Judi Donoff passes the torch to newly elected Chair of the Board, Ron Reshefsky.
(See pages 14 & 15 for more information.)

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Dear Friends,

Another incredibly warm summer is upon us and we are busy helping our clients remain safe and ready for Hurricane season which kicked off June 1st. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with our Hurricane Preparedness Bagging recently held at the Jacobson Family Food Pantry (see page 4). Together we assembled 450 bags filled with flashlights, non-perishable food and water, and important information on what to do before, during and after a storm. While JFS is not a first-responder agency, we play an important part as a second responder – identifying our most vulnerable clients, reviewing our plan of action so everyone knows what to do before, during and after a storm. JFS works directly with first responder agencies advising them when our most vulnerable clients are in need of help and, once roads are cleared, going in to check in on our clients and their neighbors to see how we can be of assistance after a storm.

Please take a moment to read about our successful Reflections of Hope Luncheon with Patrick Kennedy (page 24) and our wonderful Great Golf for a Great Cause golf tournament (page 26). Funds raised at both events support the many programs and services of JFS and we would not be able to help those in need without your support. We are already working hard planning this year’s event schedule, kicking off with our Annual Gala which will take place on December 14th, honoring Marilyn and Jay Weinberg with the Rales Humanitarian of the Year Award and Steven Becker/Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits with the Corporate Leadership Award. Please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for an evening of “All that Glitters.”

This past spring I was humbled to receive the FAU Distinguished Alumni Award for the College for Design and Social Inquiry (page 4). I was very honored to have my family and several key JFS representatives with me to receive this meaningful recognition of my work here in our community and a nod to our strong partnership with FAU. I am proud to note that 12 of our current staff are FAU Alumni and several had their internship with JFS prior to being hired. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful university in our backyard, ably led by President Kelly, and I look forward to continuing to grow our partnership in the future.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Danielle N. Hartman
President & CEO

Letter from the President & CEO
AGENCY NEWS

JFS Selected as Top Workplace for 3 Years in a Row

JFS has once again been named a Top Workplace by the Sun Sentinel in its most recent ranking. For the past 3 years, representing each year the Sun Sentinel has conducted its annual ranking, JFS has received this recognition. This year, JFS, 1 of 65 total businesses awarded in the South Florida area, finished 13th out of 40 in the small business category (fewer than 125 employees).

Based on employees’ feedback, the Sun Sentinel presented 65 organizations where workers expressed confidence in their leaders, the direction of their businesses, and appreciation for how they are treated by their employers. The surveys, which contained 24 questions, drew 10,000 responses, the highest rate thus far in the three years that the Sun Sentinel has conducted the Top Workplaces recognition program.

2017 Distinguished Alumni Award

Congratulations to Danielle N. Hartman, JFS President & CEO, who recently received the “2017 Distinguished Alumni Award” as an Alumnus of the College for Design and Social Inquiry at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Each year the University honors one distinguished alumni from each of its nine colleges. Danielle received her Master’s Degree in Non Profit Management in 2010.

Hurricane Packaging

Thanks to our Board Members for donating their time to package hurricane supplies for clients of the Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Together, they packaged over 450 bags which were distributed to clients in time for hurricane season. The packages contained non-perishable foods, a flashlight and safety guide.
JFS 2017-2018 Special Events Have Been Announced!

**Caregiver Resources & Respite Program**

“I can't say enough about this excellent program. Naomi (Shapiro) is an amazing and a wonderful giving and supportive person. The classes and emotional support for all of us caregivers is so helpful in many ways. The lectures afterwards have been so useful! The respite class for the Alzheimer's group is the best thing for my wife. She doesn't look forward to anything in life but this class! Thank you so much. It's a blessing in so many ways for us all!!! (and affordable too)”

**CareLink (Geriatric Case Management)**

I want to thank you for your responsiveness and for all your help. JFS has been wonderful, and Elizabeth Goldberg is a gem! As I'm sure you know, it is very difficult caring for an elderly loved one from long-distance, especially with limited financial resources. I find myself very much in the "sandwich generation," trying to help my children and grandchildren, as well as my parents (now, mother), and dealing with our own health issues (and that of my brother). Having the caring support of JFS has been a blessing.

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Passover – A Time When the Community Comes Together

Passover is a very special time at JFS. While we are blessed to live in a very giving and caring community, it is especially heartwarming to witness the many different community organizations that come together to help those in need.

Passover School Food Drives and Passover Parade

Thank you to the many local schools for hosting a Passover Food Drive and to those who were able to participate in JFS’ Passover Parade – sorting all of the Passover food collected. All donations benefited the clients of JFS’ Jacobson Family Food Pantry. We appreciate your collection efforts and your time in coming to JFS to sort the food collected.

Participating schools included:
B’nai Torah Congregation - Preschool, Donna Klein Jewish Academy, Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton, Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida, Temple Beth El - Preschool, Torah Academy Of Boca Raton, and Betty & Marvin Zale Early Childhood Learning Center.

Polo Club Raises Record Amount for Cards for Kids

The Polo Club of Boca Raton raised $9,500, a record amount, for its Cards for Kids Program. Through the money raised, JFS will purchase gift cards to assist children in need with school supplies and clothing for the upcoming school year. Thank you!

HOT Helps Client Get into Hot Water

Shirley, a senior from Delray Beach, needed to replace her water heater for several months, but she could not afford a new one. In order for Shirley to bathe using hot water, she had to use water that she boiled in pots. Finally, after a few months, Shirley told her friend about her struggles. At the suggestion of her friend, Shirley reached out to JFS and spoke with a Senior Financial Services Case Manager. Through the HOT Senior Assistance Program, supported by Hands on Tzedakah, JFS was able to help her with the purchase of a new hot water heater. Shirley was extremely thankful and relieved that JFS was there to help.

Thank you to the following Synagogues who, once again, partnered with JFS on the Passover Appeal to benefit clients of the Jacobson Family Food Pantry:
- Boca Raton Synagogue
- B’nai Torah Congregation
- Congregation B’nai Israel
- Temple Beth El
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JFS was recently approached by a few families who were interested in hiring JFS to provide case management services for their adult children with special needs living in the community. JFS has earned a reputation for providing quality services to their clients and families through their geriatric case management program called “CareLink”. Recognizing that the types of services and case management required for adults with special needs would not be identical to that of CareLink, JFS researched other programs locally and nationally, and held a focus group with interested families in order to best provide access to the services that these families and their adult children need. Special Needs Case Management, a fee for service program, was created to enable those with special needs to live life to their maximum potential.

Prior to participating in the program, a JFS Special Needs Case Manager will assess an individual’s capability to remain safely in the home, facilitate access to needed medical, social, educational, psychological and other essential services, and assess clients’ strengths and limitations, as well as, develop a plan of care.

Tzippi Rosen, MSW, JFS Special Needs Outreach Coordinator pointed out that “It is important for a third party advocate to provide case management services for special needs adults because the advocate can provide an objective perspective that cannot be accomplished by a family member due to the parent/child dynamic.”

For more information on Case Management for Adults with Special Needs, contact Tzippi Rosen, MSW, JFS Special Needs Outreach Coordinator at 561.852.3333 or tzippir@ralesjfs.org.

JFS, in partnership with Alpert JCFS, recently conducted two Mental Health First Aid Training sessions.

Mental Health First Aid is a 5-step action plan that teaches participants how to connect someone in crisis with an appropriate professional, social services or self-help care. Due to the popularity and expressed need, JFS will continue to offer trainings throughout the year. Training is appropriate for anyone including first responders, students, teachers, clergy, human resource professionals and caring citizens.

Holly, from Boca Raton, a recent participant stated, “The Mental Health First Aid training provided me with concrete information about how to handle mental health issues that I may encounter with a family member, friend, or someone else in need. After completing the training, I have confidence that I can assess a mental health situation, provide initial help and supportive information, and make referrals to the appropriate professional. The course teaches essential knowledge that is beneficial for everyone.”

For more information on Mental Health First Aid Training, contact Jaclyn Tureff, LCSW, JFS Community Outreach Coordinator at 561.852.3333 or jaclynt@ralesjfs.org.
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Transitions to Success

JFS Careers & Employment Services (CES) has launched 3 new “Transitions to Success” programs.

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Comeback Career is all about empowering women as they embark on making a comeback in their personal and professional lives. Through unique programming and support, women will emerge confident and ready to re-enter today’s workforce.

GY6 VETERANS ALLIANCE
GY6, is short for “Got Your Six,” which in the military means “I’ve got your back.”
The GY6 assists veterans and their families navigate the unique challenges associated with veterans finding employment and transitioning to civilian life.

WORKING TOWARDS OUR FUTURES
This program is targeted towards Millennials (ages 18-34) who haven’t “launched” - either by still living with their parents or by not having found a career-oriented position. Millennials are the largest and most diverse generation in the United States. Millennials are also the most educated generation in history. However, they face new challenges when it comes to finding a job. Working Towards our Futures addresses those challenges and provides them with the opportunity to improve their job search skills, gain insight into what employers are really looking for and learn how to stand out in the candidate pool.

Steps to Success

Each month CES conducts a one week, boot camp style workshop series where candidates find focus, develop a personal brand, create a resume and learn interviewing skills. Once completed, candidates work with a Career Strategist to overcome barriers and become job ready.

For more information or to register for the above programs, please contact CES at 561-852-5057 or ces@ralesjfs.org.
JFS partners with Faulk Center on LGBTQ+ Support Group

Recently, JFS began partnering with the Faulk Center for Counseling on a free weekly LGBTQ+ support group. Facilitated by Christopher Bauchman, PsyD., JFS LGBTQ Outreach Coordinator, and professionals from the Faulk Center, the support group helps individuals by linking them with others who have similar questions or concerns about life issues. Members of the support group share their personal experiences and offer one another emotional comfort and moral support. Individuals in the group also offer practical advice and tips to help others cope with their specific situation. The group assists individuals in feelings of loneliness, isolation or feeling judged, and helps individuals gain a sense of empowerment and improves their coping skills. The group offers individuals a safe and comfortable environment to talk openly and honestly about their feelings, therefore reducing distress, depression, anxiety or other struggles. The peer-to-peer conversations enable practical advice and the sharing of informational resources, such as doctors and alternative options in the local community. Everything discussed during the group remains confidential. A special thank you to Boca Raton’s Promise for sponsoring the program.

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Belford Family Volunteer Services Department

In recognition of a substantial gift from Deborah and Howard Belford, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) has renamed its Volunteer Services as the Belford Family Volunteer Services Department.

The Belford’s gift will be used to enhance the overall JFS Volunteer experience, offering special tokens of appreciation surrounding National Volunteer Week, expanding training classes and offerings, and increasing the marketing and publicity of volunteer opportunities.

Deborah Belford, explaining why she and her husband Howard were inspired to direct their gift to benefit JFS Volunteer Services said, “Volunteers are an essential component to the success of JFS programs; particularly those involving community outreach. It is our hope that the Volunteer Services Department will continue to train and support dedicated volunteers, and most importantly recognize those “caring souls” who truly make a difference to our neighbors in need. Howard and I are heartened to see the incredible impact JFS has on our local community. The diversity of those touched by the services JFS provides is truly inspirational. We consider it a privilege to support Rales Jewish Family Services and their Volunteer Services Department.”

Whether it is once a week, once a month or once in a while, JFS is always looking for volunteers to become involved in a variety of programs, including:

- Visiting the homebound and provide socialization and companionship.
- Driving those who are no longer able to do so to medical appointments.
- Delivering meals
- Leading Shabbat services at assisted living facilities.
- Mentoring a child from a single parent home.

To find out how you can make a difference in our community, contact Nadine Greenberg, JFS Director of Volunteer Engagement at 561.852.3333 or nadineg@ralesjfs.org.
2016 JFS Volunteer of the Year – Brenda Wolf

It is always very difficult to select a Volunteer of the Year, as JFS is grateful for the dedication and commitment of each and every one of our volunteers.

This year’s winner, Brenda Wolf, is defined by her always pleasant, caring and kind manner. She approaches every situation with a positive attitude and never says “no” or complains. Her main focus and purpose as a volunteer is to help others and make a positive difference in someone’s life.

Whether serving as a telephone reassurance caller at the Weisman Delray Community Center, making phone calls to seniors who are alone to ensure they are okay, or leading Shabbat Services as a parachaplain for those who can no longer get to their synagogues, she does so with all of her heart.

She and her husband Paul are behind the buffet on Thanksgiving Day, helping to feed a traditional meal to 700 people who are alone for the holiday. They are also on hand to greet and seat our guests at Café Europa and our Passover Model Seder.

JFS is very grateful to be able to honor Brenda with the JFS Volunteer of the Year award.

CONTACT Nadine Greenberg | Director of Volunteer Engagement | 561.852.3357 | NadineG@ralesjfs.org
JFS Annual Meeting

JFS’ Annual Meeting was an opportunity to thank outgoing Board Members, welcome new Members and recognize our hard working JFS staff. Ron Reshefsky was elected as the new Chair of the Board taking over for Judi Donoff, whose 2 year term as Chair concluded.

Ron will be joined by several new Board Members: Isabel Friedman, Elizabeth Maschler, Lynny Ravitz, Robin Rubin, Olivia Shapiro, Jeff Spero, and Lorraine Udwin. Loretta Litten joins JFS’ Honorary Board.

JFS presented a special award to Craig Donoff in recognition of his tireless efforts on behalf of the Agency.

JFS staff honored at the event included:

- Laurie Intondi, LCSW, VP of Senior Services and Tulla Katehis, LCSW, Clinical Supervisor for ten years of service to JFS
- Cindy Orbach Nimhauser, JD, Chief Development Office/Senior VP; Jill Waldman, Director of Special Events; Victoria Petruzzi, Director of Grants Management; and Ellen Ullman, MSW, Holocaust Case Manager for 5 years of service to JFS.
- Ellen Ullman, MSW, Holocaust Case Manager was named JFS Employee of the Year.

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Feldman Diamond Club Senior Prom

Members of the Feldman Family Diamond Club sure know how to party. The Feldman Family Diamond Club (along with the Adventure Club), is made possible through the generosity of Diane & Larry Feldman. The Diamond Club, a social club for seniors aged 75 and up, meets every Monday at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center on West Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. In addition to the weekly get-togethers, special events are held throughout the year. Recently, the Feldman Family Diamond Club held their Annual “Senior Prom,” a much looked forward to event, where participants enjoy lunch and dancing to a live band. What a blast! When it comes to this group, age is surely just a number as many were partying like they were still in high school.

Record Attendance for Model Passover Seder

A record crowd of approximately 300 seniors attended JFS’ Model Passover Seder. The seder, facilitated by JFS’ Rabbi Howard Horowitz, LCSW, and students from Donna Klein Jewish Academy, provided members of our community with the opportunity to experience Passover, as they would not have been able to otherwise. We would like to thank the Model Seder sponsors: The Boca West Federation Committee, Deborah & Howard Belford, and Suzanne & Jack Jacobson.
Professional and personally, Jewish Family Services has come to mean something deeply and profoundly gratifying in my life. Being part of the Jewish Community of Boca Raton is and will continue to be an integral part of our mission.

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My March of the Living Experience

By: Isabela Abad-Ramirez

As I attempt to keep on going with my first day back at the office, I find that my mind wanders back to what I have seen and experienced during my March of the Living trip. The visit to concentration camps, ghettos, and mass graves takes me through a profound emotional journey that translates into one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

Our trip began in Poland, where we visited the Lodz, Cracow, and Warsaw Ghettos, as well as Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek, and Treblinka: all of which provided an insight into the torments of daily life for ghettos and concentration camps prisoners and the atrocious methods employed to end the life of the innocent.

The day of the March, thousands of Jewish brothers, sisters, survivors, and supporters walked the three kilometers from Auschwitz to Birkenau as a tribute to the victims of the Holocaust. As I heard the siren that announced the start of the march, I looked ahead and saw my fellow marchers exiting the gates of Auschwitz, embracing each other while wrapped in the Israel flags. I became a witness of the silent but vibrant proclamation of resilience and unity of a community that will never forget.

After a week in Poland, we headed to Israel and experienced the joy of the next chapter of our trip. We arrived in Tel-Aviv and visited Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea, Bet Guvrin, and many more beautiful sites. The day of the March – this time in Jerusalem – we walked from Safra Square to the Kotel, celebrating the culmination of a journey not only for the marchers but for the Jewish people.

Back at home, I know my heart now carries the stories of pain, humiliation, and sorrow of the victims; my eyes have seen the confinement, the liquidation chambers, the ovens, and the ash pits; my ears have heard the stories of the survivors among us, but I still cannot comprehend or even process it all. My mind still tries to make sense of the unimaginable; it takes me a while to realize I am not supposed to understand it, which would imply acceptance.

I should never be able to accept the most despicable acts of horrors that revealed the darkest side of human nature. May all the victims rest in peace and always be remembered.

Isabela Abad-Ramirez with local Holocaust survivor and MOL participant, Samuel Ron

Hands on Tzedakah (HOT) funds a March of the Living experience annually for a JFS staff member who works closely with Holocaust survivors. Isabela Abad-Ramirez is JFS’ Holocaust Grant Administrator.
Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center Celebrates 90’s Birthdays

The Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center hosted a very special ‘Guys & Dolls’ birthday for their members who are at least 90 years of age. Over 200 people, comprised of 125 members aged 90 and over, along with their guests, danced in their chairs and tapped their feet to tunes from the Frank Sinatra era, followed by a viewing of Sinatra clips in such famous films as “On the Town”, “From Here to Eternity” and “Guys & Dolls”. The Weisman Center boasts membership in excess of 1,300 individuals of whom, 216 are aged 90 and above.

Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center Celebrates 90’s Birthdays

We are pleased to offer you an opportunity to honor a loved one, remember a special occasion, or show your support for the agency with a personalized message on a tribute brick. Bricks are available for $180 each. Help pave the walkway to the Community Center.

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Summer in South Florida, and “Ain’t No Sunshine When You’re Gone” (with apologies to Bill Withers who wrote this ditty)… While we miss our Seasonal residents and the pace on the roads is better, FRD is moving forward at full speed. But first…let’s pause for a reflection of last year.

What better place to start then our “Reflections of Hope Luncheon”? Patrick Kennedy spoke before a rapt crowd of over 500 people about the difficulties he has faced in his life. His road to sobriety and an understanding of how to treat his bi-polar disorder was made even more challenging due to his (and his family’s) very public image. His courage and willingness to fight for those with mental illness was inspirational and poignant. Our Event Co-Chairs Marci Langley, Robin Rubin, and Marilyn Weinberg out did themselves to present an afternoon that was meaningful while helping to raise much needed funds for our Welcome Home Program and mental health services. Much gratitude to our Grand Benefactors Nancy & Marvin Schiller and Loretta Litten & Marvin Miller for their generous support of this incredible day. AND…save the date of February 15, 2018 for next year’s “Reflections of Hope” Luncheon at Boca West Country Club, featuring Ricki Lake (“Go Ricki”) as our speaker.

Golf is an integral part of life in Florida, and what better way to enjoy a game then “Golfing for a Great Cause”? On a beautiful day in April this year, 140 plus golfers did just that at Delaire Golf Club. Chaired by Isabel (the Pied Piper of volunteers) & Arnie Friedman, Roxane & Michael Lipton, Lisa & Robert Marton and Amy & David Ross, it was fun in the sun and on the course, and $90,000 was raised to support the work of JFS. Congratulations for a job well done!

On August 8, 2017 JFS we held our 2nd Annual “Feed Your Funny Bone” event in conjunction with Boca Chamber Days. Every summer, Chamber non-profits and for profit businesses partner with a Chamber member venue for evenings to support the good work done by the non-profits in Boca Raton. This year, our hilarious comedians made us laugh ‘til we cried at the Pavilion Grille. Our for profit partner, Unique Gifts & Premiums came on board for another year, and we were so grateful for their support once again.

I close with an update on our Leave a Legacy Campaign. We have reached our goal of 18 additional Letters of Intent, for a total of 44 secured over the past two years. Once again, the Grinspoon Foundation will be donating a monetary incentive to JFS ($7,500) for reaching this goal. In FRD, the present needs are always front of mind, as we work diligently to raise the funds needed to help our community today. However, it is imperative that we prepare for the future when funds will be necessary to continue the work we do. I look forward to continuing the conversation with those that have yet to make a Legacy gift to JFS, and we are so grateful to those that have made a their Legacy commitment.

All of us at JFS are so honored to work with all of you, helping those who need us most.

“Finding Your Silver Lining” – A Creative Gift Opportunity

JFS has established a creative gift opportunity with Lauren A. Cohen, Esq., a prominent Boca Raton attorney specializing in immigration law. Lauren has agreed to donate the proceeds of her recently published book “Finding Your Silver Lining in the Business Immigration Process: An Insightful Guide to Immigrant & Non-Immigrant Business Visas.” The proceeds from the book sales will be used to fund Zevi’s Silver Lining, a program established in her beloved father’s memory which will match local children without any grandparents, with volunteer grandparents in the community. Lauren’s goal is to eventually expand the reach of the program to other communities throughout North America. The book is available for sale on Amazon – don’t forget to register JFS as your designated charity on Amazon Smile. JFS receives 0.5% of eligible Amazon Smile purchases.

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DEVELOPMENT - SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight on Legacy Giving: Bernard Sherman (z”l)

JFS RECEIVES $2.3M GIFT, LARGEST ONE TIME GIFT IN AGENCY HISTORY

JFS is proud to announce the creation of the “Bernard Sherman Program to Enhance Jewish Identity” through Bernard Sherman’s gift of $2.3M to JFS, the single largest one time gift in the agency’s history. The funds were put in to an endowment which will provide vital support for the many programs and services of the agency which serve people of all ages and beliefs. At the request of Bernard’s widow, Muriel Chandler Sherman, a portion of these funds will be used to establish the “Bernard Sherman Program to Enhance Jewish Identity” which will enable children of families who reside within the Boca Raton and Delray Beach areas and who financially qualify, with the assistance needed to participate in Jewish life cycle events such as Hebrew school, Jewish youth group trips & conventions, participation in the Maccabi Games, advocacy conferences, Israel experiences including High School in Israel, Gap Year Programs, and the March of the Living. The mission of the Program, which falls under JFS’ Center for Families & Children, is to make Jewish life more accessible for all people including those with special needs.

When asked about the significance of the gift to JFS, Muriel stated, “It was important for me to have Bernie’s memory honored in a way that has meaning for future generations. With the creation of the “Bernard Sherman Program to Enhance Jewish Identity” we can help ensure the continuity of the Jewish people. Bernie would have been proud to do that.” JFS President and CEO, Danielle Hartman, said, “We will be forever grateful to Bernard Sherman for his generosity and philanthropy to JFS. His gift will help children and young adults who would not otherwise be able to have these experiences while at the same time helping fill the shortfalls in funding for our existing programs and services.”

A native of Michigan, Bernard Sherman was a very creative and forward thinking businessman operating several parallel businesses including storage, auto repair, auto salvage and insurance businesses. He devoted the last 23 years of his life to Muriel and they enjoyed traveling and spending time together. In addition to his wife, Muriel, Bernard is survived by two adult children, Arlyn and Bruce.

For more information or to request an application, please contact Shari Cohen, VP of Financial Services & Food Programs at (561) 852-3333 or shariw@ralesjfs.org.

The Bernard Sherman Program to Enhance Jewish Identity

Funds for both typical and special needs children may be used for:
- Hebrew School
- Israel Experiences
- Jewish Advocacy Conferences
- Jewish Youth Groups Conventions
- Maccabi Games
- March of the Living
- Shabbatons
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Patrick Kennedy, former Congressman and leading Mental Health Advocate, shared his personal struggle with mental illness and addiction at the JFS Reflections of Hope Luncheon

On February 23rd, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) held its 5th Annual Reflections of Hope Luncheon: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness. JFS welcomed former Congressman Patrick Kennedy to the Boca West Country Club to address the topic of mental illness and addiction to an audience of over 500 community members. As a long-time advocate of mental health reform and as someone who has had his own struggles with mental illness and addiction, Kennedy gave a compelling and inspiring speech to a spellbound audience.

Reflections of Hope was created in an effort to break the stigma associated with mental illness, a critical issue affecting one in four adults. Proceeds from the event support the JFS Welcome Home Program and JFS Counseling & Mental Health programs. Grand Benefactors of Reflections of Hope were Nancy & Marvin Schiller and Loretta Litten & Marvin Miller. Luncheon Co-Chairs were Marci Langley, Robin Rubin and Marilyn Weinberg, and was once again emceed by WPTV Channel 5 Meteorologist, Glenn Glazer.

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Over 140 golfers took to the links at Delaire Country Club and took part in exciting activities including a golf cannon shoot out, Hole in One competitions, raffle prizes and a live auction for a 2017 Club Car golf cart.

JFS sincerely appreciates the generosity of the event’s Grand Benefactors including Active International/Arthur Wagner, Marilyn & Stanley Barry, Meryl & Ron Gallatin, Harvey & Phyllis Sandler Foundation and Shirley & Barton Weisman.

Thank you to Committee Members Stan Barry, Steve Becker, Larry Blair, Judi Donoff, Diane Feldman, Bernard Friedman, Ben Hoffman, Allan Hutensky, Jon Kimmel, Matt Kutcher, Wendy Legum, Ed Levine, Kenneth Pritzker and Steve Winig for orchestrating a great event enjoyed by all.

A special thank you to our corporate sponsors. Hole-in-One prizes were courtesy of Gutterman’s, Inc. and Sunshine Golf Carts, and Sign-a-Rama once again provided the tournament signage. Please mark your calendars for next year’s event on March 26, 2018.
Ellen Ullman, MSW, Named JFS Employee of the Year

Ellen Ullman, MSW, Holocaust Case Manager, was named JFS Employee of the Year at this year’s Annual Meeting. Through her care and understanding, Ellen has developed very special bonds with her clients. Thank you Ellen for all that you do on behalf of our community’s Holocaust survivors and congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

PURIM SPIRIT

JFS staff was in full Purim spirit as JFS held their First Annual Golden Hamentaschen Award for the department that had the best costumes. Although everyone was creative in their own way, it was JFS’ Food & Financial Assistance department that came away with the award!
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017
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