

JFGA, NECHAMA to help flood victims

Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta (JFGA) is teaming up with NECHAMA (which means, "comfort" in Hebrew) to help Atlanta's flood victims. NECHAMA is the only Jewish organization in the U.S. that assists property owners in recovering and rebuilding their lives after a natural disaster.

NECHAMA representatives began working from Federation's Headquarters in Midtown on October 5 and will continue operations for about a month - upon arriving at the scene, they, along with Federation, will evaluate the greatest needs in the community and determine the best way to fill those needs.

They will also seek volunteers from

the metro Atlanta area.

Also:

Under the guidance of New Jersey NCSY (National Council of Synagogue Youth) students from Torah Academy of Bergen County in Teaneck, N.J., and Jewish Student Union (JSU) public high school clubs throughout New Jersey will travel to Atlanta, Oct. 21-25 to help NECHAMA clear out homes that were damaged by the recent, heavy flooding.

"These trips take teens out of their safety zone and show them the responsibility they have towards people and their fellow Jews," declared Rabbi Ethan Katz, New Jersey NCSY's assistant regional director.

