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UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK BRINGS FIRST KOSHER FOOD PANTRY TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY

NEW YORK CITY, April 19, 2021 — UJA-Federation of New York, in partnership with HOPE Community Services, Feeding Westchester, and Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, has opened the first kosher food pantry in Westchester County. The HOPE Community Services Kosher Food Pantry is expected to serve approximately 100 kosher households in need in its first year.

The pantry, located at 50 Washington Avenue in New Rochelle, offers Westchester residents free, pre-packaged bags that are available for pick up every other Thursday, beginning April 15, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Delivery is available for homebound residents as well.

“This pantry is a game-changer for local kosher residents,” said Eric S. Goldstein, CEO of UJA-Federation of New York. “We thank HOPE Community Services, Feeding Westchester, and Met Council for opening this pantry in Westchester. Individuals and families who struggle all year-round or have been impacted by the pandemic now have a new local resource to bring home nutritious, essential kosher food.”

Through grants from UJA, HOPE Community Services expanded its facility to create and operate a separate kosher space to carry fresh produce supplied by Feeding Westchester and non-perishable items supplied by Met Council, including grape juice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, flour, pasta, tuna, beans, and granola bars, as well as select dairy foods. Funding was approved by UJA’s Westchester Advisory Committee, which comprises of Westchester residents who identify needs within the county’s Jewish community.

About UJA-Federation of New York

Working with a network of hundreds of nonprofits, UJA extends its reach from New York to Israel to nearly 70 other countries around the world, touching the lives of 4.5 million people each year. To date, UJA has allocated nearly \$67 million to help respond to the devastating impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Aid has supported New Yorkers facing food insecurity, UJA partner organizations providing essential health and human services to New Yorkers, Jewish Community Centers, low-income students, single parents, and ensuring dignified Jewish burials. For more information, please visit www.ujafedny.org.