



Dear Friend,

Minnesotans are generally skeptical of warm weather in March. We generally do not accept that winter is over even when the snow melts and the grass begins to green. It's probably fair to say that rather than revel in the remembrance of spring times past, we brace ourselves for one final snowfall usually coinciding with State tournaments and Passover. Are we skeptics or realists? Are we risk-takers or more prone to think and act conservatively? Are we planners or spur-of-the-moment sorts?

Whoever you are and however you respond to those questions, JFCS has something for you! Read on to hear about upcoming activities and events connecting you to meaningful, engaging programs.

For those of you who look forward to Passover each year and the opportunity to understand what the holiday has to teach about freedom, **JFCS will be co-sponsoring with the Jewish Recovery Network the annual Freedom Seder**. Join together with others who celebrate freedom from slavery, the traditional meaning of Passover, with freedom from addiction, a more modern interpretation of slavery. It's always a moving and powerful event!

If you're looking forward to the promise of warmer weather, take a look at ***M is for Minnesota*, a newly published book featuring "authors" from our Big Brother/Big Sister Program**. The photos and fun Minnesota facts provided by our "Littles" demonstrate all the wonderful things that makes Minnesota our great state! Yes, there is more to Minnesota than snow and cold!

And, it's not too late to **make your donation as part of MN Food Share** in support of hunger relief. Through the end of March, all donations to local food shelves will be matched to help alleviate hunger for those who are food insecure.

Whether you need some help, can offer some assistance, or can contribute, JFCS welcomes you! We're here for you when you need us.

Judy Halper
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