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### JFCS to celebrate 75th anniversary

Jewish Family & Children's Service will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a special exhibit, "JFCS: 75 Years of Helping and Healing," which will premiere at an Oct. 30 event at the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center, 122 E. Culver St., Phoenix.

Award-winning local author Jana Bommersbach will be the featured speaker at the event, which starts at 7 p.m.

"Not only is the exhibit about JFCS history, but the exhibit uses the context of Phoenix history and the history of social service in Arizona from the 1930s," noted Jessica Green, JFCS marketing and development coordinator, in a press release. "Our goal is that everyone who views our exhibit at the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center will walk away with pride, having learned something about the people of Arizona."

The multimedia exhibit uses photographs, video, testimonials and historical context to highlight significant personalities, stories and milestones in the development of the agency from its beginnings in 1935. (The agency, which is now one of the state's oldest and largest social service agencies, was started by a group of Arizona women during the Depression.)

The exhibit is the product of a collaboration of Phoenix artists, curators, professionals and students. Sponsors of the event include Arizona Jewish Historical Society, Hospice of the Valley and Jewish News.

The exhibit will also be open to the public Oct. 31-Nov. 28, free of charge, at the heritage center. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Group tours can be arranged during other hours by calling Carrol Gottfried, 602-451-7265.

The Oct. 30 event includes cocktails and food; dietary laws observed. Cost is \$180.

JFCS operates six locations across the Valley and assists more than 30,000 individuals of all ages each year through various programs, including behavioral- and mental-health services, senior programs, aid to victims of domestic violence, child-welfare services and job training for at-risk youth.

Visit [jfcsaz.org](http://jfcsaz.org) or call 602-567-8305.

### Beth El launches legacy program

Beth El Congregation has launched a monthly Intergenerational Legacy Program to help adults share memories, thoughts, ideas and hopes for the future with their children or other young relatives.

Participants will learn, during six sessions, to generate and record ideas, add extras (such as photos) and complete their project with a written copy in a binder, an audio message or a short video. Handouts will be provided.

The free monthly program, which is open to adults of all ages, launches 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, and will be held at the synagogue, 1118 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix.

To register, contact Renee Joffe, Beth El program director, 602-944-3359, ext. 113.

### Mezuzah event at Beth Tefillah

Congregation Beth Tefillah will host a "Mighty Mighty Mezuzah Event" 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at the synagogue, 10636 N. 71st Way, Scottsdale.

The afternoon will include mezuzah craft making, learning and noshing. Rabbi Pinchas Allouche will discuss the history and spiritual meaning of a mezuzah, as well as customs associated with it. The cost, which includes one mezuzah and craft supplies, is \$15 members, \$18 nonmembers, \$10 children.

To attend, contact Naomi, 480-560-0319 or [naomieliass@cox.net](mailto:naomieliass@cox.net), or Candice, (917) 568-5823 or [candicegimbel@yahoo.com](mailto:candicegimbel@yahoo.com).

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