

## My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me.

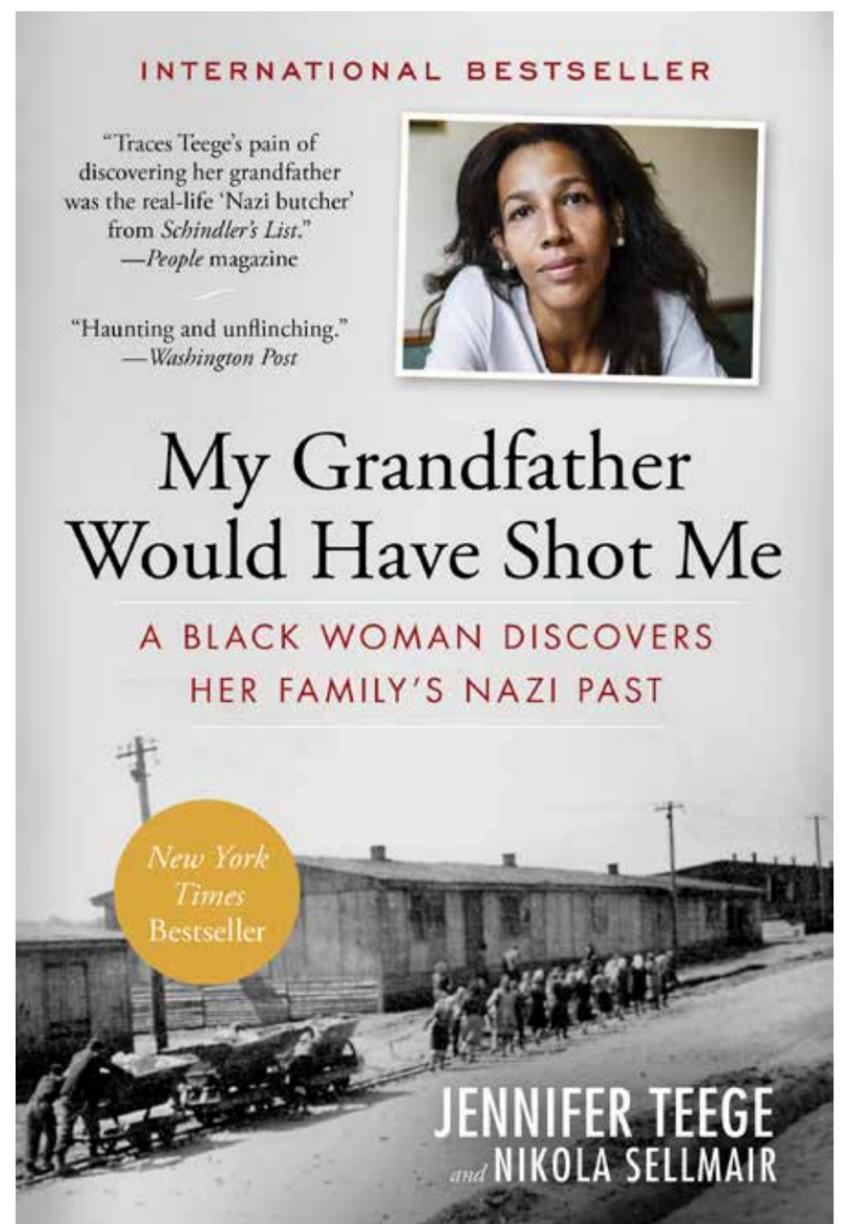
### A Black Woman Discovers Her Family's Nazi Past

The world knew Amon Goeth as the Butcher of Plaszow, a sadistic Nazi commander responsible for the deaths of thousands of Jews (and played by Ralph Fiennes in Schindler's List). Jennifer Teege would come to know him as her grandfather.

It was a discovery she made at a Hamburg library when she was 38-years-old, when for reasons still unknown to her, she found herself drawn to a red book with a black-and-white photo on the cover. The woman in the photo was Teege's biological mother. Although raised in an orphanage and eventually adopted, Teege had some contact with her biological mother and grandmother as a child. Yet neither revealed her grandfather's identity.

Having battled depression for most of her life, Jennifer never understood what was behind her sadness. The discovery of her family's Nazi lineage shed some light on her lifelong feelings that something was wrong. And therapy helped her to reconcile her fond memories of her grandmother with the disturbing truth.

This remarkable and resilient woman will be sharing her fascinating story with us at the JFS Annual Event. Come join us and hear Jennifer's journey from shock to self-discovery to acceptance.



Tuesday, June 6, 2017 @ 7pm  
Congregation Shaarey Zedek  
27375 Bell Road, Southfield

JFS Award Winners and  
Agency Highlights

Information on sponsorship  
opportunities can be found  
at [jfsannualevent.org](http://jfsannualevent.org) or by  
contacting Debbie Marcus at  
248.592.2327 or [dmarcus@jfsdetroit.org](mailto:dmarcus@jfsdetroit.org).

# Always at your service.

## OLDER ADULTS

Eighty-one-year-old Harold is a cancer patient undergoing radiation and chemotherapy who is unable to drive and can't afford a car service. He is just one of the reasons JFS works to help older adults age in place, safely and with dignity. Our transportation department provides approximately 30,000 rides each year to older adults and people with disabilities who, like Harold, would otherwise be unable to attend critical medical appointments.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Becca is a young mother of four who is divorcing her abusive husband and is worried about the toll the process is taking on her kids. She is part of the reason why mental health services are a critical part of what we do at JFS. Our counselors play an important role in helping people as they cope with life's challenges. We do this through counseling for both children and adults, psychological testing, psychiatric evaluation and many other mental health services.

## SAFETY NET

Despite a fulltime job, Dan struggles to support his wife and five children, one of whom has a developmental disability that requires expensive support services. This puts an added strain on the family's already limited budget. But it's because of families like Dan's that JFS serves as a safety net, helping with basic household needs or providing any number of supports during a time of crisis.

**If you or someone you know needs help, please contact our Resource Center at 248.592.2313 or [resourcecenter@jfsdetroit.org](mailto:resourcecenter@jfsdetroit.org).**

# Be a mentor. Make a difference.

Patrice A. knew that raising girls was going to be hard. So she called for reinforcements.

Help arrived in the form of Tammy Kahan and Marlene Lafer, volunteers in Jewish Family Service's Mentor Connection.

Tammy enjoys taking Keniah to places she's never been before, like Eastern Market where the twelve-year-old tried many new foods. "She didn't love everything but at least she was exposed to new things," Tammy said.

Kentrice, whose mentor is Marlene, enjoys having her around. "She's very nice and she tells me the right things to do."

Mentors can make a significant impact in the life of

a youth. Research shows that students with mentors have better school attendance and are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college. Both Keniah and Kentrice have received scholarships to Notre Dame Preparatory and Patrice credits the mentors for the girls' success in school.

Although she had volunteered for her synagogue, Tammy wanted to do something more meaningful. Being a mentor has allowed her to have an impact not only on Keniah's life, but on Patrice's as well.

"Just having an extra person for my girls to talk to has been fantastic," says Patrice. "They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well, I have my village."

Mentor Connection is currently in need of male mentors, although we encourage all who are interested to contact Michael Kelmenson at 248.592.2264 or [mkelmenson@jfsdetroit.org](mailto:mkelmenson@jfsdetroit.org).



## Fighting words: essay contest raises awareness of domestic abuse.

High school students are once again invited to submit an essay on how their Jewish values help create a future free of domestic abuse. The contest is sponsored by the 100 Mensches, which formed in 2015 in order for men to come together and play a critical role in raising awareness on this prevalent issue. Last year, three high school seniors were awarded a total of \$5,000 in college scholarships for their thoughtful essays.

Essay topic, contest details and information on joining the 100 Mensches can be found at [100mensches.org](http://100mensches.org).

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# You gave the gift of hope.

Were you the one who gave Stephanie bath towels for the holidays?

*"I am so grateful to receive these amazing presents."*

Maybe you got a Lego set for her daughter and books for her son.

*"You gave my kids Hanukkah and I am forever grateful."*

You might have shopped for Charlie's kids, who were in need of new boots and gloves. (Maybe you got them board games and art supplies, too.)

*"You have truly made our holiday a festival of lights. (If only you could see the light in our children's eyes.) Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous gifts."*

Whether you shopped for Stephanie, Charlie or any of the 762 individuals who received holiday gifts through our Adopt a Family program, we at JFS—and all the recipients of your generosity—thank you.

*"I'm sure I'd hug you if I saw you. My heart is filled with so much love."*

Those we serve struggle all year long. If you'd like to learn more about other ways you can help, please visit [jfsdetroit.org](http://jfsdetroit.org).



# You gave the gift of time.



Helen is a senior who enjoys helping other older adults. And help she did during our Fall Fix Up in November, when she was one of over 500 volunteers who came out to rake leaves and winterize windows for homebound older adults.

*"I'm still able to do some light chores such as raking,"* shares Helen, who has helped with Fall Fix Up for the past twelve years. *"I'm grateful I can still do this and am*

*happy to help others who cannot. I love to join in the Fall Fix Up effort to help make it a success—especially now that I too am a client with JFS. This is how I, in a small way, can say 'thank you' for the support JFS has given me!"*

A big thank you to Helen and all our volunteers who tended to 47 homes as well as other sites. By giving of your time, you not only ensured that older adults were

prepared for the cold months ahead, but you warmed their hearts as well.

If you're interested in making a difference in the lives of those we serve, visit [www.jfsdetroit.org/volunteer](http://www.jfsdetroit.org/volunteer) and explore all of our volunteer opportunities.

**Thank you** to all who support us in different ways. It's because of you that we're able to help so many in our community.





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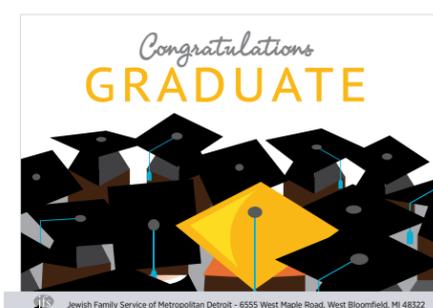
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When you send your loved ones a tribute card from Jewish Family Service, you make a donation that allows us to provide our community with much-needed services in the areas of older adults, safety net, and mental health and wellness. You create the message. We put it in the mail.

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