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**FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY DELIVERS  
SIMCHAT TORAH MEALS TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FL – October 12, 2020** – On Friday, October 9, volunteers from Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service’s (Alpert JFS) AmeriCorps program volunteered to deliver 72 meals to 53 Holocaust Survivors for the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, as part of the ongoing partnership Alpert JFS has with The Kind Kitchen of Palm Beach. The holiday, which begins Saturday night, October 10, 2020 and ends at sundown on October 11, 2020, marks the completion of the Torah reading cycle, and celebrates Jews’ relationship with the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible). Volunteers from the Jewish Volunteer Center of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County also made meal deliveries.

“Alpert JFS is grateful to KAVOD, which provided the funding that enabled local Holocaust survivors to receive a special holiday meal by The Kind Kitchen for Simchat Torah,” said Alpert JFS Director of Long Term Care Jennifer Escobar. “These meals have meant so much to our Survivors during a time of such isolation and uncertainty.”

The mission of KAVOD is to provide emergency relief to Holocaust survivors in need, helping them live the remainder of their lives in comfort and with dignity. The organization partners with Jewish Family Service and other organizations that work with Survivors, providing assistance with whatever emergency or day-to-day needs that they have. One hundred percent of all donations by KAVOD go to Survivors.

Alpert JFS’ AmeriCorps participants are part of a nationwide program of seniors helping seniors. They provide their peers in need with transportation, socialization and friendship. Alpert JFS provides ongoing training and support to its AmeriCorps volunteers to prepare them to serve and assist these seniors in need. AmeriCorps volunteers receive a monthly allowance, are reimbursed for their mileage, and earn education rewards that are transferable to their family members. For more information, visit <https://www.alpertjfs.org/ameriCorps/>.

The Alpert JFS Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program has seven full-time employees working to preserve the dignity of Holocaust survivors, identifying and addressing their distinct social welfare, health care, and emotional needs with the utmost sensitivity. The team helps them navigate the Reparations Benefit Process, and provides monthly, bi-monthly, and annual socialization activities for survivors. The HonoringLife™ program facilitated by Alpert JFS provides cultural competency training for healthcare and legal professionals, as well as others who may encounter Holocaust survivors.

For more information about Alpert JFS’ Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program, visit [www.AlpertJFS.org/for-seniors-holocaust-survivors-assistance/](http://www.AlpertJFS.org/for-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 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/](http://www.alpertjfs.org/) or phone 561-684-1991.

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