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Sid Jacobson JCC Opening Food Bank to Stock Local Pantries

New food bank will address food insecurity across Long Island's north shore

East Hills, NY, March 14, 2019 – On Sunday, April 7, Sid Jacobson JCC invites the community to celebrate the grand opening of the Sid Jacobson JCC Food Bank located at 200 Forest Drive, Suite 11, in East Hills. With the mission of addressing food insecurity across Long Island's north shore, the Food Bank will distribute non-perishable shelf stable food, personal care, and household items to a network of local pantries and shelters, including but not limited to the areas of Roslyn Heights, Great Neck/Manhasset, Old Westbury, Port Washington, and Glen Cove.

"Food insecurity exists on the north shore of Long Island and there is not one face that represents all of those who are affected by this crisis," notes Susan Berman, Director, Center for Community Engagement, Sid Jacobson JCC. "We at SJJCC and our Center for Community Engagement, feel that it is our responsibility to use the Food Bank to try and help our neighbors in need."

Funded by the Sheldon A. Sinett BASICS Fund, an incubator fund with the goal of funding SJJCC's social service programs, the SJJCC Food Bank will serve a dual purpose of helping local pantries that are struggling to fulfill the needs of the community, while also providing young adults with special needs in the JCC's VTEC program meaningful work opportunities.

"Our Vocational Training and Employment Center will be providing interns to work in the Food Bank," explains Connie Wasserman, Associate Executive Director, Sid Jacobson JCC. "This opportunity will help to give them training in skills that are required in order to seek gainful employment, allowing them to become as independent as possible."

The Sid Jacobson JCC Food Bank will celebrate its grand opening on Good Deed's Day, Sunday, April 7 at 11am. The community is invited to join the JCC for this joyous event

and is asked to help stock the shelves by bringing a donation of baby food, cooking oil, rice, or a packaged protein.

To learn more about the Sid Jacobson JCC Food Bank and other ways to give back to the community, please visit sjcc.org/communityengagement or contact Susan Berman, Director, Center for Community Engagement at Sid Jacobson JCC, 516.484.1545 ext. 202 or sberman@sjcc.org.

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About Sid Jacobson JCC

Sid Jacobson JCC (sjcc.org), in East Hills, and its surrounding campus, the Bernice Jacobson Day School and Camp (bjdsc.org), in Old Westbury, provide a full range of cutting-edge recreational, health, fitness, educational, cultural arts and social service programs. SJJCC promotes Jewish identity and provides a comprehensive program based on Jewish values, traditions, heritage, and culture, and is committed to enriching the lives of all individuals and families in its community. SJJCC embraces all individuals and families, and values diversity. See community differently, "Like" the JCC on Facebook (facebook.com/sidjacobsonjcc).

Sid Jacobson JCC is a beneficiary agency of the UJA Federation of New York.

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