

Liesl Blockstein, Bill Dodge, Paula Grzyb, Angela Paratore, Victor Rosenberg, Harriet Rosenthal, Arnold Rusky, Sara Sherkow, Lawrence Singer, Carl and Pearl Turchik, Lillian Yatvin

Their Legacies Endure

Carl and Pearl Turchik were people of modest means. Carl worked in a dry cleaning establishment, and Pearl was always a careful saver. In her last years, Pearl required nursing home care. Because they had no children, Carl was concerned about who would look after his wife, should he die before her. And, indeed, he did.



When the will was read, JSS learned that Carl had left a bequest to the agency, with the stipulation that we oversee Pearl's care. Because JSS social workers already knew Pearl well, this was a natural thing to do. To make it legal, JSS was appointed Pearl's Corporate Guardian. We managed her care until her death. In 2007, the JSS Corporate Guardianship and Financial Management Program celebrates its 25th anniversary. The program serves eight to ten individuals annually.

Liesl Blockstein, JSS' second president, was well known for her activism. The entire Madison community mourned her untimely death in 1986. Liesl was especially concerned about those with emergency financial needs. Her bequest created an endowment that helps sustain the JSS Emergency Financial Assistance Program and other local services.

Harriet Rosenthal, another JSS Board member, cared deeply that hospice services in Madison be provided in a way that is sensitive to the needs of the Jewish community. Harriet's bequest planted a seed. Today, thanks to a generous gift from the Temple Beth El Sisterhood to HospiceCare, Inc., their facility and services are certified as a Jewish hospice, and Francie Smith Saposnik is the JSS liaison.

Paula Grzyb, Angela Paratore and Bill Dodge were all enthusiastic participants in the Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus Program. Bill, the father of JSS Geriatric Social Worker Nancy Dodge, found

great solace and many friendships through the Lechayim community after the death of his wife, Ruth. Angela was a spark plug who was just as entertaining as any official presenter. Paula was a "regular" who understood the importance of supporting programs in which she believed. Bill, Angela and Paula left personal and financial legacies to JSS

Like Liesl, Arnold Rusky and Lillian Yatvin left us far too soon. Arnie had come to know JSS through his work as an attorney with the Dane County Department of Human Services. He showed his respect for the agency by leaving two bequests, one directly to JSS and the other administered through the Madison Community Foundation.

Lillian Yatvin was a valued social work colleague at the West Madison Senior Coalition. When she became ill and received assistance through JSS, she generously volunteered to waive confidentiality and tell her story in *Connections* so that others would understand the importance of the agency's work. Lillian remembered JSS in her will. We will always remember her.

Sara Sherkow, retired MATC Dean and a former JSS Board member, was active in a number of community organizations ranging from the arts to education to social services. She was well aware of the importance of helping them financially in order to secure their futures. Sara left bequests to five non-profits, among them, JSS.

Victor Rosenberg was a Holocaust survivor who lived on the Eastside of Madison. Although he was a quiet man, not widely known in the community, his bequest to JSS illustrated his concern for his fellow Jews and for the greater Madison community. Lawrence Singer simply appreciated JSS' work and wanted to help support it.

The legacies of these generous individuals have helped secure the future of Jewish Social Services. May their memories be for a blessing.

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When Things Fall Into Place

Some details have been altered to protect confidentiality.

Sometimes things just work out, and that feels good. "Tom," an out-of-town family member, called JSS with a concern about a loved one living in Madison. "Sara's" problem was alcohol abuse, and she'd had another DUI (Driving Under the Influence) offense. Did JSS have the name of a lawyer?

The question opened the door for a discussion. Tom described Sara as "a lost lamb," someone who had paid an emotional price for growing up amidst major family dysfunction. It was Tom's opinion that Sara had turned to alcohol in her early teens as a coping strategy. Over the years, her drinking got out of hand.

JSS is not a treatment clinic for substance abuse or anything else. But we are often that first contact, that approachable entry point. Family members from other communities often call JSS for reliable assistance and referrals.

JSS suggested that Tom ask Sara to contact JSS directly. Tom agreed, with relief. He was really worried.

It wasn't long before Sara called. She had taken some time off from work to figure out

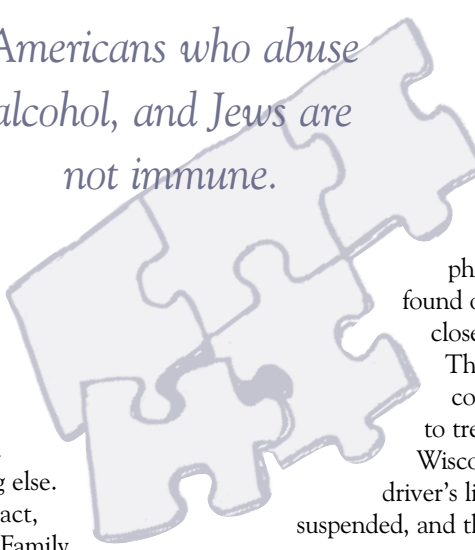
what to do next, and she was terrified that her world was falling apart. We made arrangements to meet with her. When she arrived, she had just left her first AA meeting. It was an encouraging sign.

As is often the case, there was more information than Tom had known. Sara had already been referred for counseling by her employer.

However, only three sessions had been authorized, and the therapist was not certified in alcohol treatment. Sara had also been referred to a substance abuse treatment program, but couldn't get through on the phone. Finally, she found out that they had closed without warning. The insurance company referred her to treatment in another Wisconsin city, but her driver's license had been suspended, and there was no bus.

Sara had reached a critical crossroads, and she wanted to change her life. She had decided to sublet her apartment and move, so that she could get to work without a car. She committed to attending AA meetings. She also wanted to find additional group support from young people in recovery.

There are an estimated 18 million Americans who abuse alcohol, and Jews are not immune.



In 2001, Vex and Blume* surveyed individuals who were part of the JACS** database. Here are some of their conclusions:

- Being a Jew does not protect one from becoming alcoholic
- Around 20% of those surveyed reported alcoholism in previous generations of their families
- There are an equal number of women and men among Jews who reported primary and secondary alcohol addiction
- Exceptionally high levels of income and education are not unusual for the Jewish chemically dependent.

*The JACS Study I: Characteristics of a Population of Chemically Dependent Jewish Men and Women Susan Lind Vex, MA and Sheila B. Blume, MD

** Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Individuals and Significant Others

There are numerous resources for someone who is ready to reach for recovery. Here are a couple of possibilities:

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Madison Area Intergroup/Central Office
608-222-8989
Email maico@chorus.net
www.aamadisonwi.org

Prevention-Intervention Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PICADA)
608-246-7606
Kathleen@fsmad.org

Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Individuals and Significant Others (JACS)
212-397-4197
www.jacsweb.org

Books on Jews and Substance Abuse

Recovery
Rabbi Abraham Twerski, MD

Addiction and the Jewish Community
Stephen J. Levy and Sheila Blume

12 Jewish Steps to Recovery
Kerry Olitzky

JSS contacted a substance abuse specialist whose clinic had received a grant to treat people with DUIs. The clinic also ran a support group for young adults in recovery. If Sara's insurance was not sufficient, the clinic would work with her to figure out a way to cover the cost. The connection was made, and Sara followed up immediately, another good sign.

An estimated 18 million Americans abuse alcohol, and Jews are not immune. Statistics for those who remain in recovery long term are not as good as one would hope, so there are no guarantees for Sara. But for now, she is working very hard. She phoned JSS to say, "thank you." She has moved, is in therapy at the clinic, and is attending the support group as well as AA meetings. She has also hired an experienced lawyer to represent her against the DUI charges. Sara reported that she is getting to work on time at a job she loves, and she is doing her best to make the right decisions one day at a time. What more could one ask?

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Did you know..?

- During 2006, JSS served a total of 1,065 individuals. 36% had annual incomes under \$18,000, 25% were disabled, and nearly one quarter were people of color.
- JSS Geriatric Social Worker, Nancy Dodge, will co-lead the next Powerful Tools: Caring for the Caregivers workshop series, Thursdays, 1:30-4pm, March 1-April 8 at the Parkside Condominiums in Deforest. The group is free and open to anyone who is a caregiver, even if your loved one does not live with you. There is a fee of \$10 for the Caregiver Handbook.
- Associate Executive Director, Barbara Spierer is a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Wisconsin Emergency Food and Shelter Program State Set-Aside Committee which determines annual distribution of FEMA emergency funds throughout the State.

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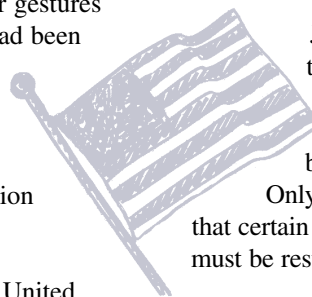
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Mission Accomplished

Note: As part of JSS outreach to the greater Madison community, Janice Beers, Director of Immigrant & Refugee Services, keeps weekly office hours at Centro Hispano. A pseudonym and changes in some details protect client confidentiality.

On a cold February day, one year ago, Maria walked into Centro Hispano to discuss her immigration case. This elderly Cuban woman spoke through an interpreter. Her conversation was animated, her gestures punctuating her sentences. It had been over a year since she had filed her application for permanent residence. But she had heard nothing from the USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, the former INS).



Maria arrived legally in the United States in October, 2000. The Cuban Adjustment Act allowed her to apply for permanent residence after one year. But, finding assistance in preparing the application proved difficult.

In December, 2004, *pro bono* attorney Stacy Taeuber assisted Maria in completing her paperwork. At the same time, Maria applied for a fee waiver. Because her only means of support was a part time job paying \$7.00 an hour, she did not have enough money to pay the \$325 application fee, nor the \$70 "biometric" fee.

Then, Stacy moved to Milwaukee, and there was no *pro bono* attorney to replace her. Two years passed without any word from the government, and Maria had no

place to turn because she couldn't afford a private lawyer. When she heard that Janice Beers had become certified to provide immigration services and was doing so at Centro Hispano, Maria sought her out.

Janice contacted Stacy in Milwaukee. With Maria's permission, the attorney shared the case history. She was also kind enough to go to the USCIS Milwaukee office to make inquiries. That got the ball rolling.

Janice picked up the case from there. It was a frustrating process. Slowly, the USCIS began to process the paperwork that had been languishing for two years. Only now, did the government decide that certain forms were not acceptable and must be resubmitted, a common occurrence.

Details bogged things down. Government officials decreed the date stamp on Maria's passport not legible enough. Her arrival date had to be documented in another way. Maria had to make her way to Milwaukee two times to be fingerprinted. No longer is fingerprinting by the Madison Police acceptable. Many procedures have been changed in the wake of 9-11 and heightened concerns about illegal immigration.

One month ago, Maria came bounding into Centro Hispano with a huge smile on her face and hugs for everyone in sight. She is now officially a permanent resident of the United States and eligible for citizenship. Mission accomplished.

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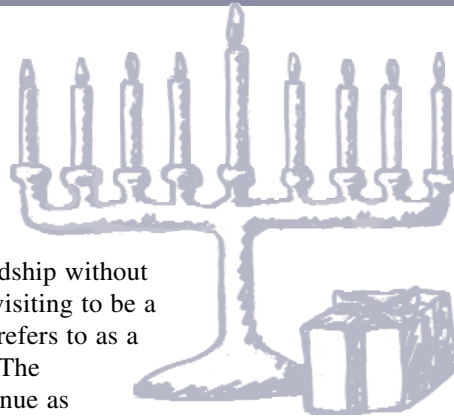
The old saying, "It was a match made in heaven," can easily apply to JSS volunteers and the seniors they visit. It happens frequently for those who spend time together building a relationship. But sometimes, what is meant to be a brief encounter, can turn in to something much more. This past Hanukkah it proved true for two families.

Rachel and Dan Mitchell and their children, Sam, Lizzie and Kate delivered a menorah to a frail elderly woman living in a nursing home. They made an immediate connection, and Rachel decided to visit several more times, with and without her children. During one visit, Rachel gave her new friend a manicure, a special gift for an elegant woman. This simple, loving act provided the two women an opportunity to share stories of their lives and families, just as life-long girlfriends do.

With several children at home and a full-time job, Rachel found visiting

rewarding and, in a curious way, relaxing. Because she is able to focus on this new friendship without distractions, she finds visiting to be a stress reliever that she refers to as a "mental health break." The family decided to continue as JSS "Friendly Visitors." Rachel says, "When we've come, (our friend) has seemed like she doesn't feel well. But by the time we leave, she usually seems more energetic and happier. It's pretty powerful that just by sitting, talking and showing someone you care, you can have that kind of impact...I find that her name is coming up in conversations with my kids, more and more."

Stefanie and David Kushner and their children Alex, Rachel and Emily had a similar experience. Stefanie describes the woman they visited as, "a perfect candidate for a person with young children. She was



gracious and excited to be around the kids." The children have visited their great-grandmother in a nursing home and were already comfortable in such a setting. They wanted to do something special, so they brought their new friend a Hanukkah gift. "The children got out of it exactly what I wanted: that Hanukkah is a time to share and give (of) ourselves to help other people. It was a rewarding experience to see my kids get into the spirit of giving gifts...at a time when everyone's getting gifts," says Stefanie, with evident pleasure.

Stefanie had been looking for a way for the family to volunteer together. And so, the Kushners continue to visit their delightful, captivating new friend on a regular basis, proving that with the help of a little "magic," friendship can truly be ageless.

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