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Emergency Support Line for Hurricane Victims Established by Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies and Jewish Family Service Houston

Houston, TX, August 31, 2017 – As the rain subsides, the people of Houston and east Texas are coming face to face with the realities of the disaster and the challenges they face to rebuild their lives. In response, the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies (NJHSA) and Jewish Family Service Houston (JFS) will launch an **Emergency Support Line**, Friday, September 1, 2017. All members of the public will be able to call this number for a free consultation: 832-930-0196.

The Support Line will provide telephone-based counseling sessions on a scheduled appointment basis. Clinicians from across the Network's membership will offer focused assistance in managing the impact of the trauma and finding personal and family resilience to move forward.

"As Jewish tradition teaches, *a community is too heavy to carry alone*. The Network is strengthened and sustained by the full participation and support of its members," said Reuben Rotman, CEO, Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies. "We are proud to collaborate with Houston's JFS and that NJHSA membership from across the US have joined forces in this time of crisis."

[About the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies](#)

The Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies (NJHSA) is a leading Jewish voice for human service organizations – the go-to place for best practices, research, innovation and partnerships. With a focus on the needs of its 140 member organizations in the United States, Canada and Israel, the Network's over-arching goal is to strengthen its member agencies to better serve those who seek their help. www.networkjhsa.org

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About Jewish Family Service Houston

Jewish Family Service Houston is non-profit human service agency for people of all ages and all walks of life. A United Way Agency, its goal since opening in 1913 has been to provide light, hope and help to individuals struggling with life challenges.

JFS is experienced as a Disaster Recovery Case Management Provider. In addition, JFS provides counseling with a broad spectrum of mental health services and programs, disability services, senior adult case management, and employment services, JFS's focus is in southwest Houston but collaborates with agencies across the Greater Houston area. www.jfshouston.org

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