

JFS Celebrates 90 years

Over 700 community members joined us on May 30 to celebrate our 90th anniversary with featured speaker Jeannette Walls, best-selling author of *The Glass Castle*.

Jeannette was selected as the Reva Stocker Lecture Series speaker (the late community advocate established an endowment to provide educational programs on issues impacting families). Jeannette was introduced, fittingly, by one of Reva Stocker's grandchildren, Philip Taubman Kalisman.

Jeannette shared her story of growing up in extreme poverty. Her family foraged for food, lived in homes without heat and experienced many difficulties as a result of her parents' alcoholism and mental illness. Despite these hardships, she went on to become a successful author and journalist. And it is this message of not letting your past define you that she conveyed to an enthralled audience.

Her story of triumph over life's challenges immediately resonated, as all of the issues she and her family faced—food insecurity, finding affordable housing, financial struggles, addiction, mental illness—are the very challenges JFS addresses every day. And thanks to event chairs Andi and Larry Wolfe and the generosity of our community (the event grossed over \$300,000), Jewish Family Service can continue to serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our community with dignity and compassion.



A Generous Gift

When we learned that philanthropist Margaret Demant (z"l) had passed away on May 20, we also learned that she had left her beautiful Huntington Woods home to Jewish Family Service. It was a final act of generosity, and we are so thankful.

A longtime supporter of JFS, Margaret served on the board of directors of both Resettlement Services and JFS in the early 1990s through the early 2000s, bringing with her a passion for issues such as mental health and substance abuse. She was also an avid art collector and supporter of the Detroit Institute of the Arts for over 50 years, receiving the museum's Lifetime Service Award in 2004. Pieces from her personal collection are on display at both the DIA and the Smithsonian.

Born Margaret Herz, she grew up in Berlin, attending public school until Jewish students were no longer permitted. After Kristallnacht forced her Jewish school to close, she and her sister, Ellen, left for England on the Kindertransport. Her parents joined them, and thanks to family connections, were able to obtain visas to the United States. They settled in Detroit to be near relatives.

Her father was in the business of textiles and interiors, and Margaret began working with him once she graduated high school. She married her husband, Henry, in 1947, and they had two children, Steven and Laurie. Henry joined her father's business and, together, the couple built Walter Herz Interiors into a prominent interior design firm.

Margaret's gift to JFS is just one of the many ways she made a positive impact on our community, and it will undoubtedly make a difference for many people in need. We are so honored to be part of her legacy.



October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Once again, the 100 Mensches and the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA) are joining forces to raise awareness and work toward putting an end to this destructive issue affecting one in every four women.

In April, the 100 Mensches hosted speaker Averett Robey, Prevention Education Specialist at HAVEN, who spoke on the subject of toxic masculinity. He was welcomed back in June, along with his colleague Rose Carver, for a training on domestic abuse for JCADA members. The 100 Mensches held their third annual essay contest for high school seniors on the role Jewish values play in eliminating domestic abuse, awarding \$5,000 to three winners:

1st place	Blake Rubenstein	University of Pennsylvania
2nd place	Joshua Chynoweth	University of Michigan
3rd place	Noam Haddad	Wayne State University

Like last year, the groups will be running a purple ribbon campaign. Look for the purple ribbons at your temple or synagogue and show your support. If you'd like to make a donation and join the 100 Mensches, visit 100mensches.org.

If you or someone you know needs help, including a safe place to stay, contact JFS at 248.592.2313 (8:30 am-4:30 pm), or HAVEN's 24-hour crisis line at 248.334.1274.



22nd Annual Fall Fix Up

SUNDAY November 11, 2018

ALL AGES WELCOME

Congregation Shaarey Zedek
25735 Bell Road, Southfield

9:30 am breakfast and supply pickup
before departing for homes

YOUNG ADULTS

B'nai David Cemetery
9535 Van Dyke Street, Detroit

10 am breakfast

In partnership with NEXTGen, Repair the World
and Hillel of Metro Detroit.

6TH-8TH GRADERS

BECAUSE WE CARE FALL FIX UP

1-3 pm

Groups will meet at preassigned locations

Cold Weather Prep Warms Hearts

Join us for our 22nd annual Fall Fix Up, when we'll rake leaves, wash windows and winterize the homes of older adults served by JFS. Although the weather did not cooperate last year and Fall Fix Up had to be cancelled for the first time in 21 years, a small team of volunteers still came out to do indoor winterization on some homes.

Whether you were disappointed to miss out on the fun last year or have never joined us for this community-wide event before, we look forward to seeing you this year!

Registration for this great family volunteer opportunity opens October 1.



To register, visit jfsdetroit.org/fallfixup or contact Lindsay Leder at 248.592.2309 or lleder@jfsdetroit.org.

To support Fall Fix Up, visit jfsdetroit.org, use the enclosed envelope or contact Jenny Kabert at 248.592.2339 or jkabert@jfsdetroit.org.

Help Set the Table This Thanksgiving

What will you wish for with this year's wishbone? Many families are wishing for a traditional holiday meal that they simply can't afford. But thanks to the Goldberg Thanksgiving Distribution, now in its 40th year, those served by JFS can enjoy the holiday with a complete Thanksgiving meal.

It's a generous tradition started by the Goldberg family. And it's just one of the many ways JFS assists community members who might not have enough to eat, including public benefits enrollment, emergency food vouchers and Kosher Meals on Wheels.

Just \$50 provides a complete meal for one family. Rather than bringing your holiday host a gift this year, please consider making a donation and giving a meal in their honor.

To donate, visit jfsdetroit.org, use the enclosed envelope or contact Jenny Kabert at 248.592.2339 or jkabert@jfsdetroit.org.



Everyone Deserves a Happy Holiday

When you join our Adopt a Family program, you ensure that older adults know someone is thinking of them. You brighten the day of families dealing with unexpected crises. And you make celebrating the holiday possible for single parents struggling to make ends meet.

Participation is easy. You can shop for a specific family or individual from their wish list, donate gift cards or make a general donation to the program. Last year, generous community members ensured that a record 820 people served by JFS were able to open a gift come December.

Families will be assigned in late October. Gift drop-off is November 26-30.

To sign up, visit jfsdetroit.org/adoptafamily.

Questions? Contact Lindsay Leder at 248.592.2309 or lleder@jfsdetroit.org.

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Mitzvot Made Simple

Because We Care is a program that offers fun and fulfilling volunteer opportunities for b'nai mitzvah students. We can help with step-by-step guides and ongoing support for your child's project idea. Or, they can join us for one or more of our Monthly Mitzvot.

Sept 23	Sundaes in the Sukkah Congregation Shaarey Zedek
Oct 21	The Great Challah Bake
Nov 11	Fall Fix Up Different community sites
Dec 9	Hanukkah Helpers
Jan 13	Chicken Soup for the Soul of Detroit Adat Shalom Synagogue
Feb 17	Brighten-Their-Day Bundles
Mar 24	Parcels for Patients
Apr 28	Soothing Sunday
May 19	Spring into Action



All programs are held at JFS in West Bloomfield unless otherwise noted.

For more information or to register, visit jfsdetroit.org/becausewecare or contact Erin Lederman at 248.880.3787 or elederman@jfsdetroit.org.



Always at Your Service

safeTALK TRAINING

Part of Federation's mental health initiative calls for the hundreds of professionals who work with youth to receive suicide prevention training. To that end, JFS staff Erica Saum and Andi Nitzkin, along with Friendship Circle's Rabbi Yarden Blumstein, conducted two days of safeTALK training for the JCC and Tamarack camp counselors at the beginning of the summer. Thanks to their efforts, there are now an additional 200 safeTALK-trained helpers. This training is open to the community.

If you'd like to participate in our next safeTALK training on October 25, please contact Shevy Zigdon at szigdon@jfsdetroit.org or 248.406.0076.

CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT

To better address the needs of community members requiring management of chronic diseases, JFS is working to place JFS care managers in the offices of health care providers, which will allow us to serve more vulnerable older adults. The agency will also be creating a bilingual (Russian/English) network of support and community resources to help older adults in this underserved community learn how to manage their conditions.

For more information, contact the JFS Resource Center at 248.592.2313 or resourcecenter@jfsdetroit.org.

Celebrating Life

In August, the Cancer Thrivers Network for Jewish Women held its biennial luncheon. More than 200 community members came to hear Clifford Hudis, MD, speak about scientific advances in the field of cancer. And generous donors contributed more than \$90,000.

To learn more about the Cancer Thrivers, contact Tracy Agranove at 248.592.2267 or tagranove@jfsdetroit.org.



Calendar of Events

Oct 4 **CANCER THRIVERS NETWORK FOR JEWISH WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING**
 12:30 am at JFS West Bloomfield
 Discussion of the past year's programs and advocacy efforts as well as upcoming events. Open to current members and anyone interested in learning more. RSVP: Tracy Agranove at tagranove@jfsdetroit.org or 248.592.2267.

Oct 25 **SAFETALK TRAINING**
 8:45 am-12:30 pm at JFS West Bloomfield
 This free training will give you the tools to help someone with suicidal thoughts connect with a professional. No prior experience necessary. RSVP: Shevy Zigdon at 248.406.0076 or szigdon@jfsdetroit.org.

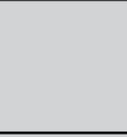
Oct 25 **SENIOR AND CAREGIVER RESOURCE NETWORK (SACRN) FUNDRAISER FOR JFS OLDER ADULT SERVICES**
 6-10 pm at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn
 Dinner, dancing and strolling magic. More information: Lynn Breuer at 248.592.2333 or Sherita Johnson at 313.924.4368.

Nov 11 **FALL FIX UP—THREE WAYS TO FIX UP FALL**
 For all ages: 9:30 am meet at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Southfield
 For young adults: 10 am at B'nai David Cemetery, Detroit
 For 6th-8th graders: 1:00-3:00 pm at preassigned sites
 Register: jfsdetroit.org/fallfixup or Lindsay Leder at 248.592.2309 or lleder@jfsdetroit.org.

Nov 26-30 **ADOPT A FAMILY GIFT DROP-OFF**
 9 am-5 pm at JFS West Bloomfield
 Give JFS clients a happy holiday by shopping for gifts and giving those in need a complete holiday experience. Register: jfsdetroit.org/adoptafamily or Lindsay Leder at 248.592.2309 or lleder@jfsdetroit.org..

For more information on these and other events, please visit jfsdetroit.org or call 248.592.2313.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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 Cancer Thrivers Network for Jewish Women
 Counseling
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Affordable Housing Resources
 Basic Needs Assistance
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 Legal Referral Service
 Public Benefits Enrollment

RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Immigration and Citizenship
 Mental Health
 Translation and Interpretation

New Chiefs at JFS

Amy Newman joins us as the agency's new Chief Development Officer. She was previously with Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit since 2010, most recently as its Director of Leadership Development. Prior to her work at the Federation, Amy held a number of Jewish communal roles in the Detroit area, as well as in Los Angeles and her hometown of Cincinnati.



Jeff Lev joins us as the agency's new Chief Financial Officer. He was previously Senior Manager of Corporate Finance & Assistant Treasurer at Guardian Industries and had been there since 2014. Prior to that, he served as a Senior Associate at Amherst Partners' Investment Banking Practice. In the past, Jeff held positions on the Jewish Family Service finance committee as well as our board.



Yuliya Gaydayenko, formerly Senior Director of Older Adult Services here at JFS, has been promoted to Chief Program Officer, Older Adults. She is Board President of the Southeast Michigan Senior Regional Collaborative and a member of the Regional Elder Mobility Alliance, as well as part of the 2018 cohort of Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health.

