

Annual Passover Appeal

Passover 5770 - April 2010

Dear Friends,

As Passover approaches and we prepare to enjoy the company of family and friends, we ask you to consider our less fortunate neighbors. It may be difficult to imagine hungry Jews here in South Palm Beach County, but we know that more and more face bare cupboards and poor nutrition every week. Living among us are seniors who prepared for retirement but outlived their resources or who used their savings for a spouse's care. Continued unemployment and rising foreclosures leave families with children in desperate need.

During Passover, we celebrate our liberation from bondage and remember that we were once strangers in Egypt. Responding to the needs of the hungry "stranger" emulates our teachings, as the Seder begins with the call, ***"Let all who are hungry come and eat"***

Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service is proud to be a partner with our local synagogues in a community-wide effort to provide food for those in our community who would be unable to observe Passover without our help.

Our tradition of **"maot chittim"** teaches us to share our abundance by sending tzedakah to buy food for the poor and hungry for Passover. **As little as \$36.00 will supply a neighbor with food throughout our Festival of Freedom.**

We ask that you join us in this great mitzvah by sending your donation to the local **Forster Family Kosher Food Pantry** in the enclosed postpaid envelope **by March 24**. This vital community service is currently delivering food throughout the year to nearly 550 community members in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those less fortunate take part in the holiday. Together, let us ensure that all of the Jewish people among us have a Passover filled with the joy of being remembered and cared for.

Our best wishes for a sweet and joyous Passover, and Chag Kasher V'Sameach,



Laurence Blair, Chairman
Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service



Karen Irwin, Chair
Food Pantry Committee

THE FORSTER FAMILY KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

- ✧ Is a program of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service, which has served the Delray Beach and Boca Raton areas for 30 years.
- ✧ Delivers kosher food, free of charge, all year long to nearly 550 individuals ages 2-102.
- ✧ Receives continually increasing requests for assistance; beneficiaries have nearly doubled since 2008.
- ✧ Provides friendly visits with regular food deliveries, and links to other services as needed.
- ✧ Uses unmarked delivery vans to sustain the dignity of recipients.



Help families like Alana and her children in Boca Raton

After losing her husband in an accident and her mother to Alzheimer's Disease, Alana was overwhelmed with medical debts and trying to keep herself and her daughters, ages 8 and 10, from going into a shelter. Since contacting Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service for help with her desperate financial situation, stability and security are being restored for Alana's family. Thanks to the Forster Family Kosher Food Pantry, they no longer have to get through their days subsisting on canned soup and crackers.

Help seniors like Miriam in Delray Beach

Miriam and Harry, a seamstress and carpenter, moved to Delray Beach to enjoy the weather and play bridge. Their dreams of an active retirement faded when Harry became ill with cancer. Widowed after 66 years of marriage, Miriam found herself struggling to cope with her loss, pay the medical bills, and live on depleted resources. Facing foreclosure after losing his job in New York, her son is unable to assist her. Not wanting to be a burden, Miriam found it very difficult to reach out for help. At a neighbor's suggestion, she finally called the Forster Family Kosher Food Pantry when her cupboards were bare. Now Miriam is grateful for her supplemental food packages, and enjoys the friendly visits.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CRITICAL SUPPORT! 100% of your contribution will be used to provide food to our neighbors in need. A copy of the Florida charity registration SC-13201 and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer services at 800-435-7352. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state. **PLEASE TEAR ALONG PREFORATED EDGE & MAIL BACK IN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.**

YES! I Want to Help Stop Jewish Hunger in Our Community through THE FORSTER FAMILY KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

With my contribution of: \$36 ____ \$72 ____ \$180 ____ \$250 ____ \$500 ____ \$1000 ____ Other ____

Name _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to the FORSTER FAMILY KOSHER FOOD PANTRY or pay by credit card.

____ My check is enclosed.

____ Please charge my contribution in the amount of \$ _____ to my: ____ Visa ____ Mastercard ____ American Express

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR SYNAGOGUE:

- ☆ B' nai Torah Congregation ☆ Congregation B'nai Israel ☆ Young Israel of Boca Raton ☆ Beth Ami Congregation ☆ Anshei Emuna
- ☆ Temple Beth El ☆ Boca Raton Synagogue ☆ Temple Beth Shalom ☆ Temple Emeth ☆ Other _____