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**FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AND THE KIND KITCHEN OF PALM BEACH
FORM PARTNERSHIP TO FEED THE AGENCY'S MOST VULNERABLE CLIENTS DURING COVID-19**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – May 4, 2020 – Passover marked the beginning of a beautiful relationship between The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach and Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS). The 501(c) (3) organizations have partnered together with a new initiative that started on Friday, May 1, 2020: The Kind Kitchen will be delivering 200 hot, homemade kosher meals to Alpert JFS clients in the Holocaust Survivors Assistance and Long Term Care programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Volunteers will be dropping meals off at the doors of isolated, vulnerable seniors who have difficulty preparing healthy meals, practicing social distancing, and wearing gloves and masks, per established safety protocols.

“Like Alpert JFS, The Kind Kitchen is there for anyone who needs help,” said Alpert JFS CEO Marc Hopin. “We are grateful to owner Chana Ezagui and her volunteers who are ‘open for business,’ as we are, to provide some warmth and care during this time of isolation, when our most vulnerable clients need us more than ever.”

“We are dedicated to doing kindness, to whomever, whenever,” said Ezagui. “We have been providing meals for 32 years. It is ‘real’ food, not frozen, like mom used to make!”

“How wonderful to be able to provide kosher ‘comfort food’ during an uncomfortable time,” said Alpert JFS Long Term Care Director Jennifer Escobar. As our clients shared, ‘I am very grateful for the delivery, and the meal was sensational!’ and ‘At Shabbat time, I ate the meal with pleasure. A little bit of *Yiddishkait* (Yiddish for “Jewishness”), it was so good!’ We feel privileged to play a part in lifting spirits, and providing sustenance.”

The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach, a project of the Jewish community synagogue of Palm Beach, is located at 844 Prosperity Farms Road in North Palm Beach. The non-profit organization provides weekly kosher meals to those in need of help, from the elderly to single mothers, someone who has lost a loved one, people with terminal illness, and those dealing with an emotional, stressful situation. Menus rotate each week so established clients have variety. Visit www.thekindkitchen.org to make a donation.

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. For more information, visit www.AlpertJFS.org/for-seniors-holocaust-survivors-assistance/.

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The professionals of Alpert JFS' Long Term Care program provide guidance and support to help seniors and their families navigate the challenging South Florida social service landscape. Visit <https://www.alpertjfs.org/for-seniors/> to learn more about in-home and community-based services available for older adults.

Visit <https://www.AlpertJFS.org/covid19fund/> to donate to the Ferd & Gladys Alpert COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund that will help the organization continue to meet the needs of local children, teens, adults and people with disabilities. The safety and well-being of the residents of the Greater Palm Beaches is the agency's top priority.

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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