Autumn 2016

JFS Happenings



What Are You Thinking? Manlow Knows!

The Mastermind of Mentalism & Memory, Manlow The Magnificent, will astound you on Sunday, November 6 at 5PM at JFS' Autumn event held at Temple B'nai Shalom, East Brunswick. His uncanny ability to know what you are thinking is astonishing. For a preview, visit <u>www.jfsmiddlesex.org</u>. Tickets are \$72 per person and include amazing hors d'oeuvres, a delicious dinner, and show. Additionally, there will be a tricky tray, and last opportunity to purchase a raffle to win a 7 day Celebrity cruise anywhere the cruise line sails. The



cruise raffle winner will be drawn at the event. Proceeds from this event and cruise raffle sales support JFS programs. Participate and show your sense of community, visit <u>www.jfsmiddlesex.org</u> today.

Over 100 Volunteers Attend Appreciation

On September 20 JFS honored more than 100 volunteers at the agency's annual Volunteer Appreciation event. Distinguished Achievement awards went to Joanna Clark (Holocaust Survivor Services), Kerri Kern (CAMEO Senior Nutrition), Cheryl Svei (Immigration/Office), and David Yellin (Kosher Meals on Wheels). A Specialty Award was given to Ed Campell for his unwavering service to the Senior Medicare Patrol program and helping hand in the JFS office. He has his own extension because he spends so much time at JFS. A special Community Service award went to Jack Steinweis for donating space to the annual Passover food campaign for the last 10 years. The New Volunteer of the Year was presented to Eric Erenrich (Citizenship/Women's Center/Office) and The Volunteer of The Year went to Irene Leben (Monroe Advisory Council/Office). All volunteers enjoyed a dessert buffet. If you would like to be a part of the awesome team of JFS volunteers, contact the agency.

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Medicare Open Enrollment Begins October 15th

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period comes around once a year; October 15th thru December 7th with the effective date starting on January 1st, 2017. During this enrollment period, you can change your current insurance plan or drop your insurance all together. To change or drop your current insurance, you can call 1-800 MEDICARE and speak to a representative who will be able to compare insurance plans to determine which plan is best for you. You can also go online to www.medicare.gov and go through the Medicare Plan Finder to compare drug plans for yourself. If you are not able to do either of the above methods, contact the State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP) and a SHIP counselor will be able to assist you in choosing a plan. SHIP is a statewide program that is funded through a grant to provide you, your family, or caregivers with free, objective and confidential counseling about Medicare, Medigap (supplemental insurance), Medicare Advantage plans (HMO, PPO), Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans, and Medicare Saving Plans.

To find your local SHIP Program in New Jersey call 1-800-792-8820. If you live in Middlesex County, call JFS to receive help from a SHIP counselor.

JFS Launches Facebook series

JFS has ramped up its presence on social media. Look for the new series; <u>Medicare Mondays</u>, <u>Throwback Thursday</u>, and <u>Fast Facts</u> <u>Friday</u>. Get healthcare tips on preventing Medicare fraud, scams, etc. from <u>Medicare Mondays</u>. <u>Throwback Thursday</u> reminisces about past JFS activities - do you remember when? <u>Fast Facts Friday</u> gives you interesting facts about JFS impact on the community and more. You will also find posts about current activities of the agency. Please help spread the word by *"liking us"*



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Did You Know?

Last chance to win a Celebrity**X**Cruise® for two anywhere Celebrity sails. Raffle tickets are on sale now at the JFS offices or www.jfsmiddlesex.org, \$36 each or 3/\$100. The drawing will take place at the November 6 event, *Manlow, The Mastermind of Mentalism & Memory*. Winner is responsible for all taxes and fees and need not be present to win.

October 5: Do Something Nice Day. The 2016 JFS Friends/ Mishpacha campaign materials were mailed out mid-September. Please take the time to make a <u>donation</u> to JFS to support the myriad programs offered to the community. If you can't provide monetary support, consider becoming a <u>volunteer</u>. October 7: World Smile Day. Clients, staff and volunteers

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smile for the camera. CAMEO Participants celebrate birthdays



JFS On The Road - Staff at a Health Fair

Women's Equality Day Sponsored by JFS Women's Center



JFS Staff Update

Welcome to:

Jennifer Goodin, Case Manager, Immigrant & Refugee Services Janet Merkin-Weistuch, Senior Clinician, Quality Assurance Amber Hill, Clinical Student Intern

Keren Lessing, Clinical Student Intern

Thankful Food Pantry Recipient

"Thank you so much for the food you so generously provided for me. This past year has seen me through some trying financial times and it is a comfort to know that there are thoughtful people like those in your organization who are there to assist". Sincerely, David

If you know someone in need, have them contact JFS.

JFS Receives Grant from Investors Bank

On August 25, 2016, Janis Oolie, JFS Director of Development, and Mark Hauerstock, JFS Chief Financial Officer were presented with a \$10,000 check by Investors Bank representatives Ada Melendez-

McGuinness, VP Director Community Development, Robert Jordan, Assistant VP, and Tina Ahmadi, Branch Manager to help address community needs. The grant will help provide food to needy individuals, families, and senior adults via the JFS food pantries in Milltown and Monroe; provide meal delivery to homebound senior adults; and provide meals to senior adults



in a community setting. Requests for services continue to increase. Investor's Bank has recognized that need. If you or someone you know can benefit from receiving a home delivered meal, attending a senior adult socialization program, or is in need of emergency food, contact JFS.

Taking Back Tuesdays - New Club in Monroe

Beginning in November, JFS is launching a new club in Monroe for men and women 60+. It's called 'Taking Back Tuesdays'. Topic discussions are about how things were in the past. For example, discussions range from the first day of school to how people used to cook. Once a month a classic old movie is shown. The group runs from 12-2:00 and until 2:30 when movies are shown. The cost to attend is \$5 and includes a kosher lunch with coffee and cake. To register call: 609 395-7979. We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming Events

Computer Class Training Schedule - Classes begin October 2016, visit www.jfsmiddlesex.org Open to all.

2016 Friends/Mishpacha Campaign - This campaign provides funding for programs/services that you read about in JFS Happenings.

JFS Fundraiser: Mastermind of Mentalism & Memory - November 6, 2016 at Temple B'nai Shalom, see page 1. www.jfsmiddlesex.org

Café Europa - A socialization program for Holocaust Survivors and their spouses. November 29, 12-2PM at Temple B;nai Shalom in East Brunswick, registration required, call JFS.

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