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## **JFCS Partners with Local Community on Matzo & More Passover Project**

Tucson synagogues and local community members are invited to volunteer or make financial contributions for Passover baskets for local Jewish families. Sponsored by the **Jewish Family & Children's Service** (JFCS), the *Matzo & More Passover Project* assists Jewish families who otherwise would be unable to prepare Passover seders for their families.

Last year, volunteers delivered Passover baskets to 262 local community members. The baskets contained items such as grape juice, matzo, gefilte fish, matzo ball soup mix and other Passover specialty items. Students from Tucson Hebrew Academy assist each year in the packing of the baskets and local synagogues and businesses generously donate various Passover food items. This year, we expect to deliver Passover baskets to over 300 community members. This increase in local need means an increase in need for community participation. We encourage you to join us as we celebrate Passover this year with a true Mitzvah event.

“The Passover project fulfills an important mitzvah – assisting Jewish families with the observance of a significant Jewish holiday. Additionally, it is an important community activity that brings people together to help one another. This year, we focus on the family and encourage you to consider volunteering as a family mitzvah project”, said Pam Treiber Opper, Volunteer Coordinator for JFCS.

The preparation for this annual Passover Event will be held on **Wednesday afternoon, March 28 and Thursday morning, March 29 at B'nai B'rith Covenant House. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance during the Passover season, or if you would like to donate your time or make a financial donation, please contact Pam Treiber Opper at 795-0300, ext. 249 by March 22, 2007.**

Since 1941, JFCS has provided a variety of social services to the community; serving people of all races, religions and ethnic origins. JFCS programs include Counseling & Support Services, Services for Older and Disabled Persons, Home Services, Refugee Services, and Community and Volunteer Services. JFCS operates the Tucson Loan Chest and provides continuing education classes for people working in human services.

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