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Sid Jacobson JCC Launches Covid Relief Hub in Partnership with UJA-Federation of New York

The Hub is a one-stop-shop for job training and social services

East Hills, NY, February 12, 2021 – Sid Jacobson JCC is proud to announce the launch of the [Covid Relief Hub at Sid Jacobson JCC](#), created in partnership with UJA-Federation of NY. The Hub is a one-stop-shop that provides help and support needed in a confidential and easy to access environment. During these difficult times, The Hub is here to assist those who were furloughed or laid off and those feeling anxious, depressed, or scared about tomorrow.

“COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on so many lives right here in our community - people just like you and me,” says Connie Wasserman, Associate Executive Director, Sid Jacobson JCC. “People who have been furloughed and have not returned to work because their industry is still not back; those who have been laid off and who can’t pay their mortgage or rent; and those who are making the decision to take vital medication or put food on the table. These are real stories of individuals living in our neighborhood who will benefit from all The HUB has to offer.”

The Hub’s services include case management, mental health and wellness support, financial and legal assistance, career services, benefits, and food security assistance. Caseworkers work one-on-one with individuals to explain all of SJJCC’s available resources to meet their unique needs and receive the assistance required. Mental health and wellness workshops are available to help manage day-to-day stresses and on-going struggles as well as weekly job search workshops led by a Career Services Specialist.

Critical financial and legal counseling is provided by The Hub’s on-site partner New York Legal Assistance Group. Caseworkers are also available to guide individuals through the often complicated available benefits including health insurance, disability coverage, SNAP, housing, and social security.

To learn more about The Covid Relief Hub at Sid Jacobson JCC, visit sjcc.org/thehub. To make an appointment to learn about The Hub's services and how SJJCC can help, contact Jill Rakusin, LMSW, Hub Intake Coordinator + Case Manager jrakusin@sjcc.org or 516.484.1545 ext. 171.

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About Sid Jacobson JCC

Sid Jacobson JCC (sjcc.org) in East Hills provides 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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