



Jewish Family Service
of Northeastern Pennsylvania

TOGETHER, *We Create Hope*



2025–2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Creating hope through
healing, connection,
nourishment and
compassionate care.

SERVING OUR
Community
— SINCE —
1915



Who We Are

For over a century, Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania (JFS) has been a trusted resource, providing compassionate, professional support to individuals and families across both the Jewish and broader community. We serve people with real needs—meeting them where they are, and helping them move forward with dignity and hope.

Our Mission

Rooted in the Jewish tradition of caring and compassion, Jewish Family Service is committed to supporting all people in need. Through a range of services—including professional counseling, advocacy, and educational programs—we work to strengthen individual lives, families, and our greater community.

Our Vision

JFS envisions a community where individuals and families of all backgrounds can live with strength, stability, and purpose. We are dedicated to helping people navigate life's challenges, offering both remedial and rehabilitative services. At every stage of life, we promote independence, self-respect, and dignity.

Commitment to Excellence

Jewish Family Service is proud to be accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), a distinction that reflects our commitment to the highest standards of professional practice and organizational integrity.



Creating Hope, Strengthening Our Community

Since 1915, Jewish Family Service has been guided by a simple but powerful belief: when we support one another, we create a stronger, healthier community. While the world around us continues to change, that commitment remains at the heart of everything we do.

Today, individuals and families are facing challenges that can feel overwhelming — growing mental health concerns, loneliness and isolation, financial uncertainty, family pressures, and the everyday stresses of navigating an increasingly complex world. For many, knowing where to turn for help can be just as difficult as facing the challenge itself. JFS is here to provide that connection.

Throughout the past year, JFS continued to meet people where they are, offering professional support, compassionate guidance, and essential resources to individuals and families throughout our community. Through counseling, case management, older adult services, food assistance, advocacy, and other programs, we help people navigate difficult moments while working toward greater stability, independence, and well-being.

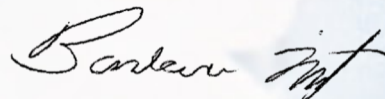
Our work is strengthened by the connections we build throughout the community. Clients come to JFS through referrals from schools, physicians, mental health professionals, community organizations, the court system, family members, and others who recognize the value of our services. Many return because they know they will be met with respect, understanding, and a genuine commitment to helping them move forward.

As the needs of our community evolve, JFS continues to adapt. Through in-person services, telehealth, phone support, and flexible approaches to care, we work to ensure that people can access help in the ways that work best for them. Whether someone needs professional counseling, help accessing essential resources, or simply someone to help them take the next step, JFS is here.

Creating hope is never something one organization can do alone. It is made possible through the dedication of our staff, the leadership of our Board of Directors, the generosity of our donors, the commitment of our volunteers, and the many community partners who stand beside us. Together, we create hope.



Sheila Nudelman Abdo, ACSW, LCSW
Executive Director



Barbara Nivert
JFS Board President

Celebrating a Legacy of Service

JFS Honors Dr. Daniel Ginsberg June 18, 2026

Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania celebrated its 111th Annual Meeting with a special evening honoring Dr. Daniel Ginsberg and his many years of service, leadership, and dedication to the community.

The evening reflected the spirit of JFS—bringing people together, celebrating those who make a difference, and recognizing the importance of service to others.

Rabbi Dovid Saks opened the program by sharing a D'var Torah, offering a meaningful reflection that set the tone for an evening centered on community, commitment, and legacy. JCC Executive Director Dan Cardonick served as the evening's host, guiding guests through a program filled with heartfelt tributes and memories.

Opening remarks were delivered by incoming JFS Board President Barbara Nivert, who welcomed guests and spoke to the importance of recognizing individuals whose dedication has helped strengthen our community.

One of the evening's most personal moments came from Dr. Ginsberg's son, Jeffrey Ginsberg, who shared reflections and memories of his father, our honoree. His remarks offered guests a glimpse into Dr. Ginsberg not only as a respected professional and community leader, but also as a father and member of his family.

The evening also included special recognition from local and state government officials. Susan Blum Connors, JFS Life Board member and former Board President, presented Dr. Ginsberg with proclamations recognizing his years of service and contributions to the community.

JFS Executive Director Sheila Nudelman Abdo delivered the closing remarks, expressing appreciation for Dr. Ginsberg's enduring commitment and for the many individuals whose support makes the work of Jewish Family Service possible.

The celebration was made possible through the hard work and dedication of the event committee: Molly Rutta, Susie Connors, Rhonda Fallk, Barbara Nivert, and Dale Miller. JFS is deeply grateful to the committee, our sponsors, supporters, and everyone who joined us in honoring Dr. Ginsberg.

The 111th Annual Meeting was more than a celebration of another year at JFS. It was a celebration of the people who give of themselves to make our community stronger—and a fitting tribute to Dr. Ginsberg's remarkable legacy of service.



Creating Hope Through Legacy

JFS gratefully recognizes our Legacy Donors—those who have informed us of their intention to leave a bequest to Jewish Family Service, those of blessed memory whose generous legacy gifts have already strengthened our mission, and those who have made a monetary contribution to a JFS Endowment during their lifetime.

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These thoughtful gifts represent a lasting commitment to the future of JFS and help ensure that compassionate services, support, and hope remain available to individuals and families in our community for generations to come. We are deeply grateful to those who choose to make JFS part of their lasting legacy.

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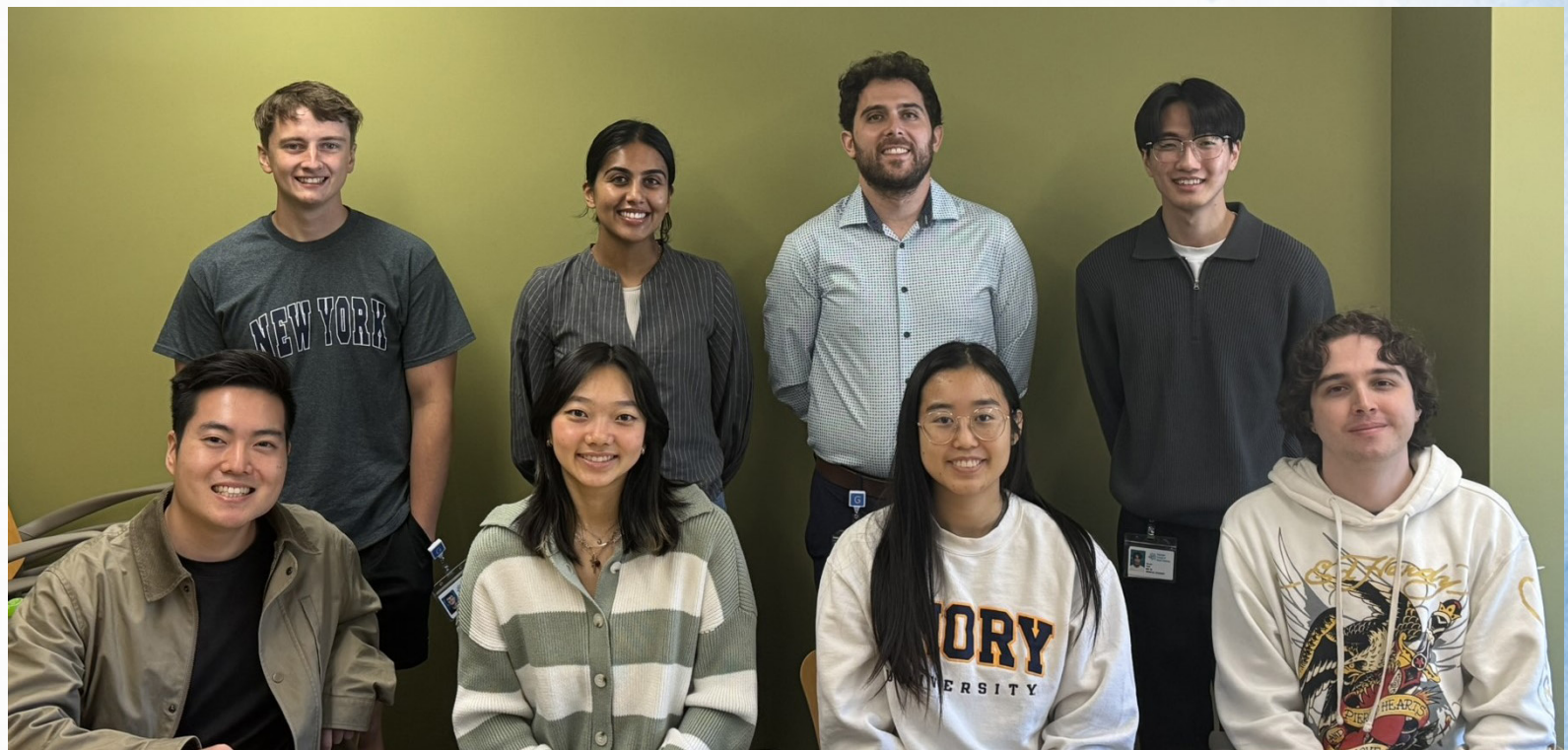
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Creating Hope Through Healing

**Compassionate care. Professional support.
A healthier community.**

Mental Health Matters

In today's world, caring for our mental health is more important than ever. People of all ages and backgrounds are navigating stress, uncertainty, grief, family challenges, financial pressures, loneliness, and major life transitions. At times, these challenges can feel overwhelming. Having someone to turn to can make all the difference.

Mental health counseling provides a safe, confidential place where individuals, couples, and families can talk openly, understand what they are experiencing, and develop healthy ways to move forward. Counseling is not only about addressing a crisis—it is also about building resilience, strengthening relationships, and helping people feel more confident in managing life's challenges.

Professional Support for Life's Challenges

JFS Counseling Services reflect Jewish Family Service's long-standing commitment to providing confidential, professional behavioral health care to individuals, couples, families, and groups throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Our licensed clinical social workers provide compassionate, personalized support to help clients navigate life's challenges and improve emotional well-being. Services address a

wide range of concerns, including anxiety, depression, grief and loss, addiction, trauma, domestic abuse, relationship challenges, and major life transitions.

While counseling often begins by addressing immediate concerns, our approach looks beyond the immediate challenge. We work with clients to build resilience, strengthen relationships, improve communication, develop effective coping skills, enhance self-esteem, and create lasting positive change.

The Vital Role of Social Workers

Social workers play an essential role in supporting mental health and building stronger communities. They look at the whole person and the circumstances surrounding them, recognizing that emotional well-being is often connected to family, work, finances, health, housing, and other aspects of daily life.

Through professional counseling, advocacy, referrals, and supportive services, social workers help people identify their strengths, overcome obstacles, and connect with the resources they need. Their work often extends beyond our office, helping individuals and families navigate systems and challenges that can affect their overall well-being.

MENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS 2025



135

INDIVIDUALS
COUNSELED

Clients of all ages received support for mental health and emotional well-being.



1,114

COUNSELING
SESSIONS

Provided in-person and through telehealth to meet clients where they are.



38%

OF SESSIONS
VIA TELEHEALTH

Expanding access and removing barriers to care across our community.



85%

REPORTED IMPROVED
WELL-BEING

Clients reported progress in managing symptoms and improving quality of life.

At JFS, our social workers meet clients where they are and work collaboratively with them to find a path toward greater balance, wellness, and personal growth.

Accessible, Client-Centered Care

Through both in-person and telehealth services, our clinicians provide accessible, client-centered care designed to meet people where they are. Every individual's circumstances are different, and our goal is to provide personalized support in a respectful, compassionate, and confidential environment.

The JFS Counseling Service is an accredited provider of outpatient mental health services through the Council on Accreditation and participates with many insurance providers, including Medicare and Medicaid. A sliding fee scale based on family size and income is also available to help ensure that quality behavioral health services remain accessible, regardless of financial circumstances.

Building a Healthier Community

Mental health care extends beyond individual counseling. JFS also provides educational programs, workshops, and support opportunities that promote emotional wellness, family connections, personal growth, and community resilience.

By increasing awareness, reducing the stigma surrounding mental health, and making professional support available, we help create a community where reaching out for help is recognized as a sign of strength—not something anyone should have to face alone.

Your Support Creates Hope

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, JFS is able to provide high-quality behavioral health services to individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay. Your support helps ensure that people seeking hope, healing, and support can access the care they need to heal, grow, and thrive.

Creating Hope Through Connection

Protecting Rights. Preserving Dignity. Supporting Independence.

As our society continues to age, more individuals and families are facing complex challenges related to aging, health, cognitive decline, and the ability to make important decisions independently. Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania (JFS) provides professional Guardianship of Person services for individuals who have been determined by the court to be incapacitated and unable to make certain decisions for themselves.

As Guardian of Person, JFS works to protect the individual's rights, dignity, and well-being while supporting the greatest level of independence and self-determination possible. Our goal is not simply to make decisions on someone's behalf, but to ensure that each person's wishes, preferences, and voice remain central to the process.

JFS guardians help individuals navigate personal and health-related decisions, coordinate with family members and service providers, monitor changing needs, and advocate for their best interests. Regular visits and ongoing communication help ensure that the individual's needs are being met and that decisions continue to reflect their circumstances and preferences.

GUARDIANSHIP *Stats*



30

NUMBER OF
CLIENTS



382

NUMBER OF
VISITS



2,161

NUMBER OF
TOUCH POINTS



2

NUMBER OF NEW
CLIENTS THIS YEAR

In a world where aging and caregiving can place significant demands on families, JFS provides a trusted resource for individuals who may not have someone able to serve in this role. Referrals may come from hospitals, long-term care facilities, physicians, attorneys, courts, social service agencies, or members of the community.

JFS is accredited by the Council on Accreditation

for Guardianship of Person services. Adult Guardianship is a fee-for-service program, with fees reported to and approved by the court. The program is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners through the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging.

Strengthening Connections. Enhancing Quality of Life.

As people live longer, the needs of older adults and their families continue to evolve. Navigating health concerns, changing abilities, housing, finances, transportation, and access to community resources can be overwhelming—especially when families are balancing work, caregiving, and other responsibilities.

Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania is committed to helping older adults remain independent, connected, and engaged in their communities for as long as possible. Through our Older Adult Program, JFS works with individuals and families to identify needs, explore options, and coordinate services that promote dignity, self-respect, and quality of life.

Our licensed social workers, National Certified Guardians, and compassionate volunteers provide personalized support based on each individual's circumstances. We help older adults and their families make informed choices, connect with available resources, and develop practical solutions that encourage the highest level of independence possible.

In today's rapidly changing world, knowing where to turn for help can be just as important as the services themselves. JFS serves as a trusted resource and advocate, helping older adults and their families navigate an increasingly complex network of community and support services.

Consultations are available by appointment, with evening hours and home visits available when appropriate. There is a fee for Case Management Services; however if the set fee for services is not affordable, the client will be charged according to a scale based on family size and income, and no one is denied service because of an inability to pay. Some services may also be covered by health insurance or Medicare.

JFS is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Case Management, reflecting our commitment to professional, compassionate, and accountable service.



Creating Hope Through Action

Volunteering has always been an important part of Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania's work. It is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways people can come together to strengthen their community, support their neighbors, and create positive change.

In a world where many people are experiencing loneliness, uncertainty, financial hardship, food insecurity, and growing mental health challenges, the need for compassion and connection has never been greater. Volunteers help bridge that gap. They give their time, skills, and energy to make sure others know they are not alone.

At JFSNEPA, volunteers play an important role in helping us meet the needs of the community. Whether assisting with food distribution, supporting special programs and events, helping older adults, contributing professional skills, or simply lending a helping hand, every volunteer makes a difference. Their contributions allow JFS to extend our reach and provide meaningful support to more people throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

But volunteering is about more than what we give—it is also about what we build together. When people choose to give their time, they strengthen the connections that hold a community together. They create opportunities for people of different ages, backgrounds, and experiences to work side by side toward a common purpose.

At JFSNEPA, we believe that creating a stronger community is something we all have a role in. Every act of service, no matter how large or small, has the potential to create hope. Together, through volunteering and action, we can continue to build a community where people feel supported, valued, and connected.



Pictured Left to Right: Vonda Howell, Semen Flexer, Marshall Needle, Nancy Post, Rick Gelb, Diane Brown, Murray Glick.

Creating Hope Through Nourishment

Since its establishment in January 2001, the Mae S. Gelb Kosher Food Pantry has provided food and essential household items to individuals and families facing significant financial challenges. Clients include isolated seniors living on limited incomes, unemployed adults needing temporary support, and community members affected by difficult family circumstances or declining health. **During the past year, JFS provided 96 visits to the Mae S. Gelb Food Pantry,** helping community members access food and essential resources when they needed them most.

Today, food security is more important than ever. Rising food costs, fixed incomes, health challenges, and other financial pressures can make it difficult to consistently access enough nutritious food. For many in our community, programs like the Food Pantry provide more than nourishment—they offer stability, dignity, and reassurance during challenging times. The Pantry is generously supported by the Gelb Foundation, community members, synagogues, and other Jewish organizations. **JFS also distributed \$2,250 in food vouchers,** giving clients additional flexibility to meet their individual and family needs.

In partnership with Meals on Wheels of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Elan Skilled Nursing & Rehab, JFS provides Kosher Meals on Wheels (KMOW) to individuals who follow kosher dietary guidelines and are temporarily or permanently disabled. **During the year, 1,543 Kosher Meals on Wheels were served,** helping individuals maintain independence and remain safely at home. Weekly volunteer support is essential to the program's continued success.

Recognizing the importance of fresh, nutritious foods, JFS also introduced the Fresh Produce Pantry, an extension of the Mae S. Gelb Food Pantry and Holiday Assistance Program. Through generous donations of fresh produce and poultry, the program helps individuals and families supplement their food supply with healthier choices. It is made possible through partnerships with Race-West Company, Inc. and David Elliot Poultry Farm.

JFS also provides additional food assistance during the Jewish holidays, helping ensure that individuals and families can celebrate with dignity and access nutritious food. **This year, 205 clients were served during Rosh Hashanah, 99 clients during Thanksgiving, and 512 clients during Passover.**

Together, these programs reflect JFS's commitment to food security, dignity, and community care—ensuring that individuals and families have access to nutritious food, specialized meals, and compassionate support when they need it most.



Creating Hope Through Leadership

Leadership Donors include supporters of our Annual Campaign, Community Organizations, Foundation and Grant support and generous business partners and sponsors.

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JFS would like to thank the generous foundations and grantors that support our organization throughout the year as well as over the years. Your contributions are critical in helping us serve the community we live in.



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* Of Blessed Memory

Because of the incredible generosity of our donors, Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania had a very successful NEPA Gives campaign this year. During the 24-hour giving event, supporters contributed \$4,585.32.

We are especially grateful to our matching gift donors, who stepped forward with a \$10,000 challenge to inspire additional giving. After the campaign concluded, these generous supporters graciously donated the remaining unmatched portion of the challenge, bringing our grand total raised to \$16,585.32.

Thank You! **NEPA GIVES**

TOGETHER, WE MADE AN IMPACT!

We're proud to share our results from **NEPA Gives!**

JFS **23rd** out of **316** ORGANIZATIONS

4th out of **77** MEDIUM SIZED ORGANIZATIONS

RAISED IN 24 HOURS FOR JFS
\$4,585.32

TOTAL RAISED FOR JFS
 including our matches
\$16,585.32

Because of you, we can continue to strengthen lives and build a stronger community.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP FOR JFS!

Every dollar raised helps JFS continue providing critical services and support to individuals and families throughout our community. Whether through counseling, food assistance, senior services, or emergency support, your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you to everyone who donated, shared our campaign, and helped spread the word. Your support strengthens our community and ensures that JFS can continue its mission of helping people in need with dignity, compassion, and care.

Together, we are making a difference.

Creating Hope Through Giving

Among the most impactful contributions are donations of vehicles and real estate—gifts that not only provide substantial support for our programs but also offer unique financial benefits to the donor.

For many supporters, a car, truck, or even an RV that is no longer needed can become a lifeline for someone in our community. Through our partnership with CARS (**C**haritable **A**dult **R**ides & **S**ervices), donors can contribute almost any type of vehicle—running or not—with ease. One simple call to the toll-free line (1-877-537-4227) initiates the entire process. Pickup, towing, and paperwork are all coordinated at no cost to the donor. Once the vehicle is sold, the proceeds directly support the essential services that JFSNEPA provides, from mental health counseling to food assistance and safety-net programs. Donors also receive the necessary documentation to claim a tax deduction for their charitable gift.

Real estate donations offer another powerful avenue for contributing to our mission. For individuals or families who find themselves with property they no longer use—or wish to transfer to a meaningful cause—JFSNEPA can accept a wide range of real estate gifts. These include residential homes, rental properties, commercial buildings, vacation homes, farmland, and undeveloped land. Donors often find that giving real estate not only creates a lasting legacy but may also reduce carrying costs, eliminate the burden of maintenance, and provide potential tax advantages. CARS assists with the evaluation process and supports donors through the necessary steps to complete a gift of property.

Whether it is a car sitting in a driveway or a piece of land waiting for its next purpose, these contributions become more than assets—they become hope, support, and stability for individuals and families across Northeastern Pennsylvania.

At JFSNEPA, we are deeply grateful for every donor who chooses to uplift our community through these transformational gifts. To learn more about donating a vehicle or real estate, contact us at 570-344-1186 or info@jfsnepa.org.



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**RECEIVE A TAX
DEDUCTION.***

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Investing in Hope

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025
(With Summarized Financial Information as of June 30, 2024)

	2025	2024
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 126,538	\$ 46,110
Accounts Receivable, net	60,706	39,805
Prepaid Expenses	14,548	9,765
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>201,792</u>	<u>95,680</u>
<u>INVESTMENTS (including restricted assets of \$178,114)</u>	<u>2,310,155</u>	<u>2,188,711</u>
<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</u>		
Leasehold Improvements	157,944	157,944
Equipment and Furniture	123,664	119,774
Subtotal	281,608	277,718
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	225,279	207,732
<u>TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>56,329</u>	<u>69,986</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 2,568,276</u>	<u>\$ 2,354,377</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Wages	\$ 14,946	\$ 10,301
Deferred Revenue	50,000	-
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>64,946</u>	<u>10,301</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Without Donor Restrictions	2,325,216	2,176,946
With Donor Restrictions	178,114	167,130
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>	<u>2,503,330</u>	<u>2,344,076</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 2,568,276</u>	<u>\$ 2,354,377</u>

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