

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**REFUAT HANEFESH FELLOWS PROGRAM** is a volunteer training program to support people in making phone calls, delivering meals and offering Zoom programs to elders and those in need of friendly visitor calls or other services. Our volunteers can help you to reach out to your community to help provide comfort and compassionate care.

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**FREE VIRTUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS** for Children, Teen, and Adults. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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**ADVOCACY ANYWHERE, POWERED BY AJC** is a new platform that enables you to engage with AJC's leading expertise, content, and advocacy opportunities from wherever you are. Advocacy Anywhere will connect you to the top-notch content and opportunities you have come to expect from AJC. We encourage you to visit [AJC.ORG/ADVOCACYANYWHERE](https://ajc.org/advocacyanywhere) regularly, as AJC uploads new programs and fresh content to keep you informed and engaged during this challenging period.

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## **MIAMI'S JEWISH COMMUNITY IS HERE TO HELP**

Jewish Community Services has quickly adapted to meet the changing and challenging needs of the community. Loss of employment, underemployment and school closure led to an increase in the amount of food needed by existing and new clients. Seniors dependent on Meal Sites were added to the Meals on Wheels program. **If you or someone you know is in need of emergency counseling, financial assistance, food, bereavement support, domestic abuse assistance or help facing other challenges, call 305.576.6550 for guidance and support.** Operated by Federation's partner agency, Jewish Community Services of South Florida (JCS), this confidential helpline is open 24/7 every day of the year.

Congregants who would like to support the efforts of JCS to assist our seniors, Holocaust Survivors and Kosher Food Bank may visit [jcsfl.org/donate](https://jcsfl.org/donate). Every donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

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**THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ALL SENIORS IN THE CITY.** If you are not signed up to receive a weekly wellness check phone call from the City, please call 305-460-5401 to register. They would like to identify your needs, whether the need is a grocery run or health issues and assist you.

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During this extraordinary time, **MISHKAN MIAMI: THE JEWISH CONNECTION FOR SPIRITUAL SUPPORT**, recognizes the importance of spiritual care to find inner peace. Join Mishkan Miami for interactive webinars, all taught by professionals in their respective fields and open to anyone in community. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

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## **JELF'S APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID IS STILL OPEN**

Despite the uncertainty going on right now with COVID-19, we are still providing interest-free loans to Jewish students. Please let your congregants know that if they need financial aid for the fall school year, to please apply before April 30th. JELF's interest-free loans can help with a variety of costs including tuition, fees, food, books/supplies and more. Please send them to [jelf.org/app](https://jelf.org/app).

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## **ONLINE DAILY AA ZOOM MEETING FOR PATIENTS IN RECOVERY**

There is a wonderful online AA meeting using the Zoom app from 10 PM to 11 PM (EST) every night. Join Zoom and enter the meeting ID: 773878425.

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**MIAMI FIRE-RESCUE** is offering free, in-home COVID-19 testing for homebound local seniors, age 65 and above, who are experiencing symptoms and don't have access to transportation. If you know someone who fits this criteria, please direct them to call 305-960-5050 for assistance. This service is for City of Miami residents only.

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## **EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS FINANCIAL IMPACT LOAN**

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) of Miami, a Federation program, is providing interest-free emergency loans to qualified Jewish borrowers in need in Miami-Dade County. The emergency loans of \$1,000 can help with expenses related to the pandemic, such as lost wages due to being unable to go to work, childcare costs due to school closures, related medical expenses and more. For more information, visit their website at [HTTP://HEBREWLOAN.ORG/WEB/LOANS/](http://hebrewloan.org/web/loans/).

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## **JEWISH VOLUNTEER CENTER**

JVC needs volunteers to make telephone reassurance calls to Jewish seniors in our community. These calls are intended as a friendly check-in and a well-being check. Volunteers will receive a list of names, a script to guide the conversation and a link to an online needs-assessment survey to document each call. Based on survey answers, seniors will be linked to services in the community. [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or contact Lori Tabachnikoff, Director, Jewish Volunteer Center, 305-680-9353.