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# Inside CJE

Celebrate CJE 2021 Raises \$721,000! We are pleased

to report that, so far, this amount was raised to support the agency's programs and services. To view the Celebrate CIE video (with Tovah Feldshuh performance), visit cje.net/celebratecje2021.



Save the Date for Celebrate CJE 2022. This event will be tremendously significant next year, as the theme will include a commemoration of CJE's 50th Anniversary with all the excitement and joy that entails! So, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18, 2022. It will be inperson at the beautiful Palmer House Hilton.

**Beloved Member of Leadership** Leaves CJE After 19 Years. Carole Klein-Alexander, VP of Marketing Management, is pursuing a PhD to train for a career as a Literacy Coach. We wish all the best for Carole. Paisley Valentincic, formerly of Tamarisk NorthShore, has



assumed the role of VP of Marketing and Sales at CJE.

### Babiy Yar Massacre 80th Anniversary Commemorated.



In September, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and CJE's Holocaust Community Services (HCS) held an event that included a presentation, music, and a candlelighting ceremony.

### CJE Welcomed Researchers from Brazil to Tour

Housing Options. They are pictured atop the Village Center roof along with CJE's David Guthridge (L), Executive Director of Housing, and Dr. Margaret Danilovich (2nd from R), Senior Director of Leonard



Schanfield Research Institute (LSRI).

LSRI Researchers Attend Gerontological Society of America Conference. Drs. Margaret Danilovich, Rachel Lessem, and Rebecca Berman presented a symposium and six research papers.

Inaugural Volunteer Honor Board Installed. Volunteer Services Staff (L-R: Marla Goldberg, Julie Han, and

Barbara Milsk) pose with the vibrant board acknowledging the wonderful service of CJE's selfless volunteers.



### Sukkah Donation Delights Tamarisk NorthShore.



Tamarisk, which was only a year old, found itself without a sukkah for the upcoming Sukkot festival. But a friend of resident Evie Friedman came to the rescue and donated this beautiful sukkah which the residents enjoyed.

Weinberg Community Celebrates Sukkot. A graceful sukkah is set up at Weinberg Community for all to celebrate one of our favorite festivals.



### **Colorful Sukkah Decorations** Donated to Weinberg Community.

Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School art students



and children at Moriah Early Childhood Center provided them. If you look closely, you might find them in the sukkah above!

### HCS Connected Survivors with Dental Care.

*Jewish Chicago*: The JUF Magazine detailed how the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program relied on HCS to screen appropriate clients to take part in the program to receive free dental services. Read the full article: juf.org/Mag/tmpl-article.aspx?id=45167.



DEI Moment. We celebrated November as Native American Heritage Month to acknowledge the contributions they have made to the building of the United States. When we refer to American Indians, we are in fact referring to hundreds of tribes with different languages, customs, and unique spiritual backgrounds. Of particular interest, First Americans celebrated the naming of Secretary Deb Haaland by President Biden as the first Native American to be a cabinet secretary. Haaland and her family (of Laguna Pueblo Tribe) has lived in New Mexico for 35 generations!

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### VIEWPOINT

### DEAR READER,

It is a great honor to introduce myself as CJE's new Vice President of People and Culture. I'd like to first explain the concept of people and culture, which might not be very familiar to some of you. There indeed has been a shift in attitudes in the field, and this is a more progressive and holistic approach. The people equation refers to human-based, rather than policy- or compliance-based matters. Thus, we hold that our employees are assets, and their contributions are highly valued. Simply put, if you treat people like people, they will be happier. It follows that this personal approach affects our culture, of course. Studies show that one job will be chosen over another because job seekers are attracted to an employer's culture. Culture is the unseen way that things work in an organization—the spirit that permeates it. A people-based culture creates a strong connection with employees and an organization is more than just a "workplace" and a position is more than just a "job." Through this culture, employees and organizations develop a relationship that engenders a mutual sense of respect, loyalty and appreciation.

People and culture is of the highest priority to us as we work toward being an Employer of Choice. We continue to strengthen our culture through programs like Employee Service Awards, Customer Service Awards, Employee of the Year Awards, President's Awards for Innovation, perfect attendance recognition, birthday and anniversary recognition, Fun Committee, picnics, holiday parties, food drives, and the JHealth and Wellness Program. And, coming in 2022 we will have a year's worth of 50th anniversary celebrations.

We already have a tremendously diverse workforce—one of the most diverse ones that I've experienced in my many years in the field. But it's not simply enough to recruit and hire people of different nationalities, races, religions, genders, sexual orientations, ages, and cultures. Everyone needs to feel like they are truly welcome, safe, and free to be themselves in their workplace. That is the culture we are fortunate to have at CJE SeniorLife—where employees have a sense of belonging, regardless of background or experiences, and one where they experience equal opportunity as well.

We have come through a very difficult time, and hiring has been slowed because of many uncontrollable forces, but we are back in operation and are at full hiring capacity. We welcome applications to CJE and suggest you check out our Careers page on our website. Take it from me, CJE is a great place to be!

Sincerely,

Julius D. Pearson, JD, SPHR, SHRM-SCP

Vice President of People and Culture

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# THEY WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND: 2021 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

### **CHUCK PUCHMELTER, ADULT DAY SERVICES** (ADS) TRANSPORTATION DRIVER

Chuck was on the frontlines during the pandemic, providing transportation to the store and medical appointments during the ever-evolving situation. During this time, he also delivered meals to seniors isolated in the community. Our most vulnerable clients knew they could count on



Chuck even during tough and uncertain times. Thank you, Chuck, for your devotion to our CJE values!

Chuck and his wife, married 43 years, live near Midway. He's an avid fisherman. His reaction:

"I've never won something like this. Anyone can win a raffle, but this...I was speechless! I drove for Home-Delivered Meals during the pandemic, and always wore masks and gloves, took temperatures—anything for safety. If I was taking a new client to ADS, I'd try to break the ice and ask how they were doing. If it was my first day, I know I'd be nervous, so I try to make them feel welcome. I believe in treating people with respect."

### DIANA DIAZ, HOUSEKEEPER AT ROBINEAU RESIDENCE

Diana embodies and enlivens each workday with CJE's values of Respect, Compassion, and Dignity. Over the years, when snowstorms paralyzed the city, Diana has braved impassable roads to get to work by 6:30 am. She is also the eyes and ears of management, keeping up with the changing needs of



residents. Diana takes on extra duties if asked, knowing that a meticulous standard of cleanliness keeps our residents healthy. Diana is most deserving of this award, and we greatly appreciate her commitment to CJE and Robineau residents. Thank you, Diana.

Diana, who is the mother of two, reacted to the award:

"I had already received a few nominations in the past, but I had never won. Then out of the blue, I received a phone call from CJE's President Dan Fagin congratulating me on my selection for this award. It was amazing! I was totally surprised. I will do anything for the people here. I am always there for my residents...they are like my family."

### TERRI LOCOCO, PAYROLL MANAGER

Terri has been dedicated to her position since Day One! It's a very demanding and important role. Terri runs the Payroll Department solo and always goes above and beyond getting the payroll completed in a timely manner. Accuracy is also extremely important to Terri. There are times Terri would give up her evenings, weekends, and holidays to make sure every staff member is paid on time. Terri is always willing to advise staff regarding changes to deductions, and she stays current with new tax laws that will affect our paychecks. We are so grateful for her dedication and commitment to our financial well-being. Thank you, Terri, for doing an amazing job, 365 days a year.

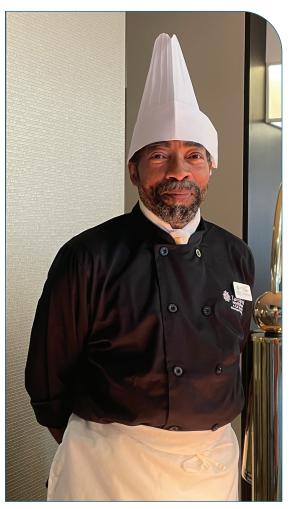
Terri, born and raised in the Chicago suburbs, resides in Gurnee. She has work at CJE for almost 10 years. Her reaction:

"The award is a nice thing to get. It's a great program. But, you know, I'm dependent on every single employee to do what they do to make it all work. To give you an idea about this job, I scheduled a booster shot recently, but then I realized that I might have a reaction to it. So, I rescheduled my appointment until after payroll because I couldn't take the chance that I'd be sick. I've scheduled my vacations around payroll! It is what it is.'



# TAMARISK CHEF COOKS UP CULINARY DELIGHTS

By Paisley Valentincic, Vice President, Marketing and Sales



Elgin Jackson, Executive Chef

As soon as you meet Tamarisk NorthShore's Executive Chef, Elgin Jackson, you will see that he truly loves his work. As he goes about his day, his light-hearted and cheerful disposition shines through while interacting with residents, guests, and other staff members. His creativity and leadership set him apart not only when designing culinary experiences, but also because of his ability to connect with others and support the Tamarisk team.

Chef Elgin joined CJE SeniorLife at the end of July in 2021 and settled in just in time to celebrate Tamarisk NorthShore's first anniversary in August. He brings to Tamarisk a wealth of experience from over 40 years of working in hotels, fine restaurants, and senior living communities, including serving on the opening team for Vi at The Glen. Elgin continued with other executive roles that took him to Florida, California, and back to Illinois.

"Cooking is my passion," says Elgin. "My experiences in a variety of upscale dining venues inspired me to bring those same practices and creativity to Tamarisk NorthShore. I want our residents and guests to have a remarkable experience every time they dine with us."

Elgin's talents complement the existing culinary team, many of whom have been in place since Tamarisk opened in 2020. His leadership style embraces their expertise and skills, but also supports their desire to try new ideas. This was evident at our recent gourmet theme night, where the team presented an elegant menu with a field green salad, braised lamb shanks, and roasted wild mushroom-stuffed quail. The final flourish was a slice of delicious triple chocolate fudge layer cake and sugar-free dessert trio!

You can enjoy all the great food, amenities, and programs of Tamarisk NorthShore! Lovely floor plans are still available, and we offer flexible lease and moving packages. All COVID-19 safety protocols are being followed. Contact us at 847.597.8772 or info@tamarisknorthshore.com to take a tour and stay for lunch ...on us!





# SEE WHY EMPLOYEES CHOOSE CJE SENIORLIFE

By Mary Keen



make sure that those who are ready to "make a move" also make a conscious decision to select CJE as their next employer and then opt to stay with us for the long term—even when presented with a dizzying array of incentives, inducements, and guarantees from other organizations. That's what being an Employer of Choice means.

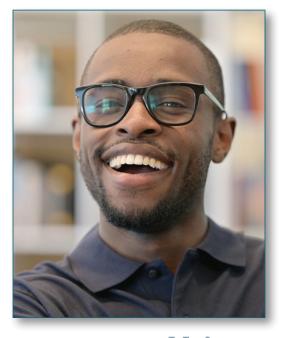
We know that today's workers have more job options than ever before. At CJE SeniorLife, our goal is to

Because CJE's activities are informed by our values of Respect, Advocacy, Compassion, Intention, Innovation, and Accountability, people are aware of the uniqueness of CJE. Over time, we've burnished our reputation as a workplace that cherishes meaningful work and partnerships, a positive culture and work environment, and a healthy work-life balance. Thus, it's all about CJE's reputation—which cannot be bought—that comes from its earnest and precise adherence to its values.

We are compassionate!







We are accountable!

### We are intentional!

### We are innovative!

As we progress in our quest to be an Employer of Choice, making it a reality means a constant and strict adherence to the following tenets.

CJE SeniorLife:

### 1. Recognizes Workers' Efforts with Thanks.

To recognize the hard work and dedication of our fellow staff members, three employees (see page 4) are nominated annually by their peers and managers to be Employees of the Year. The award—a custom framed memento that also includes a cash component—is designed to recognize employees whose commitment to CJE's values and hard work exceeded expectations. As you will see from their stories, these employees gave a great deal of themselves so that the lives of our clients and their fellow employees were helped in some way—some at tremendous sacrifice. Congratulations to all!

### 2. Promotes from Within.

To fulfill our goal to maintain a strong workforce, we reward excellence with advancement of internal candidates whenever possible. In the last six months a total of 12 employees received promotions and advanced in their careers at CJE. Congratulation to all! We have a strong commitment to internal training and mentoring, and CJE will continue with staff development activities so that more may continue to grow in their jobs.

### 3. Embraces Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

We support all aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion at CJE. DEI is at the foundation of our great organization, and we are proud of our longtime record of walking the walk. We welcome those of diverse backgrounds to CJE, always encouraging fairness and participation.

There are many other unspoken ways that CJE welcomes employees and brings them into its fold. You just need to ask a few employees to find out what it's like to work here. They'll be happy to tell you.

Join the CJE Team! We've got openings for the following: Line Cook, Maintenance, Dining Service, Receptionist, Resident Assistant, Activity Program Aide, and many more. We offer excellent benefits. Call 773.508.1000 to inquire or go to our career page at cje.net/careers.



We are respectful!



# OPENINGS AVAILABLE AT OUR DEERFIELD CAMPUS!

"We have a terrific team that exudes culinary perfection at Tamarisk. This, along with our five-star service, makes Tamarisk NorthShore an exciting place to be. Potential staff jump at the chance to join our both Tamarisk NorthShore and Weinberg Community because they are great places to work ... and, of course, we have fun!"

—Dorge Jean Baptiste,Director of Dining Services

## THE REOPENING CONUNDRUM

THOUGH LONG-AWAITED, REOPENING CAUSES ANXIETY FOR MANY

By Sharon Dornberg-Lee, Clinical Supervisor, CJE Counseling Services



If you feel anxious about going out post-lockdown, you are not alone. It is normal to experience "reopening anxiety." A recent survey found half the people asked—vaccinated or not—were uneasy about resuming face-to-face interactions.\* Besides anxiety, reopening after COVID may also trigger fear, anger at those "doing things differently," sadness, and grief, as well as eagerness to return to normal. The reopening conundrum is complex, but, fortunately, there are strategies to help reduce this anxiety, and many available resources and services.

### **HAVE THOSE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS**

It can be difficult to discuss sensitive topics with peers or family members when there is strong disagreement. It may help to remind yourself that many choices are rooted in common values: even when we come to different conclusions about the best course of action for ourselves and our families, often because we trust different sources of information, we all want our families to be safe. Try to reflect back what you are hearing, even if you don't agree. Politely and assertively make your needs known, and don't hesitate to bow out of plans with others if your needs can't be met. Remember to remain respectful of others even if you disagree with their choices.

### WHY WE'RE ANXIOUS

Ambiguity of Guidelines. We all know that guidelines have continued to evolve with new studies and data released nearly every day. We suggest you always follow the science and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which can be found at: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html. When in doubt, always discuss what these guidelines mean for your particular situation with your health care provider.

**Unclear Social Expectations.** We're at gatherings and wonder if we have to wear a mask or if we can ask someone if they're vaccinated, questions we never imagined we'd be faced with asking.

**Incomplete Knowledge About COVID-19.** It' a very new disease and there is a lot we still don't know about it.

**Fear About Serious Risks to Health.** People want to keep their families safe and worry about breakthrough cases or long-term impacts.

Extreme Emotions Tied Up With Masks. There's a great deal of distrust and anger about the issue, from those who resent having to wear them to those who are anxious about others not wearing them or wearing them improperly.





#### STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING ANXIETY

In general, we recommend that you be aware of your own level of risk tolerance and work within that framework. Use a layered approach to reduce risk (like masking, vaccination, and social distancing). It's important to focus on what you can control, rather than the behavior of others (which you cannot). Try to put into practice the following:

- 1. **Communicate.** Talk openly about your concerns with family and friends.
- 2. **Practice Visualization.** In a face-to-face encounter: Imagine yourself separated by an invisible safety shield. Imagine "breathing in safety" and "breathing out fear."
- 3. **Gradual Exposure Technique.** Try one small face-to-face gathering outside before rushing headlong back to your old activities. As comfort increases, slowly add more activities, working from least frightening to those that are more challenging. (Always stay within your own level of risk tolerance and recommended safety guidelines.)
- 4. **Monitor Your Self-Talk.** Try changing extreme thoughts that increase anxiety ("If I go out I will get COVID and end up on a ventilator!") to more balanced ones ("There is some risk, but since I am vaccinated, it is unlikely that I will get sick.")
- Rely on the Evidence. Information from the CDC, World Health Organization, and reputable news outlets are recommended.
- 6. Try Mindfulness and Meditation. (See Resources)
- \* apa.org/news/press/releases/2021/03/one-year-pandemic-stress

CJE SeniorLife offers counseling services provided by licensed clinical social workers, now available via telehealth and, on a case-by-case basis where needed, with face-to-face appointments following CDC guidelines. These services are covered by Medicare and other insurance. Call 773.508.1000 for appointments.

### RESOURCES

- Mindfulness with Chloe: cje.net/events/mindfulness-chloe
   Each Friday, Chloe Gremaud, LCSW, leads group mindfulness exercises.
- InsightTimer: insighttimer.com
  The largest library of guided meditations on earth.
- My Life Meditation App: my.life
   Check in with how you're feeling, and try short activities tuned to your emotions.
- Institute on Aging Friendship Line: 800.971.0016
   A 24-hour warmline for older adults who need support.

- JCFS Warmline: 855.275.5237 Monday-Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm and Friday, 9 am to 4 pm CST.
- Illinois Warmline: 866.359.7953, then press 2, then 5 Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm CST.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800.273.TALK (8255)
   When someone you know is in crisis—whether they are considering suicide or not—please call.
- NAMI Chicago Helpline: 833.626.4244
   Mental health counselors available, operating
   Monday–Friday, 9 am to 8 pm, and
   Saturday & Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm CST.

### FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

# LEGAL SERVICES LEAD TO BETTER HEALTH!

Guest Contributor: Rachel Lessem, PhD, JD



We know an annual check-up or physical with a doctor helps people stay healthy, but a check up with a lawyer can be good for your health, too. Most people with legal issues don't even know that they have them. And many of these unrecognized legal issues can be bad for one's health. To provide the most comprehensive care, medical providers, and lawyers have teamed up through a model called a Medical

Legal Partnership (MLP) to address both the medical and legal needs a person may have.

MLPs were first started by pediatrician Barry Zuckerman in 1993 at the Boston Medical Center. He was troubled by young patients who had chronic asthma problems. Despite medical care, these children continued to suffer. Dr. Zuckerman realized these children's homes often had issues with mold or rats that landlords had refused to address. Some homes had their utilities turned off, and the resulting cold caused the children's asthma to flare up. As a doctor, he alone could not fix these housing and landlord problems.

He added lawyers to the medical team. Lawyers forced landlords to clean up apartments and worked with families to appeal these denials of benefits and turn utilities back on. When lawyers joined the medical team, patients' health improved.

Now, there are over 450 MLPs nationwide resolving legal issues impacting health for nearly 75,000 people. Research shows that receiving services through an MLP reduces stress and anxiety, improves quality of life, and results in fewer hospital admissions. In fact, one study found that just talking to an attorney, before the legal issue was even resolved, resulted in better mental health. Studies have shown that clients of MLPs had more stable housing and increased their income after receiving legal services. A nationwide study of MLPs demonstrated that MLP clients were better able to follow their doctor's orders, adhere to medication regimes, and had better and more regular access to healthy food.

One of the benefits to MLPs is that they fully address social determinants of health or the places in which people live, learn, work, play, and age. Nearly 60% of our health is determined by these social factors. There is a clear need for legal services

among older adults, yet many do not have their legal needs addressed. Research from the Legal Services Corporation finds that 56% of low-income older adults have at least one legal need, 10% have six or more legal needs each year, and sadly, 87% of these legal needs go unmet. Importantly, 33% of these legal needs are health-related, showing how critical legal help is to maintaining good health.

People do not have their legal needs met for many reasons. Some people don't know where to go for help. Some people can't afford help; they make too much for legal services but too little to afford a private attorney. Some people don't even know they have a legal issue. The ever-widening chasm between legal needs and legal services to meet those needs is often referred to as the "the justice gap." This gap emphasizes the inequalities present in our society.

The acronym I-HELP is used to screen for legal issues, with the letters representing Income—Housing—Employment/ Education—Legal Status—Personal/Family Stability. Income: Denial of benefits is an example of an issue that affects income. Lack of food stamps, disability, or veterans' benefits can cause people to make trade-offs between affording food and health care, including medications. With legal help to secure those benefits, fewer of these trade-offs are required, which can lead to better health outcomes. Also with legal help, a person can secure housing subsidies, improve substandard housing, and prevent evictions. Personal/Family Stability: A stable, decent, and affordable home helps people follow their medical treatment plans and avoid costly emergency room visits. Advance care planning provides personal and family stability for the future in the form of Powers of Attorney, as well as wills and other legal documents.

There is a movement to support more MLPs to do this important work. You may contact your US Representative and ask them to support HR 5241—The Linking Seniors to Needed Legal Services Act—which will provide money to states to fund MLPs. Let us all be reminded of the obligation to pursue justice. Tzedek, tzedek tirdof—Justice you shall pursue.

The CJE Legal Help Desk is available to provide you with a legal check-up. Contact us at 773.508.1086 or LegalHelpDesk@cje.net.

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# WINTER 2021–2022 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CJE SeniorLife offers ongoing support groups and programs, which are subject to change. All programs are free unless indicated. Some fees may be partially covered by Medicare or private insurance.

### CALENDAR

December 2 Chanukah Music Program. Join Rabbi Ari Hart for a discussion and a performance of Chanukah musical favorites. 1 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

December 9 Supplemental Security Income & Social Security Disability Insurance for People with Disabilities. Attorney Jeffrey A. Rabin will provide information about Social Security law and the programs that cover people with disabilities. Topics include how to apply, how to make appeals after denial of benefits, and how to maintain eligibility for benefits while returning to work. 11 am—Noon. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: 773.508.1106 or linkages@cje.net.

December 10 Insights on Aging: The Importance of Addressing Basic Legal and Housing Issues. This program will highlight two important programs that are available at CJE SeniorLife that can have a significant impact on the health and well being of older adults. Presented by CJE Legal Help Desk Staff and CJE Consumer Assistance Staff. 11 am—Noon CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: counselingservices@cje.net or 773.508.1121.

December 28 Connecting the Renaissance to Today. Artist and educator Hugh Leeman will take us through a series of artwork from ancient pagan influence to Judeo-Christian societies which converged to lift Renaissance Europe to new artistic heights. Noon–1 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

January 14 Insights on Aging: Making Good Decisions About Taking Medication. This presentation will help participants sort through confusing information about medications and clarify how you and your physician can work together to determine what is the best decision for

you. Nina Henry, JCFS Chicago. 11 am—Noon. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: counselingservices@cje.net or 773.508.1121.

February 11 Insights on Aging: How Changing Health Behaviors Can Impact Mental and Physical Health. This session will provide an overview of the science of how we create healthier habits. The lecturer will focus on specific techniques and tweaks to routines that can be done to create more consistent positive mental and physical health behaviors. Margaret Danilovich, CJE SeniorLife. 11 am—Noon CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: counselingservices@cje.net or 773.508.1121.

### ONGOING SERIES

### MONDAY AT THE MOVIES

Join us for our cyber movie club! On the second Monday of each month, we'll explore groundbreaking films, learn little known facts about the film and actors, and enjoy clips from the movie. 1 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje. net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

### **MOVE IT MONDAYS**

A variety of exercise activities that can be done sitting or standing. Appropriate for all fitness levels. Free. Every Monday, 11:30 am–12:30 pm CST. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

## SHARING YOUR LOVE OF JUDAISM WITH THE NEXT GENERATION

Grandparents, Grandfriends, and Beyond! Join together with other grandparents and grandfriends each month to explore exciting and meaningful materials from Jewish text and tradition. Take what you have learned and share it with your school age grandchildren between sessions. This program is not just for grandparents, but for any older adult who wants to connect with a younger friend such as nieces and nephews or family friends. First

Tuesday each month. 2–3 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

## COMMUNITY TUESDAYS & MY GO-TO PLACE AT THE BERNARD HORWICH JCC

Coffee, Classes & Camaraderie: Noon CST. Every Tuesday. Open to Everyone. Free. Registration required: 773.508.1089 or community.engagement@cje.net.

### YIDDISH TISH

Join CJE Volunteer, Jay Lewkowitz, for all things Yiddish—from cultural discussions to movies. Open to all levels of Yiddish speakers and those interested in Yiddish language and culture. Every Tuesday. 11 am—Noon CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

### **RECHARGE YOUR BATTERIES**

A comprehensive Tai Chi, QiGong, and yoga fusion practice. Every Wednesday 11 am–Noon CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

### THE STORIES BEHIND THE SONGS

Presented by Canadian musician Rob Lutes, this six-part program takes participants through the history of popular music in America and Canada—from its earliest iterations in the 18th and 19th centuries through the flowering of genres like blues, ragtime, country, rock 'n' roll, and more. Wednesdays, December 8, 15, 22 • 12:30–1:30 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

### MY GO-TO PLACE

Offered weekly, for Niles Township residents 65 and older, each program will start with an educational topic or activity followed by time for conversation.

- Healthy aging educational presentations
- Senior exercise classes
- Creative arts programs
- Community resource and benefit events

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CJE's events and support groups are not currently meeting in person, but instead are offered virtually, by either Zoom or conference call. Please see the descriptions below and www.cje.net/events for more details.

Thursdays, 1–2:30 pm CST. Free. Space is limited. In-person programming open to Niles Township residents only. 5255 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL. Virtual meeting open to all. Registration required for either option: 773.508.1089 or community.engagement@cje.net.

### ARTSY TALKS WITH CJE

Join us for a fun and engaging art-based program to explore ideas and spark dialogue! Guided by CJE art therapists, Artsy Talks offers older adults and their caregivers an opportunity to engage and socialize live each week on Zoom. Thursdays, 10–11 am CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

### VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Our book club facilitator will lead us in conversation about a variety of intriguing books! 3rd Thursday of the month at 11 am CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

#### **FIT FRIDAY**

A class focusing on strength and balance. Appropriate for all fitness levels. Free. Every Friday 9–10 am CST. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

### MINDFULNESS WITH CHLOE

Chloe Gremaud, LCSW from CJE SeniorLife's Counseling Services, will lead group participants in mindfulness exercises that help support mental wellness. Building the ability to stay present can help participants to cope with stress and uncertainty and reduce negative thinking. Every Friday, 10–10:30 am CST. Virtual meeting—for Zoom link or dial-in information: lauren.vourvoulias@cje.net.

### CLASSIC COMEDY: STILL FUNNY TODAY

Explore your favorite comedians from Charlie Chaplin and the Three Stooges to Carol Burnett and Mel Brooks! 1st Friday of the month at 1 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: cje.net/events. For more information: community.engagement@cje.net or 773.508.1089.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

### **Family Caregivers**

Support group for all family members who are providing care for someone with dementia. Led by Jaclyn Abramson, MA, LCPC, BC-DMT. 1st Thursday of every month. 4–5 pm CST. Free. Virtual Meeting. Registration required: 847.236.7826 or jaclyn.abramson@cje.net.

### Coping with the Challenges of Aging

An eight-week Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) group designed to help members change patterns of thinking in order to feel better. Led by Chloe Gremaud, LCSW. Call for session dates. Virtual Meeting. Participation requires advance screening and evaluation to be billable to Medicare and other insurance. Call 773.508.1698.

## Making Connections: Seniors with Adult Children with Disabilities

Connect, share experiences, and learn about benefits and community resources. Led by Mariana Sanchez, LCSW. 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 11 am–12:15 pm CST. Free. Virtual Meeting. Registration required: 773.508.1106.

### Living Life Through Loss—Virtual

A bereavement support group. Led by Lisa Andrews, LCSW. Sponsored by CJE SeniorLife and JCFS Chicago. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. 1–2 pm CST. Virtual Meeting. Registration required: 773.508.4742.

### Russian Tea Time: Chicago

A second Chicago-based conversation group for Russian-speaking Holocaust survivors. Led by Kseniia Asefa, LPC, and Vera Rodriguez Mancera, LPC. First Tuesday of the month. 10–11:30 am CST. Free. Virtual Meeting. Registration required: 773.508.1144.

### Russian Tea Time Music Group

Join us to talk about music or sing, meet new friends, and have fun! Led by Natalya Bouinyi and Era Friedman. Every other Friday. Noon–1:30 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: 773.508.1329.

#### Russian Tea Time: Skokie

Support group for Russian-speaking Holocaust survivors. Led by Maya Gumirov, LPC, NCC, and Anna Klein. Every other Monday. 11 am–12:30 pm CST. Free. Virtual Meeting. Registration required: 773.508.1016.

### **Coffee & Conversation**

A support group for Holocaust survivors. Led by Yonit Hoffman, PhD, and John Wickham, LSW, Holocaust Community Services. Mondays. 1:30–3 pm CST. Free. Virtual Meeting. Call to confirm dates: 773.508.1004.

### **Caring Conversations**

A support group for family caregivers of Holocaust survivors. Led by Yonit Hoffman, PhD, and Anna Dominov, LCSW, Holocaust Community Services. 1st Wednesday of the month. 4–5:30 pm CST. Free. Virtual Meeting. Call to confirm dates: 773.508.1004.

### **Caring Conversations**

A support group for family members caring for aging Holocaust survivors. Led by Maya Gumirov, LPC, and John Wickham, LSW. 3rd Wednesday of the month. 6–7 pm CST. Free. Virtual meeting. Registration required: 773.508.1315 or 773.508.1016.

### Russian Tea Time— Uniper Virtual Support Group

A virtual conversation group for Russianspeaking Holocaust survivors to discuss the challenges of aging and wellness strategies. Leah Rosenberg and Vera Rodriguez Mancera, LPC. 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. 11 am–Noon CST. Free. Please call to confirm dates: 773.508.1149

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Christmas Day Friday, December 24
New Year's Day Friday, December 31
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Monday, January 17

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- 50th Anniversary Web Page
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- 50th Branded Giveaways

- 50th Anniversary video
- Customized 50th Refreshments.
- Updated History of CJE Publication
- Festive 50th Anniversary Celebrate CJE Gala
- And much more...

During our anniversary year we are eager to recognize all our efforts on behalf of older adults. This milestone will enable us to review our remarkable past as we articulate our vision for the future. We will ask our many staff members, volunteers, board members, clients, residents, families, and our community members to join us in this celebration of longevity as we consider all the changes, challenges, and victories we've experienced.

BE SURE TO STAY TUNED FOR SOME EXCITING 50TH ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS VIA OUR PRINT AND DIGITAL CHANNELS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!