

## **JASA Partners in New Neighborhood Portal Program**

JASA is pleased to be a partnering agency in a new service initiative in the metropolitan area. “Senior Aid: Neighborhood Portals for Comprehensive Elder Services” is a collaboration between four UJA-Federation of New York affiliates: JASA, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council), New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), and Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. (Selfhelp). Senior Aid will provide culturally sensitive, interdisciplinary services—all offered at one site—to the complex social services needs of low-income Jewish older adults. Funding for Senior Aid is being provided by the Weinberg Foundation through a grant to UJA-Federation of New York.

Senior Aid will be a “Single Stop” social services resource for seniors in communities in Nassau County, Long Island and Brooklyn. Planned services include: legal counsel for tenancy and eviction, immigration, elder law, or elder abuse issues; short-term personal or family counseling, or assessment and referral for longer-term mental health services; assessment of health needs, and health education and advocacy; transportation; cash assistance and financial management assistance; household cleaning and repair services; planning for illness and incapacity; caregiver support; crisis management services for victims of elder abuse; job counseling for those able to work to supplement income; connections to volunteer work; and opportunities for spiritual support.

JASA will be the Senior Aid service provider in Mineola and Central Nassau County, where some 32% of Jewish households are headed by seniors, many of whom are low-income.

The development of Senior Aid represents a rare instance of four independent agencies working together to create a single, unified and coordinated system of information and services.

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