

MAZON | A Jewish Response to Hunger

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Sarah Keeney is a Program Manager at MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Since October 2013, Sarah has been managing the Solutions to Senior Hunger™ (SSH) initiative designed to address the escalating number of seniors struggling to put food on the table by reducing the barriers that keep them from enrolling in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). She has also been an integral part of the Help our Heroes (HOH) initiative aimed at addressing the growing problem of food insecurity among military families. Her passion for anti-hunger advocacy and programs began as a graduate intern at Hunger Solutions New York, where she redesigned the outreach tools aimed at assisting military families, and assisted on a statewide collaboration with AARP to connect eligible seniors with SNAP coordinators in their area. Sarah has a M.A. in Macro Social Welfare from SUNY, Albany and a B.A. in Counseling from Marshall University.

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Name: **Sheri Sax, RD, LD LNHA**

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Sheri Sax is a registered licensed dietitian and licensed nursing home administrator in the State of Ohio. She has worked for numerous Jewish and community nonprofit organizations in executive positions for over 18 years in the Cleveland area, including at Montefiore, Judson Retirement Community, and the Children's Hunger Alliance (formerly known as the Ohio Hunger Task Force). In her capacity as Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland's Executive Director of Older Adult Services, Sheri is responsible for programs designed to assist clients to live in safety and dignity in their homes including: the Holocaust Survivor Support Program; Counseling and Case Management services for older adults; Kosher Home Delivered Meals program; Lifeline Personal Emergency Response and Personal Medication Dispenser systems; In-Home Cleaning service; JFSA's Shuttle-On-The-Go transportation for senior adults, Family Advocacy for Holocaust Survivors, and participation in program development for educational sensitivity training for professional students in the care of older adults. Sheri recently presented how to work with specialized funding for Holocaust Survivors at the AJFCA Midwest Older Adult Services conferences.

Name: **Gilda Katz, LISW**

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Gilda Katz is a licensed social worker in the State of Ohio. She has worked in this professional capacity for Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Cleveland's Holocaust Survivor Support Program for 16 years and as the Special Events Coordinator of this program for the last three years. Gilda's responsibilities include: case management to assist a caseload of approximately 100 Holocaust Survivor clients to access Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland services, Cleveland and Government community services, and serves as the specialist for applications for pensions and reparations. In addition, Gilda plans weekly Europa Cafe socialization programs, holiday celebrations, educational workshops, and trips to community events and programs. Gilda also provides social work supporting this unique clientele suffering with trauma with transitions through their life cycle. She develops and implements interdisciplinary sensitivity training programs for numerous caregivers including home health aides, medical, nurse practitioner, dental and nursing professionals and students, as well as for volunteers of Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland's Tikun Olam Volunteers (TOV) program. Gilda most recently presented this training at the JPRO event in May 2016 which was held in Columbus, Ohio.