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ALPERT JFS KOSHER FOOD PANTRY PROVIDING ROSH HASHANAH BASKETS TO LOCAL CLIENTS IN NEED

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – September 9, 2020 – The Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) Kosher Food Pantry will be providing Rosh Hashanah meals to the less fortunate members of the Jewish community on Thursday, September 17, 2020. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins the evening of Friday, September 18, 2020. The menu includes matzo ball soup, a frozen kosher turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, applesauce, and honey cake. Also included in the baskets, decorated by residents of the agency's Melvin J. & Claire Levine Jewish Residential & Family Service group homes and apartments, will be memorial candles and gift cards.

Food pick-up will be at the agency's West Palm Beach office, 5841 Corporate Way, on September 17, 2020. For meal recipients who do not drive, food baskets will be delivered by case managers and Alpert JFS volunteers. Social distancing will be practiced, gloves and masks worn, per established safety protocols.

"I want to thank our generous supporters, as the nourishment that we are able to provide at the start of the new year is a result of their caring nature," said Alpert JFS President and Board Chair Zelda Mason. "Their compassion allows us to bring some sweetness into the lives of those who otherwise would not be able to enjoy a holiday meal."

"Receiving a Rosh Hashanah basket from Alpert JFS is sometimes the only connection a financially needy family has to the Jewish community," said Olivia Tartakow, LCSW, M. Ed, director of the Chai Line. "It is common to see someone well up with tears as they receive their basket and tell us how touched they are that we care about them."

In addition to this pick-up and delivery of Rosh Hashanah meals, Alpert JFS has joined forces with the Jewish Volunteer Center of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, and The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach, to deliver Rosh Hashanah meals to community members 65 and over. Volunteers will be delivering meals to seniors in need, including Holocaust survivors, in Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, Wellington, Royal Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens.

The Kosher Food Pantry of Alpert JFS provides kosher and *pareve* (food prepared without meat, milk, or their derivatives; therefore, permissible to be eaten with both meat and dairy dishes according to dietary laws) non-perishables, and sundries to assist our poor and elderly clients in need throughout the community, all year long. To make a donation, call the Chai Line at 561-684-1991 and schedule your contact-less drop-off.

More than 3,500 people of all denominations phone the Chai Line annually, looking for assistance with a myriad of challenges. A no-cost, in-depth telephone assessment with a Masters-level professional is provided for each caller; this customized consultation service identifies needs, develops a plan, handles intake for available services with Alpert JFS, and/or provides referrals to community resources. Partners include the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC); assorted home health agencies; independent, assisted, and skilled nursing facilities; 211; doctor's offices; hospitals; synagogues; and more.

Established in 1974, Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) is a nationally accredited service provider for children, adults, seniors, and Holocaust survivors. The non-profit, non-sectarian organization is a trusted leader, with a team of 200 highly skilled professionals delivering high-quality care to community members. Alpert JFS works to ensure the well-being of children and families, independence of older adults, and quality of life for individuals with disabilities. For more information, visit www.AlpertJFS.org/ or phone 561-684-1991.

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