Jewish Life Programs

ESSEN-tials, the Kosher Food Program: In collaboration with Rachel's Table, this program provides seasonal distributions of kosher food including holiday items, meat, produce, and pantry staples to individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Jewish Family Service Corps: Rooted in the core values of Judaism and designed to strengthen family ties, families work together to complete volunteer service projects benefiting JFS clients.

Resiliency Programming: Community programs to support the resiliency of individuals and our Jewish community. This includes responding to the urgent and emergent needs of the Jewish community in collaboration with our community partners, such as peer and professional support groups, in-service (staff) trainings, and mental health support.

Community Social Services: We provide referrals to area resources, Behavioral Health services, case management for Older Adults and healthy aging in place, and staff a social services position at the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program: An opportunity for learning and engagement in a direct service project for students in the b'nai mitzvah year.

Critical Response: Assisting Jewish community agencies and individuals in times of crisis with compassionate care including providing behavioral health services for staff in the wake of emergencies, responding to Jewish families experiencing medical or financial emergencies, and supporting the community in moments of challenge.

Community Education, Advocacy, and Volunteer Experiences: Celebrating welcoming the stranger as a core principle of Judaism, these programs provide ongoing service opportunities and trainings for lay leaders, students, and members of our Jewish community.

Refugee Shabbat Partnership and Outreach: Each year, JFS partners with HIAS, area synagogues, and other community collaborators to celebrate the Jewish community's history of welcoming the stranger and to communicate our continued shared support for refugees.

Yad Chessed Partnership: We partner with this and other Jewish organizations to raise awareness and provide sustainable support like emergency aid, food cards, and ongoing assistance for those in the local Jewish community facing financial hardship.

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