



The Schoenbaum Family Life Enrichment Center

PICTURED:

1. Betty Schoenbaum, Barbara Brizdle, Rose Chapman and Marie Monsky cut the ceremonial ribbon
2. Rabbi Joel Mishkin blesses the new JFCS facility
3. Dorothy Jacobson and Sue Jacobson with Alan & Judy Wertheimer
4. Ruth Wexler & Gershom Cohn
5. Malcolm and Jasmine Candlish
6. Ken Marsh and Eve Kommel
7. Adrea and Leo Seligsohn
8. Jerome and Sydney Goldstein

“A SACRED PLACE”

“I am wearing my kippah deliberately as I stand before you this morning,” said Rabbi Joel Mishkin of Temple Beth Sholom. “I do so because this is a sacred place. Just as a synagogue, a hospital, and a cemetery are sacred, so too is this building where those who are confronting life’s challenges receive the kindness, counsel and comfort they need.”

Two hundred donors, supporters, and community members joined Rabbi Mishkin in the *Shebecheyanu* prayer as he blessed the new facility at Jewish Family & Children’s Service and affixed a *mezuzah* to its doorway. The November 22nd event celebrated the successful completion of its capital campaign with a dedication of the newly expanded building.

Honorary Chair Betty Schoenbaum, along with Campaign Chair Barbara Brizdle, President/CEO Rose Chapman, and Board Chair Marie Monsky cut the ceremonial ribbon. Suzanne Atwell, City of Sarasota Commissioner and Nora Patterson, County of Sarasota Commissioner presented proclamations. Following the ceremony, attendees were given tours of the new facility and attended a dessert reception.

6,000 square feet of space was added, including 21 additional counseling offices, an expanded conference room and two group meeting rooms. The construction project also provided for the renovation of the former conference room into offices as well as facility upgrades to the original 8,400 sq. ft. building to make it more energy efficient.

The Schoenbaum Family Foundation gave a \$1 Million challenge grant to kick off the campaign which raised a total of \$4.6 million for the expansion as well as the creation of an endowment fund. 370 donations were received from 266 donors, representing a broad range of community partners including local and national foundations, local businesses and generous individuals who are committed to the mission of JFCS. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you once again!





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Message from the Board Chair

Dear Friends of JFCS,

As we at JFCS begin 2010 prepared to face the challenges ahead in an uncertain economic environment, it is comforting to know that we can count on your support as the agency helps change people's lives... which in turn improves the quality of life for our entire community. Serving community is only possible through successful collaborations and partnerships which is why our 2009 Gala was themed, "*Side By Side ~ Toasting Talented Teams.*" We know that you are a vital part of the JFCS team!



Marie Monsky
Board Chair

Our motto of "When you can't do it alone" is at the heart of our agency and is all about partnerships and collaborations. We believe that much of the success that our volunteers, staff and leadership team achieve in helping people face life's challenges comes from, and is because of, the fact that we are aligned with our funders, business partners, government agencies, foundations, volunteers and donors. It does truly take a village!!!

For 2009 we want to acknowledge and thank:

- **1,080 individual donors,**
- **435 volunteers who gave 7,747 hours of service,**
- **65 business partners,**
- **42 foundations,**
- **34 Legacy Society members,**
- **13 community funding partners, and**
- **12 government agencies**

.....all working in partnership with us to positively impact our community through the 25 programs and services offered by JFCS. These outreach efforts have resulted in JFCS being recognized as one of the premier local social service organizations offering safety net services to the Sarasota/Manatee community in the critical areas of Counseling, Homelessness Prevention, School-Based Programs, Emergency Assistance, and Senior Services.

Now as we move forward into 2010, I urge you to recommit to being "*Side By Side*" with us to continue meeting our mission. The ongoing success and strength of JFCS is directly tied to your partnership with us and is accomplished through utilization of any of the vehicles mentioned above or by participating in one of our special events. I encourage you to contact Andria Bilan, VP of Development, at 366-2224 to tour our newly expanded facility on Fruitville Road or to discuss how you can increase your commitment to JFCS.

On behalf of all of us at JFCS Clients, Board and Staff thank you for being part of "our village".

“Side By Side ~ Toasting Talented Teams”

On December 20th, a **SOLD-OUT** crowd of over 450 witnessed two premier Sarasota organizations coming together for the 4th consecutive year . . . Jewish Family & Children’s Service and the *Sarasota Orchestra*. Themed as **Side by Side ~ Toasting Talented Teams**, the JFCS signature fundraiser Gala featured Maestro Leif Bjaland as he conducted the entire *Sarasota Orchestra* on a tour of significant musical partnerships including the ever popular Rodgers & Hammerstein, Lerner & Loewe, and Bernstein & Sondheim.

Unique to the event were this year’s centerpieces. In a time of financial turmoil with many of our clients struggling during the holiday season, our centerpieces were baskets filled with food, toys, candy and a grocery gift card. They were given to 50 of our clients in need.

2009 Gala Co-Chairs were Sue A. Jacobson, Barbara J. Lupoff and husband and wife team, Kathy Killion & Dr. Steve Miles. Rounding out the event leadership were Founding Chair Marie Monsky and Honorary Chair Bea Friedman, who once again underwrote the cost of the orchestra. Special thanks to Harris Private Bank and the Sarasota Bay Club for being our corporate event sponsors. The event grossed over \$300,000 to support the agency in its mission to help people facing life’s challenges.

Speaking of the theme of “**Side by Side ~ Toasting Talented Teams**,” we are blessed to have so many partners, by our side. Were it not for the **partnerships** established between JFCS and its **individual donors, corporate supporters** and **volunteers**, we would be unable to respond to the critical social service and counseling needs of children, families and seniors in our community. Thank you!



Gala leadership: Marie Monsky, Kathy Killion, Rose Chapman, Barbara J. Lupoff, Steve Miles, Sue Jacobson



Florence Katz with Bob & Judy Vigder



Lee Berkowitz, Marie Brown & Alice Birnbaum



Vivian Kouvant & Helen Sherman assembling baskets



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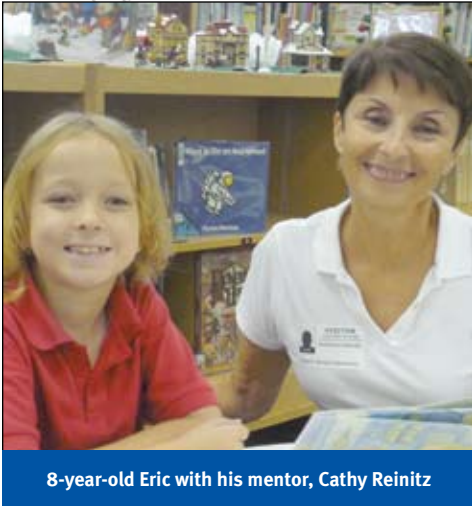
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Nancy and her family were thrilled to receive a basket

Making A Difference In A Child's Life



8-year-old Eric with his mentor, Cathy Reinitz

As he approached Volunteer Mentor, Cathy Reinitz, the 8-year-old child's eyes lit up. Eric hadn't seen Cathy since the end of school last May. Cathy had been his mentor at Emma E. Booker Elementary School and now she was here to mentor Eric again.

Cathy was assigned to Eric when disruptive classroom behavior referred him to Emma's Dream Team (EDT) at Emma E. Booker Elementary, a partnership with JFCS, the School Board of Sarasota County, the Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health and the Sarasota Family Support Network. EDT works to prevent out-of-school suspensions by partnering a student with an adult role model to provide emotional support.

Eric is an only child who lives with his father. JFCS EDT Program Coordinator, Missy Trzeciak-Kerr, LMHC, says "Eric really looks forward to Cathy's visits. The fact that someone cares sends the message that he matters and helps increase his self-confidence."

As a retired 5th grade teacher, Cathy knows a great deal about children. She first started meeting with Eric over his lunch break last February and quickly learned that he liked "I Spy" books. The two spent session after session reading together. "We would take

turns looking for clues. At the end of the year, I gave him an "I Spy" book as a present along with a magnifying glass," she laughed. "He has really responded positively to a constant, dependable relationship in his life."

Cathy says she loves children and is now taking on a second child to mentor at Emma E. Booker Elementary School. "It makes me feel good to know I am making a difference in someone's life," she says.

To become a trained adult mentor for an at-risk student, please call Marty Katz, Development Director of Community Resources at 366-2224.

Providing A Smile As The End Draws Near

"She loved her volunteer work," says Dr. Gerald Lurie about his wife, Val. Val, who was a former JFCS volunteer working in the Development Department, passed away in November after battling a lengthy fight with cancer. Dale Block, Director of Jewish Healing says, "When she needed help, this is where she called. I feel honored to have given back to her when she gave so much to this agency."

At first, two Friendly Visitors in the Jewish Healing Program began to visit Val and provide a break for her husband, her full-time caregiver. Then, as her condition worsened and she neared the end of her life, Val was assigned a Doula volunteer, Barbara Boltuch, who added a spiritual component.

"I liked to make her smile," says Barbara, one of 12 Doulas in the Doula program, part of Jewish Healing. "I encouraged her to talk about the good times; things that would make her smile." Since the program's inception three years ago, Barbara has worked with four clients who were terminally ill and faced end of life challenges.

Doulas spend seven intensive weeks, including 21 hours of training, before meeting with clients. Dale says she asks volunteers



to look at their own issues around death and dying. "It's not for everyone. Volunteers need to have the courage and fortitude to be with people as they approach the end of their lives." The program gives clients a safe place to talk spiritually about their life, connects clients with rabbis, and if requested, helps with funeral arrangements, including finding a *chevra kedisha* who will prepare the body for a Jewish burial. "Even people who have not practiced Jewish rituals in many years will usually want something Jewish at the end of their lives," says Dale.

The Doula and Friendly Visitors follow the client wherever they are; whether it be at home, in a hospice facility or at the hospital. "These lovely ladies would sit for hours with Val and talk and talk and talk. They eased her problems considerably," says Gerald. As far as Barbara is concerned, "Val and I became good friends. She was such an incredible woman; I'm just sorry I didn't know her longer. Whatever she got out of my presence, I got 100 times more from her," she adds.

For information on becoming a Doula or Friendly Visitor, call Dale Block, Director of Jewish Healing at 366-2224.

Celebrating the Lights of the Holiday



1. Tarpon Point Nursing Home residents enjoy the Hanukkah lights.
 2. Lighting the menorah at Heron House East.
 3. Jewish Festival Volunteers, Stan & Melba Cohn.
 4. Hanukkah service leaders, Fred Gorin & Jim Wolfson serving the latkes.
 5. Martha Hoffman enjoying her latkes.

The miracle of the Hanukkah holiday was celebrated amidst smiles and tears at over 15 area nursing homes and assisted living facilities in December. Funded in part by The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Jewish Healing volunteers lit candles, led prayers, sang songs, and spun dreidels. And what would the holiday be without latkes? The residents enjoyed their potato pancakes along with a lively discussion about which accompaniment, sour cream or applesauce was best. Reflecting in the light of the menorah, participants also shared memories of personal Hanukkah celebrations over the years. Special thanks to all our Jewish Festival volunteers for sharing the light of the holiday with our Jewish isolated seniors. For information on becoming a volunteer in our Jewish Healing Program, please call Marty Katz, Development Director of Community Resources at 366-2224.



Making the Holidays Brighter for Area Families



1. Jamil Collins, BSF Coordinator, with Kristin Morgan and her son, Ryan, and Susan Jacobs, Founder & CEO of Wheels of Success.
 2. Latisha Jones is all smiles at the wheel of her new car.
 3. Celebrating the holiday cheer.
 4. Playing the dreidel game and enjoying presents.

At a time when the many of our clients faced an uncertain holiday season, JFCS was able to make the holiday brighter this past December.

Two clients of our Building Strong Families Program, who began the holiday season without transportation, now have new pre-owned cars thanks to our partnership with Wheels of Success. The non-profit, headquartered in Tampa, came to JFCS seeking families who were working but without reliable transportation. Thanks to two Auto Way dealers in our area who donated cars to the Wheels of Success program, two single mothers, Latisha Jones and Kristin Morgan and their families now have independent transportation. Wheels of Success hopes to do more in the Sarasota-Manatee area. Since its inception six years ago, the organization has given away 300 cars.

In recognition of the successful completion of their program participation, JFCS also held a Celebration Dinner for families in our Building Strong Families and Healthy Families/Healthy Children programs last month. More than twenty families were treated to a special holiday dinner, gifts for the children, dreidel games and Hanukkah gelt. Clients spoke movingly of their experience in the programs and publicly thanked their case managers.



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STORIES FROM THE FRONTLINE

Changing Peoples' Lives

We often find it difficult to bring our mission to life... providing comprehensive counseling and social services to people confronting life's challenges... due to the confidential nature of our work with clients. This feature, "Stories from the Frontline," allows you, our volunteers and donors, to better understand the impact your time and generosity have on individuals in our community. Join us, as we go to the frontline to witness how our programs and services change people's lives. Meet two of our clients who proudly shared their stories...



If you or someone you know can benefit from our programs and services or you wish to lend a helping hand as a volunteer, please call JFCS at 941-366-2224 or contact us by email at info@jfcs-cares.org. We will be happy to refer you to the staff member best able to help.

FINDING HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

“I found somebody who will help us,” screamed Vicki Mosher as she excitedly ran around her house. Vicki had just learned that the Sarasota Partnership for Children’s Mental Health would take on her then 5 year old son, Matthew as a client. Matthew, who had recently been diagnosed as suffering from Asberger’s disease along with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and anxiety disorder had repeated daily temper tantrums, trouble making eye contact and couldn’t fit in to his kindergarten class. Vicki had looked for help everywhere and no one could help... until she found a flyer describing the Partnership.

The Partnership is funded by a federal grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and provides a Wraparound approach to ensure a coordinated community response to early childhood mental health. Nine area social service agencies, including Children First, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Early Learning Coalition, Florida Center, First Step, Jewish Family & Children’s Service, Sarasota County Health & Human Services, Sarasota Family Support Network, and USF work together under the partnership umbrella. To receive services, children must be eight years of age or younger, live in Sarasota County and be at risk for or have a mental health diagnosis.

When Matthew’s anxiety diagnosis proved him to be eligible, his case was assigned to JFCS Care Coordinator, Marcy Bothroyd. Marcy says she looked at many areas of Matthew’s life such as his family, housing, education, parent’s employment, spirituality, etc. Using a team approach, the family and others involved in his life... siblings, teachers, therapists, friends, and clergy came to the table to develop a plan to help him meet his goals. Participants met once a month and brainstormed ways to think outside of the box. His mother, Vicki, says “because everyone was at the same table, they heard the same things, and understood Matthew better. We were all on the same page.”

The plan was tailored for their family and centered on Matthew’s strengths and interests. For example, Matthew loved Star Wars. His family was having a hard time getting Matthew to sleep in his own bed. The group came up with the idea to put up a tent over his bed with a Star Wars blanket. In addition, when his mental health therapist learned that he liked Star Wars, she took the time to learn about it. “If she hadn’t gone to the group meeting, she might not have known that,” says Vicki.

After being in the program for almost two years, the Mosher family has now successfully transitioned out. As Marcy Bothroyd says, “Matthew has come leaps and bounds. He has mainstreamed into a regular classroom and his temper tantrums have gone from several times a day to maybe one a day. Best of all, he is able to be redirected.” And a grateful mother, Vicki Mosher says, “Our life improved because the care that was given to Matthew improved. There is now hope on the horizon.”



Jewish Family & Children's Service is dedicated to being at the forefront of best practices in providing counseling and social services to our community. As such, we have now implemented a System of Care approach called Wraparound that has been used successfully for years with children & adolescents, to provide a greater level of compassionate, and caring and self-directed services to people in need. Wraparound is a team-based model that helps groups of people involved in an individual's and family's life work together towards a common goal. The fundamental question is asked, "How can we maximize the natural resources a person has by reconnecting people to their community for assistance?" The process is facilitated and managed by a trained Facilitator Coordinator who engages all parties in the development of an individualized plan. Most importantly, the plan is needs driven, collaborative and based on the strengths of an individual and family. As you will see in this first story, the use of the Wraparound approach with this family was instrumental in helping their child. In the second story, the Wraparound approach is now being implemented with adults struggling with addiction.

FIGHTING TO STAY CLEAN AND SOBER

36 year old Stacey Miller of Anna Maria Island is a fighter. When she knows what she wants, she goes for it. And this time, she's fighting for a clean and sober way of life.

Stacey Miller is an addict and has been since she was 14 years old. A knee injury caused her to become addicted to painkillers and in the last four years, she began shooting up heroin. Despite her addictions, she attended New College, worked fulltime at a Bradenton restaurant and was a mother to three children, now ages 12, 7 and 15 months. She hid her addictions from everyone.

But, her life was slowly falling apart. She lost custody of her middle child to her ex-husband and all her money was going to pay for her heroin addiction. Last spring she was arrested for heroin possession, a moment she now sees as a turning point in her life. "The officer said this is a defining moment in your life; it's your choice what to do," Stacey recalls.

After going to First Step for detox, she first tried to get help through an outpatient program to keep from being separated from her children. But she quickly realized she needed more help. It was her 12 year old daughter, Zoe, who convinced her to go to the Salvation Army's inpatient program. "She said Mommy you have to go. Looking back on it now, I realize she saved my life," says Stacey.

While at the Salvation Army, Stacey enrolled in the JFCS sponsored Voluntary Interim Placement – Enhanced Recovery Program (VIP-ER) VIP-ER provides family reunification service and substance abuse support to individuals who have been or are at risk of incarceration. Using the Wraparound umbrella concept, JFCS coordinates the program, in collaboration with First Step of Sarasota, Sarasota Health Department, Sarasota County Technical Institute, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare and Jobs, Etc.

"The Wraparound process is natural to me as a social worker. It is how I think," says JFCS Family Reunification Counselor, Kerry Dennis, LCSW who has helped hundreds of families reunite. "We are not case managers. We are facilitators. It is our job to find out our client's needs and strengths and help them develop a plan to do the work. This is not learned helplessness. We empower the client to

take care of their own needs."

The first phase of the program involves an initial five week period where a Wraparound Facilitator helps the participant complete a comprehensive assessment highlighting the person's strengths. The information is then used for the person to develop an individualized plan. The person also has the opportunity to connect with community resources such as the Health Department for medical services and the Department of Children and Families to determine eligibility for programs that can help support the individual when they are ready to move back in to the community.

Next, is a 10 week program of extensive individual and group counseling. Stacey learned about boundaries, relapse prevention, healthy lifestyles and self esteem. In addition, she wrote a goodbye letter to her drug of choice and attended daily AA meetings. She also met with Kerry once a week and learned how to deal better with her family. "It was in his office that the light bulb went off," she said. "I still have issues, but they don't stick anymore."

Upon completion of the 10-week course and an agreement with a sponsor, clients attend a commencement ceremony where they are given a diploma, a gift to move on to the next phase of their lives. The day after commencement, Stacey's daughter, Zoe who had been living with a friend, came to live with her in a transitional family dorm. Two weeks later, her baby, Gabriel, who was living with his grandmother, returned to his mother as well. Today, Stacey and her family are living in their own apartment and she is working fulltime at a local deli.

For one year, the JFCS Wraparound facilitator will continue to assist Stacey to ensure her plan is relevant for her continued recovery. and she is able to successfully live independently. Best of all, Stacey remains clean. She says, "When I went into the program, I knew what I wanted. I wanted to be able to lie down at night and sleep under the same roof with my family, clean and drug free. Now I can. VIP-ER saved my life."



In the spirit of collaborations, we are honored Harris Private Bank and Sarasota Bay Club have joined our Corporate Partnership initiative and are sponsors of our Gala and Celebrity Chefs events.



“**SARASOTA BAY CLUB** believes in supporting JFCS’ continual efforts in the community through its counseling services, financial assistance programs and comprehensive work with children, families and seniors,” says Jayne Parrish, Regional Sales Director. “We are proud to be an agency partner.” SBC offers exquisite condominium residences featuring an incredible selection of expansive floor plan designs, each with its own uniquely gorgeous view. The residential enclave boasts an unrivaled list of first-class amenities and services, including award-winning dining and an amazing array of healthcare choices, all set in an exclusive resort-style campus overlooking sparkling Sarasota Bay and regal Longboat Key. Unlike many other retirement lifestyle options, Sarasota Bay Club offers a return of investment to its residents. Buyers benefit from full ownership of their home because it is structured as a condominium purchase.

“Touching another life is the greatest human achievement,” says Martha A. Honey, Director of Client and Community Affairs at **HARRIS PRIVATE BANK**. “We are proud to support JFCS in its mission to inspire and nurture excellence in our community.” For over a century, Harris Private Bank has successfully delivered wealth management solutions to affluent clients. What matters most to Harris Private Bank is developing lasting personal relationships and appreciating each client’s distinct needs and desires. This in-depth understanding of each client’s financial profile and objectives enables Harris professionals to provide the appropriate counsel that redefines trust on a daily basis while preserving, protecting and enhancing our client’s financial future.



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Ongoing Programs & Support Groups

JFCS offers a variety of support groups to the community. Preregistration is required for all groups. Please call the staff contact person at (941) 366-2224.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Anger is something that makes us, and those around us, toxic if we don't learn how to manage it well. The art of managing anger and understanding where it comes from are acquired skills which you can learn and practice in this group. Call Marcy Stern, Ed.D., LMHC.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, April 13 - May 18, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This group, for people at all stages of loss, provides opportunities to hear how others deal with grief, share experiences, receive support and discover new ways to cope. No fee. For information about Bereavement Services and to register for the group, call Dale Block, LMFT, CAP.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (JFCS)

Fridays, 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Venice)

Caregivers participate in a weekly support group to discuss concerns and gain knowledge about community resources. Respite care for loved ones is provided during the session. Funded through a grant from the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida. For information, call Pam Baron, MSW regarding the JFCS group and Carolyn Stephens, LCSW for the Venice group.

THE MARRIAGE BREAKTHROUGH – STRENGTHENING AND NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesdays, February 3 - February 24, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Based on the work of Michelle Weiner-Davis, author of *Divorce Busting* and *The Sex Starved Marriage*. This four-week interactive video seminar is for you if:

- You and your partner argue about the same old subjects
- You feel angry, resentful or misunderstood much of the time
- You feel hopeless and are considering divorce but still value your relationship

This is not marriage counseling, it's marriage saving! Attending this seminar will make you and your partner feel more connected by

providing practical and effective skills to improve communication and handle conflict constructively. \$20 per couple per session. Call Wendy Kulscar, LCSW, CMC.

MENTOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Support group for volunteers who mentor elementary and middle school students participating in our Safe Alternative to Out-of-School-Suspension Program. Call Marty Katz.

PARENTING CLASS

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Children don't come with manuals and parenting is the most important job you'll ever do. The Parenting Class provides insight into questions and issues that come up in everyday life, and will help you to manage the challenges that come your way.

Call Marcy Stern, Ed.D., LMHC.

SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICE

Mondays, 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (Villa San Marco, Venice)

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Jewish Center of Venice)

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Temple Beth Israel, Longboat Key)

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (JFCS)

Homebound older adults can maintain their independence, increase their involvement with friends and community, and enhance their mental health through education and social activities. Medicare assignment accepted. Transportation provided by JFCS to Longboat Key and JFCS locations only. Lunch is provided by JFCS for the Tuesday and Wednesday groups. For information, call Pam Baron, MSW for Longboat Key and JFCS locations; call Carolyn Stephens, LCSW for the Venice locations.

TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Thursday of the month, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The death of your spouse, significant other or life partner is probably the most difficult experience that one can face. Now that the initial intense period of grief has subsided, how do you go on? This group is open to men and women who are ready for the next step in their journey. No fee. For information about Bereavement Services and to register for the group, call Dale Block, LMFT, CAP.

"We are so proud to partner with JFCS on its annual Celebrity Chefs & Wine Tasting event on March 16, 2010; truly one of the big highlights of our year. When you can celebrate the incredible culinary talent in our community, while providing financial support for JFCS, it really doesn't get any better than that," says Bob Weil, Director of Food and Beverage of **LONGBOAT KEY CLUB & RESORT**. Anyone can host a social event in any of a number of extraordinary venues at Longboat Key Club. From an intimate dinner party on the beach, to tropical poolside buffets, to receptions in the marina courtyard, to a bar mitzvah in the Dining Room, the club's culinary experts and catering specialists will attend to your every need. Membership in the club is not a prerequisite for hosting an event at the Club. To book your next social celebration, call 941.387.1621 or email catering@longboatkeyclub.com.



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Dolly Sprinz

Lorraine & Bert Kaplan ~

20th wedding anniversary
Yvette & Len Fishman

Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Katz ~

grandson's Bar Mitzvah
Norma & Merle Greenwald

Florence Katz ~

**great grandchildren's
Bar & Bat Mitzvahs**
Charlotte Graver

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Krigel ~

**celebration of the birth of
their granddaughter**
Aileen Farber & Frank Levine

Michael Kurcias ~

special birthday
Barbara & Tom Bernstein

Alana Lemack ~ Bat Mitzvah

Elinor & Stanley Weisman

Lee Levine's devotion to JFCS

Dr. Abe Telen

Milton Lucow ~ 85th birthday

*Kenneth Bornstein
Aileen Farber & Frank Levine*

Evelyn Klocke

Harriett Krass

Shirley Rate Miller

John Parker

Alice & Fred Taich

Flora Major ~ wishing you

**the best of health and much
happiness**
Melva Herrin

Jytte & Mort Mandle ~

daughter's wedding
Tedde Kadison

Dr. Charles Miller ~

85th birthday
Marion & Bernard Levine

Sanford Milter ~ 90th birthday

Marion & Bernard Levine

Marie Monsky being newly

installed as JFCS Board Chair
Alisa & Ernest Kretzmer

Barbara & Victor Morrison ~

50th wedding anniversary
*Barbara & Tom Bernstein
Valerie & Harold Joels*

Sheila Nitzberg ~

special birthday
*Norma & Merle Greenwald
Jane & Joel Larus
Marlene & Hal Liberman*

Ruth Orne ~ special birthday

*Barbara & David Levin
Elaine & Harvey Rothenberg*

Dr. J.B. Pinski ~ birthday

Charlotte Paley

Rabbi Herbert Rose ~

special birthday
*Ruth Engman
Rabbi Jonathan & Marty Katz
Doris & Joe Miller
Edith Winston*

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Rothenberg

~ granddaughter's marriage
*Norma & Merle Greenwald
Tedde Kadison
Elaine Siegel-Lesnik*

Dr. & Mrs. Steven Rothenberg

**~ daughter's forthcoming
marriage**
Tedde Kadison

Joan & Dan Rubenstein ~

55th wedding anniversary
Suki Sellinger

Roddy Samuels ~

**congratulations on
Clifford & Em's wedding**
Bety & Howard Isermann

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Schecter ~

children's wedding
Frances Ross & Julius Rubel

Estelle & Aaron Spandorf ~

50th wedding anniversary
Dr. Bob West

Ruth Steel ~ 95th birthday

*Melanie Eckstein
Susan Morin*

Fred Taich ~ birthday

Ursula Pearson

Dr. Abe Telen ~ birthday

Lee Levine

Mr. & Mrs. Blair Wolfson ~

in honor of Adayn's birth
Melva & Mel Herrin

Gayle & Harry Yaverbaum ~

50th wedding anniversary
Barbara & Tom Bernstein

IN MEMORY OF:

Jewel Ash's sister

Alice & Fred Taich

Sofiya Avrasin

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Harriet & Ed Schaye

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Leif Bjaland's mother

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Malvine Blinder

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Barbara Bova

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Chester Brinn

Betty Bell

B. Richard Burdman

Lillian Alpert

David Chaifetz's beloved father

*Norma & Merle Greenwald
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Marion & Bernard Levine*

Carole & Mickey Fox's beloved

grandson, Kyle
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Dr. Jack Frankel

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Elaine Siegel-Lesnik

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Judy & Charles Cahn

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Arlene Kahn's mother

*David, Theresa & Mary Lou at
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Larry Ream

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Shirley Verier's beloved sister, Mary; and beloved friend, Lou Gross
Margot & Warren Coville

Jerry Waxman
Gerri & Myles Elias

Leslie Winkler's beloved mother
Marion & Bernard Levine

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Pamela Baron ~ thank you for all you have done and best wishes for the New Year
Adele Lichtenstein

Phyllis Blenner ~ thank you for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday
Vera Rosen

Gerri & Myles Elias ~ Happy New Year and thank you for your good wishes
Barbara & David Levin

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Feldman ~ for your many kindnesses at the time of Herb's birthday
Esther & Herb Rose

Sophia & Ron Fisher ~ Happy New Year and thank you for your good wishes
Barbara & David Levin

Greta Granet ~ for your hospitality
Betty & Julius Loeser

Charlotte Graver
Libby R. Adelman

Hannah Honeyman ~ thank you for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday
Vera Rosen

Joan & Les Jacobs ~ Happy New Year and thank you for your good wishes
Barbara & David Levin

Tedde Kadison ~ thank you for the lovely brunch
Norma & Merle Greenwald

Elaine Lesnik ~ thank you for the lovely brunch
Norma & Merle Greenwald

Lee Levine ~ thank you for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday
Vera Rosen

Gabrielle Miller
Libby R. Adelman

Beverly Mishkin ~ many thanks to you and your group for your "good wishes"
Eugene Schwartz

Susan Morin ~ for all that you do
Marilyn Harwell

Roddy Samuels ~ thank you for a wonderful brunch
Kenneth Bornstein
Norma & Merle Greenwald

Winnie Skversky ~ thank you for a wonderful brunch
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