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**FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS TO ENJOY PASSOVER MEAL
DELIVERY THANKS TO NON-PROFIT PARTNER THE KIND KITCHEN OF PALM BEACH AND A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – March 26, 2020 – A group of community volunteers will deliver Passover meals to clients of Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service’s Holocaust Survivors Assistance program in the West Palm Beach area on Monday, April 6, 2020, with food provided by The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach, 844 Prosperity Farms Road in North Palm Beach. The home-made meals will be dropped off at recipients’ doors, in observance of social distancing, protocol established during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We say at the beginning of the Seder, “Whoever is hungry come and eat,” said Chana Ezagui, owner of The Kind Kitchen, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to doing kindness. “During our current crisis, there are many people who will need food for the Seder. This is the right way to begin the holiday; sharing with others.”

The traditional Passover meals will include matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, apricot chicken, potato kugel, *tzimmes* (a carrot and dried fruit stew), hand-baked matzo and two kinds of cake for dessert.

Ezagui and her team provide kosher meals for the elderly, single mothers, and people with terminal illness on a weekly basis, with a rotating menu so established clients have variety. The popularity of her services and growth of business illustrate the giving nature of Palm Beach County residents.

“We live in a very kind community,” she said. “People respond to helping others.” This sentiment was echoed by Alpert JFS Long-Term Care Director Jennifer Weems Escobar.

“We see kindness exhibited by both individuals and businesses in the Greater Palm Beaches,” said Escobar. “During a time of such uncertainty, we can’t think of a better Mitzvah than having our Holocaust survivors enjoy a wonderful Passover meal. The agency is grateful for Kind Kitchen’s generosity to help make this happen.”

Donations to The Kind Kitchen can be made at www.paypal.com/donate/?token=OrsiEf7u0R83reQiEHJRftQmQx8P1ih-Vt-5TmteFurFKQ1yuq9EB_kyJ1Acd8tZseqklm&country.x=US&locale.x=US.

Alpert JFS’ Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program is dedicated to identifying and addressing the distinct social welfare, health care, and emotional needs of Holocaust survivors with the utmost sensitivity. Seven full-time employees work to preserve the dignity of these honored clients, with more than 220,000 hours of in-home care provided through funding received from The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference). The staff also assists Holocaust survivors with navigating the Reparations Benefit Process, case management and care coordination, counseling and support groups, companionship and transportation. For more information, visit www.alpertjfs.org/seniors-holocaust-survivors-assistance/.

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 more than 175 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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