

# 170 YEARS OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK



Committee established in Albany to **assist new immigrants from Europe**. This was the root of what grew into Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York.



1854

NYS legislature approved measure to establish **Albany Jewish Social Services**, realizing agency's growth.



1931

1957

The agency became involved in the effort to **assist Jews emigrating from Hungary**.



New programs instituted with Daughters of Sarah, local high schools, and SUNY, thus **extending counseling to new age groups with critical needs**.



1974-1976

1990s

**Expansion of services**, including outreach, education, teen leadership, chaplaincy, and bereavement, supported in part by United Jewish Federation.



2006

Establishment of the **Albany NNORC** through a contract with NYSOFA to serve a 3+ square mile area of Albany with a high older adult population.



The **COVID-19 pandemic** spurred service expansion, including kosher meal delivery, occupational therapy for mental wellness, enhanced referrals, and renewed mental health focus.



2020



1869-1902

Known first as the Hebrew Benevolent Society, the agency then became **Albany Jewish Home Society** with expanded services for orphans and for older adults.



1937-1940S

**AJSS met emergency needs of German and European refugees**, helping families and children with placement, counseling, reconnection with relatives and aiding with alien registration.



1959-1967

Counseling makes up 75% of the agency's work. It rebranded as **Albany Jewish Family Services** to reflect the broadened focus on serving the community and to being on par with sister organizations throughout North America.



1989-1991

AJFS develops extensive **refugee resettlement services** in response to major influx of Jews, including Holocaust survivors, from the Former Soviet Union.



1999

Establishment and growth of the Supervised Visitation program, the expansion of in-home **counseling** for older adults, and a school social work contract with Hebrew Academy of the Capital District.



2010S

Expanded services for older adults, including the signature **JFS Project 5** transportation program.



2024

Launched plans for the **JFS Center for Resilience** at the Golub Center for safe, accessible one-on-one and group counseling services, and for providers to collaborate person-centered care.