

Mission Statement

Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) of Southern New Jersey

is dedicated to helping people successfully meet the challenges of daily life. We are a non-profit

agency that provides quality, affordable, and accessible social services to Jewish individuals and families in need. JFCS is also responsive to the needs of the broader community on a non-discriminating basis. We place the highest value upon treating people with dignity and respect and are guided by the Jewish tradition of helping people help themselves.

Senior Services

Seniors face a variety of physical and emotional challenges as they age. These can be difficult to deal with alone. Our Senior Services Program is designed to meet the complex needs of aging adults and their families. We provide affordable services which allow seniors to live independently and age in place safely, with comfort and dignity. Services include case management, counseling, nursing assessments, health monitoring, personal/companion care, homemaker services, Kosher Meals-on-Wheels, and transportation assistance. We offer the appropriate supports, while maintaining quality of life and individual potential. When living at home is no longer a viable option, we provide resource consultations for clients and their families to assist in long-term care planning.

Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC)

NORC, a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community at the Towers of Windsor Park in Cherry Hill, provides social and cultural programming and medical services to help residents age in place in their own homes. These programs help to minimize isolation and build a sense of community. With an office on-site, all services are easily accessible to the residents.

Holocaust Survivor Assistance

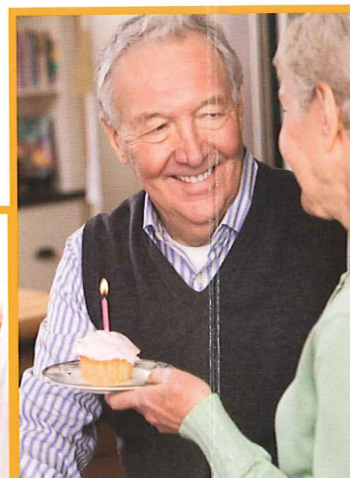
Holocaust survivors residing in Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, and Cumberland Counties are eligible to receive services such as assessments, home care assistance, Kosher Meals-on-Wheels, counseling, transportation, and case management. Additionally, Café Europa gives Holocaust survivors opportunities to connect with one another at social and cultural events.

Jewish Hospice

Through a partnership with Samaritan Hospice, we provide trained volunteers who bring the comfort of Jewish traditions to seriously ill patients as well as respite care for family members.

Caregiver Support

The Caregivers Support Group is for individuals caring for a loved one with a chronic or terminal illness. This is an open, compassionate, and understanding group where you can freely discuss concerns, stressors, and issues that only other caregivers can truly understand. We also offer individualized counseling and resource consultations for caregivers.



Grief Support

In addition to individualized counseling, we offer two support groups for individuals who have endured the loss of a spouse or significant other. The Widow/Widower Support Group addresses practical decisions for the newly bereaved, rebuilding life without a partner, and rediscovering one's selfhood. New Beginnings is a social support group for widows and widowers who are further along in the grieving process. This group provides participants with the opportunity to meet new people, share experiences, and enjoy new activities.

Community Outreach

Our specialized geriatric social workers provide education and guidance to our community, speaking on topics such as the transitions of aging, long-term care, geriatric care management, mental health counseling, and support for people with dementia and their caregivers. These forums are suitable for 55 and over communities, synagogues, churches, organizations, and assisted living and nursing facilities.

Volunteer Opportunities

For those who wish to lend a hand to seniors, there are many opportunities to help. Become a friendly visitor, lead Shabbat services at a residential facility, deliver Kosher Meals-on-Wheels, provide transportation assistance, or offer Jewish hospice support.