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**Jewish Family Services Hires Don Goldman
as New Permanent Executive Director**

OVERLAND PARK, KS (June 15, 2007) – Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City, a social services agency that provides a variety of services to those in need, is pleased to announce that Don Goldman has been appointed to replace Eddie Feinstein as the agency's permanent Executive Director.

Eddie Feinstein stepped into the role of Interim Executive Director in June of 2006 and agreed in September 2007 to stay on in the role of Executive Director for a minimum of an additional year. In January, Feinstein sustained an unfortunate injury from a fall. The combination of Feinstein's need for physical rehabilitation and the availability of a highly qualified and interested candidate in Goldman precipitated the earlier change at the helm.

"While the agency much regrets Eddie's departure, we are thrilled that we have been able to find a candidate so qualified as Don to step into the position" says Erlene Krigel, outgoing president of the Board of Directors. Goldman has been serving as Director of the Jewish Community Center's Department of Adult Jewish Learning for the past two years. He has spent much of his career as an executive with Sprint and Birch Telecom, where he held positions in strategic planning, marketing and operations. In the past few years he decided to refocus his professional energy into the not-for-profit sector, although he has a strong history of volunteer service with many organizations. These include Congregation Beth Torah, Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, Prairie Elementary School Fund, KC Tomorrow Alumni Association, the KC150 Celebration, and the Friends of the Zoo.

"Don's strong commitment to the Kansas City Jewish community and his experience in both the corporate and non-profit worlds combine to make him a great fit for our agency" says Gail Lozoff, the incoming president of the JFS Board of directors. "We are very excited to have Don lead Jewish Family Services into the next new phase of development."

Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City is unique in its inclusiveness and range of services. The agency reaches out to the entire community and people of all ages and all economic situations, wherever there is a need.

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JFS is also unique in its holistic approach to wellness, offering programs for the mind, body and spirit. These include:

- coordination of care for seniors
- counseling for individuals, couples and families
- case management for community resources and crisis financial assistance
- homecare for the elderly or disabled;
- dietary consultation and nutritional wellness education
- chaplaincy programs.
- services for prospective adoptive parents
- educational assessments for children and
- consultation for parents, teachers and teens

At 106 years old, JFS is the oldest continuously operating social services agency in the Kansas City area. JFS was based upon the Jewish values of preserving the well-being, comfort and dignity of others. To this day the staff and board is dedicated to providing peace of mind and a better life to everyone regardless of age, race, ethnicity or religion.

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