

An Exciting Month Ahead



Join JF&CS at the
Walk!

What are you doing in May? If you're anything like us, you're celebrating the beautiful weather by getting out and ending a six month hibernation! Looking for ideas? Join us at these three upcoming events:

VOLUNTEER WITH US AT UJA'S WALK WITH ISRAEL!

This fun and important event draws 10,000-15,000 people annually and supports vital initiatives throughout Israel. On May 18, Jewish Family & Child will be volunteering at Rest Stop 4 in [Clarence Square](#). There is still time to sign up! We will be help hand out snacks, drinks and giveaways while energizing the walkers and runners. We plan to meet at Clarence Square by 9:30 am. If you'd like to join us, please email [Andrea Pines](#) for registration instructions. Are you planning to Walk instead? [Please let us know so you can join the JF&CS team](#) and help us show our colours!

SAPPHO BY KIM SMILEY | TRUNK SHOW

On the evening of May 13, Designer, Kim Smiley, will host an exclusive trunk show featuring her extraordinarily beautiful, hand-made jewellery. [Sapphô by Kim Smiley](#) will donate 20% of all proceeds to the Woman Abuse Program at JF&CS. This private event is already filling quickly, so if you'd like to attend, [RSVP today to reserve your spot and receive the event details](#).

CRINGE WORTHY

JF&CS Emerging Leader's upcoming event, [Cringe Worthy](#) is on May 21 at 8pm. This unique and hilarious night will feature young adults sharing their most embarrassing teen stories, live on stage. Money raised at Cringe Worthy will help send Jewish kids to camp! If you are an Emerging Leader (in your 20s-30s) please join us! For tickets, visit www.jfcsemergingleaders.com. Or you can support our young leaders by [sponsoring the event](#)!

Thanks Haylee & Devin!

A few months ago, Haylee Muroff & Devin Kornblum were in Bat Mitzvah planning mode. Haylee's was in April and Devin's is next month in June. They were looking for somewhere local to donate in honour of their celebrations, and they learned about the idea of [simcha baskets at JF&CS](#). They made a list of everything they wanted, and then they personally shopped and packaged everything up for kids going to overnight camp.



Devin Kornblum and Haylee Muroff

JF&CS will give the packages to kids and teens from our Agency whose summer camp experience is being made possible through our financial assistance program. Last year, we sent 231 kids to camp.

Thank you so much, Haylee and Devin and Mazel Tov to you both!

A Meaningful Week



This week marks two important recognition events - National Hospice and Palliative Care Week and Children's Mental Health Week.



JF&CS proudly offers quality services in both of these areas, and is committed to meeting the needs of children and families who access these programs.

Join the conversation by educating yourself.

[Learn more about our Jewish Hospice Program.](#)

[Learn more about our Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Mental Health Centre.](#)

Beautiful Words from a Client

"It is with inexplicable gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that I write this letter to you. The moment I entered the doors of JF&CS I was welcomed with open arms and caring smiles. The assistance to afford the medicine and physical therapy to recuperate from my previous and ongoing surgeries and critical health issues. The astounding improvement in my mental state and the compassion you show me allows me to breathe again. There were and are times that unexpected dire financial situations smack me right in the face and I roll up in a ball, cry uncontrollably and think there is only one way out. Never did I ever in my wildest dreams or fervent prayers believe that Jewish Family & Child would be there to assist me in the capacity that kept me from drowning; that literally pulled me out of my deepest, darkest nightmares of despair.

Mav Hash-m keep everyone involved with JF&CS safe and secure in His Outstretched Arms. Mav all your prayers be answered with speed and may you always have a bounty of plenty and uninterrupted good health. With Immeasurable Gratitude and the Utmost of Appreciation. Thank you with all my heart."

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