2019 marks the 120th anniversary year of Jewish Family Services of Delaware serving vulnerable populations in our community. In a historical review written in 1966 by Harry Bluestone, we were impressed to realize not just how the agency has grown, but how our foundation and values are still quite the same.

Bluestone writes:
In the early years of the Hebrew Charity Association, the leadership was in the hands of an immigrant generation. The motivating factors were characteristic of Jewish precepts and practices, while the machinery and operating procedures were in the horse and buggy tradition. As decades passed... the Association expanded its horizons and thinking... in brief, it went from rags to riches, wearing a coat of many colors.

JFS is humbled by the continued growth of our agency after 120 years and how our programs and services contribute to the thriving of our community. Together, with support from volunteers and partners, we strengthen the fabric of our community, inspired by our joint mission in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and our shared values of kindness, compassion, and justice.

Though, certainly, the organization has evolved over the years – not taking the name ‘Jewish Family Services’ until 1960 – our mission today still upholds the original intentions of its founding leaders 120 years ago...

The Hebrew Charity Association...was formed on January 1, 1899... dedicated to helping the unfortunate to become self-supporting.
The early founders of the Hebrew Charity Association did not try to avoid obstacles but to overcome them... By the end of its first year, the young organization was sufficiently active to feel itself a vital part of the community.

120 years later, Jewish Family Services is still an important, ever-evolving community organization. What will the agency be like in the next 120 years? This is a legacy our community can create together, ensuring that JFS remains strong and vital for generations to come. Thanks to all who have helped JFS reach this special milestone!
**What is a Memory Café?**
A Memory Café is a social gathering for people living with memory loss and their care partners.

Memory Café’s have been developed across the country with a goal of creating a safe, supportive place for participants and their care partners to connect over shared concerns, challenges, and experiences. Providing fun and stimulating activities, JFS’ Memory Café will be a community space to form friendships with people who understand and support you!

**We warmly welcome you to join the JFS Village for our first Memory Café, being held on Wednesday, April 3, from 1:30-3:00 pm at Congregation Beth Emeth*.**

Everyone is welcome, along with their care partners, including spouses, partners, children, friends, or caregivers.

JFS’ Memory Café will be held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. If you are interested and/or need a ride, please contact Joyce Griffith at 302-478-9411 or jgriffith@jfsdelaware.org.

*Congregation Beth Emeth is located at 400 Lea Boulevard in Wilmington, providing ample and accessible parking.

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**JCC Senior Center Lectures & Events**
Friday, March 8, 10-11am: **Sugar & Sensible Eating Lecture**
Wednesday, March 13, 5:45-7:30 pm: **UN-BBQ Dinner**
Enjoy dinner and musical entertainment from Boxturtle Bob

Friday, March 15, 11am-12pm: Elder Law Center will host a Q&A on Wills, Trusts, HIPAA, Asset Protection, and more!

Tuesday, March 26, 11am-12pm: **Heart Disease and Prevention**
Lecture by a doctor from Christiana Care

Call the JCC to register: 302-478-5660
See the attached **JPrime Newsletter** for all activities available at the Siegel JCC Senior Center!

**PRE-PAY for your rides!**
Call Karen now to purchase vouchers.

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**The JFS Village**
*A Membership Community*

The JFS Village is a community of support that provides older adults the services they need to enhance quality of life, remain active, and encourage independence.

**Volunteer Hours**

- **February**
  - 179 hours
- **Year-to-Date**
  - 332 hours

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**JFS Mission & Vision**
To strengthen individuals, families, and the community by providing counseling and support services, based on Jewish values.

Our vision is to use our evolving position as a key social service in Delaware to strengthen the support available to our most underserved populations.