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A warm welcome to Jewish Senior Living!

I am delighted to present our annual magazine designed to keep you posted about what is going on in our extraordinary older adult communities at the Jewish Home of San Francisco, at Moldaw Residences in Palo Alto, Calif., and beyond. This has been a busy year and we are eager to share our news.

In these pages you will find stories that will both inform and touch you. You will read about our caring staff, our volunteers, and our dedicated supporters – all who contribute, in extraordinary ways, to enriching the lives of older adults. You will read about our partnerships with a school, a church, and healthcare groups that are helping to enhance the care we give and which promote the welfare of the greater community.

We offer two articles dealing with memory. One tells of a simple tool that enables individuals with dementia to enhance their lives through music. The other focuses on exciting research that could open up new opportunities for early diagnoses of Alzheimer's, a disease that affects millions worldwide.

As you may know, the Jewish Home is embarking on a transformation and redevelopment of its campus, as well as an initiative called The Square – a hub of services, support, and community that will serve thousands of seniors and their caregivers across the Bay Area. Read all about it in *Rounding Out Senior Services At The Square*.

We have added a couple new features for your reading pleasure. In *What's My Line On Stars*, volunteer Adrienne Jonas tells it like it is when she recovered from surgery in the Home's STARS unit. David Sheeran closes the magazine with his poignant recollections of what he learned working with older adults.

Do enjoy this issue of *Jewish Senior Living* and let us know what you think.

With warm regards,

Sherie Koshover Publisher

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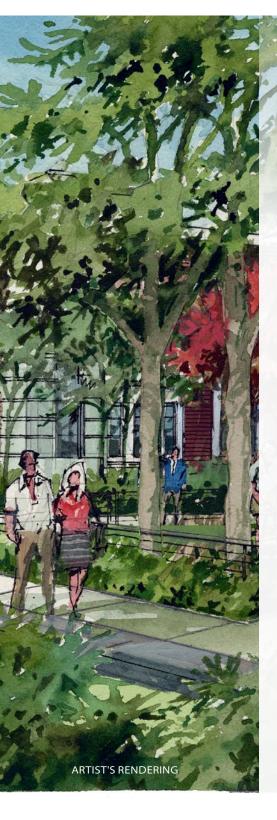
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ROUNDING OUT SENIOR SERVICES AT THE SQUARE

Demography. Science. Culture. These three words, when considered together, are creating a sea change in how we live and for how long.

Since the first wave of baby boomers turned 50 some 20 years ago, gerontologists have warned about the silver tsunami that is due to hit communities. Those 50-year-olds will soon turn 70. Science has enabled them to live longer and, with a little luck, healthier. Culture has encouraged them to continue leading independent lives - to, as it were, age in place.

Old-style facilities that provide seniors with housing, care, and programs are no longer enough. Communities must be prepared to offer these new older adults resources to support and serve them as they live independently in their own homes, along with a variety of additional housing options – all of which must be integrated with community life.

Recognizing these changing wants and needs, the Jewish Home of San Francisco is undertaking its most significant redevelopment and transformation in its 144-year history. The Home's nine-acre Silver Avenue campus will be transformed from a facility that currently serves some 1,800 residents and short-stay patients annually into a bustling, thriving site of services, support and community, serving thousands of people - older adults, families, caregivers, Jews and non-Jews – across the Bay Area.

"When we look to the future, we see a new footprint that preserves the best of current Jewish Home facilities and replaces others with modern structures, services, and programs," says Daniel Ruth, Jewish Home and Jewish →



Senior Living Group president and CEO. "Our goal is to thoughtfully respond to the changing needs of senior adults and their families and caregivers. We aim to develop a continuum of care that'll be economically sustainable and viable for generations to come, as well as serve a broader range of individuals than we do today."

Residential options will include approximately 250 skilled-nursing suites, and about 111 new assisted/catered-living apartments and 75 new memory support assisted-living suites. For individuals needing short-term care, the offerings will expand to 120 rehabilitation suites and as many as 25 acute psychiatric suites.

"Residences will reflect the latest trends in senior housing," says Jason Erdahl, the lead architect with Ankrom Moisan Architects, who, in partnership with Van Meters Williams Pollack, are designing the Jewish Home's new campus. These include smaller neighborhoods or groupings in memory support and skilled nursing, private bedrooms with showers, and more space for residents' personal possessions. "Smaller settings provide a more calming environment, and having things from one's home is comforting," he says.

Another trend, notes Jason, is to "provide choice and variety in lifestyle options. You can choose where you eat, where you socialize, what activities you participate in." Residents in the assisted-living community will have these options. They will enjoy apartment-style living in spacious one- and two-bedroom units, with services to support them as they age.

The focal point of the Home's transformation is The Square, which will host a marketplace of senior-oriented services, provided in collaboration with partners who are experts in their field.

"We're not doing this on our own," explains Jan Reicher, Jewish Senior Living Group's director of strategic projects and transformation. "We're doing it with partners, ranging from Bay Area Jewish community agencies and university lifelong learning programs, to various therapeutic and medical clinics. We want to bring everyone under our roof."

For example, Jan describes, a visitor to The Square might check in at the concierge desk at 9:30 a.m., do water aerobics in a therapy pool, see her optometrist, meet a friend for lunch at a café on The Square, and finish the afternoon at a lecture in the performing arts auditorium before boarding a shuttle for a ride home. "It'll be a place for people to come to have their various needs met – medical, wellness, social, mental and behavioral health, and even some shopping, such

as dry-cleaning, shoe repair, grab-and-go food items, and pharmaceuticals," she sums up.

Services provided by The Square will also help people continue to live more appropriately and safely in their own homes.

"The Square will be anything but square," declares David Friedman, who chairs both Jewish Senior Living Group and the fundraising campaign for the Home's redevelopment project. Noting that when he was growing up, the word 'square' meant 'traditional,' he continues: "This is a leading-edge concept of what the elderly will need. We're approaching it in an extremely forward-thinking way and donors are very excited about it."

The project will cost an estimated \$130 million. "We plan to raise \$70 million through a combination of large and small philanthropic gifts," David says. "Once the funds have been raised, we'll finance the remainder. As *Jewish Senior Living* goes to press, we've surpassed 50 percent of our goal."

"By offering a much broader spectrum of living and care options, older adults can plan for the future without fear of burdening their children," says Daniel Ruth. "Our model enables couples to stay together if one member's needs change. It provides a comforting environment for a surviving spouse. And the integration of senior residents of diverse capabilities into an on-campus community is an antidote to the loneliness and isolation older adults often experience when they choose to live alone at home as long as possible.

"With a new modern campus in place – and deeper connections to our neighbors – the Jewish Home will have two assets that are absolutely essential to serving our community's older adults for decades to come," he maintains. "We'll have a sustainable business model that meets the needs of a fast-growing, changing market. And we'll be supported by a financial stable mix of services – with revenue from rental living units, joint ventures with a wide range of partners, revenue from our expanded short-term rehab program that'll help support our provision of charitable care, Jewish Home funding, and community philanthropy."

"I'm delighted that we can focus on a very exciting future as we carry forward the Jewish Home's mission and long-standing charitable commitment to our community's most vulnerable elders," he concludes. "Although bringing the vision of a new campus for senior adults to life has its challenges, it's most definitely a privilege."



SHAPING UP THE SOUARE

The Square is a physical place as well as a virtual location that provides services, support, and community for older adults and their caregivers under one roof. That roof will be physical – a bustling site on our Silver Avenue campus – and virtual, "in the cloud" (i.e., the Internet; a data center of servers connected to the Internet).

ENVISAGE THIS:

- Wellness and fitness
- Information and referral
- Medical (Western/Eastern)
- Nutrition
- Care navigation

- Caregiver support
- Support groups
- Behavioral health
- Educational classes and workshops
- Arts and ideas lecture series and seminars
- Finding community through social interaction that includes learning with others, playing games, or joining an online support group.
- Receiving physical therapy after a stay in the Jewish Home's STARS (short-term and rehabilitation services) unit.
- Benefitting from the "Getting Back To Life" program in our fitness/wellness boot camp for older adults and caregivers after completion of physical therapy.
- As an adult child living out of town, securing care coordination and navigation (individualized help with overcoming any healthcaresystem barriers and getting timely access to quality medical and psychosocial care) for her parent in the Bay Area.
- Remaining close to a spouse who lives in one of the new memory-care suites and, in between visits, volunteering at the Jewish Home and enjoying a swim in the new pool.
- Sharing a love of learning as a retired teacher continues to inform and interest through The Square's Life-Long Learning Institute.

Whichever way you look at it, The Square will be unlike anything in or beyond the Bay Area.

"We got the club started simply out of a need to communicate when traveling internationally," recounts Sadie. "A friend of mine, Jean Kraft, and I decided to organize it because she'd recently taken a trip to France and couldn't speak French well enough but wanted to converse with people there. She knew some Yiddish and used it as a sub-language to get by. However, she understood she needed to increase her vocabulary and become more fluent."

The group began to meet regularly. As its popularity grew, Sadie saw relationships forming and realized the language's unifying quality. For Sadie, it is beautiful to know that Yiddish, which was once spoken by millions of Jews all over the globe, continues to bring people together.

"Through the years, it's been incredible to see someone walk into a club meeting, introduce themselves, and then discover they know someone else there through a shared acquaintance or relative," says Sadie. "I personally have met people much younger than myself with whom I share a common connection. Often these are people I'd never have met otherwise, but we're in the same place to engage in the same study."

The club's numbers have fluctuated as people move, interests change and newcomers visit, but the camaraderie among the members has been consistent over the past 25-plus years.

"Connections across generations and across the world are made here all the time," Sadie notes. "It's like this shared interest to learn Yiddish creates a bond that transcends time in a way. It doesn't matter if you're a high school student learning from a beginner's book, or someone much more knowledgeable who's reading a novel by Sholem Aleichem, the most beloved classical Yiddish writer. The point is that we're coming together to study this same language and aspects of Jewish culture."

As one member who came to the United States from Russia and grew up in a Yiddish-speaking environment puts it, these club meetings unify people from different countries and backgrounds in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. It is about nostalgia and discovering more about Jewish heritage through this expressive and evocative tongue. Those coming to learn Yiddish are not doing so in the same way many learn a language commonly used today. Rather, it is about establishing a connection and relating to people in other countries who share the same background.

"There have been times when there's hardly enough room for all of us to meet and there have been sessions with only a few in attendance," Sadie says. "The key is that the club has continued to exist because interest in Yiddish has continued to exist. Yiddish touches so many of us."

Adina Gordon, an art historian and fellow Moldaw resident, describes the club meetings as amazing experiences. She, too, has discovered connections. At one meeting, Adina established that she had known the father of a young Israeli-American woman when they were members of the youth movement Hashomer Hatzair in New York before the father made aliyah to Israel. Because many people come to the →





meetings to learn about their roots and educate themselves on family history, discoveries such as these are not uncommon.

"I've always loved Yiddish literature, and made a point to find this group as soon as I moved to the area to retain what I already knew and continue to build my language and reading skills," says Adina. "I love Yiddish songs and the way the language and lyrics preserve a lot of the flavor of our Jewish heritage. My parents spoke Yiddish at home, as well as all my grandparents, aunts and uncles. That's how my brother and I learned to speak it during childhood."

Adina describes how her mother, an immigrant from Poland who came to the United States at age 16, wanted to be an American. Continuing to speak Yiddish was seen as maintaining "the old ways" and was something from which

didn't learn it the way I did growing up, but they have an appreciation for it nonetheless."

Adina's favorite aspect of the Yiddish Club meetings is the mix of people it draws and the interesting discussions that originate from the members' backgrounds. She has enjoyed hearing all kinds of fascinating stories told in Yiddish and, of course, she likes the songs they sing. They also spend time reading together to build their vocabulary and have had guests provide musical entertainment as well.

"I remember the day a high school student came by, expressing interest in learning Yiddish. He joined our meetings," tells Sadie. "He kept in touch over the years, and now, after graduating college, he's a club regular and has impressive Yiddish-speaking skills."



many wanted to move away. Her mother spoke Polish and German, and learned English and Hebrew. However, Yiddish was often spoken in their household and was the language Adina remembers hearing since birth. Her parents would switch between languages if they wanted to keep serious matters from the children.

"When my brother and I started picking up what they were saying in Yiddish, my parents would switch to speaking German. Then we caught on to that well enough, so they'd begin speaking Polish," Adina recalls. "My husband and I spoke only some Yiddish around our own children, so they



Instances such as this remind Sadie of the relationships they form at the meetings and the importance of this heritage that unifies them in a special way. She admits that she is approaching the time to pass the torch as club leader, but no one is in a hurry to see her step down from the role. Just like the language itself, this Yiddish Club has brought together people of all ages and backgrounds, kept interest alive, and endured.



A major new discovery by Jewish Home research scientist Dr. Edward Goetzl, working with scientists from the University of California, San Francisco and other institutions, will enable neurologists to predict whether a person will have Alzheimer's disease at least 10 years before the onset of symptoms. →

Jewish Senior Living sat down to talk about the findings with Dr. Goetzl, UCSF professor emeritus, and Dr. Christine Ritchie, Jewish Home-based UCSF Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor in Clinical Translational Research in Aging.

Jewish Senior Living: Let's get right down to it. Tell us what you've learned.

Dr. Goetzl: Simply stated, we've found that by analyzing a certain particle in the blood, we can determine if an individual will have Alzheimer's disease long before the appearance of neurological signs. Our studies of about 174 cases have proven to be 98 percent accurate.

This information is present in exosomes, a particle that has broken off from a cell but still carries the constituents of the cell it came from. We learned how to isolate the exosomes and pull out those that came from neurons in the brain. These are identifiers that tell about the health or well-being of the brain and they're in the blood – an environment where we can look at them.

Dr. Ritchie: We used to consider exosomes debris in the blood much like interstellar matter found in space. So this is a significant discovery.

JSL: Since there's no cure for Alzheimer's as yet, what are the benefits of this discovery?

Dr. Goetzl: Early diagnosis could lead to better results from existing drugs. Currently, by the time there are enough symptoms to diagnose Alzheimer's, the cells are dead. There are drugs out now that can make a difference if people begin to use them before the cells die.



Dr. Ritchie: The Jewish Home offers a wealth of opportunities for studying the diseases and deficits of older adults. There's the Home's senior population and the medical staff who are experts in so many fields relating to aging. Research that has taken place over the last years at the Home is an important resource, along with the partnerships developed with other organizations such as UCSF and the National Institute on Aging. If the Jewish Home wasn't here, a lot of the good work Dr. Goetzl's doing wouldn't happen.

Dr. Goetzl: Here's one example. For comparison purposes, we needed blood samples from people over time – from those who had Alzheimer's, developed Alzheimer's, and did not develop Alzheimer's – which we were able to get from donated blood samples that UCSF researcher Dr. Janice Schwartz, through her work at the Jewish Home, has been saving since 2000. Using these samples, we were able to predict whether Alzheimer's was present, and confirm it through records of Jewish Home residents.

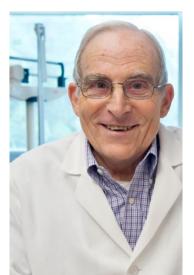


Above: Through her work at the Jewish Home, UCSF researcher Dr. Janice Schwartz was able to provide donated blood samples she had been saving since 2000.

Left: Dr. Christine Ritchie, Jewish Home-based UCSF Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor in Clinical Translational Research in Aging.

JSL: What's next?

Dr. Goetzl: We're working now to meet certain criteria in order to begin testing in greater numbers. Once that investigation's completed, we'll begin clinical trials. We hope the test will be available to the public from neurologists in about two years' time.



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A woman is sitting in a comfortable chair. Earphones are cradling her head, and her body sways rhythmically to music. She sings along with the chorus.

This is a commonplace sight – yet usually of a customer in a café, a person sitting on a park bench, a commuter on a bus. But this scenario is taking place on the Jewish Home's dementia care unit. The woman singing to the music has severe Alzheimer's and rarely speaks or engages with her nurses or even visiting family members.

She is participating in iEngage, a Jewish Home program that provides a personalized soundtrack recorded on an MP3 player and played for residents on headphones. It is the Jewish Home's version of a system created by Music & Memory, a nonprofit that uses digital technology to enhance the lives of the elderly or infirm through music. →



Research has shown that the parts of the brain used in the memory of music are not as affected by most forms of dementia as are the parts used in communication. Thus music – live performances, sing-alongs, and background music – is often found in senior facilities. iEngage takes this information and improves upon it by asking family members what music was meaningful to their loved one in their earlier life, then producing a personalized playlist on an MP3 device and delivering the music to the resident through headphones.

The objective, says Olga Lavault, a recreation therapist at the Home, is to use nonpharmacological intervention to improve the lives of withdrawn, disoriented or distressed residents.

"As people age, their sensory access to the world diminishes. Their world gets very small," explains Olga. With weakened hearing and vision, along with symptoms of dementia, a resident may not be aware that someone is playing the piano or they may not be able to focus on the musician. However, when they recognize the music they are hearing at such close range, it helps them focus. "They come alive," she says. "They smile. They're happy."

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Samantha Rubin-Pope, a 17-year-old senior at Branson School in Ross, Calif., spent this past summer volunteering with iEngage. She met with residents and families to introduce the program, researched and downloaded suggested songs, and set up and played the music with the residents. "The results are pretty spectacular," she confirms. "Typically, some people rarely talk, others don't have the best or most positive attitude, or they're shy. But when I play the music for them, they come to life."

iEngage came into play at the Jewish Home in the summer of 2014 when Olga mentioned to Vadim Sakovich, the son of resident Nora Sakovich, that she was interested in starting a program along the lines of Music & Memory. Mr. Sakovich generously gifted the Home with five sets of paraphernalia for the project. Next, Laura Bowlby, a recreation therapist interning at the Home, tested the program with five residents, with extremely positive results. Today, between 10 and 15 residents are connecting with iEngage.

"For residents with dementia," Laura maintains, "music is the medicine that can turn the dials of time for their memory and spark that inner self that may have retreated from a confusing and disorienting existence."



WHAT'S MY LINE **ON STARS**

Adrienne Jonas has volunteered at the Jewish Home for more than 20 years, first in the garden café and then in the gift shop. When she spent two weeks in the Jewish Home's STARS (short-term and rehabilitation services) unit recovering from knee-replacement surgery, she saw the Home from a different angle. Jewish Senior Living checked in with Adrienne two months after her surgery.

What was it like, being a patient instead of a volunteer?

It was interesting. Everyone was very nice and very kind. When I was first on STARS, some of the staff said, "I know you."

In the beginning, some staff I know from working in the gift shop came by to help me get dressed, but I learned quite quickly how to do it myself. I was able to get to the gift shop and pick up some things I needed. I bought a house dress, slippers, and a few other things. I got my hair done. And I had a private room most of the rooms on STARS are private - which was wonderful! →

How did your physical therapy go?

Having a space dedicated to rehab is one of the special things on STARS. My mobility's very good and I attribute it to the therapy I had. At first I was in a wheelchair, then a walker, and finally a cane. You have to have a mindset that you're going to do the work. If it hurts too much, the therapists will stop you, but you have to try.

They were very patient and the things we did were important for my recovery. My physical therapist, Anastasia Vourakis, had me riding an exercise bike, among other things, and Amrik Gill, my occupational therapist, showed me how to get in and out of a tub. He's young and I felt kind of motherly toward him. I gave him hints on how he should save money.

What did you do for fun while you were there?

For one thing, I was in the Home's crazy fashion show, which was part of the celebration for National Nursing Home Week. The show was actually themed "Outrageous." Mediatrix Valera, the Jewish Home's director of recreational programs, convinced me to do it. She was so cute! She had me laughing. I wore a paper-chain scarf, a hat, and carried maracas and a stuffed animal. I used my walker to go down the show's aisle. There was only one problem – getting up from the folding chair I was sitting on. It took two people to get me standing.

So what's the verdict on STARS?

Thumbs up, five stars! And I lost weight, too!

Learn more about this short-term and rehabilitation center of excellence by contacting STARS admission coordinator at 415.469.2286. Visit jhsf.org/stars





Wesley is a lawyer with Littler Mendelson, the labor relations firm he joined in 1963 and led for many years - and he still thoroughly enjoys it. "That's why I continue to work," he enthuses. "Every case is different, every problem is exciting. I look forward to meeting with clients, learning about their business, and helping them deal with their concerns."

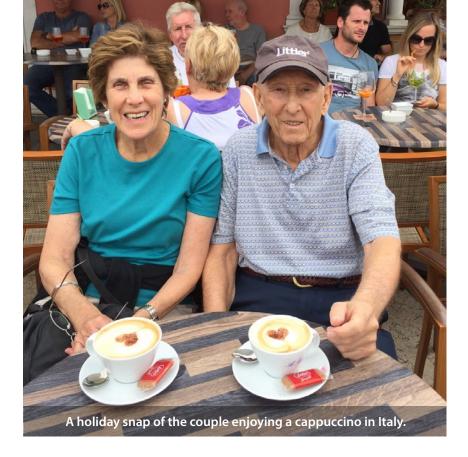
Recognized nationally for his skills in labor and employment law, Wesley is chairman emeritus of the firm's board and past chair of Littler Mendelson Foundation, its charitable arm. With a current complement of 1,200 attorneys, the firm operates both nationwide and globally.

Bonnie's career as a competitive tennis player began at an early age. She coached the tennis team while at college, and then went on to run a tennis program at Katherine Burke

School in San Francisco for 20 years. Her goal was to have her students "learn to play tennis and have an activity they could enjoy for most of their lives."

After she retired from teaching at the Burke school, she became the coordinator of Lowell High School's college and career information resource center. Although she only planned to serve in that capacity while their children attended Lowell, she continued volunteering there for 23 years.

The two grew up in the East Coast – Bonnie in Buffalo, N.Y., and Wesley in Falls River, Mass. They both attended Massachusetts' Tufts University, although at different times and thus did not know each other there. Both moved to San Francisco and met when Barbara Rosenberg, a mutual friend, gave Wesley a list of girls to call; Bonnie was on the list. \rightarrow



The couple has two children – both lawyers – and four grandchildren. With Bonnie and Wesley's affinity for travel, they spend time every year in Portugal and Italy. In fact, shares Wesley, they have stayed at the same hotel overlooking the beach in The Algarve 33 times. "We travel as much as we can, while still taking care of our responsibilities in the City," says Bonnie.

Sports are also a big part of their lives. They skied in the Dolomite Mountains in Italy, at Tahoe, and in Vail, Colo. They also play golf together. "We don't compete," Wesley says. "We just have a good time."

Dedicated philanthropists, the Fastiffs' support includes Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I., the oldest synagogue in the United States, as well as their alma maters, where they have created a Fastiff Scholarship Fund at both Tufts University and Harvard Law School. And they are also longtime donors to the Jewish Home.

"The Jewish Home serves so many people," Bonnie says. "It's really important to have it in San Francisco."

Mentioning that they had a close friend at the Home whom they visited, she adds, "It was a wonderful place for him."

The Fastiffs have another, even closer connection to the Jewish Home: Their son, Eric, was a member of the board of trustees for several years and served as secretary in 2009/10. The family's two generations are enthusiastically and generously supporting the Home's redevelopment of its campus.

"The Home is a wonderful resource for the Jewish community," says Wesley, echoing his wife's sentiments. "I'm glad we can help with this project to continue the services the Jewish Home provides to the community."





The Jewish Home is the right place for me. I finally am happy and becoming carefree.

The couplet above, which is part of a longer verse, is one of the many ways Ellen Marks-Hinkle expresses her happiness - about life and about living at the Jewish Home. Here's another: On a shelf across from her bed, where she can see it when she wakes up in the morning, is a simple carving that states, "Life is Good."

"I saw a picture of it online and I just had to have it," Ellen says. "It's exactly how I feel." →



Clearly a glass half-full type of person, she observes: "I don't think about the things that are wrong with me. That certainly doesn't do me any good."

Ellen moved into the Home three years ago. After suffering several injuries and a stress heart attack, her doctors advised her she would no longer be safe living alone. At the time, she was not happy about making the change, but now, she says, "I absolutely love living at the Home."

A San Francisco native, Ellen has fond childhood memories of riding her bike through Golden Gate Park with her friends. "It was a safe time to grow up," she thinks back. She was confirmed at Temple Emanu-El, where her father, Raymond Marks, was president. She graduated from Lowell High School – as did her parents and grandparents – and then earned a double major in speech and language pathology from the University of the Pacific. This led to a career working with youngsters in children's centers.

The mother of two, Caroline and Daniel, and grandmother of Lauren, Ellen has also had a significant other in her life for 15 years. "When I first moved here it was very difficult for Alan," she says, "but now he loves coming to visit. She is also a bird-watcher and animal-lover. A picture of her last pet, a

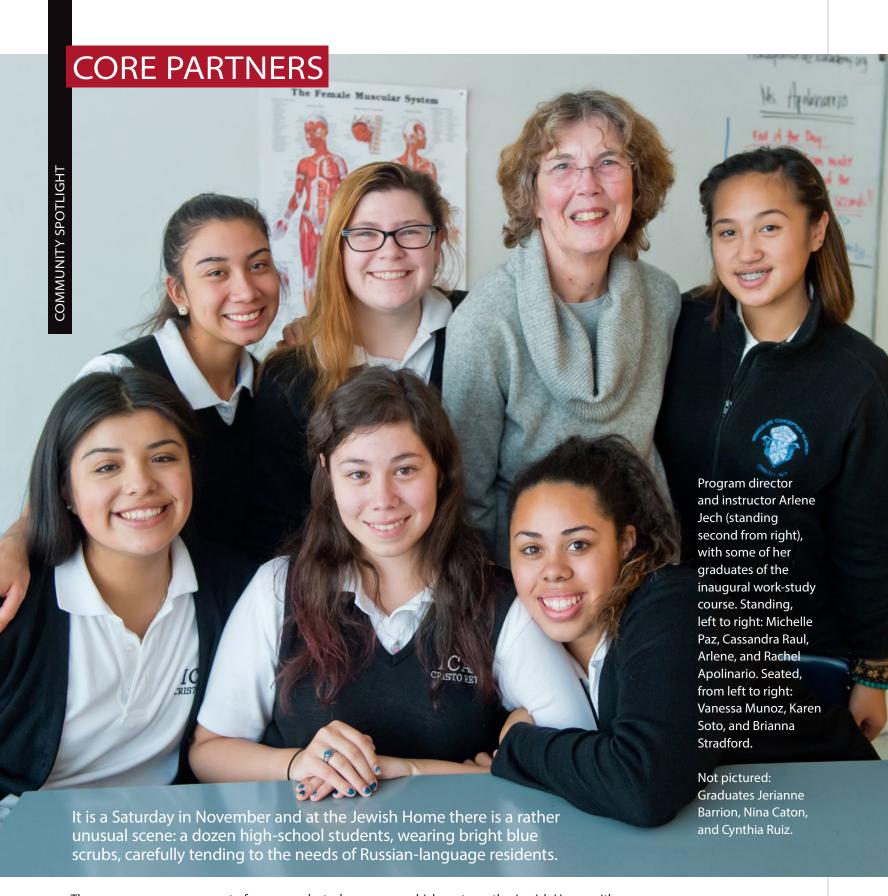
ginger tabby cat named Rojo, which was painted by Fran Hament, a fellow resident and friend, ornaments her desk.

Not surprisingly, Ellen's life at the Home is active and involved. She is thrilled to be the vice president of the Council of Residents and is full of ideas for new activities. She was instrumental in getting a meditation group started. "I studied meditation in my 30s and 40s and remembered how calming and peaceful it was. I thought it was important for us to have it here," she explains.

She has taken up ceramics and is often to be found in the Home's creative arts center. Besides exercising her creativity, she has discovered that ceramics strengthens an arm that does not work well, she says.

Ellen is also on the Residents Menu Planning committee (she suggested adding curry to season some of the dishes), and enjoys many of the lectures and discussion groups that take place during the afternoon, her favorite time of day. And then there is her poetry. "If something pops into my head, I write it down, and then I work on it."

"I'm busy, which is great for me," she confirms. "There's no way I could do all this if I wasn't here."



These young women are part of a new work-study program, which partners the Jewish Home with Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA), and provides them with their first steps in becoming a certified nurse assistant in California. →



According to Arlene Jech, who heads the program for ICA, with the Affordable Care Act ramping up, some 5,000 nurses will be needed nationwide to fulfill the needs of patients. Now in its second season, the work-study program offers students from this all-girls' San Francisco high school who are interested in medicine a chance to learn some of the nitty-gritty of nursing.

The program was initiated at the request of the head of nursing at the University of San Francisco, and is aimed at allaying the shortage of nurses, particularly those from low-income, ethnically diverse populations. It was developed by Father Tim Godfrey, a nurse at USF, and funded by an ICA graduate. Arlene, who recently retired after a long and varied career in the field – including a place on the team that surveyed the Jewish Home's nursing services – was hired to direct and teach it. During her survey visit to the Home, she was so impressed with the staff and services that, "I and Father Godfrey went hat in hand to Edwin Cabigao, the Jewish Home's chief nursing officer, to ask if we could do our clinical portion of the program there," she relates.

The course includes a rigorous five weeks of classroom learning that takes place in the summer between the students' sophomore and junior years, followed by 125 hours of clinical experience on Saturdays at the Jewish Home. Students must have a B average to qualify for the program and be sufficiently motivated to waive their summer vacations and Saturdays for most of the following year.

The students learn about patients' rights, laws, roles and responsibilities of the nurse assistant, and emergency procedures, plus anatomy, physiology, and nutrition. They also practice tasks such as feeding, bathing, and ambulating patients on one another, before beginning their clinical practice on real patients.

Cynthia Ruiz, 17, and now a senior at ICA, is one of the graduates of the course. "I thought the course would be a good way to experience the medical field and to find out if it was a fit for me," she explains.

It is important for the young women to let go of the movie image of a nurse before going into the field, Arlene makes clear. "It's not holding a dying man's hand, looking beautiful, with an adoring doctor looking on. It's about emptying bedpans and other not-so-glamorous duties."

For example, Cynthia learned directly that a person may not initially be amenable to undergoing a protocol. "One resident reminded me a lot of my grandma and so I'd spend a bit of time with her when I was done with my assignments. She eventually trusted me enough to let me check her blood pressure," she recounts.



At first, communicating with the Jewish Home's Russianspeaking residents was somewhat intimidating for the Hispanic, Filipino, Caucasian, and African-American students who comprise the group, but with a list of some commonly used Russian words in hand and after spending time together, the barriers were lifted. "We also used hand gestures and paid close attention to facial expressions," Cynthia adds.

"Communication is more than words," confirms Arlene. "The students feel it's special that they get to be connected with older people and to help them."

The first class graduated in April 2015 and a second group is now underway. "This course made me realize that I definitely do want to be a nurse," Cynthia vouches. "I want to work closely with patients and create that bond and trust."

"It's a good program," Arlene sums up. "And if you're interested, nursing is a really good profession."



the population. This is significant, says Dr. Stein, the hospital's medical director, because physical illnesses or conditions of later life can be underlying factors in the emotional disorders leading to hospitalization. As the hospital's gero-psychiatrists and staff are trained specifically to deal with the elderly, they have the knowledge to diagnose and treat patients accordingly.

For the past year, Dr. Stein, Dr. Hall, associate medical director of psychiatric program development, and Sonya, along with other psychiatry staff, have reached out to community clinics, hospital emergency rooms, social services departments, and varying personnel about the Home's psych hospital. "We've made a concerted and consistent effort to meet people in different facilities who may be resources," Dr. Stein explains. "As a result, we've become better known and there's an uptick in people referring us."



The hospital put together a 90-day marketing plan, says Sonya, who, as the hospital's program director/administrator, is in charge of the outreach effort. "We either go out into the community or talk to people on the phone," she details. "We're networking as a team, and broadening our outreach so that we can connect with as many professionals in geriatric communities as possible."

Dr. Hall has noticed the results of their efforts. Visits to referring sites and individuals inform, educate, and create new relationships, he notes. "We're helping to raise our profile as an important and essential community resource."

The psych hospital serves elders who require temporary treatment for a variety of conditions – among them schizophrenia, depressive disorders, suicidal thoughts, and dementia – that have changed and are causing disruptive behavior. "This is an acute care unit, not the psychiatric version of a nursing home," Dr. Hall clarifies. "Problems are addressed, and people return to their homes."

The work is very gratifying, he acknowledges. "Our treatment team, along with the culture of the hospital, achieve a high level of success. Patients are grateful and so are their families. I feel good about the work we're doing."

"San Francisco has a lot of elders and a number of them will need us at some point," comments Sonya. "I'm extremely proud of what we're doing here." ■





FROM LEISURE EDUCATION TO STRESS MANAGEMENT, THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT PROGRAMS HELP SUPPORT AND EMPOWER

"The focus of our treatment programs is well-being," says Lisa O'Donnell. "I get to encourage people to function to their highest and best ability."

Recreation therapist for the Jewish Home's acute geriatric psychiatry hospital, Lisa spends her days working with patients and coordinating the hospital's schedule of therapeutic activities. These programs are designed to help heal their bodies and spirits, and stimulate their minds. "It's a holistic approach to wellness," she defines.

The therapeutic treatment program includes group and individual sessions with the psychiatrists and therapists. Patients are encouraged to be active participants in their treatment plan and healing process. As Lisa notes, "It's their time to be empowered."

Group content is designed to meet patients' varying needs and goals, with a field of professionals providing opportunities for treatment and growth. The prevailing, positive thrust is that recovery is possible and achievable for everyone. To that end, Lisa conducts programs such as leisure education, coping skills, movement, relaxation and cognitive games, as well as sessions that promote self-expression, creativity, and enjoyment. The Jewish Home's rabbi facilitates a group entitled "Art for Therapy." Physical therapy staff engages people one-to-one and in groups. The psych occupational therapist reinforces skills such as time management, healthy snack preparation, and hygiene/grooming. The social work team provides individual counseling, as well as psychotherapy and discharge planning groups, while the nursing staff concentrates on health/wellness education opportunities. Also promoted is the independent pursuit of leisure during non-structured time. "This is an important skill to maintain wellness upon discharge from the hospital," explains Lisa.

During peoples' stay in the hospital (for many, it is usually of two weeks' duration), they connect with one another and the members of the interdisciplinary treatment team. According to Lisa, this sense of community in a hospital setting helps provide a model for making – or reforming – community connections.

"The people we serve all have unique life challenges and experiences," Lisa says. "Each person is here for a different reason, each has a different level of functioning. Our programs are intended to meet their needs and tie into their strengths."

Putting the Fleart before the Course

Even before they teed off at Lake Merced Golf Club on May 18, 2015, their hearts were in the right place.

From major donors, to all levels of sponsorship, fund-a-need support, donations of worthy auction items and generous winning bids, our annual fundraising event's participants helped ensure that the Jewish Home of San Francisco can continue providing compassionate care for our community's frailest elderly.

"We gather at this annual golf tournament, dinner and auction for camaraderie, enjoyment, good sport and sportsmanship. But at the same time, we recognize our greater purpose – to continue providing outstanding, compassionate care to those people who call the Jewish Home their home - regardless of their ability to pay.

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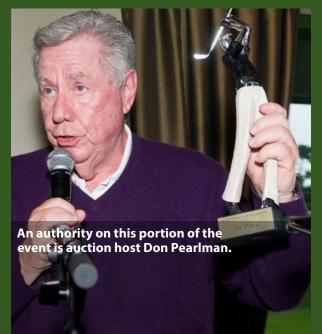
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There's no missing the bright, warm smiles of Charlie and Joan Davis. The Davis's came forward with a most generous matching amount at this year's Fund-a-Need, which had us smiling in appreciative return.













chair of Jewish Senior Living Group's board, who, together with his wife, Paulette Meyer, sponsored the dinner.

JEWISH SENIOR LIVING





Guaranteeing himself a golfing trophy is Ben Eisler, who made the winning bid for this body of art. Ben's play (or ploy) brooks no argument from tournament chair Peter Pollat.

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Longstanding tournament player and co-planner Alan Schneider (left), with leading teaching pro and host of the day's golf clinic, Josh Zander.

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"I know how scary it can be as your friends pass away and you become less able and less involved in life," she acknowledges. "But at the Jewish Home there's a community, and everyone there is striving for you to stay healthy and live longer. It's a warm, loving environment for the elderly."

Those are some of the reasons why Jennifer takes an active role each year in supporting the Jewish Home's golf tournament, dinner and auction, which raises money for the Home. That – and she is passionate about golf.

"Temporarily retired" as an attorney while she raises her two children, Jennifer comes from a golfing family. "I was on the golf range with my grandfather when I was six," she says. Then she married Jason Sills, "a compulsive, avid golfer" and genetically motivated Jewish Home devotee. "His family's support for the Home goes back for generations," she points out.

A talented player (her handicap is 11) who loves to compete, Jennifer says the sport suits her. "Through playing golf, I've met people from all over the world. It also brings together people from different walks of life. And as a professional sport, it gives back to charities more than any other game."

For the Jewish Home's annual tournament, Jennifer teams up with Steve Hallgrimson, an attorney who was her mentor, and Ron Olander. Steve's son, Eric – a scratch golfer – completes the foursome.

Steve, who says he might as well be Jewish, seeing as so many of his friends are, is a strong believer in the Jewish Home. "I think the Jewish community has a fantastic and altruistic attitude toward the elderly – ensuring they live a life of dignity and helping those who need it."

"Steve's a huge champion for the Home," Jennifer says. He has recruited quite a few people to the tournament, including Ron Olander, whose father was Steve's law firm client for their family-owned fastener business.

"I'm a high handicapper," says Ron, "but I like playing in the tournament because it's fun and for a good cause."

In a sense, taking part in this event is also like coming full circle for him, Ron describes. During World War II, his father flew on a B₁₇ bomber. While he was fighting for the liberation of the Jews, his plane was shot down and he spent 11 months as a POW. Once freed by the Allies, he helped liberate the concentration camps. "It's gratifying for me to be able to help the Jewish Home in this way," Ron says.

Jennifer and husband Jason often play golf together and the Sills' side has won tournaments. At the Jewish Home's annual event, however, each always has their own foursome.

"We're very competitive," Jennifer says about her group. "If we don't come in first, we place." When it comes to challenging her husband's team, "If we played for money," she quips, "I'd definitely take theirs!"



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Should you have passed the Jewish Home's synagogue on Shabbat, August 29, 2015, you may have halted at the sound of voices, considerably younger than usual, coming from within. And wait. Was that a reading of the Torah, the Five Books of Moses?

Indeed, that was the harmony of 13-year-old twins, Anna and Olivia Perlman, celebrating their b'not mitzvah – their Jewish coming-of-age ceremony – in the Home's beautiful sanctuary.

While there have been adult b'nai mitzvah at the Home in the past, this rite of passage for 13-year-olds may be a first – and a simcha, a celebration, that the twins and their parents, Karen and Brian Perlman, were thrilled to realize.

Brian explains: "When we were brainstorming with the kids about how we might bring more meaning with a ceremony outside the normal bounds, Karen and I raised the idea of doing it at the Jewish Home, and they responded positively."

"We wanted to do something that incorporated Jewish values and marked the occasion in a profound way," Karen continues. "We talked about several other places, but the Home was the sweet spot. It's one of the pillar organizations of our Jewish community."

The idea resonated with the girls. As part of their year of service at Brandeis Hillel Day School, they had undertaken a number of projects with seniors that included their classmates.

"It sounded really cool to do it somewhere different," says Anna. "We also thought about how we could involve the residents."

"We really liked the space," adds Olivia. "And because we were doing it outside of a temple, serving a broader community, it wouldn't be as structured, and we could create and participate in more of the service."

The family partnered with Rabbi Batshir Torchio of the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, who studied with them in preparation and guided them through the service. Olivia and Anna loved meeting with her to discuss their Torah portion and what a bat mitzvah really means.

"We talked about becoming a part of the Jewish community and the responsibilities that come with it," Anna says.

On b'not mitzvah day, the Home's synagogue was filled with kvelling family and friends. The Jewish Home's in-house TV channel broadcast the service so that residents could watch it from the comfort of their rooms, and a good number of them joined the celebrants at the reception thereafter, to enjoy the Jewish music, dancing, and food. At close of day, striking flower arrangements that residents had helped create for the occasion graced many of their rooms.

Active volunteers in the Jewish community, the Perlmans have a special connection to the Jewish Home. Karen's maternal grandmother lived there and Brian currently serves on the Home's board of trustees.

The family agreed that the event was perfect; just what they wanted it to be. "We wanted to do something a bit different – take the occasion back to its simpler, pure, meaningful roots," Brian concludes. "The Jewish Home is a special place, holy in its own way. When you think about it, there's nothing more Jewish."



Gerri Sterling calls to mind visiting her uncle James Kaufman's older sister, Gertrude Goldsmith, at the Jewish Home in the 1980s. The family, including James and his wife, Bertha, would take Gert out to a restaurant for dinner.

Gert lived her final years at the Jewish Home, and James was so pleased and grateful for the dignity with which his sister was treated and the compassionate care she received, Gerri says. Wanting to express his appreciation to the Home, James bequeathed a significant gift, to be paid when both he and his wife had died. Bertha died in 2014 at the age of 89 and, as promised, Gerri, who was their trustee, advised the Jewish Home of her late uncle's generous bequest.

As Gerri was rather young when Gert was alive (there was quite a significant age difference between Gert and James), Gerri did not know her that intimately. But she knew Uncle James, and especially his wife, Aunt Bertha, well, and has many memories of them.

Born in Vancouver in 1924, Bertha made the independent move to San Francisco after World War II and lived in her own apartment until she met and married James in 1952.

"Aunt Bertha was always very independent, even after she married," Gerri remembers. "She knew what



she liked and what she wanted, and went and got it. She was a very modern woman. She worked as a bookkeeper for people we now call financial advisors. Whatever money she had left over, she invested in stocks. She liked to give advice about that."

The couple, who did not have children, traveled all over the world. They visited Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and China when such travel was unusual, along with more common European destinations. In their later years they spent a month every year overseas, alternating between Paris and Hong Kong.

The Kaufmans often hosted Thanksgiving. "Aunt Bertha liked to cook and made good dishes," Gerri says, recalling that she learned how to make spaghetti sauce from her aunt.

Bertha was proud of San Francisco, her adopted city, and proud of making it her home. Gerri reminiscences about the trips she and her mother made from San Jose (where Gerri grew up) to visit with Aunt Bertha in San Francisco. "We'd have lunch downtown and then go shopping at I. Magnin. Both my mother and aunt loved that store. My mother would buy shoes; for my aunt it was purses. When I was going through Bertha's things after she died, I found some of the handbags."

There were other visits, when Gerri stayed for the weekend and Bertha took her on tours of the city, showing her Golden Gate Park and the Exploratorium, along with Haight-Ashbury and the Castro District, one of the first gay neighborhoods in the United States and one of the liveliest and actively aware in the country. "It wasn't until I was older that I understood what I'd seen there," Gerri reflects.

"Aunt Bertha taught me a lot of things that were important that I didn't necessarily learn from my parents," Gerri muses. "That's what aunts are supposed to do, aren't they?"



We all strive to do our best with our lives. When we are no longer able to personally make a difference in the lives of others, that role is entrusted to individuals, such as family members, and entities, like charities we hold in the highest regard.

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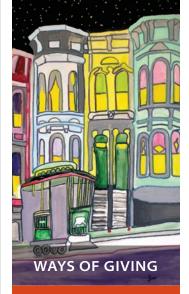
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"Everybody loves Esti Uziel," says Diane Quan-Sun, assistant manager of the Jewish Home's garden café. And Esti loves the Jewish Home.

That is why this volunteer extraordinaire can be found every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday in the Home's café, doing whatever she can to help Diane, and assist residents, staff and visitors who are stopping by for a bite.

"Esti has a respect and an affection for elders like I've never seen before," Diane says. "She's very engaging and she gives 110 percent."

Esti has been volunteering in the garden café for nearly 13 years, doing whatever needs to be done, she says. "I sell, bring coffee, help Diane prepare things, and chitchat with the residents."

Gloria Houtenbrink, a Jewish Home resident and good friend, vouches for Esti's invaluable help. "When I come into the café, Esti makes my coffee and carries it to the table for me. She takes good care of those of us who need extra help."

"I'm here for the residents. That's it!" Esti states emphatically.

Born in Israel, Esti was raised by her grandparents. Perhaps that is the reason, she suggests, that she has always had a special place in her heart for seniors. After a stint with the Israeli army's intelligence forces, she met her husband-to-be, Eli, at the cinema. In the mid-1970s, after Eli returned from fighting in Egypt, the couple and their two children (their third was born later) moved to the United States.

"I was lonely at first," Esti recollects. "I missed my family."

She began taking classes and volunteering at her children's schools. "Life changed," she says.

Her volunteering at the Jewish Home came about when a friend, who volunteered at the Home's gift shop, suggested that Esti might enjoy it, too. She did – so much so that she split a six-day week between the gift shop and the café. Her stint ended in 2010 when the Uziels decided to move back to Israel. They stayed for a few years, during which time she volunteered at a senior center.

Esti says she loved being back in Israel. "Everything was slow motion – not rush, rush, rush. But my son-in-law wanted to come back to America." They returned to the Bay Area in 2012, and Esti came back to the Jewish Home.

Not long after their return, she had a devastating shock when her husband died suddenly. Being at the Jewish Home was the therapy that helped her deal with her loss, she says. "I helped people and that gave me help. When I was at the Home, I forgot everything."



Today, Esti's schedule is full. In addition to her days at the Jewish Home, she volunteers at a food bank, bagging food for veterans who live in her building. "I don't know how not to volunteer," she says.

Even so, she manages to save time for her family. She has a son in Wisconsin and another son and daughter in the Bay Area, plus two grandchildren – Eytan, 9, and Shai, 4½. With her grandchildren "growing up so fast, I need another baby," Esti laughs, directing her command to her children. "So get to work!"

Like Esti Uziel, discover the difference you can make in the lives of others by volunteering at the Jewish Home. Contact our Volunteer Services department at 415.469.2229 to discuss the range of fulfilling opportunities.

JEWISH HOME SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

We gratefully recognize the following individuals and the generous donation of their time, talents, and abilities to enriching the lives of our older adults. Names reflect involvement from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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This is the Excelsior Community Food Pantry, a partnership of the Jewish Home of San Francisco and Mission Bay Community Church (MBCC). In 2014, when the pantry's former space in the area was no longer available, the Home stepped up and became the pantry's new site. As a result, several hundred Excelsior neighborhood adults and children are continuing to enjoy healthy meals.

"We're humbled and blessed to begin this partnership," said MBCC's Pastor Dawn Hyde when the Home and the church announced their joint sponsorship. "We're overjoyed to partner with the Jewish Home. Coming together to give of our time, resources, and kindness is our common goal."

Commented Daniel Ruth, president and CEO of the Jewish Home: "Our faith holds that we're all responsible to help each other, and the Jewish Home of San Francisco is honored to partner with the Excelsior Community Food Pantry to help them fulfill their mission to serve our neighbors."

Fittingly, just in time for Thanksgiving, last November heralded the official opening of this community collaboration. →

FOOD PANTRY FELLOWSHIP



Wielding a very large pair of scissors at the ribbon-cutting ceremony are, left to right, Assemblymember David Chiu; Paul Ash, executive director, S.F.-Marin Food Bank (suppliers of the food to the pantry); Daniel Ruth, Jewish Home president and CEO; Supervisor John Avalos; and Reverend Dawn Hyde, pastor, Mission Bay Community Church (the original host location of the food pantry).

The food pantry is staffed by volunteers, who include students, members of the community and immediate neighborhood, the church, and Jewish Home staff. All freely give of their time to support this wonderfully worthwhile and necessary endeavor.

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Over the past year, the active involvement and collaboration of the community organizations, agencies, and facilities listed below have greatly enhanced the care, programs, and services offered by the Jewish Home of San Francisco.

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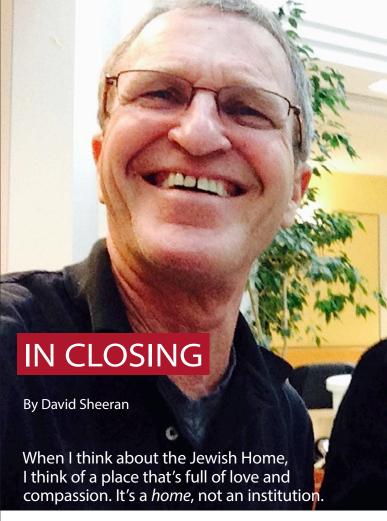
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May their memories be for a blessing.

and enriching the lives of older adults ... and we're just getting started.



I began working at the Jewish Home after moving to San Francisco from Oregon. My partner had passed away from AIDS and I was looking for a new chapter in my life. I was a real estate broker, but I wanted to do something meaningful and service oriented. My friend Mark Friedlander, the Jewish Home's Activities director at the time, asked me if I'd be interested in working with seniors. I visited the Home to observe before accepting the job. I was so impressed with the compassion of the staff. There are a bunch of angels working here, I thought. Why wouldn't I want to work with them?

I'm not Jewish, but I loved being part of that culture. I loved that there was a full-time rabbi on staff and I was so moved by the Shabbat services. The residents loved to tease me about not being Jewish. I got a kick out of their sense of humor!

Their intellect and wisdom amazed me, too. Here I was, in an activities room with the 10 seniors assigned to me sitting in their wheelchairs. But I knew there was a combined 800-plus years of wisdom in front of me; their disabilities were really of no consequence. I had a friendship with them. They accepted me, and I was a part of this intimate community.



Before working at the Jewish Home, I'd been training to be a peer counselor for people in grief. Someone suggested I join the Home's end-of-life volunteer companion program, Kol Haneshema. I learned it was created by the Home's Rabbi Sheldon Marder, in collaboration with the Zen Hospice Project and the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center. This is really great, I thought; Judaism and Buddhism! I learned so much through the training, especially how to be present in spirit, that conversation isn't necessary, just your presence. This training served me well with Suse Justh, a Jewish Home resident and a special friend.

I decided to move back to Oregon, but I visited Suse whenever I came to town. We could be together, without conversation. In June 2015 I got a call that Suse was in comfort care and I traveled to the Home to see her. She died the next day. Yet I can still feel her presence, and with a lot of joy.

It was such an honor to be a part of Suse's life, and to work with the residents and staff at the Jewish Home. ■

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JEWISH HOME

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