



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Winter 2008/2009



If you have recently driven past JFCS you know that the agency is in the midst of a major construction project. Some have asked the question... *"In these difficult times, how can the agency afford to undertake such a project?"* Rose Chapman, President/CEO responds, *"It is because of these difficult times that we must respond to community needs and the expanded facility will allow us to do so."*

This campus expansion was necessitated by the significant increased demand for services and programs. Since last year, JFCS has experienced a 53% increase in the number of individuals seeking services from the agency. And given the current economic crisis, the agency is responding to critical safety net needs of individuals, families and seniors.

On November 14th, the construction crew from W. G. Mills raised the tresses of the future roof of the 6,000 square foot addition

to the JFCS Fruitville Road campus. JFCS now features weekly building progress updates on its YouTube channel. Just type the following web address into your internet browser to view the videos:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/JFCSsarosota>

The \$5 Million goal of the JFCS *Building for a Better Community Capital Campaign* will fund the construction and establish an endowment which will support the ongoing programs and services offered in the new building. The projected date of completion is June 2009.

We are in the final stretch of our campaign and hope that you will join us and make a contribution to help JFCS reach its goal of \$5 Million. For more information about this capital campaign please contact Andria Bilan at 366-2224, ext. 138 or email at abilan@jfcs-cares.org

JFCS ... When You Can't Do It Alone

*Message
from the
Board Chair
and
President/CEO*

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Dear Friends,

Our community is indeed facing difficult times. And none of us are exempt from feeling the impact. This current economic crisis has instilled a sense of fear, anger and hopelessness in so many. And JFCS has responded to an increased demand for services when funding sources, especially from the public sector, have been significantly cut.

The Board and Staff of JFCS are committed to serving the increased demands of individuals in our community even though we are forced to do more with less because of decreased funding from government. We have turned to you... our friends, donors, business and funding partners, at a time of significant need and you have responded with a level of generosity that truly reflects the Jewish value of **Tikkun Olam**... *repairing the world!*

- Just prior to Thanksgiving the shelves of the Kosher Food Pantry were nearly empty, but thanks to the generosity of local congregations, businesses, civic organizations, donors, friends and staff, JFCS was able to provide full meals for more than 99 families with 363 children.
- Seniors who live in NORC Communities in Bradenton, Sarasota and now in Venice receive outreach and educational services thanks to the generosity of individual donors and the Retirement Research Foundation in Chicago, IL.
- Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation awarded JFCS more than \$40,000 for emergency assistance funding and a case manager to handle the needs of local Jewish residents.
- At-risk youth in South Sarasota County continue to receive diversionary services to prevent acts of shoplifting, gang related activities and domestic violence thanks to a grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice.
- Families in Sarasota, North Port and Bradenton who are on the brink of homelessness are receiving case management and critical emergency financial assistance thanks to individual donors and the United Way of Sarasota County, United Way of Manatee County, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice and the Season of Sharing Fund at the Community Foundation.
- Subsidized counseling services are available to all clients regardless of their ability to pay thanks to the generosity of donors who know the importance of empowering individuals so they can overcome life's challenges.

During these turbulent times our services are more essential than ever. JFCS meets the basic human needs of the community both emotionally and physically. JFCS is fortunate to have so many friends and donors who have responded with such generosity to help others in our community. On behalf of our clients, we offer our sincere THANKS!



Judy Cahn
Board Chair



Rose Chapman, LCSW
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JFCS Responds To Calls For Help ... SMJF Helps JFCS

These difficult economic times have placed significant burdens on families and seniors and they turn to JFCS to help them overcome life's challenges. But who does JFCS turn to when it needs help in order to help others? The Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation has granted more than \$40,000 in direct emergency assistance funding to JFCS to help needy local Jewish residents.

These individuals represent just a small sampling of clients who have benefited from this emergency funding. Each turned to JFCS because it was a Jewish agency that offered them hope and a connection to a supportive community that cared about them.

A couple with 2 young children

relocated to Sarasota to be near the husband's elderly parents who needed the support of family due to health issues. Fortunately, the husband's employer had a local office here to which he could transfer. However, after just 3 weeks, due to a turn in the economy, the local office closed and the husband was unemployed. For more than four months the family struggled while both the husband and wife took on part-time jobs to pay the bills. Finally, they turned to JFCS for help when there was no money to pay the mortgage in November. The agency paid the \$1,200 mortgage and helped the husband develop a plan to seek full time employment.



A newly divorced single mother with 3 children came to JFCS for help when she received a notification from FPL that since she was 4 months behind in her payments, her electricity was about to be shut off. The mother works two part-time jobs and turned to her brother for help but he was unable to offer any funds. JFCS paid \$650 to FPL and negotiated a payment plan for future bills. The mother is currently receiving counseling through JFCS to help her cope with her divorce.

A disabled single woman turned to JFCS for help when her boyfriend suddenly left her and she was solely responsible for the rent. Although she had a job, it was not enough to pay for the apartment, grocery bills, insurance and medical bills. JFCS paid \$550 for the rent.

An elderly woman who had lived with her grandson sought help from JFCS when he was no longer able to care for her. She needed to find alternative housing and with the help of the agency, packed up and moved to an affordable assisted living facility. On an ongoing basis, her monthly social security check would cover her rent, but she had no money for the move or first month rent. JFCS paid \$725 to cover these expenses and provides ongoing supportive counseling to help her with her transition into assisted living.

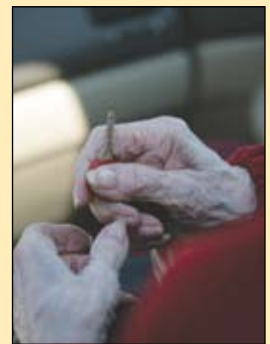
ITN *Sarasota* WILL SOON HIT THE ROAD!

It has been a busy six months for ITN *Sarasota*. As one of 11 national affiliates of ITN *America*®, the agency was awarded a grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota to offer transportation to seniors and people with visual impairments throughout Sarasota County. Initially housed within JFCS, ITN *Sarasota* is now its own 501(c)3 non-profit organization with an independent Board of Directors. Board members are: Philip Gorelick, Chair; Ed Schaye, Vice Chair; David Shukovsky, Treasurer; Sophia LaRusso, Secretary; Linda Abromson, W. Michael Bigner, Judy Cahn, Rose Chapman, Marilyn Harwell and Nora Patterson.

Dr. Tanice Knopp has been hired as ITN *Sarasota* Executive Director. Tanice comes to the agency after a 30-year career in education during which she held various positions in the areas of development, operations, management, training, volunteers, fundraising in community partnerships.

ITN *Sarasota*, is scheduled to begin offering rides by the end of March. Rides will begin in the north county area and will expand to cover the rest of the county in stages as volunteer drivers are screened and trained.

To find out how you can support ITN *Sarasota*, to volunteer, or to sign on as a member rider, please visit the agency's website at www.itsarasota.org or call Tanice at 941-364-7530.





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JFCS is pleased to recognize the members of its Board of Directors, an outstanding group of dedicated volunteers leaders committed to operational excellence.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT JFCS

Can You Spare the Time?

JFCS is seeking volunteers to enhance our outreach to the community. Volunteers are the heart of our agency and provide invaluable services to others. There are many in our community who are at-risk, alone, lonely, and in need of a personal community connection. JFCS has an array of opportunities available that will allow our volunteers to serve where they feel the most fulfilled.

Are you a good listener? Are you compassionate and sociable? If so, you might be an ideal candidate for the Friendly Visitors or Hospital Visitation Programs. Friendly Visitors and Hospital Visitors are trained caring representatives of JFCS who visit with isolated, homebound seniors or unaffiliated Jewish patients at local hospitals to provide companionship and support.

Are you able to serve as a lay leader for Jewish services and festivals? Volunteers are needed to conduct monthly Shabbat Services and High Holy Day Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as the Jewish Festivals of Chanukah, Purim and Pesach at local nursing homes and ALFs. These volunteers provide an important spiritual link to seniors in our community who want to celebrate Jewish rituals and traditions.

Does training in the Jewish view of healing and spirituality interest you? You could learn to use resources from Jewish Traditions and gain skills for bringing comfort, support and a Jewish presence to Jews who are isolated from the community by becoming a volunteer in our Jewish Healing program.

Are you interested in serving as a positive adult role model for an at-risk youth? As a trained mentor you would share interests and nurture a friendship with an at-risk middle school youth and provide them with a positive role model. Mentors commit to a weekly meeting with their student at the student's school and attend the monthly Mentor Workshop training sessions at JFCS.

If any of these volunteer opportunities interest you or if you would like more information, please contact Caroline Zucker, Director of Community Outreach & Volunteer Services at 366-2224 or by email at czucker@jfcs-cares.org

Food Pantry Shortage Results in Outpouring of Generosity

This fall, JFCS anticipated a shortage in its food pantry based on previous years' consumption and the current economic crisis. In November, this fear was realized as there were only a few cans left on the shelves.

Two weeks prior to Thanksgiving, the agency sent out an emergency appeal for food and/or donations. This appeal resulted in a tremendous response from the community who donated over 900 bags of canned food and \$8,474 in cash donations to purchase food vouchers for perishable items. JFCS provided a full Thanksgiving meal to 99 households including 363 children as well as distribution of 414 boxes of food to 371 families during December.

Our sincere thanks to the many individual donors and the members of Temple Beth Israel, Temple Beth Sholom, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Sinai, Women of Sinai, Congregation Ner Tamid, Jewish Center of Venice, ORT and local civic organizations and business partners that responded to this urgent need for help!

Volunteers Offer Shabbat Services & Chanukah Celebrations at Senior Residences

The Jewish Healing Program, funded in part by SMJE, is indeed fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who lead monthly Shabbat Services and celebrate the Jewish Festivals at area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. In December, volunteers celebrated Chanukah with over 150 seniors at 24 local residences located in Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice.

If you would like to join others in performing Mitzvot to Jewish seniors in our community who are residents of non-Jewish residential facilities, contact Dale Block, Director of the JFCS Jewish Healing Program at dblock@jfcs-cares.org or by calling 941-366-2224.



Jim Wolfson conducts monthly Shabbat Services for residents at The Gardens of Sarasota



Roz Levy serves Raisin Challah to 18 residents at Clare Bridge of Sarasota after conducting Shabbat Service



Helen Margolis and Misty, the Chanukah Dog visit Clare Bridge resident Dorothy

“For several years I have visited isolated Jewish seniors in area nursing homes as a JFCS volunteer. The profound impact that this outreach has on these seniors can be seen on their faces. Through the rituals of Shabbat...the lighting of the candles and serving of Challah and wine... we are able to rekindle a deep emotional and spiritual connection. This simple act of kindness and outreach is truly an enriching volunteer experience that strengthens one’s personal faith and commitment.”

— ROZ LEVY, volunteer —

STUDENT INTERNS...

Impacting The Lives Of Others

JFCS is fortunate to have students from area colleges & universities serve as social work interns providing case management, counseling and direct services under the supervision of experienced Licensed Clinical Social Workers. This past semester, **Christina McCall**, a third year medical student at the Florida State University College of Medicine was assigned to JFCS as part of her requirement to complete a rotation in community medicine. This article was submitted by Christina at the completion of her internship.



NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

Celebrating Client Achievements



During my Community Medicine rotation at JFCS, I discovered that the organization has two major strengths: 1) serves a diverse, large population that consists of people of all ages; and 2) offers many different, unique programs that are not offered elsewhere in the community.

As part of my internship, I was asked to investigate how JFCS meets the objectives of *Healthy People 2010*, a national program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Healthy People 2010* has two main objectives: to increase the quality and years of healthy life and to eliminate healthcare disparities. JFCS addresses both of these objectives thoroughly. All of the agency's programs promote an improved quality of life: Healthy Families/Healthy Children helps young parents achieve strong families; Building Strong Families prevents homelessness; Senior programs prevent isolation and depression in the elderly; and Counseling provides therapy to help overcome life's challenges. JFCS also helps to eliminate healthcare disparities by offering a sliding scale payment method for counseling clients. This is the best demonstration of how healthcare can be made affordable to everyone.

Overall, my experience at JFCS was both enlightening and encouraging. The best part about my time at JFCS was getting to know the staff; I have never met such a warm, welcoming, compassionate and enthusiastic group of caring professionals. All agencies should strive to emulate the work dynamic at JFCS!

I look forward to becoming a physician and being able to offer similar programs to help my patients.

“I am a single mother raising ten children; four are mine and six are my sister's children.” This is the beginning of a remarkable story shared by a client who successfully completed our Building Strong Families Homelessness Prevention (BSF) and Healthy Families/Healthy Children (HF/HC) programs. She was the first of three families to share how their lives have been changed through participation in these programs at the National Family Week Celebration held on November 17th at JFCS. There were 73 clients, board members and staff in attendance at this special annual event.

This young mother went on to share that she works full time and goes to school and revealed the struggles that are created when trying to care for ten children ranging in age from 4 months to 12 years old. She thanked the JFCS program directors for delivering the diapers to her house when she was in need and for allowing her a night when she didn't have to cook (her Tuesday night HF/HC class provided dinner and child care). She revealed how these programs have helped her on her mission towards self-sufficiency and building a stronger family.

The next client who spoke, a father and husband, painted a picture of a couple with two children ages 3 months and 2 years old, who had been without work for several months and the family was on the brink of having their electricity turned off. They realized they needed help and were referred to JFCS. Through the BSF program, they were able to stabilize their situation and begin working on a long term plan to achieve financial and emotional stability.

These two client vignettes provide insight into the very real struggles that people in our community are facing due to current economic conditions. These clients also represent hope for others; how JFCS can help change lives.

JFCS Expands Services in South Sarasota County

Thanks to funding from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, United Way of Sarasota County and the Retirement Research Foundation, JFCS will be expanding its services to the most vulnerable residents in South Sarasota County... at-risk youth, families facing homelessness and isolated seniors. *"JFCS serves as an advocate for the most vulnerable citizens in our community. The agency appreciates the support of these funders who are committed to improving the quality of life for these individuals in greatest need."* stated Rose Chapman, President/CEO.

Adolescent Diversion & Assistance Program has received funding from GCCF of Venice to provide individual and group counseling to targeted at-risk youth who are involved in shoplifting, violent or aggressive behavior or domestic violence. Counseling staff offers programs in both Venice and North Port.



Building Strong Families Homelessness Prevention Program expanded its case management services to at-risk families in South Sarasota County thanks to funding from GCCF of Venice and the United Way of Sarasota County. BSF works to help strengthen families before they become homeless by offering emergency financial assistance and case management services in order to develop a plan and facilitate collaborative services to ensure the family stays in tact.

Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) programs empower seniors to "age in place" and live independently in local senior residence communities through educational programs, social activities and civic engagement opportunities. A grant from the Retirement Research Foundation will expand the NORC program to two additional sites in South Sarasota County bringing the total number of sites to six, including existing programs at Casa Santa Marta, Desoto Towers, Jefferson Center and The Winds.

CONSIDER DESIGNATING YOUR IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION TO JFCS

Good news! Congress has extended the IRA Charitable Rollover provision that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 from your Individual Retirement Account to charity **tax-free**. In the past, you were first required to report a withdrawal from an IRA as income. Then you could declare an offsetting income tax deduction for a charitable contribution. The Pension Protection Act affords you the opportunity to make a donation - up to \$100,000 - to a charity directly from your IRA which is then counted towards your required minimum distribution without having to declare this as income.

How it works

- You must be 70 ½ years old
- You must make the gift directly to your designated charity
- You are allowed gifts of up to \$100,000
- If you are married, you and your spouse may each transfer up to \$100,000
- You will be able to take advantage of this IRA Charitable Rollover in 2008 and **2009 only**

We hope you will consider utilizing this temporary extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the Pension Protection Act and make JFCS your designated charity. What a wonderful opportunity to make a significant contribution to the Capital Campaign or establish a Named Endowment Fund at JFCS!

We encourage you to discuss this charitable donation option with your financial advisor or tax advisor. If you would like more information about selecting JFCS as your designated charity, please contact Andria Bilan at abilan@jfcs-cares.org

HOW JFCS IMPACTS LIVES



At right:
Judy Cahn and
Lorraine Glixon

At the Gala Patron Party, Lorraine Glixon spoke about her personal experience at JFCS and how the agency helped her overcome the challenges she faced as a caregiver. We are pleased to share her comments and hope that you too will turn to JFCS if you need help and support.

My life has been filled with many joys and many sorrows. I have buried 3 husbands and a 25 year old son with Leukemia. As many of us believe, we think we can do it ourselves, but when I couldn't, I turned to JFCS.

Just as many of you have done after retirement, my husband and I moved to Sarasota in 2003. My husband had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for more than 15 years and shortly after we arrived here, he was no longer ambulatory and began to show signs of Parkinson's dementia.

I called JFCS seeking help and we were invited to participate in a senior program. Harry attended the SOS Group while I went to the Caregiver Support Group. This group was truly my lifesaver. The support I received from the therapist and group members helped me cope with the difficulties I was facing at home.

The Caregiver Support Group allowed me to learn new coping skills. I learned that for me to take care of my husband, I had to take care of myself first.

When Harry died last year, I joined the Bereavement Group at JFCS. And, once again found the support I needed to help overcome another loss.

JFCS continues to be an important part of my life. I still attend the Caregiver Support Group, not as a caregiver, but as someone who can lend support to others. JFCS was there for me when I needed them and now I am there for others as I am also involved as a Friendly Visitor to elderly seniors in our community.

I am a strong person who always thought, as many of you do, that I could handle any situation. But when I discovered that I needed help, JFCS was there for me and, they will be there for you when you can't do it alone.

Donors Open Their Hearts and Tap Their Toes At Annual Gala



Judy Cahn, Sally Yanowitz, Rose Chapman and Marie Monsky at the grand entrance to the JFCS Gala

JFCS held its annual GALA dinner Sunday, December 21st in the Grand Ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota. **The evening raised more than \$280,000 to support the programs and services of JFCS.** Over 500 guests were in attendance, truly demonstrating the community's commitment to the important work performed by JFCS. Themed as **Gershwin Glorious Gershwin**, this year's fundraiser featured **Maestro Leif Bjaland** conducting the **Sarasota Orchestra**.

This program explored the musical work of one of our most important and prolific American Jewish composers. During this specially designed full concert, Maestro Bjaland took the audience on a journey of featured selections from well known musicals, movies and concert halls, including *Summertime*; *I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise*; *Let's Call the Whole Thing Off*; and a favorite orchestral classic *An American in Paris*.

The evening began by celebrating the first night of Chanukah, with JFCS Jewish Healing Program Director, **Dale Block** lighting the Menorah and offering The Motzi. In honor of this special evening, JFCS added a traditional first course to the meal . . . Potato Latke with Warm Apple Compote.

The Board of Directors and Development Staff of JFCS are grateful to Event Chair, **Sally Yanowitz** for her leadership. And special thanks to **Bea Friedman**, Honorary Chair, for generously underwriting the *Sarasota Orchestra*; **Betty & Howard Isermann**, for underwriting and hosting the Patron Party which was held earlier that week; **Gerri Aaron**, **Neil V. Moody Foundation**, **Peg & Art Nadel**, and **Betty Schoenbaum** for generously underwriting the Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton; and the additional GALA committee members, which included **George Allison**, **Scott Anderson**, **Judy Cahn**, **Sanford Cohen**, **Sue Jacobson**, **Tanice Knopp**, **Vivian Kouvant**, **Sanford Milter**, **Marie Monsky**, **Helen Sherman**, **Beth Thurow**, and **Katrina Walters** for their hard work and dedication.

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, January 6th – February 10th at 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays, February 19th – March 26th at 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, April 28th – June 2nd at 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.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, 1:15 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. Call Pamela Baron, MSW.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Community Educational Center, North Port)

4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (South County Resource Center, Venice)

Family Support Group provides an opportunity for parents/guardians to share collective insights about their family challenges and community issues affecting their children. Program targets families who reside in North Port, Englewood, Venice, Osprey & Nokomis. Call Wendy Hernandez, MSW, Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern

THE MARRIAGE BREAKTHROUGH – STRENGTHENING AND NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesdays, Jan. 21 – Feb. 11, 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. Pre-registration is required. Call Wendy Kulscar, LCSW, CMC.

MENTOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, January 21st at 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18th at 2:15 p.m.

Support group for volunteers who mentor elementary and middle school students participating in our Challenge to Change Programs. Call Caroline Zucker.

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 SERVICES

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Temple Beth Israel)

Wednesdays, 10:30 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 and lunch provided by JFCS. Call Pamela Baron, MSW.

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. Call Dale Block, LMFT, CAP.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP SERIES

Are Your Grandchildren Being Raised in an Interfaith Home?

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS:

Sue Hunting, MAJE/MAJCS & Beverly Mishkin, LCSW

Join a FREE 5-session educational and support experience co-sponsored by JFCS and Temple Sinai to learn techniques for nurturing Jewish identify in grandchildren raised in an interfaith household. Sessions will be held in late February. For information on dates and to register for the workshop, call 922-9322 or email GrandparentsC@aol.com

Mitzvah Fund Tribute Donations

Thank you to the following Donors who ordered a personalized Tribute Card from JFCS between September 1, 2008 and December 15, 2008.

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coyne ~ 40th anniversary

Annette & Marvin Black

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Harriet Glasspiegel ~ 90th birthday

Celia F. Assiran

Carole Goff ~ birthday

Sandra Yoffee

Marilyn Goldman ~ birthday

Reva & Richard Levy

Charlotte Graver

Shirley Dinkin

Ruth Gutmaker ~ glad you're feeling better!

Suki Sellinger

Ruth & Bernie Gutmaker ~ 60th wedding anniversary

Ruth Rolfe

Ada & Ike Eisenfeld ~ granddaughter's engagement

Barbara & David Levin

Lee & Mike Katz ~ anniversary

Barbara & Morton Kallman

Eve Kommel's daughter's wedding

Andria Bilan

Harriet Krass' daughter's birthday

Barbara & David Levin

Fran Lambert ~ in honor of your work on JFCS' 2009 Celebrity Chefs & Wine Tasting

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Aubrey Levin's Bat Mitzvah (Granddaughter of Barbara & David Levin)

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Lee Levine ~ birthday

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Karen Lutz

Norma Coel

Jay Maisel ~ receiving the Albert Hursh Award

Barbara F. Adler

Sanford Milter

Libby Adelman

Neil Moody ~ 70th birthday

Molly Schechter

Sheila Nitzberg Kartoz ~ birthday

Lee Levine

Lillian Richman ~ birthday

Harriet & Ed Schaye

Tod Roberts ~ birthday

Denise Roberts

Vera Rosen ~ birthday

Lee Levine

Sally & Mel Ross ~ 50th wedding anniversary

Marge & Martin Heller

Russell Samson

Phyllis Lowitt

Molly Schechter ~ birth of grandson

Julian Gabriel Atkins

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Rose Chapman

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Rose Saperstein

Fran & Jim Schwartz ~ 60th wedding anniversary

Andria Bilan

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Sam Shapiro ~ 90th birthday

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Celia F. Assiran

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Lee Levine

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