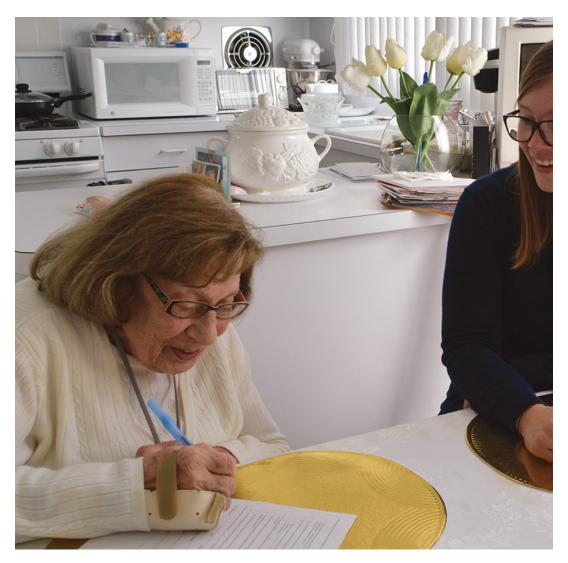
## JFS Named Midwest Administrator for Holoc Claims Conference

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Jewish Family Service has been named administrato Holocaust Claims Conference for providing compass to Holocaust survivors.

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In keeping with its dedication to provide compassionate, personalized services to the Jewish community and its vitally important role in assisting Holocaust survix Service of Metropolitan Detroit (JFS) has been named Midwest Administrator for Claims Conference.

Since 1951, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (the Clair been providing care for Jewish Holocaust victims through negotiating with the G for millions of dollars in payments to victims, promoting Holocaust education, d research, and funding social services that aid communities in looking after elderl

JFS CEO Perry Ohren noted JFS has been working with the Claims Conference for Holocaust survivors for more than 70 years, and this partnership is crucial to the undertakes: helping survivors to age with dignity and respect.

"The Claims Conference's purpose is to be the worldwide centralized entity that survivors locally," said Ohren, who's served as CEO since 2011. "This happens at provision and facilitation of services for survivors as well as helping them access

## Perry Ohren

According to Ohren, the Conference decided the way it was helping survivors who places like JFS wasn't effective, so a handful of providers across the country were region.

"Helping survivors both in Michigan and in a multi-state area is sacred work, so agreed to partner in this endeavor," Ohren said.

"JFS Detroit is one of four hubs responsible for multi-state coverage," he continudes ignated area includes 15 states: Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Kentu Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Nebrasl

"We're currently working on starting services for a survivor in Petoskey and are and Ann Arbor to qualify their communities' survivors for services. Also, services to the last-known Holocaust survivor in Iowa."

The aid JFS offers includes facilitating non-skilled homecare services such as per cleaning and grocery shopping. Survivors are directed to New York-based agency emergency financial assistance.

There's much involved in handling the duties as the Midwest Claims Conference Ohren explained.

"Administrative responsibilities include receiving referrals from agencies and in prospective clients, completing paperwork to qualify prospective survivors for se supporting documentation, identifying, screening and training potential homeca providers, training social workers at various referring agencies, obtaining month for services, paying service providers and obtaining reimbursement from the Clahe said.

Yet Ohren and everyone at JFS understand how necessary this work is — and how program is to help victims of Nazi terror.

"There's nothing more important in all we do than helping Holocaust survivors,"
"We at JFS are mindful of values such as $\it tzedakah$ and $\it tikkun olam$ , creating justi
make the world right and whole, and the concept of $\it chessed$ , compassion and $\it car$
We're honored to provide these services because if we see each person as created
God, we can see humanity and dignity in all people."
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