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Their Roots in Jewish Music

featuring
Leif Bjaland
conducting
the Florida
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Sunday, December 17, 2006 at 5:00pm
The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

Now that the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have passed, many of us begin the New Year by looking back at the past year, thinking of missed opportunities and things we “could have” or “should have” done. The High Holy Days offer a time for introspection, when each of us examines his or her life and vows to make improvements. At the same time, the New Year provides us with a clean slate, full of hope and the prospect of renewal.

It is a time when we get in touch with our desires to lead better lives and make commitments to doing more **Mitzvot**, acts of human kindness. JFCS is committed to performing **Mitzvot** every day. And, like you, we challenge ourselves in this, as in every New Year, to do it better, to improve ourselves and the lives of others. “How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank wrote those words in her diary, and it is never truer for each of us than at this time of year.

As we come through this season with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to the **Mitzvot** and to **Tzedakah**, charity, we refer to our touchstone of Rambam’s “Ladder of Charity.” Rambam is a nickname for Rabbi Moses ben Maimon, also known as Maimonides, a twelfth-century scholar and philosopher. Among his volumes of commentary on Jewish law, Rambam developed a rather handy list of charitable giving, in priority order of righteousness. In ascending order, from the least worthy on up, the rungs of the Ladder (or ‘degrees,’ as he called them, as they are all **Tzedakah**, and all worthy) are as follows:

- Giving begrudgingly.
- Giving less than is proper, but giving cheerfully.
- Giving adequately, after being asked.
- Giving before being asked, but risk making the recipient feel shame.
- Giving when you do not know the recipient’s identity, but the recipient knows your identity.

- Giving when you know the recipient’s identity, but the recipient doesn’t know your identity.
- Giving when neither party knows the other’s identity.
- Enabling the recipient to become self-reliant.

The purpose and heart of all that we do at JFCS is focused on the 8th degree of charity, the highest rung of Rambam’s ladder. Giving to enable the recipient to become self-reliant means that the recipient is freed from ever having to rely on charity again. Like all gifts, it helps for a while – but more than the others, it lasts for the rest of the person’s life. To paraphrase Rambam, we give the person our hand in a way that strengthens his hand, so that he will have no need to beg. Everything we do at JFCS – for families, children, and seniors – is aimed to enable every person who walks through our doors to live an independent life with dignity and respect. We teach the skills, and provide the tools and support to allow our clients to manage their lives, and their challenges, successfully.

Each of us gives as we think best, at the particular moment in our lives, given our own and the recipient’s circumstances. Each degree along Rambam’s Ladder of Charity has its virtue in any given place or life. At JFCS, we aim high, to the top rung, every time, and it is remarkable to see how many times we hit the mark – one family at a time, one person at a time.

As we embark on this wonderful clean slate of a New Year, full of excitement at the challenges ahead, we are filled with appreciation and gratitude to you, our friends, volunteers, donors, and supporters, who share this journey and sense of purpose with us. To each of you, we wish a sweet and good New Year.

Sue Jacobson *Rose Chapman*



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BSF CHILDREN ALL READY FOR SCHOOL

JFCS's Building Strong Families program gave over 80 children ages 4 to 17 brand new materials for the start of the 2006-2007 school year. The children received three school outfits, including socks and shoes, in addition to backpacks filled with school supplies such as paper, pencils and art supplies. Several volunteers and JFCS employees shopped for the materials at local stores. The clients of the Building Strong Families Through Crisis Prevention Program are families experiencing a financial hardship; they are in danger of losing their homes and receive assistance in covering bills such as rent, utilities and food.



Ginger, age 10, is thrilled to receive her back to school supplies

“What differentiates this program from others in the community is the children receive clothing and shoes in addition to backpacks and school supplies, so families don't have to choose between paying their rent or purchasing clothing and school supplies,” said Rose Chapman, CEO of JFCS. Chapman reported that more than 1,000 families have participated in the program since its inception in 2003, and 90 percent have become successful in improving their lives and becoming more self sufficient.

The money to fund the project came from several sources. A Fasten Grant provided \$250, additional money came from private donors and donations of school supplies were made by Judy Alexander on behalf of the non-profit Every Child Inc.

For more information about the Building Strong Families Program contact Jamil Collins, BSW Building Strong Families Coordinator.

SENIORS CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE

JFCS sponsored Independence Day Celebrations in July for residents at Casa Santa Marta and Jefferson Center, two of its area NORCs (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities). In keeping with the theme, seniors dressed in red, white and blue shared lunch and participated in a patriotic sing-along led by JFCS volunteer Al Golding. Pam Baron, Director of Senior Services commented, “These seniors have much to celebrate on Independence Day. JFCS through its NORC program provides the needed supportive services to enable them to continue to live independently.”

The NORC program was initiated in 2004 thanks to a federal grant secured by the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation from the Department of Health & Human Services, Administration on Aging. This year, funding continues for this program through the Department of Elder Affairs, Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida.



Jefferson Center residents Ada Unger and Mario Merchan celebrate Independence Day with JFCS

JFCS PROVIDES OUTREACH TO JANIE POE RESIDENTS

JFCS has received a grant to fund a full time case worker to work with the residents in the Janie Poe complex, which is a part of the Housing Authority of the City of Sarasota. Janie Poe is slated to be demolished in the near future and will eventually be rebuilt. Chanel Riley, an intern from the University of South Florida, has been brought on by JFCS as the case worker. Chanel will focus on assisting residents toward self-sufficiency with an emphasis on doing outreach, resource and referral, and setting up individual service plans. Although some residents will be eligible for Section 8 housing after being displaced, Chanel will be encouraging them not to rely on government housing assistance but instead to work towards financial independence and stability. In her first week on the job, Chanel was able to assist 15 clients and is now helping approximately 20 residents. Her work is being funded by a grant from The Walter Haskins Fund in memory of Stacey Haskins, Sarah Greer Mayer Fund, Dallas and Elizabeth Dort Fund, and Harriet and Steven Osterweis Fund of The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc.



Chanel Riley, JFCS Caseworker at Janie Poe

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a public charity founded by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council in 1979 to meet the needs of their clients seeking to leave a charitable legacy of lasting impact. With current assets of more than \$140 million in over 520 different funds, the Community Foundation manages and invests these funds and awards grants and scholarships totaling in excess of \$5 million annually. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to create permanent funds to support the causes they care about most in the areas of education, the arts, animal welfare, the environment and health and human services. The Community Foundation's motto is: For good. For ever.® Stewart W. Stearns is president & CEO of the Community Foundation. Sophia LaRusso is board chair.

A SPECIAL HIGH HOLY DAY MITZVAH

In celebration of the Jewish High Holy Days, JFCS volunteers provided High Holy Day services to Jewish residents of 24 area senior resident facilities for those unable to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at a local synagogue. Our volunteers conducted a religious service incorporating the rituals and traditions of the High Holy Holidays. These services offer an important opportunity to the seniors to celebrate their religion and partake of rich traditions, which they otherwise would not be able to do. JFCS provided the High Holy Day Books, candles and candlesticks for the services and the residences supplied the ceremonial wine, honey, apples, Challah and Honey Cake. This was a great mitzvah opportunity for everyone involved.



Claire and Mace Levin led High Holy Day Services at Harbor Chase Senior Residences



Dale Block and Rabbi Ari Shapiro with the new Torah Books purchased through a grant from SMJF

JEWISH HEALING THROUGH PRISON MINISTRIES

Thanks to the generosity of the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation, JFCS has established a Prison Ministries component through its Jewish Healing Program. Rabbi Ari Shapiro of Sarasota has become a JFCS volunteer and has been helping to address the spiritual needs of unaffiliated Jews in the community. His focus has been to serve the inmates housed in the local and state correctional institutions, while also being on-call for the area hospitals, nursing homes and for home visits for unaffiliated individuals who want contact with a Rabbi.

In April 2005 Shapiro started visiting the Desoto State Correctional Facility in Arcadia on a monthly basis. After seeing an immediate positive impact, facility staff and inmates requested that Shapiro make his visits a weekly occurrence. Desoto State Correctional Facility currently has 35 Jewish male inmates and 15 to 18 who consistently attend the weekly Torah study and Shabbat services led by Shapiro. Shapiro drives the hour-and-a-half trip to the prison every Friday and brings the grape juice and Challah for the services.

A recent grant from SMJF to the JFCS Jewish Healing Program provided the funds to purchase 40 paperback Torahs for the Torah Study Class taught by Shapiro at Desoto State Correctional Facility. "When I hear how the inmates, who are Jewish but have little or no Jewish or Hebrew education, learn to sing and allow themselves to feel the joy that is Judaism, it warms my heart," commented Shapiro. The remainder of the paperback Torahs are being distributed to people in other parts of the Healing Program, such as at hospitals, to nursing home residents and Jewish inmates at the Sarasota County Correctional facility.

JEWISH HEALING PROGRAM EXPANDS SERVICES

DOULA SERVICES

The Jewish Healing Program will begin offering Doula Services this winter. Specially trained volunteers accompany individuals and their families during the end of life transition by providing comfort, companionship, practical assistance, and spiritual and emotional support. Volunteers will be matched with families and persons in need of support after the volunteers go through a six-week training program. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in the Doula Program, please contact Dale Block for more information on the training schedule.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

A new bereavement support group for parents and grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild has been initiated by Dale Block, Jewish Healing Program Director. Grief is a universal and natural response to loss that is often accompanied by feelings of anger, depression, confusion, fear, and loneliness. This monthly support group provides opportunities to hear how others deal with grief, share experiences, receive support, and discover ways to cope. The group is open to men and women and meets on the first Thursday of each month from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. There is no fee for the group.

In addition, for those who have experienced the loss of any loved one there is a six-week bereavement support group. It, too, is open to men and women and provides opportunities to hear how others deal with grief, share experiences, receive support, and discover ways to cope.

Contact Dale Block at 366-2224 for more information about either of these groups.

Save the Date!

STARS
OF
BROADWAY
Their Roots in Jewish Music

**JFCS GALA FEATURING
FLORIDA WEST COAST SYMPHONY
DECEMBER 17, 2006**

Mark your calendars and start humming those Broadway tunes.

*The upcoming JFCS GALA dinner on Sunday,
December 17 at 5:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton,
Sarasota is one you won't want to miss!*



Conductor Leif Bjaland and The Florida West Coast Symphony

Themed as the **Stars of Broadway ~ Their Roots in Jewish Music**, this year's fundraiser features **Maestro Leif Bjaland** as he conducts the entire **Florida West Coast Symphony** on a tour of the music of Jewish composers from the 1920s through 1950s. "The mission of JFCS and FWCS are parallel in many ways. We both provide comfort and inspiration in a challenging world. We celebrate our shared humanity together", states Bjaland. Many of these composers have helped to shape our favorite Broadway musicals, and you're sure to find yourself tapping along to the symphonic sounds.

During this specially designed full concert, Bjaland will highlight the profound impression Jewish culture has made on the music of Broadway. Featuring well-known tunes and scores by the composers Leonard Bernstein, Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin and George Gershwin, the evening also will include vocal soloists performing songs from *Show Boat*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *West Side Story* and *Porgy and Bess*.

As a board member and officer of the Florida West Coast Symphony and a former board member of JFCS, **Marie Monsky, EVENT CHAIR**, is delighted to work on the plans for this grand, innovative occasion. "It is a great pleasure to chair an event that marries two important community organizations, both of them dedicated to outreach, education and the wellbeing of people in Sarasota and Manatee," shares Monsky.

"Work on this exciting project began two and a half years ago," says **Betty Schoenbaum, EVENT HONORARY CHAIR**, who was so taken with the concept at that time, that she put up the initial seed money and kept the project alive. **Sharon & Neil Moody, TRIBUTE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS**, were soon brought on board and **TRIBUTE COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRS Warren & Margot Coville, Sanford Milter, Nikki & Rev. Jim Nilon, Molly Schechter,**

Helen Sherman, and Renée Sheade quickly began working on sponsorships for the event.

JFCS is grateful to **PRODUCTION MAESTRO Bea Friedman** for generously underwriting the cost of the Orchestra; **CORPORATE SPONSOR Bruce & Janet Udell of Udell Associates**, and **CORPORATE PATRONS** Arcade Printing; Clarke Advertising & PR; Design Marketing Group; Herald Tribune; Marie Monsky, Realtor with ReMax Properties; Publix Super Markets Charities; The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota; Scene Magazine; and SunTrust Bank. Individual **IMPRESARIO PATRONS** to date are Ed Brickman & Gloria Weissberg, Gershom Cohn, Warren & Margot Coville, Selma Klingenstein and Betty Schoenbaum. **LYRICIST PATRONS**

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- Leif Bjaland

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SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

ROBERT “BOB” APPLEBAUM – Volunteer Extraordinary

by Dr. Sumner Kaufman



Bob Applebaum

Bob came to Sarasota from Williamson, West Virginia where he raised a family of two boys and two girls. He was an entrepreneur working in the furniture business, coal mining, cable television, and advertising. Bob was deeply involved and committed to the Jewish people as well as the community at large. He was a

member of Kiwanis and head of the football league, President of the local Hospital Board and President and loyal member of the Reform Temple. While an avid golfer, boatman and pilot, Bob and his family were most fortunate to have survived the '77 flood that covered Williamson.

Despite the time needed for all of these pursuits, Bob and Sophie gave of themselves unselfishly to Judaism and the community at large. Bob's background in Judaism stems back to his time at Yeshiva High School and University. Bob gives so much of himself to others that there is no way we can thank him other than to say, "THANKS" and be grateful for his and his wife

Sophie's presence. Bob is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Sarasota is most fortunate that the Applebaum's chose our community for their retirement. Retirement did in no way stop his interest in **Tzedakah**, the obligation to act justly toward people in need and the community at large. The Wellness Community, Hospice, JFCS and Temple Sinai are all recipients of Bob's time and experience.

At Temple Sinai he has been on the Executive Board as well as the Trustees. He has been involved in the planning and completion of Temple Sinai's new home. Since 1994, Bob has been a member and then chair of Shabbat and High Holy Day Services for JFCS. The number of congregate living/assisted living facilities that JFCS now provides these services, for frail elderly seniors who would otherwise not be able to attend, has grown because of Bob's dedication and commitment to **Tikkun Olam**, the obligation to make the world a better place.

With all of the above, Bob was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel. Bob is great but his major supporter has been his wife Sophie. Bob gives his all and fully deserves the title of being a true "MENSCH."

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2006-2007 The Year of HERstory

The Women's Leadership Council of JFCS encourages women to become a powerful presence in business, advocacy, community and philanthropic endeavors in the Jewish community. WLC provides members networking and fellowship opportunities; the opportunity to develop leadership roles in the Jewish community; and education on community needs and available programs and services.

This year the WLC programs for 2006-2007 will feature local women who have interesting and fascinating stories to share with the community. The Year of HERstory programs feature:

Tuesday, October 17	6:00 pm	Florence Katz Volunteer Extraordinaire
Tuesday, November 14	6:00 pm	Flori Roberts The True Confessions of a Grandmompneur
Tuesday, January 16	6:00 pm	Hazzan Diane Nathanson Temple Beth Sholom
Tuesday, February 20	6:00 pm	Ruth Levin Life on the Kibbutz
Tuesday, March 20	6:00 pm	Prof. Susan Marks Judaic Studies, New College
Tuesday, April 17	6:00 pm	Rabbi Ann White Jewish Center of Venice

Meetings include catered dinner and program. The cost is \$18. Advance reservations are required. Please call Andria Bilan at 366-2224 for more information or reservations.

JFCS PROGRAMS & SUPPORT GROUPS

JFCS offers a variety of support groups to the community. Pre-registration is required for all groups. Please call the staff contact person at 366-2224.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This group provides opportunities to hear how others deal with grief, share experiences, receive support and discover new ways to cope. Offered as a community service for people at all stages of loss. Call Dale Block for monthly schedule.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

First Thursday of the month, 5:30-7:00 pm

This monthly support group provides the opportunity to receive support, discover ways to cope and hear how others deal with the death of a child or grandchild...one of the deepest losses one may experience. Call Dale Block.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

Wednesdays, 11:00 am-12:00 noon at JFCS.

(Lunch and a program follow the group session)

Fridays, 1:30-3:00 pm in Venice at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Caregivers 60+ meet for support, information and social interaction with JFCS professional staff.

Free respite care is available for loved ones during the support

group. No fee. Funding is provided through a grant from the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida. Call Pam Baron.

MENTOR/TUTOR VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Wednesday of the month, 2:00-3:30 pm

Support group for volunteers who mentor and tutor middle school students who attend Safe Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension Programs. Call Caroline Zucker.

SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Tuesdays, 10:30 am -1:30 pm (Temple Beth Israel)

Wednesdays, 10:30 am-3:00 pm (JFCS)

For homebound older adults who want to maintain their independence, increase their involvement with friends and community, and enhance their mental health through education and social activities. Medicare assignment accepted. Transportation and lunch provided by JFCS. Call Pam Baron.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm

WLC provides networking and fellowship opportunities to women who want to develop leadership roles in the Jewish community and become knowledgeable about community needs and available programs and services. Call Andria Bilan.



KEEP IN TOUCH BY EMAIL

JFCS would like to keep in touch with you via email. You can receive periodic advance notices about special events, program updates, information about groups and volunteer opportunities.

If you would like to be on our email list, simply complete the contact information on our website www.jfcs-cares.org Go to the CONTACT US page and complete the information.

This is a quick and inexpensive way for JFCS to keep in touch with you.

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Heidi Castleman ~ we are so proud of our new doctor

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Barbara & Tom Bernstein

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Mr. & Mrs. Stan Lipschutz~ best wishes for a happy & healthy New Year

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Nancy Lowenkron's Bat Mitzvah

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Andria Bilan
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Selma Klingenstein

Mildred Martin's 99th birthday

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Sandy Miller's birthday

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Howard Mills' 75th birthday

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Sanford Milter's birthday

Florence Katz

Sanford Milter's honor from JCC ~ the Yachad Award

Rose Chapman

Sanford Milter & Helen Sherman's lovely invitation

Carrie & Marty Shindler

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Beverly Mishkin's honor from JCC ~ the Tikkun Olam Award

Rose Chapman

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Musco's 40th wedding anniversary

Rose Chapman

Richard Myerson's 85th birthday

Barbara Brizdle & Larry Schoenberg

Connie & Allen Olin's 50th wedding anniversary

Sandy & Ken Syken

Norman Olshansky's birthday

Janet & Richard Stollman

Ruth & Eric Orne's 60th wedding anniversary

Barbara Jacobs

Marjorie Kraft

Elizabeth Rosenberg

Alice & Fred Taich

Phyllis & Lee Harrow's special anniversary

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Maxine & Randy Petersohn's granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah

Shirley & Howard Markus

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Liz & Milt Rose ~ granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah and grandson's graduation

Harriet & George Borgida

Sheila & Jules Rose ~ in celebration of their birthdays

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Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Rosen's 60th wedding anniversary

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Vera Rosen's granddaughter's marriage

Hannah & Max Honeyman

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Ross' marriage

Yvette & Len Fishman

Mr. & Mrs. Marty Heller

Robert Sabler

Dorothy & Milton Jacobson

Sally & Sam Shapiro ~ with love and thanks for a wonderful evening

Selma Klingenstein

Suki Sellinger ~ in honor of your recovery

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Carrie Shindler's birthday

Gloria Weissberg & Ed Brickman

Harry Solmson's 95th birthday

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Aaron Spandorf's 70th birthday

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Betty Stark's birthday

Carolyn & Sanford Stone

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the Tikkun Olam Award**

Rose Chapman

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Lois & Fred Howard

Fred Taich's birthday

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Elaine & Tim Lesnik

Ruth & Eric Orne

Norman Wallack's 85th birthday

Harriet & Lionel Berson

Stanley Weisman

**Elaine & Donald Weill ~ in honor of
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Marge & Marty Heller

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marriage**

Florence Katz

Harold Wolfe's 80th birthday

Harriet & George Borgida

**Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Zeman ~ in
honor of your son's marriage**

Dr. & Mrs. Milton Jacobson

IN MEMORY OF:

Eli Abramson

Florence Abramson

June Axinn

Marilyn Harwell

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Alice & Fred Taich

Saul Cohen

Norma & Merle Greenwald

Dorothy Krakovitz

Edith & Joe Weinberger

Gloria Weissberg & Ed Brickman

Morris Colner

Betty & Matthew Bell

Ruth Daniel

Rose Chapman

Shirley Dinkin

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Eve Elenberg

Betty & Matthew Bell

Eveline Berkey

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Gloria Fendrick

Constance & Joseph Ellison

Steve Gold

Janice & Al Frankel

**Young Hi Grades & family ~ our
sincerest condolences**

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Barbara Handel

Andria & Peter Bilan

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Marge & Marty Heller

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Doris Kaplan's sister, Gerry Bressler

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Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lash's sister,

Laura Salkin

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Lee Berkowitz's friendship

Rosa & Herbert Warburg

Mimi Edlin & Alfred Ginewsky ~

thank you for a wonderful evening

Sue Jacobson

Yvette & Lyn Fishman ~ thank you

for a lovely evening

Marge & Marty Heller

Laura & Edwin Margolius ~ in

appreciation of the anniversary

party

Edith & Ted Bonn

Marge & Michael Mesirov ~ thank

you for a wonderful evening

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appreciation of attentiveness and

friendship

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you for a wonderful evening

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your hospitality

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lovely brunch

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for a lovely brunch

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help**

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**Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Zinder~thank you
for a lovely evening**

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THINKING OF YOU:

**Rosie & Jerry Chip ~ Wishing you
much happiness in your new home**

Andria & Pete Bilan

Hank Neumann & family

Gerri & Myles Elias

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

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IN MEMORIAM: MARAYA AVRASIN



The leadership of JFCS is saddened to inform you of the passing of our dear friend and staff member Maraya Avrasin, Russian Resettlement Coordinator, on Thursday, June 22, 2006.

“Maraya was a loyal and dedicated professional who worked at JFCS for 14 years. She touched the lives of so many individuals, families and volunteers through her work at the agency. Helping others in our community was not just a job for Maraya, but a passion which she undertook with great love and commitment. Our community was indeed fortunate to have known her and benefited from her dedication,” stated Rose Chapman, LCSW, President/CEO of JFCS.

In the 14 years of service as Russian Resettlement Coordinator, Maraya assisted more than 300 individuals and families who were sponsored and supported by SMJF and HIAS as they made a new life for themselves here in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. English as a second language and citizenship classes, acculturation assistance, job training and placement, recruitment and matching of volunteers with families, arranging for childcare, providing High Holy Day, Shabbat and Festival services to the elderly Russians at McCown Towers, and of course meeting and greeting new citizens at the airport were just some of her responsibilities.

In celebration of Maraya’s life and her commitment to enriching the lives of others in our community, the JFCS Board of Directors has established the Maraya Avrasin Memorial Fund. Donations can be made to the Maraya Avrasin Memorial Fund by contacting Andria Bilan at 366-2224.

A sincere thank you to the following individuals who have made a donation to the Maraya Avrasin Memorial Fund.

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FALL WELCOME BACK

Friday, November 10, 2006

9:30-11:30 am

JFCS – Brizdle Conference Room

Join us for Danish & Coffee

Program will feature the new agency video
(which includes clips of so many of you, our volunteers)
and personal testimonials from the people we help

Please email your RVSP by November 3rd

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