



# JCS Appreciates Our Great Volunteers

## New outreach program begins

The needs of our community's senior and disabled citizens have long been a concern for JCS. We have many isolated clients with no family or support system. The hiring of Jodie Gerson, our new social services provider, gave us the capacity and opportunity to create a pilot volunteer project aimed to help and support some of our most needy fellow Jews.

The JCS Program Committee held its first training for volunteers December 14, 2018, which was attended by seven interested and potential volunteers representing various parts of the community. Jodie shared information about the original purpose and goals of the project: to support JCS clients and seniors who may feel isolated and who would appreciate a regular friendly call, visit or "coffee date."

As additional people express interest, the training will be repeated and is also available online.



*Training Attendees: Gail Marcus, Alice Tucker, Robert Nehmad, Judy Jakobovits, Jon and Ellen Polokoff, and Sue Brown*

Being a JCS Volunteer is a wonderful way to give back to our community. If you are interested in volunteering or want to find out more about the project, please contact Sue Brown at 808-741-3123 or [suebrown96734@gmail.com](mailto:suebrown96734@gmail.com). If you know of someone who could use some friendly support, please contact Jodie at 808-258-7121 or [jcs.jodie@gmail.com](mailto:jcs.jodie@gmail.com).

## Annual Dinner Honors Community Volunteers



The 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, held on November 4, was extra-special as it celebrated JCS' 20 years of service to the Hawaii's Jewish community. The dining room at the Pacific Club was overflowing with 150 individuals who attended to honor our 2018 Volunteers of the Year: Bob and Marilyn Landis from Aloha Jewish Chapel; Yosef and Devorah Morgan from Chabad of Hawaii; Avi Soifer and Marlene Booth from Congregation Sof Ma'arav; Joseph Marrowe from the Jewish Congregation of Maui; Harvey and Lynne Rackmil from O`ahu Jewish `Ohana; and Ruth Freedman from Temple Emanu-El.

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# From Our New Service Provider: Jodie Gerson

I moved here last summer to attend the Hawaii School of Professional Psychology and was delighted to find the ad for a Social Worker/Case Manager at Jewish Community Services (JCS). I thought it was a perfect fit. Not only would I get to work for an amazing organization, but I would be helping my sisters, brothers, Aunties, and Uncles in the community. I'm honored to be working for JCS.



*from JCS I would have been homeless and have no idea what to do. I was behind on my rent but was able to get back on track with JCS assistance. I am eternally grateful".*

JCS also assisted two siblings who were struggling to make ends meet due to

a job loss. ***"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we greatly appreciate it. It helped to relieve the burden of living in Honolulu, especially after one of us temporarily lost our job. We were able to use the funds to make ends meet and ease the stress of living for many months. We are extremely thankful and grateful for JCS assistance. We are thriving and it's due to the help of JCS. THANK YOU".***

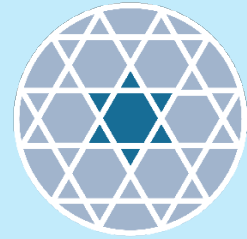
JCS has also reached out to the Hillel chapter at the University of Hawai'i to help students and alumni who may need referrals, short term assistance, or inquire about local synagogues.

These are just examples of how we help as well as responding to inquiries about Hawaii's Jewish community by phone and through our website. If you know someone or are someone that needs assistance, contact me at: 808-258-7121, [jcs.jodie@gmail.com](mailto:jcs.jodie@gmail.com),

While learning about the resources available, my wife and I were introduced to the local congregations. I've spent time at 4 congregations on Oahu and I'm looking forward to traveling to the neighboring islands. I am proud to say we are members of Temple Emanu-El, Oahu Jewish Ohana, and Congregation Sof Ma'arav.

I have certainly been kept busy meeting the diverse and challenging needs of Hawaii's Jewish community. In 2018, JCS assisted needy seniors, couples, families, individuals, and those with disabilities with housing, medical expenses, food expenses, utilities, as well as providing referrals to other agencies.

For example, we assisted a young man who was on the verge of homelessness but is now stabilized financially. ***"Without the help***



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### Our Mission:

**The mission of Jewish Community Services (JCS) is to support and enhance the quality of life for those in need of help in the Hawaii Jewish Community by providing appropriate social services.**

To learn more about the important work that JCS does in our community or make a donation online, visit us on the web at: [jcs-hi.org](http://jcs-hi.org)