

## Report of the Nominating Committee

President . . . . . Maria Cancian  
 Vice President . . . . . Mel Morgenbesser  
 Secretary . . . . . Judy Rothschild  
 Treasurer . . . . . Mark Frankel  
 Immediate Past President . . . . . Judy Sidran

### 2005-2008 Term

Lisa Friedlander, Diane Gutmann, Thomas Kaplan, Norma Sober, and Helen Sternberg

### 2005-2006

Evelyn Miller

### 2005-2007

Maria Cancian

### Continuing though 2006

Kurt Bergen, Mark Frankel, Anita Parks, Miriam Reininger, and Gary Seltzer

### Continuing through 2007

Corlie Blumenfeld, Mel Morgenbesser, Judy Rothschild, and Jeanne Silverberg

### Ex-officio

Jonathan Biatch, Kenneth Katz, Yona Matusof, Steven Morrison, Greg Steinberger, and Laurie Zimmerman

### Past Presidents

Lawrence Bensky, Liesl Blockstein z"l, Howard Goldman, Les Goldsmith, Roberta Lazarz, Joan Lerman, Daniel Levin, Stefanie Kohn, Harvey Malofsky, Kenneth Robbins, Cheryl Rosen Weston, and James Youngerman

### With thanks to retiring Board members

Darlene Schwartz, Miriam Reininger, Kim Spiering, and Howard Sweet

## Statement of Financial Position February 28, 2005

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Cash	\$95,152
Pledges receivable	193,719
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,273</u>

#### TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

**290,144**

#### Fixed Assets:

Property and equipment	33,306
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,534)</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	23,772

#### Other Assets

Investments	<u>645,946</u>
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**TOTAL ASSETS \$ 959,862**

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	<u>\$ 5,840</u>
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#### TOTAL LIABILITIES

5,840

#### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted:	
General	50,000
Board designated	<u>510,052</u>

#### Total unrestricted

560,052

#### Temporarily restricted

393,970

#### TOTAL NET ASSETS

954,022

#### TOTAL NET LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

**\$ 959,862**

The 2004 form 990 and FY 2005 audit are readily available for inspection at the JSS offices.

## Board of Directors 2004 — 2005

Judy Sidran . . . . .	President
Maria Cancian . . . . .	Vice President
Howard Sweet . . . . .	Secretary
Mark Frankel . . . . .	Treasurer
Stefanie Kohn . . . . .	Immediate Past President

Kurt Bergen, Corlie Blumenfeld, Mel Morgenbesser, Anita Parks, Miriam Reininger, Judy Rothschild, Darlene Schwartz, Gary Seltzer, Jeanne Silverberg, Kim Spiering, and Helen Sternberg

### Staff

Janice Beers Resettlement Coordinator	Sherry Minkus Administrative Assistant
Sandra Booth Finance Director	Steven H. Morrison Executive Director
Sara Brandt Office Assistant	Pamela Phillips Olson Group Work Coordinator/ Caseworker
Nancy Dodge Geriatric Social Worker	Barbara Spierer Associate Executive Director
Louise Goldstein Volunteer Coordinator/ Senior Adult Program Coordinator	Francie Smith Saposnik Director of Senior Services



# Jewish Social Services of Madison

## ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Presented at the  
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Madison, Wisconsin

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## **B**uilding on our strengths

This past year, we have been building on our strengths while assuring that JSS' extraordinary programs and services are available to all who come to us. We have changed a lot in the 27 years since we were established as an independent professional social service agency. Some of our services have been hallmarks since our founding; others have been implemented as times and needs demand. Today our services and programs include counseling, case work, case management, group work and group programs, protective services and financial management, émigré services, advocacy, emergency financial assistance, information and referral, and a host of specialized senior adult services including: care plans for the frail elderly, help in locating assistance for independent living, help in bridging differences between generations and cultures, nursing home and residential facility placement, visitation and holiday programs, *Lechayim* – the largest weekly nutrition program in Dane County, and a whole lot more.

### **Recognition of our immigration services**

- Building on our exceptional strength in serving refugees and immigrants, Jewish Social Services received recognition by the United States Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) to represent clients in immigration matters. We assist low-income émigrés who cannot afford the higher fees of immigration attorneys. BIA recognized that JSS had established that we will make only nominal charges and that we have at our disposal adequate knowledge, information and experience in immigration law and procedure.

Jewish Social Services is the only agency in Dane County to have earned this BIA recognition. In addition, we built on the strength of a member of our staff. JSS' Resettlement Coordinator, Janice Beers, received accreditation by the BIA to practice before the Department of Homeland Security. Janice's application detailed the knowledge she has of immigration and naturalization law and procedure. She is now authorized to prepare and submit applications with a formal Notice of Representation. She can accompany clients to United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) interviews and follow up on pending matters. This accreditation is valid for three years. Janice Beers is the only individual in Dane County to have earned this USCIS recognition.

### **Foundation for the Future well on its way to achieving its goal**

- Building on our strength as a respected social service agency, the JSS Foundation for the Future, in barely a year, raised more than half of its \$1 million goal. Four percent of this permanent fund will be made available each year to support and enhance our programs. While it is the annual giving of our donors and the allocations from the Madison Jewish Community Council, United Way of Dane County, and others which provide the resources for our day-to-day work, the Foundation for the Future will support current operations, support our agency for years to come, and permit us to react thoughtfully to changing needs. The JSS Foundation for the Future was created and is led by an extraordinary group of volunteers with staff support from Barbara Spierer. The special Foundation for the Future's committee is

chaired by Howard Sweet. Howard has excelled way beyond the norm for volunteers in the nonprofit world. He, truly, is one of our extraordinary strengths.

### **Professional services meet growing and more complex needs**

- The most fundamental strength of Jewish Social Services always has been and is its professional staff. While the professional staff has grown over the years to meet the very real and complex needs of our community, the one constant is excellence. These remarkable professionals have earned the trust of the more than 900 clients we served this year because they are utterly and totally committed to *caring, connections, and solutions* – the three words which best describe what we are all about. It is our professional staff, augmented by a dedicated group of volunteers, which make those words a daily reality in the lives of very real people with very real needs.

### **Served 926 different clients; 874 individuals and 52 agencies in 2004.**

- 365 clients received casework services
- 265 clients received short-term counseling
- 127 clients received information and referral services
- 14 clients received case management services
- 26 clients received job counseling
- 107 clients received group work services
- 104 clients received emergency financial grants
- 16 clients received nursing home/assisted-living placement services
- 260 clients participated in social recreation programs

- 11 clients received protective and financial management services
- 153 clients received "other" services

### **Our clients reflected a broad cross section of our community.**

- 11 clients were age 18 or younger
- 175 clients were age 19-40
- 163 clients were age 41-50
- 212 clients were age 51-64
- 313 clients were age 65 or older
- 33% of our clients had incomes under \$18,000
- 23% of our clients were disabled
- 14% of our clients were unemployed
- 10% of our clients worked in the public sector
- 35% of our clients worked in the private sector
- 38% of our clients were retired
- 14% of our clients resided outside of Madison throughout Dane County

Judy Sidran completes her second year as President at the 2005 Annual Meeting. While JSS has been privileged to have many very talented and dedicated Presidents, Judy is truly extraordinary. In addition to a dynamic style and creativity in all that she does, Judy has energized a corps of volunteer leaders which will serve the needs of our agency for years to come. To her, our volunteers, our benefactors, and our professional staff go the profound thanks and appreciation they are all due. Combined, they have permitted us to build on our strengths as we have fulfilled our commitment to those whom we serve.

**– Steven H. Morrison  
Executive Director**