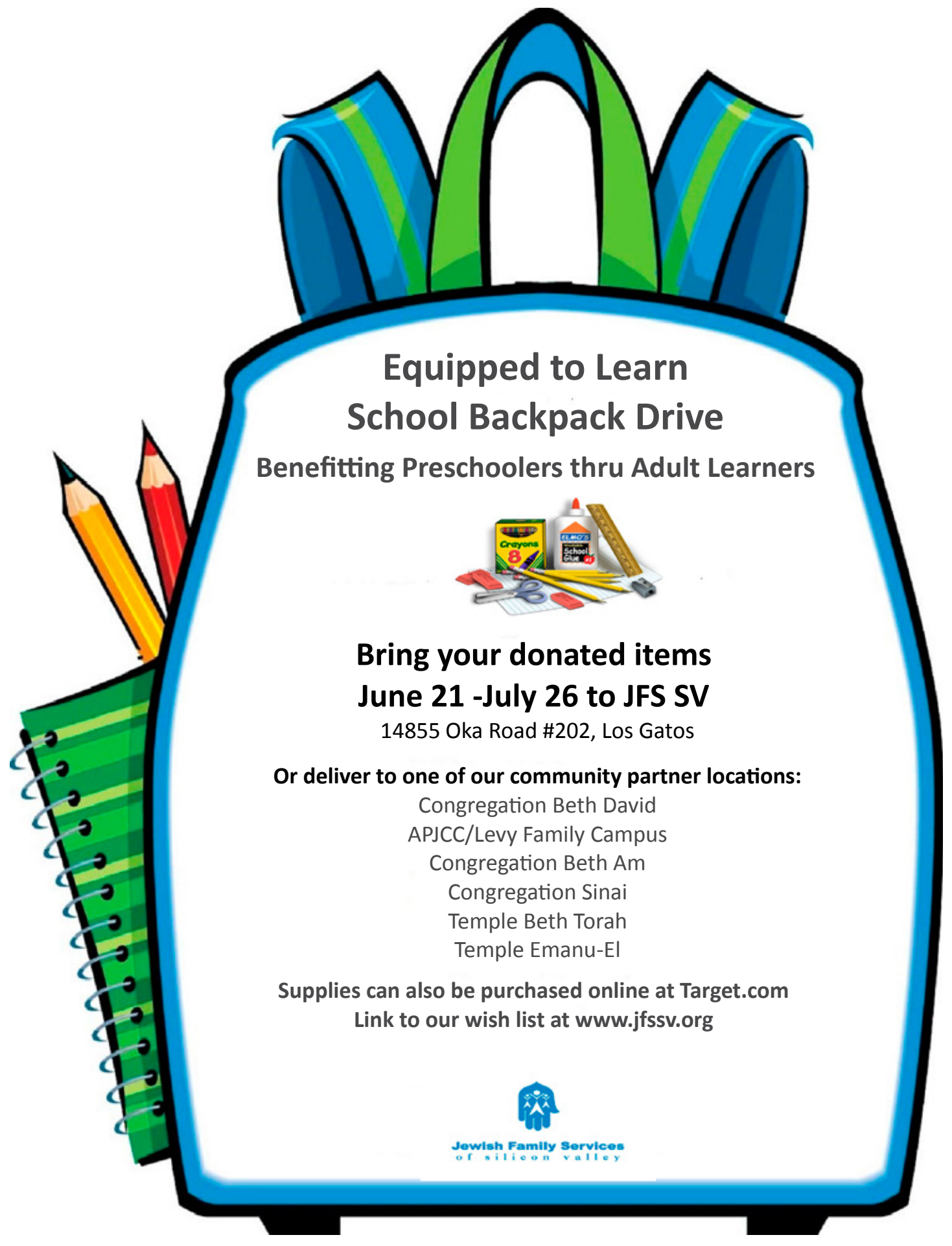
Our Mission:

Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley empowers individuals and families facing life's challenges by providing quality human services inspired by Jewish values.

Our Vision:

Jewish Family Services will ensure that children, adults, and families in our community have access to affordable and meaningful professional services. Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect. JFS SV will provide a broad range of social services to help people thrive.

JFS SV is located in a beautiful Los Gatos campus that also houses
The Jewish Federation, JCC, and Yavneh Jewish Day School.



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How YOU Can Become a JFS Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mensch!



- * **Conduct a food drive!**
- * **Promote a backpack drive!**
- * **Donate gifts for Embrace-A-Family!**
- * **Gift wrap holiday gifts!**
- * **Collect, sort, and pack holiday food bags !**
 - * **Bring in food from your garden!**
 - * **Deliver holiday gift bags to seniors!**
 - * **Create your own Mitzvah project!**

For more info contact: Sheila Monheit sheilam@jfasv.org 408 357- 7451

Jewish Family Services Now Offers Home Care



In collaboration with **24 Hour HomeCare**,
a privately owned California-based company.

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Home Care Services are not just for seniors. These services are useful for people with disabilities, or those transitioning home from the hospital or recovering from an injury. Anyone needing short or long-term assistance in the home can benefit from these services.

A Range of Service

JFS SV HomeCare Services will offer a range of non-medical care for older or disabled adults and children in Santa Clara County, including:



- ✓ Personal care
- ✓ Domestic duties
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Companionship
- ✓ Mobility

How it Works

Call Jewish Family Services at (408) 556-0600 and ask for the Home Care Specialist. She will do an intake interview on the phone and schedule a home visit.

24 Hour HomeCare does a home visit to create a personalized match with a home care aide, and then places a home care aide. Care begins as soon as the client is ready.

Our competitive hourly rates vary based on length of each caregiver shift.

Our social work staff follows up with each client and remains onboard to ensure satisfaction.

For more information on JFS SV HomeCare Services,

call (408) 556-0600 or email homecare@jfssv.org.

Further information is also available at <http://www.jfssv.org/home-care.html>

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- **Assessment and care planning** to ensure a safe, yet independent lifestyle
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- **Counseling** for individuals and families, to cope with aging issues and loss
- **Information and Referral** to housing, public benefits, transportation and health care services
- **Cultural Outreach Services** to homebound elderly and residents of retirement homes and nursing homes, including Jewish holiday visits, Kosher food packages and Shabbat services
- **Holocaust Survivor Services:** case management and counseling, information and referrals, form completion assistance. Emergency financial assistance is also available for qualified survivors. Most services for Holocaust Survivors are offered free of charge.
- **JFS SV HomeCare Services:** culturally competent, compassionate, reliable and professional at competitive rates
- **Friendly Visitors** to connect you to the Jewish community
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