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FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE'S JEWISH FAMILY ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUP NAMED IN MEMORY OF JAY LIEBERMAN

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – July 2, 2021 – The Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) Jewish Family Addiction Support Group is now the Jay Lieberman^{z²} Jewish Family Addiction Support Group, through the generous support of community leader and philanthropist Vivian Lieberman, who lost her son five years ago to alcohol addiction.

The impact of Lieberman's \$100,000 commitment will help elevate the profile of the program, and provide muchneeded funding for the free service. The Jay Lieberman^{z"} Jewish Family Addiction Support Group is the only support group for Jewish families in Palm Beach County for individuals dealing with a loved one's addiction.

"The recent naming of the Jay Lieberman^{z"} Jewish Family Addiction Support Group keeps the memory of my son alive. The group offers a safe place for Jewish people to receive the support that they need," said Lieberman. "It is so meaningful for me to be able to share my knowledge of a difficult subject, keeping the lines of communication open with others who have been through a similar experience. I am a supporter of the program and a participant. I want to help destigmatize the myths surrounding substance use abuse and help others heal."

"We thank Vivian Lieberman for her most generous gift," said Alpert CEO Marc Hopin. "She is a pillar of the community and we are most grateful to her for partnering with us in our efforts to help Jewish individuals and families cope with the addiction of a loved one."

Support group attendees have found a common bond, and welcome others to join by contacting Carolyn Yasuna, Program Director, at 561-762-9707 or emailing <u>Carolyn.Yasuna@AlpertJFS.org</u> to register.

Established in 1974, Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service 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 nearly 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 <u>AlpertJFS.org</u> or phone 561-684-1991.

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