



### Jewish Family Services

**LIFE CRISIS ASSISTANCE:** There are times when life gets tough for us; when despite our most valiant efforts the world comes crashing down and we need help immediately to manage necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter. That’s what the JFS Life Crisis Assistance program is all about. Through various funders, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, JFS provides monetary assistance to help with housing concerns, utility payments, medical and food assistance. JFS staff can help direct individuals and families to resources to help them through these crises as well.

**CHAPLAINCY:** The Chaplaincy program helps meet the spiritual needs and spiritual wellness for those Jewish individuals and families in the community who do not have easy access to a congregation or other spiritual resources. While Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, our community chaplain, focuses on the spiritual needs of unaffiliated Jews and their families, he is also a resource to the rabbis and all those in the Jewish community.

The chaplain provides pastoral visits and services, training and development for a volunteer contingent of paraprofessionals, outreach and education regarding spiritual wellness, spiritual counseling and consultation, and referrals to other rabbis and other community resources. The chaplain has become a great resource for the Greater Kansas City chaplain community creating a new level of understanding among those who deliver pastoral care in area health care facilities.