

Kehileh

A community newsletter for Holocaust survivors



Help is in sight: Free eyeglasses for qualified survivors

We are happy to announce our new eyeglass program, made possible with the help of Dr. Michael Berenhaus of Bethesda Vision Care in Maryland. The program provides free glasses to qualified survivors with a demonstrated financial need.

Recurrent indemnification and restitution services

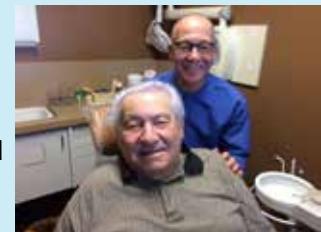
JFS continues to help survivors and eligible heirs apply for restitution, as well as notarize annual life certificates. The programs administered through the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc. that continue to accept applications include the following: Article 2 Fund, Hardship Fund, and the Lost Childhood Fund. German Social Security (ZRBG) administered by the German government and the Polish Pension Fund administered by the Polish government are still available as well.

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For more information,
contact your care manager or
the JFS resource center at
248.592-2313.

Dental services for survivors

The Alpha Omega Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program is a dental program available to qualified survivors with a demonstrated financial need. There are 25 dentists and five oral surgeons in our area who have volunteered their services. And since the program's inception in March 2015, 53 survivors have been referred and some have been assisted with a range of dental services, such as dentures, cleanings, crowns, extractions and bridges. In November, JFS staffers Katherine Hamaoui and Missy Lewin were part of a town hall in Arlington, Virginia, where they participated in a discussion about opportunities to expand the Alpha Omega program.



Kosher meals delivered to your door

The National Council of Jewish Women, in partnership with Jewish Family Service, delivers nutritious kosher meals to homebound older adults. Seniors can receive two kosher meals a day, five days a week, Monday through Friday.

Need a ride? JFS transportation offers unique door-through-door service



Eligible survivors can receive subsidized transportation services from Jewish Family Service. Our door-through-door service ensures that you'll reach your destination safely. Wheelchair accommodations are also available. Our drivers are available from 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. After-hours transportation may be available for an additional charge and with advance notice.

Holocaust survivor person-centered, trauma-informed training offered soon

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden recently vowed to help Holocaust survivors living in the U.S. by collaborating with Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) to provide aging, low-income survivors with the resources necessary to meet their social needs. JFS of Metro Detroit was one of 23 agencies in the country to be awarded a grant. We are currently subcontracting with JFS of Washtenaw County and Jewish

Community Services in Flint to provide outpatient counseling for Russian speaking survivors, transportation to and from social activities, and health and wellness events to the survivor community. We are in the process of developing an innovative person-centered, trauma-informed (PCTI) care curriculum to train caregivers, professionals, and community members on how to provide better care to Holocaust survivors.

Assistive technologies increase safety at home

JFS has continued grant funding through the Jewish Fund to provide Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) to qualified older adults in the community. The grant also funds other assistive technologies, such as medication management dispensers, floor sensors, and phone amplifiers. To qualify for this funding you must be Jewish, over 60 years old, living in the tri-county area, and meet financial criteria.

Claims Conference funded services continue

For those who meet the eligibility criteria, JFS continues to receive funding to provide support services and emergency assistance to help survivors age in their homes. These services include:

- Subsidized home care
- Minor home modifications
- Food assistance
- Translation services
- Emergency assistance
- Transportation services

Building community relationships: Yad B'Yad

Yad B'Yad is a joint program with Jewish Senior Life that places JFS clients who are also Holocaust survivors with a visiting volunteer to promote socialization and relationship building.



Volunteers go through training in preparation to work with survivors, specifically, and are available to meet clients in their own homes or out for activities, such as lunch or a movie. Yad B'Yad is a great opportunity to let the community come to you!

JFS welcomes our new VISTA

We are happy to announce the arrival of our new Americorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), Katie McCarty. Katie will be working with JFS to complete an updated needs assessment of the community and help ensure that current and future programs supporting survivors at the agency are sustainable and accessible.



Katie is passionate about making a difference in survivors' lives by further developing Holocaust resources at JFS, working on person-centered, trauma-informed (PCTI) training materials for people who care for survivors, and

distributing information about the Holocaust to promote a better understanding of survivors' wartime experiences.

