

**NEWS** 

OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE PENINSULA, MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTIES



California Collaborative member Roxanne Makasdjian, Genocide Education Project, leads a workshop with the JFCS Holocaust Center.

### JFCS Holocaust Center Establishes Statewide Collaborative for Holocaust and Genocide Education

The JFCS Holocaust Center has established the California Collaborative for Holocaust and Genocide Education with support from a \$1.9 million grant from the Marin County Office of Education and the State of California.

The California Collaborative, a first-of-its-kind statewide network, will connect educators, genocide survivors, and community leaders in order to support California teachers to effectively provide Holocaust and genocide education and address the surge of antisemitism and hate in our school communities.

Research shows that Holocaust and genocide education develops empathy in youth, reduces discrimination and hate, and inspires moral courage and social responsibility. As Alex, a 10th grade student in a JFCS Holocaust Center program said:

"Hearing a Holocaust survivor's story literally made me cry—it gave me hope to believe in my dreams regardless of my cultural background. From now on, I am willing to help those who need me."

Over the next three years, the California Collaborative will reach an estimated 700 teachers and ultimately impact an estimated 70,000 California students.

The California Collaborative will work closely with the inaugural Governor's Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education, which has been developed to promote such education throughout the state, in a highly-focused statewide effort for the benefit of all California's children and our society as a whole.

## Read more about the California Collaborative for Holocaust and Genocide Education here.

<u>Donate</u> to support Holocaust education which is critical to developing morally courageous youth.



## Join Us for Our Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Wednesday, April 27, 4:00pm

4:00pm—Reading of the Names 6:00pm—Ceremony and Program

Program:

# Memory, Morality, and This Moment in History

Dr. Anita Friedman in conversation with Yoav Potash and Aaron Tartakovsky

**REGISTER NOW** 



**Invest in Our Community Year-Round** 

Looking for a simple way to help your neighbors all year long? We recently launched the JFCS Monthly Giving Program to make it easier for you to provide steady support for our community. Your gift will be charged automatically each month and can be canceled anytime.

Join the JFCS Monthly Giving Program



#### **JFCS Fights Hunger as Food Prices Soar**

By Thursday, Joseph's refrigerator is almost bare. Living on his meager fixed income has been difficult, and he relies on his JFCS Food Bank delivery to sustain him through the end of the week. The frail 79-year-old says, "I never thought that two bags of groceries would cost the same as my first house payment years ago. I don't know what I would do without JFCS' help."

Prices are skyrocketing and those struggling financially are forced to make difficult choices. Many go without food in order to pay for rent, gas, or other essentials.

With more people than ever in our community at risk of hunger, many families and seniors rely on JFCS' Food Banks as a lifeline. Your generous donations help the most vulnerable in our community put food on the table every week.

#### To support those who are struggling in our community, donate now >



Food Bank chairs **Jill Kulick**, **Sara Green**, **Marian Sosnick**, and JFCS Volunteer Manager, **Ayelet Litany**.

### Volunteers Are at the Heart of JFCS' Food Bank

Thanks to generous donations and dedicated volunteers, JFCS' Food Banks are able to serve thousands in our community every year. We are thrilled to welcome **Jill Kulick, Marian Sosnick,** and **Sara Green** as our new Peninsula Food Bank chairs! These three dedicated women devote their time to volunteering at the JFCS Food Bank and supporting our community in many ways.

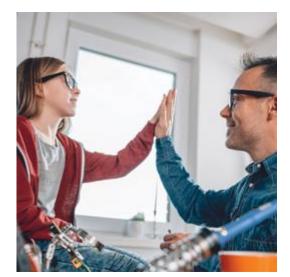
An enormous thank-you to outgoing chairs, **Alison Ross** and **Laura Robbin**, for more than seven years of outstanding leadership in building the JFCS' Food Bank program on the Peninsula!

In recognition of **National Volunteer Week**, we extend our deepest gratitude to these women and the thousands of volunteers at the heart of JFCS' many programs—thank you for taking care of our community!

### Read more about Jill, Marian, and Sara >

**Want to help?** Visit <u>ifcs.org/volunteer</u> to find an opportunity that fits your skills and schedule.

Special Events and Opportunities



**Building Your Child's Self-Esteem and Personal Power** Friday, April 29, 1:00pm (PDT)

Build children's self-esteem and learn how to avoid unsuspected parental communication blocks.

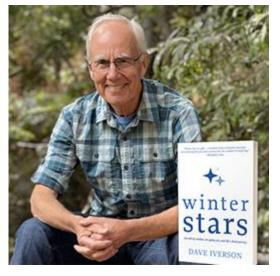
Register Now



**Parenting Through Separation** and Divorce—2 Sessions Tuesday, May 10 & 17, 7:00pm (PDT)

Learn how to manage the complex process of separation/divorce while keeping your children's best interests in mind.

**Register Now** 



The Challenges of Caring for **Aging Parents: An Interview** with Dave Iverson

Friday, May 6, 11:00am (PDT)

A compassionate discussion on the universal challenges adult children face while caring for their aging parents.

Register Now



#### Calling College Graduates! **Apply for the Koret Fellowship** by May 15, 2022

This is an amazing, year-long, fulltime (paid!) program for young professionals to engage, connect and inspire teens to bring about change and support communities in need.

**Apply Now** 

All Upcoming Events

### You Are Not Alone

JFCS is providing comprehensive services to help those in need of food, home health care, or mental, physical, financial, and spiritual support.

If you or someone you care about needs assistance, please call us at 415-449-3700.

### Donate Your Tax Refund to JFCS

If you've received a refund this year on your taxes, please consider using it to help improve lives in our community! Your donations go toward services for families, individuals, and seniors who need urgent help.

**Donate Now** 

With questions, call the JFCS Development Department at 415-449-1283. We are happy to help!







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