LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Leon Lichter

The past year has been another year of growth and accomplishment in the ongoing mission of Jewish Family Service to provide critical support to the Passaic-Clifton community. These programs; this in turn enables the community to thrive in a way that would be unthinkable without the crucial services that JFS provides.

This, of course, would not be possible without the contributions of many people. Members of the JFS Board should be recognized for their selfless commitment on behalf of JFS and the community at large. They give from their precious time to support the work of JFS and to expand its reach to benefit our community. The many other supporters of JFS, who support the agency in many ways - both financially and in other ways.

Finally, and most importantly, our gratitude goes to the staff and volunteers of JFS under the leadership of our Executive Director, Ozer Herzog. They work tirelessly and with great purpose to support our community. I have been privileged to work closely with Ozer and can attest to the dedication and reverence that he consistently displays to ensure that JFS is run efficiently and wisely to maximize its positive impact on our community. I have also been able to observe the work of the staff and am overwhelmed by the strong sense of mission that guides them.

We are coming out of the COVID era but must recognize that each period brings its own challenges. I am certain that the dedicated leadership, staff and volunteers of JFS will ensure that we are up to the task in the coming year.

Leon Lichter

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Yaakov Brisman

JFS has seen improvements and developments from every program and from all corners of the agency. The theme of this annual report, “On a Roll” captures our sense of accomplishment over this past year’s achievements, as well as excitement for the year ahead. Here, a selection of highlights:

- We launched the Psychology Department this past year with three externs. We are currently expanding the program to add another psychologist, and more externs/interns.
- Our case management program, Somaich Achim, had an active year with the Resource Center and community partnerships. We hired an additional case manager and will be bringing on another fulltime case manager this summer with the plan to provide interventions and support focused on specific populations.
- Project SARAH rebranded to promote its three areas of focus: mental health treatment, education & outreach, and legal assistance. The program introduced clinical care coordination, bringing on two new staff members to provide comprehensive support to survivors. Additionally, education and outreach will expand with two dedicated staff including, the new Rabbinic Liaison beginning at the end of the fiscal year.
- The Holocaust Survivor Program has tripled in size with over $2 million requested from the Claims Conference for next year.
- The Senior Services Department will be adding additional services and has a new assistant director to help address the growing needs of our senior population.
- The Adult Mental Health Team is expanding with more staff, allowing us to accommodate even more clients and families seeking services during those popular after-work/after-school hours.
- We just launched the BAMH (Bilingual Adult Mental Health) Program, which dedicates resources to the broader community including the recent hiring of more Spanish speaking therapists.
- The Youth Mental Health Team hired three new therapists this past year and is set to bring on more over the coming months.
- We celebrated six clinicians who earned their higher level licensure.
- Our internal operations and organization under the new Director of Operations and IT Coordinator are running like a well-oiled machine. Our new Human Resources Information System (HRIS) has streamlined the process of bringing on new staff, as well as bringing critical trainings to existing employees.
- The Grants Team continues to raise the bar, accessing opportunities for the agency to expand its services and securing 20% more funding over last year.
- The Board meets quarterly and the Finance Committee meets biweekly to help steer our growing revenue, expenses and responsibilities along a path that continues to align with our agency’s missions.

Lastly, the cover shows the wheel of our food truck, Project SARAH, which is emblematic of our innovative forward progress to address the needs in our community. We have revamped vocational services and are now focusing on Neurodiversity Career Development. This will show case the good business sense in neurodivergent hiring practices.

We are on a roll going into the next fiscal year with tremendous excitement and fuel for further growth. Full speed ahead for a great year to come.

Alexander “Ozer” Herzog

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

collaborating to meet the needs of individuals and families.

74 girls participated in GIVE Cheesed clubs

52 community members attended Von HaSohah program at Young Israel

44 mental health professionals attended the Passaic-Clifton Mental Health Asia

5 Project Kadima liaison for single moms

1,523 individuals assistance in obtaining affordable health insurance
Mental Health Services

providing children, teens and adults with mental health services.

NEW
comprehensive psychiatric evaluation testing for 6 clients

2,772
calls to our intake team

13,284
hours of clinical counseling for 631 clients

218
clients successfully discharged

338
new clients

My therapist has done absolute wonders for my mental health. I still have my struggles, but I feel healthier than ever. I am forever grateful for the help I’ve received and continue to receive.

Somaich Achim Family Support

supporting high need families within our community.

92
families benefited from Case Management, and assisted in receiving government benefits

164
households received staples from our Co-op

4,150
hours of case management towards helping our clients

60
Resource Center contacts

23
Somaich Achim families successfully closed

PROJECT SARAH AND PALS

• supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse.
• educating community members and students.
• protecting survivors through legal services.

1689
community members from synagogues, schools, and camps across NJ participated in prevention programs

50
PALS clients served

38
callah teachers and mikvah attendants participated in our training event

145
domestic abuse survivors served

670
students attended Magen Yeladim and internet safety trainings

18
survivors legally represented in court. 9 in Beis Din

Senior Services

engaging our seniors to improve social and mental health.

27
seniors received 390
hours of in-home counseling

54
seniors attended 4,315
hours of Club Sequoia programming, including exercise, holiday events, and intellectual programs and speakers

8
seniors received 986
Meals on Wheels

16
Holocaust survivors received 40,946
hours of home health aide assistance to Holocaust survivors

SOMAICH ACHIM COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Benefits Advocacy
Camp Assistance
1-to-1 Case Management
Crisis Intervention
Emergency Assistance
Financial Counseling and Debt Management
Co-op/Food Pantry
School Advocacy

SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES
Parent Resource Center and Rutie Peikes Library
Special Needs Parent Support
Neurodiversity Career Development

Club Sequoia
Current Events Group
Jewish history
Creative Arts Programming
Exercise Programs
Holiday Events
Complimentary Refreshments
Health and Wellness Services
Recreational Activities
Silver Sneakers
Monthly Documentary Films
Book Club

Project Sarah
Community Education
Individual Therapy
Clinical Care Coordination
Art Therapy
Community Support Line
Domestic Violence Victims Support Group
Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group
Magen Yedidim International (Parent and School-Based Programs on Safety)
Legal Consultation and Representation
Relationship Videos
Training for Rabbis and Professionals

PALS (Peace: A Learned Solution)
Art and Movement Therapy
Case Management
**FINANCIALS**

- **Total donations this year**: $1,622
- **New donors**: 241

**PROGRAM EXPENSES**

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**Total Revenue**: $5,407,730

**Billable Hours of Service**

- FY 19-20: 12,676
- FY 20-21: 13,131
- FY 21-22: 17,536
- FY 22-23: 13,284

**Grant and Donor Funded Hours of Service**

- FY 19-20: 11,883
- FY 20-21: 13,446
- FY 21-22: 18,714
- FY 22-23: 16,736

**Combined Revenue**

- $3,500,000
- $3,000,000
- $2,500,000
- $2,000,000
- $1,500,000
- $1,000,000
- $500,000
- $0

**Client Services Expenses**

- Counseling Revenue
- Grant Revenue

**% 9.39** percent increase over 4 years

**% 36.57** percent increase over 4 years

**% 18.68** percent increase over 4 years

**% 21.7** percent increase over 4 years

**GROWTH over the past four years**

- Combined Revenue: 9.39 percent increase over 4 years
- Client Services Expenses: 18.68 percent increase over 4 years
- Trauma Related Services: 21.7 percent increase over 4 years

**Where else can I get such great care that’s affordable!**

**I don’t know how to thank you for your incredible care. You have been instrumental. I couldn’t have done it without you.**

**I am forever grateful for the help I’ve received and continue to receive here.**

The Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency indicates that JFS has been independently vetted as sharing clear and important information with the public about its goals, financials, strategies, capabilities, achievements, and progress indicators that highlight the positive difference JFS makes in our community.
Financial Empowerment Seminar

May 24, 10:30 AM

TUESDAYS AT 8:00 PM

Moving Dance Composition Workshop

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 12 - 2 PM

Shavuot Holiday Program

The Healing Circle

Tuesdays at 11 AM

INFLATION
get you down?

JFS CAN HELP!

Making more money yet still struggling to make ends meet?

TRAUMA-INFORMED
yoga

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF CLIFTON-PASSAIC

YOM HASHOAH

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 12 - 2 PM

YIELD OF PASSIAN CATHOLIC

JFS CAN HELP!

June 11th or June 25th in-person in Passaic

NETWORK FOR COLLEGIATE SUPPORT, REFERRALS AND OR PEER-SUPervision.

For MH Professionals who live and/or work in Passaic-Clifton.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.

Passaic-Clifton Mental Health Professionals Networking Event

CO-HOSTED BY:

SUNDAY MORNING
10:30 - 12

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF CLIFTON-PASSAIC

Sponsored by Members of the YBH Tuition Assistance Committee

There's no place like home.

Jewish Family Service can help you get your financial life in order.

Would you benefit from mental health services, but can't leave home?

Jewish Family Service can help you address mental health, emotional, and relationship issues for individuals 60+ in the comfort of their home.

There is no cost for this program. This service is funded by a grant from the Passaic County Department of Senior Services.

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