

## Special deliveries for Passover

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**The Dorit & Ben J. Genet Cupboard of Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County** will provide 600 families traditional Passover packages that include *matzah*, gefilte fish, macaroons, grape juice and matzo ball soup mix. Additionally, more than 600 Holocaust survivors will also receive a seder plate and a prepared dinner consisting of roasted chicken with *tzimmes* and potato kugel. Goodman JFS Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program's care managers will deliver Passover items to survivors between April 11–14.



Randy Colman, president and CEO of Goodman JFS, said, “It means the world to us to see the look of gratitude and appreciation on the faces of families and Holocaust survivors we serve.”

“Their struggle is hard enough,” Colman continued. “if we can lessen their burdens with a holiday package or prepared meal, then we’re fulfilling our mission.”



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Tamara Shulman, a member of Goodman JFS’ Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program who lived in Dnipro, Ukraine and currently lives in Hallandale Beach, said, “I am so grateful for this Passover delivery from Goodman Jewish Family Services.”

“Being part of the Holocaust Assistance Survivors Program makes me feel that I’m not alone and that I’m taken care of, especially during the holidays,” Shulman, 88, continued. “I am proud to be part of our Jewish community here in Broward.”

Shulman expressed her concern with the Russian invasion of her native country.

“I was born in Ukraine and lived almost all my life there,” she said. “I can’t imagine what Ukrainian people are going through right now. My brother and his family are still in Ukraine, and I pray every day for them to be safe from harm.”





The Cupboard clients will receive items from April 1–14 by delivery or by scheduling a pickup during operating hours, which are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers will help deliver Passover packages during *Mitzvah* Sundays, April 3 and 10 from 9 a.m.-noon. To support the Cupboard or become a volunteer, call 954-530-7555 or visit [jfsbroward.org](http://jfsbroward.org).



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**Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service** in West Palm Beach is conducting two kinds of meal deliveries for the holiday. On April 6, the agency is delivering Passover baskets to 75 households that are filled with non-perishable Passover foods, like matzo, soup, canned vegetables, macaroons, kosher turkey or Publix gift card, and other holiday treats. The meals are meant to provide food for people who may have recently lost a job or need additional help making ends meet.

On April 14, Alpert JFS is partnering with the Kind Kitchen and the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County to deliver meals to more than 100 Holocaust survivors. The meals will be filled with all the foods needed for the Seder.

Belinda Lasky, director of volunteer leadership for Alpert JFS, said, "Alpert JFS is grateful to all of the volunteers who help prepare the holiday baskets, as well as deliver the meals to families so they can celebrate the holiday."



“It is always meaningful when volunteers come together to help the community, especially during a poignant holiday like Passover,” Lasky continued.

To learn more about the Passover meals or to volunteer, contact Lasky at 561-713-1893. Visit [alpertjfs.org](http://alpertjfs.org) for more information on the agency.

Volunteers, residents and staff of **MorseLife Health System** in West Palm Beach will gather together for its annual tradition of delivering Passover meals to homebound seniors on April 14. Meal pick-up locations are MorseLife and Temple Torat Emet in Boynton Beach. Call 561-687-5791 by April 1 to sign up as a Passover Mitzvah volunteer and get the details on the deliveries.

Keith Myers, MorseLife’s president and CEO, said, “It’s because of our wonderful volunteers that we are able to serve 50,000 kosher meals to homebound seniors in Palm Beach County each year through MorseLife’s Meals-On-Wheels program.”

“We are grateful to all those individuals who have made it an annual tradition to deliver meals during Passover and we welcome new volunteers who would like to brighten the holiday for an isolated senior with a warm meal and a friendly visit,” Myers continued.

Visit [morselife.org](http://morselife.org) for more information on the organization.

**Jewish Community Serves of South Florida** presents its annual Matzah Mitzvah event in which volunteers will deliver Passover food and personal hygiene baskets for Holocaust survivors and other seniors throughout Miami-Dade County on the morning of April 10. Pickup locations are Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center and Temple Judea in Coral Gables.

The event is in partnership with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center, Temple Judea, Claims Conference, Michael-Ann Russell JCC, Alper JCC, Miami Beach JCC, and PJ Library. Visit [jcsfl.org/events/matzah-mitzvah/](http://jcsfl.org/events/matzah-mitzvah/) to register or for more information.

**Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services** in Boca Raton has already filled its volunteer slots for a Passover food delivery it is having on April 3 for seniors in South Palm Beach County.

Danielle Hartman, Rales JFS president and CEO, stated, “Once again, we are overwhelmingly grateful to the many volunteers who will help deliver Passover packages so that our seniors would not be forgotten.”



“Without the generosity of our community, the holiday of Passover would not be as enjoyable as we spend another year celebrating separately,” she continued. “The pandemic has shown us how deeply our community cares for each other, and I see the trend continuing as we begin to transition out of this difficult time.”

Visit [ralesjfs.org](https://ralesjfs.org) for more information on the agency.

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