

Report of the Nominating Committee

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Continuing through 2004

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 Cheryl Rosen Weston, and
 James Youngerman

Statement of Financial Position February 28, 2002

ASSETS	
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CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$32,739
Certificates of deposit	36,378
Accounts receivable	3,455
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,607</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	75,179
FIXED ASSETS:	
Property and equipment	25,768
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,264)</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	14,504
OTHER ASSETS:	
Investments	<u>390,727</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>390,727</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$480,410
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	<u>\$1,445</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,445
NET ASSETS:	
Unrestricted:	
General	50,000
Board designated	<u>426,009</u>
Total unrestricted	476,009
Temporarily restricted	<u>2,956</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>478,965</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$480,410</u>

Board of Directors 2001 – 2002

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 and Jeanne Silverberg

Staff

Sandra Booth Finance Director	Sherry Minkus Administrative Assistant
Sara Brandt Office Assistant	Steven H. Morrison Executive Director
Nancy Dodge Geriatric Social Worker	Stacy Schiff Volunteer Coordinator
Janice Fiksel Resettlement Coordinator	Barbara Spierer Associate Executive Director
Lauren Meyers Group Work Coordinator	Francie Smith Saposnik Director of Senior Services

Jewish Social Services of Madison

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PROVIDING HELP WHERE
 HELP IS NEEDED

Connections

Our tradition teaches that the measure of a community is how the community cares for its members most in need, those who are most vulnerable.

Since our founding in 1978, Jewish Social Services of Madison has been the connection to those very individuals.

As Jews, we are commanded to advocate for those who may be unable to advocate for themselves. When a need is identified, we are compelled to respond. Our tradition does not permit us to stand idly by.

For twenty-four years, Jewish Social Services of Madison has been that connection to those traditions of advocacy and responding to identified needs.

Jewish Social Services of Madison is dedicated to helping people successfully meet the challenges of daily life. We work together to offer a wide range of quality services to individuals of all of ages and to their social support systems. Our talented professional staff, supported by hundreds of volunteers, place the highest value on treating people with respect and dignity in all that we do. We deliver services in accordance with our tradition of caring for humanity. By focusing our resources on service to others, Jewish Social Services reflects the spirit and heart of Judaism.

JSS was created 24 years ago to create an agency which understands the power of connections, connections to our own skilled

professionals and colleague agencies and services in our community. Those connections assure that *providing help where help is needed* is more than just a slogan. It's our hallmark philosophy and is the underpinning of all that we do.

Assuring that those connections will be there for you when you need them requires a solid financial foundation. While we will always seek more current operating funds, it will be planned giving which will enable JSS to fulfill the solemn promise made nearly a generation ago: to care for those in need, those who are most vulnerable. If you would like to explore a planned gift to Jewish Social Services, please get in touch with me, a member of the JSS Board of Directors, or a JSS staff member.

This year's highlights

Served 853 different clients; 798 individuals and 55 agencies.

- 393 clients received casework services
- 265 clients received short-term counseling
- 148 clients received information and referral services
- 36 clients received case management services
- 39 clients received job counseling
- 89 clients received group work services
- 110 clients received emergency financial grants
- 18 clients received nursing home placement services
- 19 clients received émigré resettlement services
- 146 clients participated in social

- recreation programs
- 8 clients received financial management services

Our clients reflected a broad cross section of our community.

- 6 clients were aged 18 or younger
- 193 clients were aged 19-40
- 171 clients were aged 41-50
- 169 clients were aged 51-64
- 74 clients were aged 65-74
- 173 clients were over the age of 74
- 38% of our clients had incomes \$18,000 or under
- 10% of our clients were African-American, Hispanic or Asian-American
- 19% of our clients were disabled
- 17% of our clients were unemployed
- 9% of our clients worked in the public sector
- 37% of our clients worked in the private sector
- 35% of our clients were retired
- 12% of our clients resided outside of Madison throughout Dane County

Expanded our Hand in Hand program

- The JSS "Hand in Hand" program provides and coordinates services and resources within the Madison Jewish community to individuals experiencing life challenges, loss, illness, dying and grief. This project is funded by Joe and Jeanne Silverberg and an anonymous donor. It is a part of the JSS educational and support group program, established two years ago, that reaches out to special subsets in the Jewish community such as single parent families, those affected by substance abuse, and

children with aging parents. A Jewish community healing service, *Nitgaber* (We shall overcome) support group for people with chronic illness, and a bereavement support group were innovations this year. *Bikur Cholim* (visiting the sick), Shabbat program for individuals residing in senior facilities, training and education, and a resource library are also a part of our Hand in Hand program.

Completed the first year of publication of *Connections*, the JSS Newsletter

- Thanks to a grant from Anna Bentley which established the JSS Anna and Oscar Bentley Fund, our newsletter finished its first year of publication. *Connections* is a quarterly publication designed to inspire and inform about the work and the substance of JSS.

These and many other JSS achievements are a testament to the extraordinary work of our talented professional staff, the dedication of our Board of Directors led by Stefanie Kohn, our volunteers, our benefactors including the Madison Jewish Community Council and United Way of Dane County, and the support of our entire community. All know that JSS is, indeed, about the extraordinarily successful connections between our traditions and those members of our community whom we are privileged to serve.

— Steven H. Morrison
Executive Director