



# MEET IZZY

Izzy is an endearing 95-year-old Holocaust survivor. Izzy (whose name has been changed to protect confidentiality) first connected with Samantha, a JCS Keshet worker, when Izzy's rabbi had concerns about social isolation and the need for nutritional support. Keshet, meaning connection in Hebrew, is a program that connects JCS services to the synagogue communities.



A long-time resident of Rhode Island, Izzy's beloved wife had recently passed away, and both of his children, his pride and joy, were married and no longer living locally. It was through Izzy's synagogue that Samantha and Izzy quickly forged a bond, and Samantha learned more about him and his progressing needs.



Shortly after his wife died, Izzy shared that he was feeling isolated and craving community. With her caring guidance, Samantha quickly connected Izzy to some of the programs and services JCS could offer, including friendly visits from Susie Adler and Dori Adler of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island (JERI). They delivered holiday gifts during the Jewish holidays and kept Izzy engaged on a weekly basis. In no time, Izzy could be found attending JCS's Kosher Senior Cafe with other seniors throughout the Providence and Cranston areas, enjoying social interactions with others his age, hot kosher meals, and a schedule filled with fun activities.

Unfortunately, it became evident that Izzy wasn't able to manage his expenses or navigate his increasing health issues on his own, and more support was needed. With the help of JCS's Case Management program, along with financial support from his son and daughter-in-law, Izzy subsequently moved out of his family home and into the Assisted Living neighborhood within Tamarisk's Senior Living Community.

What a difference Tamarisk made. Once he moved to Tamarisk, word spread throughout the senior living community that Izzy loved to sing and with that, another match was made! Izzy can now be found joyfully singing along as he helps lead Tamarisk's Friday afternoon services, enjoying social interactions with his new-found peers. Izzy is no longer lonely.



His story is a prime example of how your support directly enhances JCS's mission - ensuring "access to a full continuum of care through the life cycle, within the framework of Jewish tradition and values." – and how your continued annual gift will positively enrich the lives of countless others who come to us for assistance, just like Izzy.

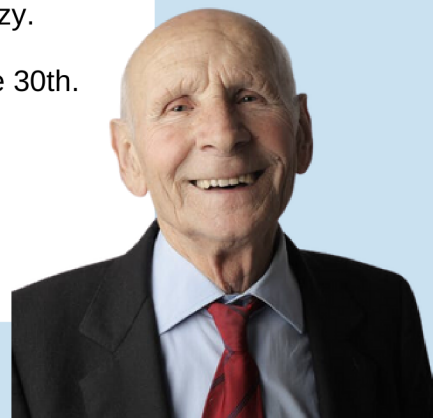
Your generous gift will also help us end our fiscal year strong if made by June 30th. Your continued support is important to us.

***Please consider making your gift to JCS today.***

On behalf of Izzy, & others just like him, THANK YOU.



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## Did you know?

### Last year...



**15,218** meals were served or delivered by Kosher Nutrition. \*Senior Cafe & Meals on Wheels\*



**\$22,638** in financial aid was dispersed to households in need by Case Management.



The Average length of stay at Tamarisk is **3.75 years**



Currently, Jewish Eldercare or RI is **in need of volunteers**

All programs offered through JCS are essential in addressing the needs of our community during this time. Your donations made today will allow our programs to help individuals when they need it most. **Thank you!**



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