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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR JEWISH COLLEGE STUDENTS
THROUGH FERD & GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – January 26, 2021 – Jewish college students have the opportunity to get funding for college through Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (Alpert JFS) through the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF). In 2020, JELF helped 16 students in Palm Beach County with \$68,286 in financial aid.

The interest-free loans for college, graduate school, and vocational programs serves students in the Greater Palm Beaches who are pursuing higher education. These need-based loans help bridge the gap between a student’s total financial resources and the cost of attendance. Students must be in good academic standing, and be enrolled in full-time undergraduate or graduate study, or special post-secondary training at a U.S. accredited institution; studies must lead to a degree or professional certificate; financial need must be demonstrated (2020 FAFSA is required); and that they have sought and accepted financing from all available sources. Funds can be used for crucial living and medical expenses, books, supplies, transportation, and many other costs.

JELF reports that a 99% student repayment rate is consistently maintained, even during the challenging times we are currently going through. “Dollars used for one student when paid back are used for the next. Every dollar lives on and on...,” said JELF Board President Jane Aronoff .

The application period for JELF loans is from March 1-April 30, 2021 for the full academic year, and September 1-30 for spring and/or summer semester(s) only. Students must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA for the loan offered.

Sign up at jelf.org/app to get a reminder or visit JELF.org/donate to learn more. For more information on eligibility requirements, visit jelf.org or contact local JELF Loan Coordinator Olivia Tartakow at 561-684-1991 or Olivia.Tartakow@AlpertJFS.org.

Established in 1974, 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 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 www.AlpertJFS.org or phone 561-684-1991.

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