

Andrea Katz has her entire family around her, thanks to Janice Beers and JSS.



## Andrea Katz

### In Her Own Words

**W**hen I first came to Janice Beers at Jewish Social Services, I was in a desperate state. A little over a year previously, a diagnosis of breast cancer had sent me from Brazil, where I was living with my Brazilian husband and three children, to New York, where I am from, and believed I would get better medical care. A month after my arrival, tests confirmed that my cancer was stage 4. At that point, we realized I probably should not return to Brazil, but should instead think about bringing the family here to the United States.

Our children have dual citizenship, so that was no problem. My husband, however, to whom I've been married for 19 years, was a different story. Paulo is Brazilian, and is an artist/graphic designer who frequently works as a free-lancer. We had no savings and no health insurance. Although I had worked as an English teacher in Brazil, my illness made it impossible to continue holding a job with that level of demands.

In July, 2008, my family finally arrived in the U.S., my husband on a 6-month tourist visa. A lawyer in New York told us she could get him his green card for about \$5000, which was, unfortunately, out of the question for us. Because we had no support system in New York City, and I had family in Madison, we moved here in August, 2008.

I was able to find a part-time job, and between that, SSI and Food Stamps, we were able to live. Clearly, however, we would need to have more income from my husband plus the assurance that he could stay with us, and for that, he would need his green card.

Searching online, I came across Jewish Social Services as a source for immigration assistance.

From the first, Janice was respectful, reassuring, and extremely knowledgeable. She led us step-by-step through all the documentation and procedures, and made sure that everything was in place in a timely fashion.

We got the green card in April of this year, and I felt as if a great burden had been lifted from me. We are forever grateful to Janice and Jewish Social Services for the invaluable work they do. Thanks to Janice, we have our family together, and the possibility of building a better future for our children.

Andrea Katz  
November 5, 2009

*Paulo, who is fluent in English, is searching for work. In this challenging economy, he is willing to take any job. Should you have any leads, please contact Janice Beers, 278-1808 Ext 225 [janice@jssmadison.org](mailto:janice@jssmadison.org)*

## inside

"I just want my life back" 2

Tributes 3-5

Foundation For The Future 6-7

Irwin A. Goodman z"l 8

International Corner 9

Volunteer Connection 10

Jewish Social Services has been recognized by the US Board of Immigration Appeals since 2005. Janice Beers, our Accredited Representative, is able to assist immigrants who are unable to afford the fees of immigration attorneys.

As an Accredited Representative, Janice can prepare and submit immigration applications. She can also represent immigrants at interviews at the USCIS office in Milwaukee. She is the only Accredited Representative in Dane County. Nominal fees based on a sliding scale are charged for these services. To date, Janice has won favorable decisions 100% of the time.

In addition to preparing typical applications such as for Naturalization and Employment Authorization, Janice has also prepared complicated U Visa Applications for victims of domestic violence and of other violent crimes.

# Cassandra Todd “I just want my life back.”

Cassie loved to dance. At her Green Bay high school, she was a member of the award winning pom, jazz and high kick team. It was during a performance at Nationals that her difficulties began in earnest. Cassie dislocated her hip. Unfortunately, this would turn out to be far more than a temporary sports injury. Other dislocations would follow.

For years, Cassie had been told she had Lupus. After that, the diagnosis was Lyme Disease. It wasn't until after high school, when she had already taxed her body further as an aide in a nursing home, that geneticists in Milwaukee determined that Cassie actually has Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS), an inherited disease thought to affect about 1 in 10,000 individuals. She is not the first JSS client with the disorder. Sadly, Cassie's Hypermobility Type EDS symptoms have multiplied rapidly. And, in her case she tells us, geneticists postulate that she not only inherited EDS from her father's side, but may have inherited Muscular Dystrophy from her mother, as well.

All of this led Cassie and her partner to make a very difficult decision. Leaving behind Mike's roofing business, friends, family and community; without income or savings, the couple brought their 3 and 5 year old children to the Madison area so that Cassie could avail herself of the assessment and treatment provided by a cadre of healthcare specialists. A kind relative, living on a limited income herself, took the family into her small apartment.

Cassie has seen an orthopedist, a pain doctor, a cardiologist, physical and occupational therapists, a medical psychologist, geneticists and more. She has been fitted for orthotics and a back brace because her body is totally out of alignment and her pain level is high and constant, despite medication. Even her jaw and fingers are affected. She is worried that a heart valve may be involved as well, also part of the EDS.

When she is not commuting from Waunakee to Madison for a myriad of medical appointments, Cassie is doing her best to care for her lively children. Doctors

have told her that she may not work anymore. She doesn't know how she could.

In July, after relocating, Cassie applied for Badgercare, a form of Medical Assistance which covers the lion's share of current medical expenses. But she had already accumulated tens of thousands of dollars in uncovered medical care. Food Share provides important support. The rest comes from food pantries and loans from others.

*Cassie tells us that only St. John's Church in Waunakee and Jewish Social Services have answered her pleas for help.*



Challenged by the bad economy, no local professional reputation, and his need to help Cassie care for the children and get to appointments, Mike's job hunt has turned up nothing. After a lengthy appeal, when the couple received some money owed them by the IRS, the family moved to their own apartment and paid a couple of month's rent in advance. That money is gone now.

Cassie tells us that only St. John's Church in Waunakee and Jewish Social Services have answered her pleas for help. There is no way that JSS could meet all the family's needs, but we continue to do what we can. We provided a gift card for gas, helped with a utility bill and covered a month of phone service. We put the word out in the community and people have responded generously, providing the family with clothing, furniture and even a special lift chair for Cassie. We helped register the five year old for kindergarten and connected Cassie with the school social worker. And we submitted an application for a grant through a charitable fund administered by US Bank.

To reduce her isolation and provide emotional support, JSS connected Cassie with Lynn Sanders, a Wisconsin resident and founder of the Ehlers-

Danlos Syndrome Network C.A.R.E.S (www.ehlersdanlosnetwork.org). The JSS social worker is also available to advocate with other service providers, to problem solve, and just to talk. Thankfully, Cassie has now been approved for SSDI and SSI so that she will be able to count on one source of income, as inadequate as it may be.

Cassie is a fighter. Despite her constant pain and mounting incapacity, she manages to advocate for herself and now wants to do it for others, as well. She has decided to join the effort to raise money for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome research. So, this spunky 23 year old woman is making calls, creating posters and garnering support to fight a disease that few have even heard of. It is because of her determination to educate as many people as she can about this devastating syndrome, that Cassie has generously offered to let us share her story and we thank her.

## Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)

EDS is a group of inherited disorders that affect connective tissues—primarily skin, joints, and vessel walls. With EDS, genetic mutations disrupt the production of collagen, a chief component of connective tissue.

EDS is uncommon and occurs in six major types. All types affect the joints, and most also affect skin. Some of the more prominent symptoms of EDS include flexible joints that extend beyond the normal range of movement and skin that's especially stretchy or fragile.

Treatment of EDS usually focuses on managing the signs and symptoms of the particular type that you have.

For Further Information:

- Mayo Clinic  
mayoclinic.com
- Ehlers-Danlos Network  
ehlersdanlosnetwork.org

# Thank You

for Your Tribute Gifts

The following contributions were recorded between July 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009

**IN HONOR OF:**

Lillian Abrams

Dan & Ruth Siegel

Kevin Alschuler & Heather Mandoli's marriage

Eve Siegel & Anatole Beck

Marda Brown

Barbara Brown

Maria Cancian, Birthday

Aimee Dechter

Bonnie Denmark Friedman

Jennifer Friedman

The marriage of Jeff & Devra

Joel & Marilyn Kupferberg\*

Nancy Dodge

Frances Culbertson

Abraham Landsman

Arlene & Marvin Evans

Shelley & David Schwarz

Roberta Gassman & Lester Pines' granddaughter, Isabel Gassman Halpern

Shelley & David Schwarz

Jerry Setzer

Janice Gratch & Steve Wilensky's marriage

Joel & Marilyn Kupferberg\*

Lauri Roman

Larry & Linda Shriberg

Eliav Goldman's Bar Mitzvah

Howard & Pam Erlanger

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

Al Goldstein's Birthday

Sally Garten Balkin

Toni & Don Richards

Robert & Shannon Goldstein

Jane Kapusta

Miriam Greenberg

Robert Greenberg

Diane Gutmann

Sally Balkin

Rob & Jodi Harris

Jonathan Biatch & Bonnie Margulis

Emily Haus & Christian Stahl's Engagement

Corlie & Sol Blumenfeld

Mildred & Marv Conney

Mark & Ilene Laufman

Flo Sinaiko

Jerry Kaufman—wishing him a speedy recovery

Betsy & Bezalel Haimson

Judy & Dan Pierotti

Dan & Ruth Siegel

Lorna Kniaz's new grandson, Harry.

Mark & Ilene Laufman

La Verne Koltin

Corlie & Sol Blumenfeld

Lowell and Julie z"l Lakritz, new granddaughter,

Yoella Rose Lakritz

Freda & Jim Blau\*

Lowell Lakritz\*

Barbara Spierer\*

Ilene & Mark Laufman's granddaughter

Lauren's Bat Mitzvah

Sally Balkin

Lechayim

Clara Sweet\*\*

Ruth Levey's new grandson and marriage of granddaughter

Kal & Roberta Kunin

Steve Levine

Fay Nager

Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik's marriage

Pam & Howard Erlanger

Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik's new granddaughter, Mira Kay

Barbara Spierer

Sarah Lipman & Adam Sherman's marriage

Eve Siegel & Anatole Beck

Madison Community Jewish Day School

Marc & Judith Kornblatt

Evie Medow's speedy recovery

Rose Steinig

Muriel Miller

Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Kushner

Ralph & Charlotte Musin's 60th Anniversary

Corlie & Sol Blumenfeld

Lester Druck

Joe & Jeanne Silverberg

Rabbinical Ordination of Jay Ross Sherwood

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Keisler

Judith Periotti's Birthday

Bunny & Bill Spitz

Royal Rotter's Birthday

Lorelei Wexler

Len Sable's speedy recovery & Joan Sable's good health

Shelly Stillman

Aaron Seligman & Jami Crespo's marriage

Abraham Landsman

Tom & Margie Krauskopf

Ben & Judy Sidran's 40th Anniversary

Bob & JoAnn Skloot

Ruth & Dan Siegel, new granddaughter, Anna Chagall Snyder

Judith & Daniel Pierotti

Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik

Louise Goldstein and Bruce Thomadsen

\*Julia Lakritz Immigration Fund

\*\*Goodman Lechayim Program

Continued on page 4

## Thank You for Your Tribute Gifts *(continued)*

*Francie Smith Saposnik, her contribution to the community*

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

*Stanley Langer*

Dan & Ruth Siegel

Russ & Liz Whitesel

*Barbara Spierer*

Jane Brotman-Austin & Stephen Austin

Anita Parks

Russ & Liz Whitesel

*Adel Stern's Birthday*

Steve Stern & Florencia Mallon

*Renee Weinshel's Birthday*

Vicki & Gerald Stewart

*Steven Weinshel & Laura Brenner's marriage*

Vicki & Gerald Stewart

*Ida Wyman's exhibit at the Wisconsin Veterans' Museum, "Welcome Home Boys!"*

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

### IN MEMORY OF:

*Anna Bentley*

Steve & Lillian Abrams

Julius & Hilde Adler

Rita & Leon Applebaum

Robert Armstrong

Betty & Max Bodenheimer

Barbara & Dan Esser

Nancy Feingold

Gary Friedman & Bonnie Denmark  
Friedman

Denny & Gary Geller

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

Diane Gutmann & Tom Palay

Bezalel & Betsy Haimson

Roz & Noah Hershkowitz

David Hottmann

Rebecca & Jonathon Kaiser

Tom & Cathy Kaplan

Marena Kehl & Peter McKeever

Leah & Raymond Kessel\*

Edward & Bobbie Krinsky

Joel & Marilyn Kupferberg\*

Katherine Kvale & Thomas Schirz

Nancy Leff & KC Lerner

Janet Libby

Dan & Bettine Lipman

Bobbie & Bill Malone

Barbara Regez

Judith & Michael Rothschild

Sue Rosenberg

Judy & Jeff Ross

Shelley & David Schwarz

Sherwood & Jaclyn Seigel

Larry & Linda Shriberg

Ruth & Dan Siegel

Judy Siegfried

Joan Sophor

Barbara Spierer

Bill & Bunny Spitz

Liz & Russ Whitesel

*Gloria Berman*

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

Betsy & Bezalel Haimson

Joel and Marilyn Kupferberg\*\*

Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik

Karen Shevet Dinah

Rayla Temin

*Leon Vodovosoff Blair*

James & Freda Blair

*Gail Busha*

Nancy Leff & KC Lerner

*Evelyn & Mark Colburn*

Barbara Spierer

*Reva Diamond*

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

Rebecca & Jonathon Kaiser

Marena Kehl & Peter McKeever

Leah & Raymond Kessel\*

Nancy Leff & KC Lerner

Bobbie & Bill Malone

Judy & Dan Pierotti

Judith & Michael Rothschild

*Steffi Deutsch*

Erwin Deutsch

*Tauba & Rosa Dubrovskaya*

Roman & Maria Dubrovsky

*Arthur England*

Barbara Spierer

*Arthur Epstein*

Steven & Patricia Epstein Family

*Shirley Fletcher*

Jean Weissburg

*Carl Friedman*

Sally & Fran Schrag

*Nettie Garment*

Martin Garment

*Carolyn Gaebler*

Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik

*\*Julia Lakritz Immigration Fund*

*\*\*Goodman Lechayim Program*

*Continued on page 5*

### How Tributes Help

We appreciate when you honor and remember others with a gift to JSS. Gifts that are unrestricted in nature allow JSS to use them where the greatest needs exist. **A card notifying the designee or family is sent immediately.**

Every donation means a great deal to us. We have made every effort to make sure our thank you lists are accurate and complete, but if we have inadvertently neglected to list your name, please let us know. Call Erika Cooper, 278-1808. Thank you.

# Thank You for Your Tribute Gifts *(continued)*

## *Irwin Goodman*

Sally Balkin  
Betsy & Bezalel Haimson  
Joe & Jeanne Silverberg

## *Bart Green*

Patricia Green-Sotos & Peter Sotos

## *Saul Gross*

Jerrold Gross & Adrienne Borisy Gross

## *Ella Harris*

Joanna Berke

## *Dorothy Helman*

Jack Kaufman

## *Cecelia Hiesiger*

Beverly Bassin  
Doleta Chapru  
Howard & Pam Erlanger  
Sally Garten Balkin  
Mel & Dottie Siedband  
Jean Weissburg

## *Alyce Kadell*

Harry & Karen Roth

## *Alice Kehl*

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen  
Leah & Raymond Kessel\*  
Matt & Jenny Pierotti  
Shelley & David Schwarz

## *Nukhim Kurolapnik*

Anonymous

## *Frieda Lerner*

Rita Kozmits

## *Josh Lerner*

Andrea and Greg Steinberger

## *Dorothy Levy*

Irving Levy

## *Lydia Sananes Lohr*

Shelley & David Schwarz

## *Ruby & Jacques Lugassy*

Irene Geller

## *Dr. Mary Magee*

Harry & Karen Roth

## *Michael Male*

Roz & Noah Hershkowitz  
Rebecca & Jonathon Kaiser  
Leah & Raymond Kessel\*  
Joel & Marilyn Kupferberg\*  
Lowell Lakritz\*  
Nancy Leff & KC Lerner  
Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik  
Judy & Dan Pierotti  
Shelley & David Schwarz  
Erica Serlin & Ken Kushner  
Ina Sharkansky  
Bunny & Bill Spitz  
Shelly Stillman

## *Arnold Miller*

Evelyn Miller

## *Our parents*

Denise & Les Mirkin

## *Eileen Pachefsky*

Lowell Lakritz\*

## *Joyce Rosenberg Zenick*

Marsha Cohen, Mike Pressman, Nina & Sammy

Bernice Fox

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

Judy & Ben Sidran

Bob & JoAnn Skloot

Sylvia Sucher

Francie Smith Saposnik & Herb Lewis

## *Ruth Rothstein*

Stuart & Marsha Dymzarov

## *Frances Rotman*

Donald & Margaret Anderson

Michael & Kerry Goldrosen

Kay Hocker

Donna Lee Carnes

Ruth Ann & Bob Skoronski

## *Benjamin Schubert*

Annette Howards

## *Hyman & Rebecca Schuster*

Don & Sue Schuster

## *Werner Schwarz*

Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik

Russ & Liz Whitesel

## *Charlotte Schwartz*

Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen  
Herb Lewis & Francie Smith Saposnik  
Shelley & David Schwarz

## *Lawrence Shapiro*

Barbara Roth

## *Nadine & Irving Shapiro*

Don & Sue Schuster

## *David & Bette Silverman*

Jerrold Gross & Adrienne Borisy Gross

## *Bob Silvers*

Abraham Landsman

## *Arthur & Anne Sweet*

Larry & Jessica Sweet

## *Ben & Miriam Sweet*

Richard Sweet & Judy Svara

## *Burnie Sweet*

Sue Sweet

## *Donald Tikalsky*

Herbert & Virginia Graff

## *Lidiya Vaynshteyn*

Shirley Volpiansky

## *Clara Volotin Gross*

Jerrold Gross & Adrienne Borisy Gross

## *Max Wald*

Gerda Wald

## *Larry Wales*

Bob & Sara Schwartz

## *Ethel Waxman*

Al & Dana lin Bernstein

## *Ruth Weiner*

Rebecca & Jonathon Kaiser

## *Arthur Wortzel*

Clarice Wortzel

## *Avron Zechman*

Joel & Marilyn Kupferberg  
Shelley & David Schwarz

## *Minnie & Phillip Zulty*

Wesley & Beverly Zulty

\*Julia Lakritz Immigration Fund

\*\*Goodman Lechayim Program

# Thank You

## Foundation For the Future Donors

The Foundation For the Future Endowment Fund was created in 2003 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of JSS. Four percent of the interest earned annually is utilized to support the work of the agency. It is vitally important that the *corpus* continues to grow. To make a gift to JSS that will last forever, contact Barbara Spierer, 278-1808.

Julius and Hildegard Adler  
Helen Adler z"l  
Anonymous - 4  
Annabelle Argand z"l  
Sally G. Balkin  
Michael and Sue Baumblatt  
Anna Bentley z"l  
Kurt Bergen z"l  
Dorit Bergen  
Leonard and Norma Berkowitz  
Stanley and Marjorie Berlow  
Sol and Corlie Blumenfeld  
Amy and Gregg Bogost  
Maria Cancian and Chuck Kalish  
Sharon and Mark Chernoff  
Marcus and Sheila Cohen \*  
Bernard and Toby Cohen  
Marv and Mildred Conney  
Ester Dahari-Sweeney  
Richard and Susan Davidson  
Joseph and Connie Davis  
Nancy Dodge and David Watts  
Ethel Dunn  
Fred and Ivy Edelman  
Jenny Elyanov and Bela Elkin  
Steven and Patti Epstein  
Leon Epstein z"l  
Howard and Pam Erlanger  
Robert Factor and Kris Rasmussen  
Edgar Feige and Elizabeth Palay  
Amy and Marty Fields  
Larry and Marla Frank

Sylvia z"l and Herbert Frank  
Albert and Susan Friedman  
Dave z"l and Bernice Fromstein  
Jac and Edie Garner  
Denny and Gary Geller  
Howard and Sandy Goldberg  
David and Estelle Goldenberg  
Jacob E. Goldenberg Foundation,  
*Betsy Goldenberg Haimson, Director*  
Stanley Goldfarb  
Les Goldsmith and Dale Kunin  
Albert Goldstein  
Louise Goldstein and Bruce Thomadsen  
Irwin A. Goodman z"l and Robert D.  
Goodman,  
*in memory of Harry J. and Belle Goodman*  
Kaete Granick  
Paul Grossberg and Dean Ziemke,  
*in memory of Samuel Greenbaum*  
Betsy and Bezalel Haimson  
Justine Harris  
Simon and Billie Hellerstein  
Noah and Rosalyn Hershkowitz  
Marcie and Robert Holding  
Richard Horst  
Nancy and Jesse Ishikawa  
Deborah Kades  
Alfred Kadushin,  
*in memory of Sylvia Kadushin*  
Cindy Kahn and Steven Marker  
Stephen and Linda Kailin  
Stanley Kanter  
Esther Kaplan

Thomas and Cathy Kaplan  
Jeffrey Kassel and Alison Einbender  
Margery Katz  
Stephen Kessler and Donna Anderson  
Judith K. Klehr  
Carol Klein  
Daniel Kleinman and Susan Bernstein  
Diane Becker Krasnick and Marc Krasnick  
Estelle Krasno z"l  
Thomas and Margie Krauskopf  
Alexander and Julia Krichevsky  
Miriam Cohen Kuhn and Joe Kuhn  
Kal and Bobbie Kunin  
Merilyn and Joel Kupferberg  
Kenneth Kushner and Erica Serlin  
Stanley and Sandra Kutler  
Howard and Judy Landsman  
Lawrence and Jean Landweber  
Stanley H. Langer  
Mark and Ilene Laufman  
Roberta and James Lazarz  
Phyllis Lefcowitz  
Rosalind Levin  
Daniel and Kathy Levin  
Elizabeth Levine  
Steven A. Levine  
Irving Levy,  
*in memory of Dorothy Levy*  
Judith Lichtenstein  
Martha Lottman

\* Additional Gift in 2008

Continued on page 7

## Thank You Foundation For the Future Donors (continued)

Yael and Eric Lund	Daniel and Nicole Resnick	Barbara Spierer
Jill Maidenberg and Richard Thal	Joan and Kenneth Riggs	William and Barbara Spitz
Harvey and Rona Malofsky	Stefanie Rose	Mary Stamstad
Claire and Menahem Mansoor Family Fund	Michael Rosenblum	Dan Stein
Constance and William Markey	Harry and Karen Roth	James and Andrea Stein
Deborah Martin	Judith and Michael Rothschild	Greg and Andrea Steinberger
Charlotte Martin	Arlene and Hershel z"l Rotter	Ida Swarsensky
Rudolf Mathias z"l	Royal and Muriel Rotter	Bessie Sweet z"l
Howard and Sally Mazur	Francis and Sally Schrag	Howard A. Sweet
Paul and Sherry Minkus	Donald and Sue Schuster	Rayla G. Temin, <i>in memory of Howard Temin</i>
Mel Morgenbesser	Robert and Sandy Schwartz	Louise Trubek and David Max
Steven H. Morrison and Goldie Kadushin	Darlene and Stuart Schwartz	Uri and Hagit Vardi
Ralph and Charlotte Musin	Shelley and David Schwarz	Lauren Vogel and George Turnbull
Linda Newman	Diane Seder and Bruce J. Rosen	Burton and Georgia Wagner
Paul Olson	Gary Seltzer	Alan Weiner
Sam and Maria Onheiber	Florence Shapiro	Sybil Weinstein
Kenneth Opin and Jan Silvers	Marshall and Susan Shapiro	Frances Weinstein
Thomas Palay and Diane Gutmann	Amy Shapiro and Jeff Olenick	Bernard Weisblum
H. K. and Anita Parks	Sara J. Sherkow z"l	Harvey and Bonnie Wendel
Robert and Janelle Pasch	Karen R. Shevet Dinah	Henry Wertheimer
Penny and Zorba Paster, <i>Paster Family Foundation</i>	Judy and Ben Sidran	Cheryl Rosen Weston
Judy and Daniel Pierotti	David Silverberg and Elizabeth Huebel	Deena and Peter Williams
Lester Pines and Roberta Gassman	Steve Silverberg and Lisa Gaumnitz	J. Martin Wolman z"l
Evan and Jane Pizer	Jeanne and Joe Silverberg	Milton and Joanne Yatvin, <i>in memory of Lillian Aked Yatvin &amp; Jonathan Aked</i>
Purple Moon Foundation	Cindy Silverberg Kamps and David Kamps	James and Nancy Youngerman
Miriam and Ruben Reiningger	Francie Smith Saposnik	
Debbie Reitman Judge	Elliott and Norma Sober	
Linda Reivitz	Paul and Sara Soglin	

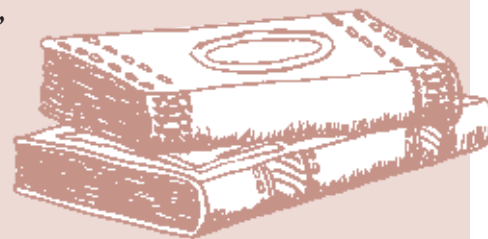
### New in the JSS Lending Library

JSS is committed to supporting caregivers of all types. We have two new books available for lending.

**Caring for a Person with Alzheimer's Disease**, published by the National Institute on Aging. This guide discusses understanding Alzheimer's Disease (AD), providing care, caring for oneself, and finding help. Copies can also be obtained through [www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers](http://www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers).

**The Gifts of Caregiving-Stories of Hardship, Hope, and Healing** by Connie Goldman.

Conversations with family caregivers, both well-known and not, imparting wisdom, inspiration, and hope.



# To Life To Life, Lechayim!

## Irwin A. Goodman, z"l

We have written about Irwin Goodman and brother, Robert more than once in the pages of *Connections*. The last time was in Spring, 2006, when we thanked them for making the lead gift to the JSS Foundation For the Future Endowment Fund.

At the time, Irwin told us they had just one request in return—that JSS rename the Lechayim Lunchtime Plus Program in memory of their beloved parents. And so, this flagship program became the Harry J.

and Belle Goodman, parents of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus Program.

Admittedly, it's a mouthful. But it says it all. Irwin's legacy, and ultimately Bob's as well, will always be about family, about community, about diversity, and about life. From swimming pools to baseball diamonds, community centers to exercise programs, from town to gown, and back again, Irwin embraced pretty much every



worthy cause in Dane County and left his indelible mark.

Anyone who was lucky enough to have known Irwin Goodman quickly realized that he was a lovely man. He made each person feel special and helped many individuals in a private way. Above all, he was a *mensch*.

Rest in peace, Irwin. Your good name and that of your beloved family will never be forgotten. Lechayim! To life!

It's been a tough year, and JSS clients have felt it. One individual has applied for more than 700 jobs thus far and is willing to do anything. Another was laid off, sold a home, and moved in with family.

We know that there are many community members who have tightened their belts due to job furloughs and downsizing. And, yes, JSS is feeling the strain too. Donor designations through the United Way are lower than usual. Cars for Clunkers affected our Vehicle Donation Program, and tribute donations are off this year.

Our volunteer board members are careful managers, so they watch the agency's budget very closely. But the need for our services doesn't recede during a recession. That's why we're especially grateful to those of you who have already renewed and even raised your commitment through our annual Friends of JSS appeal.

But we haven't heard from many of you yet. We know that more than half of JSS' donors typically make gifts between December 1st and December 31st. We must admit waiting for those gifts to

come in is giving us *shpilkes* this year, because we never take them for granted. To date, we are \$75,000 from our goal.

If you're one of those who usually make a gift to JSS, please understand how much we are counting on you to continue this act of *Tzedakah*, and if you are able, to consider increasing it this year. To those who have already responded, know that an additional donation will be appreciated enormously.

There is an envelope on this page for your convenience. As always, JSS counts on you because so many count on us.



*Caring. Connections. Solutions.*

# Did you know..?

■ If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 tax free to JSS directly from your traditional IRA. The law was extended to cover 2009.

■ In 2008:

JSS made 142 financial assistance grants

38% of JSS clients had incomes under \$18,000

30% of JSS clients were disabled

16% of JSS clients were unemployed

## Jewish Social Services of Madison

Diane Gutmann, *President*

Steven Morrison, *Executive Director*

Barbara Spierer, *Associate Executive Director*

*Services to Individuals and Families Under Stress*

Barbara Spierer, LCSW, Ext. 230

spierer@jssmadison.org

*Senior Services*

Francie Smith Saposnik, LCSW, Ext. 228

francie@jssmadison.org

Nancy Dodge, LCSW, Ext. 226

ndodge@jssmadison.org

*Immigrant & Refugee Services*

Janice Beers, MA, Ext. 225

janice@jssmadison.org

*Volunteer Services*

Louise Goldstein, MSW CVA, Ext. 227

louise@jssmadison.org

*Vehicle Donations*

Erika Cooper, Ext. 221

ecooper@jssmadison.org

E-mail may be sent to [jss@jssmadison.org](mailto:jss@jssmadison.org)

Jewish Social Services, 608-278-1808

## Connections

Barbara Spierer, *Editor*

Christine Pavelko, *Designer*

Nancy Dodge, Louise Goldstein

Barbara Spierer

*Contributing Writers*

## INTERNATIONAL CORNER



# Making Connections

Historically, Dane County has been a magnet for people from across the globe. Some are here for only a few months or a few years. For others, it's a permanent destination. Senior Adults are an important segment of this international population.

The North/Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO) is the focal point for bilingual Spanish/English case management services in Dane County. However, all local agencies serving elders count New Americans among their clients. It is for this reason that Rachel Nordberg, one of NESCO's two (Liz Mensing is the other) Bilingual Case Managers, invited JSS Director of Immigrant and Refugee Services, Janice Beers, to present at a monthly meeting of Dane County case managers for the elderly.

Rachel tells us, "Janice spoke about her work on immigration issues, assisting and often representing immigrant seniors in obtaining their permanent residency and, ultimately, their citizenship. This, in turn, opens the door for these potentially vulnerable individuals to qualify for public programs.

Rachel elaborates, "When my Latino senior adult clients have questions concerning residency or citizenship, about petitions to bring family members to the US, or about how State and Federal benefits relate to immigration status, I refer them to Janice. When this collaboration began, many of my clients who are younger seniors and still quite mobile met with an interpreter and Janice during her office hours at Centro Hispano. While this is still an option, I am delighted that JSS now has its own interpreter on staff and that Janice has been studying Spanish, as well!"

Rachel goes on, "For those frail seniors who have physical, emotional, or mental limitations, Janice has been flexible enough to plan joint home visits with me in order to increase access to her services. I can provide interpretation, but it's a skill that's becoming less necessary as Janice becomes more fluent.



To my knowledge, Jewish Social Services' immigration program is the only low-to-no-cost program of its kind in our area, and my clients dearly appreciate Janice's expertise, adaptability and outreach. It is an absolute pleasure to collaborate with Janice in helping Latino seniors."

**Rachel Nordberg is a Bilingual Case Manager at North/Eastside Senior Coalition.**

## Turn your tzoris into a mitzvah

*a charitable gift to Jewish Social Services and help individuals in critical need:*

- Frail elders
- Troubled families
- Individuals with disabilities
- Refugees and Immigrants
- And hundreds of others of your neighbors, friends and relatives



It's easy — with your vehicle title in hand — call us! Towing is free!  
Jewish Social Services, 278-1808

Jewish Social Services of Madison  
6434 Enterprise Lane  
Madison, WI 53719-1117

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Madison, Wis.  
Permit No. 1341

Jewish Social Services of Madison

## CONNECTIONS

Published four times a year



6434 Enterprise Lane  
Madison, WI 53719  
Tel (608) 278-1808  
Fax (608) 278-7814  
E-mail [jss@jssmadison.org](mailto:jss@jssmadison.org)  
[www.jssmadison.org](http://www.jssmadison.org)



Affiliated with the  
Association of Jewish Family &  
Children's Agencies

## Gloria Berman, z"l

Gloria Berman was a woman who savored life, even during tough times. And she never forgot others for whom life is difficult. Her history of both paid and volunteer work is a testament to her compassion and concern.

Gloria and her husband Al arrived in Madison in 1960, and she threw herself into political work, campaigning for Eugene McCarthy and then George McGovern, on behalf of peace and against the war in Vietnam. She worked in campaign offices, was a good organizer, and held small fundraising dinner parties for candidates in the Second Congressional District. She volunteered for the Tony Earl campaign and later worked for him when he was elected governor.

Gloria was also active in the now defunct Capitol Community Citizens group, which bestowed the annual Orchids and Onions award. One can't write about

Gloria without mentioning her love for the outdoors and environmental causes. She enjoyed many hours on her roof terrace or in her screened porch, with the tall trees framing the view she so enjoyed.

Gloria combined all this experience and her zest for life in her position as Volunteer Coordinator for the North /Eastside Coalition for the Elderly (NESCO), where she began as a volunteer herself. Her friend, Sally Jamison remembers, "Gloria ran into her clients everywhere, and always greeted them as friends, because she was so tuned in to people." Francie Smith Saposnik, JSS Director of Senior Services, remembers that Gloria came to the Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus Program to see how JSS volunteers contributed there, and, probably borrowed a few ideas. Francie saw this as an



example of Gloria's commitment to her clients.

In retirement, Gloria became a Goodman Lechayim volunteer herself, where she was known for the star stickers on her paper hat. She was full of ideas about how to make the program even better for its participants. A few years ago she became a member of the JSS Senior Adult Committee, bringing her infectious enthusiasm with her.

In the last few years of her life, Gloria joined the "Raging Grannies" choir, with its repertoire of songs about peace and social justice. She brought the Grannies to Lechayim, where they sang at Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday commemorations a number of times. The Grannies sang at the first Lechayim after Gloria's memorial service. It was a fitting remembrance.