

**2015 AJFCA Annual Conference
Hilton Miami Downtown
Miami, Florida
May 3-5, 2015**

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2015 GOODMAN AWARD

The Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies is pleased to sponsor the 2015 Goodman Award for Innovative Programming, named in memory of AJFCA Honorary Board Chair Henry Goodman. This Award will be presented at the 2015 AJFCA Annual Conference.

Services for Youth & Young Adults

WINNER - Samost JFCS Southern New Jersey - [Right in Our Backyard](#)

JFS San Diego, CA - [Jewish Advocacy Fellowship](#)

JCS South Florida - [Safety Kid](#)

Services for Older Adults with Alzheimer's or Related Dementia

JFCS Boston, MA - [Memory Café](#)

JFS Salt Lake City, UT - [Music and Memory at Home](#)

JFS Nashville & Middle Tennessee - [Helping Hands Music Program](#)

Services for Older Adults

JFS Delaware - [Brandywine Village Network](#)

JFS Desert, CA - [Let's Do Lunch!](#)

Services for Individuals with Disabilities & Mental Illness

JFS Houston, TX - [ReelAbilitiesHouston Disabilities Film Festival](#)

JFFS Orange County, CA - [Mandel House: Jewish Residential Home for Adults with Special Needs](#)

JFS Cincinnati, OH - [Mental Health Wellness & Recovery Services for Jewish Clients with Chronic Mental Illness](#)

JFSA Cleveland, OH - [Transitions](#)

The winner will be recognized at the 2015 Annual Conference with a reception in their honor. The agency will receive a beautiful glass sculpture, mention in the conference mobile app, one free 2016 conference registration, and the opportunity to present the winning program at a workshop session.

[Goodman Award Guidelines](#)

2015 AJFCA KOVOD AWARDS

The Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies is pleased to sponsor the 2015 Kovod Awards competition for the following categories:

Effective Support for Older Adults

1ST PLACE - JFS Detroit, MI - [Senior Regional Collaborative](#)

2ND PLACE - JFS Cape May & Atlantic Counties, NJ - [Village By the Shore](#)

JFCS Boston, MA - [Memory Cafe](#)

Collat JFS, AL - [CJFS Cares](#)

JFCS Louisville, KY - [Senior Concierge Outreach](#)

Good Governance

HONORABLE MENTION - A Agency - Agence Ometz, QC - [Good Governance](#)

Leadership Development

HONORABLE MENTION - A Agency - JFS San Diego, CA - [Professional Leadership Development](#)

Winners will be recognized at the 2015 Annual Conference with a reception in their honor, mention in the conference mobile app, and during the annual awards ceremony.

Judges: Beth Schwartz, Debbie Zoller, Lori Moss, Alison Gilreath, Barry Stein, Marla Meyers, Dory Zatuchni, Lou Albert, Rita Sason, Susan Greenbaum

[Kovod Award Guidelines](#)

2015 JOSEPH S. KAPLAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

WINNER - Karli Efron - Jewish Family Services Director - Jewish Family Services of Southern Maine

The Joseph S. Kaplan Memorial Scholarship will provide a stipend to send one lay leader or one professional from one D or E sized member agency (Agency Operating Revenue under \$500,000) to the 2015 AJFCA Annual Conference.

Joe made significant contributions to the Jewish Family service movement as board chair of his agency in New York and as a board member and officer of AJFCA. Joe loved the energy and opportunities present at the annual conference and he was particularly concerned about including as many of our member communities as possible. The Conference mobile app will include a brief biography and photo of the honoree. The honoree will receive a beautiful award.

[Joseph Kaplan Memorial Scholarship Award Guidelines](#)

2015 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies wishes to honor member agency CEO's/ED's who have worked for more than 20 years in the Jewish Communal Service field with a Distinguished Service Award at this year's Annual Conference in Miami. The Conference mobile app will include brief biographies and photos of the honorees. Honorees will receive a beautiful award.

- **Debby Perelmuter**, Vice President, Services in the Jewish Community - Jewish Child Care Association
- **Rochelle Tatrai-Ray** - Former Chief Executive Officer/President - Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, FL
- **Sylvia Laeser Goldsmith** - Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer - Jewish Community Services of South Florida
- **Sheila Nudelman Abdo** - Executive Director - Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- **Paula Goldstein** – Chief Executive Officer – Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Greater Philadelphia, PA
- **Aryeh Sherman** – Chief Executive Officer – Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Pittsburgh, PA

[Distinguished Service Award Guidelines](#)

2015 LEADERSHIP AWARD

The AJFCA Leadership Award was created to publicize the efforts of individuals who work tirelessly for their local agencies. Honorees may be CEO's/ED's, professionals or volunteers. The Conference mobile app will include brief biographies and photos of the honorees. Honorees will receive a beautiful award.

- **Andrea Steinberg** - Chief Executive Officer - Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties, NJ - *Woman of Valor*
- **Natalie Rose** - Director, Jewish Community Outreach - Jewish Social Service Agency - *Staff Achievement Award*

- **Harold Gottschall** - Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors - Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service of Palm Beach County, FL - *Creative Fundraising & Engagement Leadership Award*
- **Eric Goldberg** - Board Member - Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas, TX - *Jewish Family Service of Dallas Leadership Award*
- **Linda Meisel** - Executive Director - Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County, NJ - *Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Leaders Award & Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks Community Leader Award*
- **Lynne Aronoff** - Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors - Jewish Family Service of Houston, TX - *2015 Shirley & Allen Becker Jewish Family Service of Houston Leadership Award*
- **Paul Dubner** - Board Member - Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh, PA - *Doctor Howard A. Mermelstein Leadership Award*
- **Selma Telles** - Board Member - Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County, FL - *Esther Lowenthal Community Service Award*
- **Joel Fink** - Board Member - Jewish Community Services of Baltimore, MD - *Jewish Community Services of Baltimore Board Leadership Development Award*

[Leadership Award Guidelines](#)