



# DECEMBER HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

The Official Newsletter of The Jewish Renaissance Foundation

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- If anyone is interest in Saturday morning virtual High School Equivalency ("HSE") program for Spanish speakers , they should contact the AEI Program Manager, Betsy Rodriguez at: [Betsy.Rodriguez@jrfnj.org](mailto:Betsy.Rodriguez@jrfnj.org) or call 732-324-2114, ext. 100.
- If you are interested in joining Silver Linings and are over the age of 55, please contact Lissette Vargas-Guzman at 732-630-7488.
- If you are or anyone you know between the ages of 14-21 are interested in becoming an Emerging Leader please apply at the following link or visit the JRF website to learn more!  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5kqn2TcmEE1Ymwsv6idJ8qbz46daTJl-bGcoGrsFvGQEhHg/viewform>  
[https://www.jrfnj.org/community\\_action/emergin-g-civic-leaders-for-a-healthier-community/](https://www.jrfnj.org/community_action/emergin-g-civic-leaders-for-a-healthier-community/)

## STAY SAFE

**This Holiday Season its important to remain coutious to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Here are some reomendations by the CDC**

- Limit Travel if possible.
- If you are visiting others be mindful that the larger the gathering the increased risk of infection.
- The longer one is around others also increases risk of exposure.Considering the venue, the CDC recommends being outdoors or in well ventilated spaces.
- If you are hosting an event keep in mind cleanliness and offer supplies such as masks access to soap and hand sanitizer.
- Be mindful of those you gather with, especially those who do not adhere to social distancing and other preventative practices put you and all attendees at risk.
- As always, always wear a mask, social distance and regularly wash your hands.

## HEALTH CONCERNS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Stay Safe this Holiday Season

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## AEI



We are incredibly proud to announce the graduation of two of our students. Pictured above is two students who were able to obtain their High School Equivalency Diploma during the COVID19 Pandemic. The picture was taken by their academic advisor, he was able to take photos of them with their diplomas and graduation gowns all while practicing social distancing.

Students from our first AEI Spanish Speaking Program cohort are testing to obtain their High School Equivalency Diploma during the week of December 4th through December 17th. December 19, 2020 is the last day of the AEI Spanish Speaking Program first cohort.

# EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM



On the evening of Wednesday, November 18th, the Cohort 4 of the Emerging Leaders were officially inducted into the program via Zoom. Although this was the first induction ceremony to be held on a virtual platform, the young Leaders were joined and supported by the JRF staff and members of the Board. They received special remarks from the JRF Board Chair, Antonia Ricigliano, and the Director of Educational Services,

Dr. Natasha James-Waldon about leadership and serving their community. Cohort 4 members also had the opportunity to introduce themselves and share what their aspiring goals are - many of the Leaders aspire to be healthcare professions! In conclusion, Emerging Leaders Cohort 2 Alumna, Charlize Leon, led the Emerging Leaders pledge where this year's cohort proudly repeated the words.

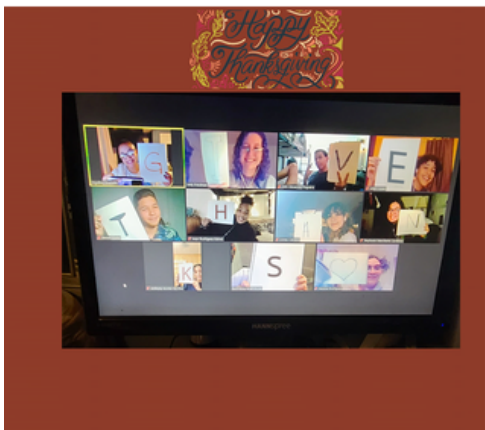
## STEP UP



In the month of November, Step Up participants embarked on two community service opportunities. The students wrote letters for Veterans to honor Veteran's Day. The Step-Up participants also decorated Thankful Bags for families in the community. The bags were filled with dietary supplies and delivered to the families. The students Decorated the bags with inspirational quotes and words of hope.

In collaboration with the School Based Youth Services Program from the JRF, the program hosted two virtual college tours in the month of November. Participants were able to learn about the programs of study and other aspects of both The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) and Saint Peter's University.

Finally, the program hosted its annual Step-Up Giving celebration in a virtual platform. Students were able to share the things there are grateful for and play a variety of



games such as trivia, jeopardy, and guessing games. At the end, two participants won a prize.

## AEI ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION INSTITUTE

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- AEI General Program** - Monday thru Thursday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
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  - AEI Adult Program** - Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Private Tutoring Available)
  - AEI Spanish Saturday Program** - Saturday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
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### AEI Eligibility Requirements:-

- Must live in Middlesex County, NJ
  - Must be at least 16 years old
  - Must not be enrolled in any other program or institution
  - Must be able to provide valid documentation including citizenship status
- For more info please contact 732-896-0552 or by email at [betsy.rodriguez@jrfnj.org](mailto:betsy.rodriguez@jrfnj.org)

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