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## **JEWISH COUNCIL FOR YOUTH SERVICES SELECTS BARBARA BUCHSTANE HAWORTH AS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

CHICAGO (September 12, 2017) – Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS), one of Chicago’s oldest independent non-profits and a leader in early childhood education, has selected Barbara Buchstane Haworth as the organization’s new Chief Executive Officer. Haworth succeeds John A. Thomason who is leaving the organization to pursue an international opportunity with his family. Haworth will officially assume her new role on October 30, 2017.

Haworth said “I am absolutely energized by the dual mission of JCYS. The programs offered for Chicagoland’s youth provide not only essential services but life changing opportunities for these kids and their families. Additionally, as someone who has devoted her entire adult life to professional and volunteer positions in the Jewish community, I know that providing young adults with leadership opportunities is a prime portal to a full Jewish life”.

Haworth has served as the Executive Director of Anshe Emet Synagogue of Chicago since 2012. In that role, Haworth is responsible for leading all financial, operational, marketing, programmatic and resource development activities for the congregation. She has a long list of accomplishments in the business world in senior management of real estate concerns including La Salle Partners (now JLL) and in leading her own investment and management firm in San Diego.

Within the Jewish communities of Chicago and San Diego, Haworth has been a leader and volunteer for numerous organizations. She was President of the Board of Congregation Beth Israel of San Diego, one of the largest Reform Jewish congregations in the country and also led many important initiatives as a board member of United Jewish Federation of San Diego County and the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. In Chicago, Haworth served on the boards of the Florence Heller JCC and was a member of the Young Women’s Board of JUF.

While in San Diego, Haworth was selected to participate in the Wexner Heritage Foundation Program consisting of two years of graduate level study in Jewish leadership. She holds an MBA degree with specializations in Finance and Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin and a BA degree from Tulane University.

Founded in 1907 originally as “Young Men’s Associated Jewish Charities,” JCYS is now one of Chicago’s oldest and most stable non-profits. For more than 40 years JCYS has provided high-quality early childhood education to families of all faiths and backgrounds. JCYS’s innovative and individualized programs are designed to deliver a dynamic developmental curriculum that incorporates Jewish tradition with an emphasis on developing leaders who continue its tradition of volunteer service.

For more information on JCYS, visit: [www.jcys.org](http://www.jcys.org)

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*Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS) offers educational, recreational and leadership experiences throughout the year at our family centers, multiple summer camps and specialty programs to families of all religions and backgrounds. Programs are designed to nurture each child’s individual spirit, imagination, confidence and talents.*