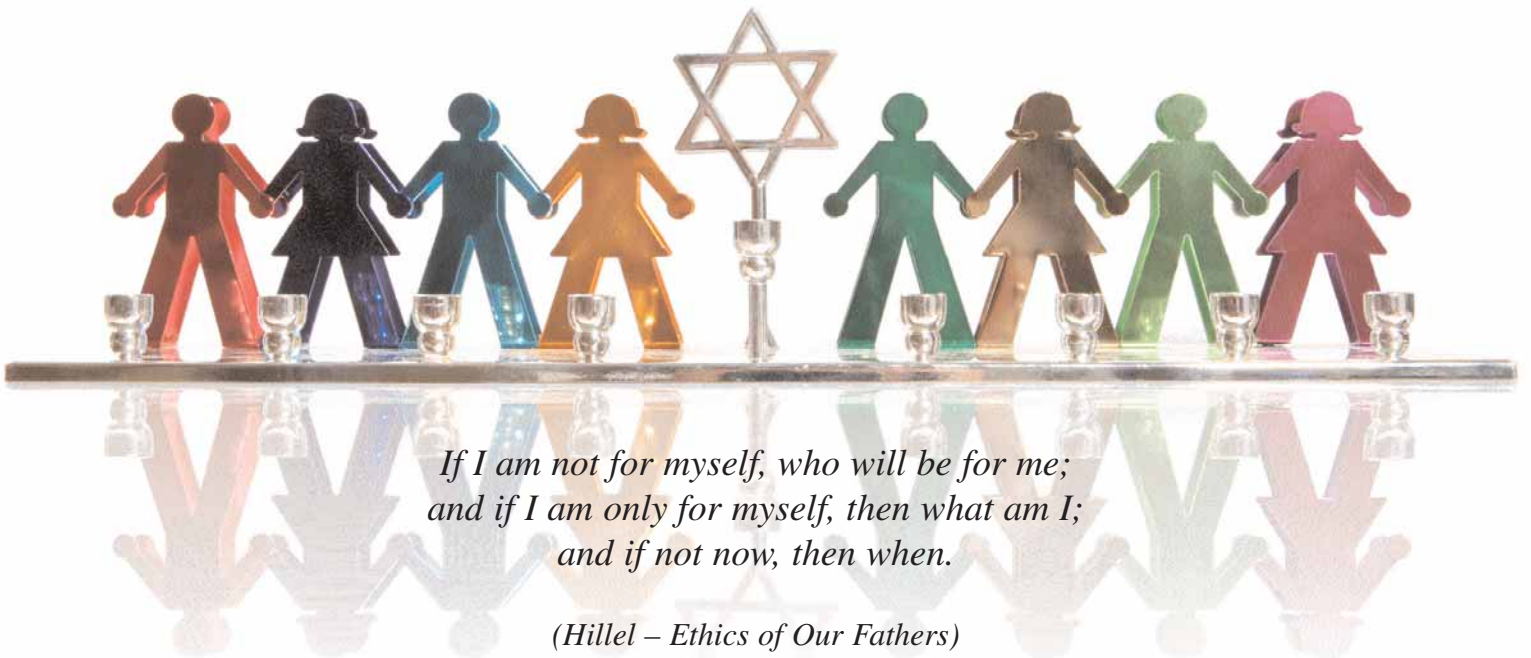


JEWISH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE

Annual Report

2006-2007



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(Hillel – Ethics of Our Fathers)



JEWISH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE
Celebrating over 50 years in a tradition of caring

Jewish Child and Family Service of Winnipeg offers a wide range of quality services provided by caring and dedicated professionals and volunteers that support children, families and adults. Our services are based on Jewish values. The Agency respects and is responsive to the unique needs of the broader community.

Board

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Missing: Mara Barsky, Mariam Bernstein, Dolly Cohen, Barry Corey, Glory Fleisher,
Leo Korenbaum, Paul Leinburd, Hernan Popper, Jonathan Strauss, Leslie Wilder

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Revenue Development
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Child Welfare
Counselling/Family Life/Mental Health
Older Adults
Resettlement
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Volunteers
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Chaplaincy/Traditional Practices

Staff

Administration

Emily Shane, MSW, RSW
Ron Beach, CBA
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Executive Director
Business Manager
Clinical Director
Supervisor, Older Adult Services

Support Services

Ingrid Cohn
Phyllis Gilman
Myriam Saitman
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Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Office Manager
Community & Public Relations
TAHHI & VCAP Administrator

Services

Counselling

Shelley Levit, BSW, MSW, RSW

Social Worker

Contract Counselling Staff

Shira Cohen, MSW, RSW *
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Ruth Lehmann, MSW, RSW
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Bernie Migie, MSW, RSW
Nora Stelzer, MSW, RSW
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Gail Thau, BA, MSW, RSW *

Older Adult Services

Helen Aldor, BSc, BSW, MSW, RSW
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Adeena Lungen, MSW, RSW
Tana Lyng *
Gail Thau, BA, MSW, RSW

Social Worker
Social Worker
Social Worker
Social Worker
Case-Aide
Social Worker

Resettlement/Integration

Iael Besendorf
Tania Fuksman, BA
Adele Lewin, MJCS, MMHS *
Einat Paz-Keynan
Rina Roytburg, BA *
Olga Yarmak *

Resettlement
Resettlement
Integration
Integration
Resettlement
Resettlement

Child Welfare

Jeff Kryger, BSW, RSW
Laura Lysenko, MSW, RSW *
Randee Pollock, BSW, MSW
Yardena Zimmermann, BA, ECE II, BSW

Social Worker
Social Worker
Adoption/Foster Care
Social Worker

Mental Health

Marvin Hamm, MSW, RSW
Rishona Hyman, MA, MSW, RSW *
Judy Plotkin, BA, BSW
Rachel Minuk

Social Worker
Social Worker
Social Worker
Case-Aide

Chaplaincy

Rabbi Yitzchok Charytan

Volunteers

Lola Baral, CAVR *
Einat Paz-Keynan, MSW, RSW

Manager of Volunteer Services
Manager of Volunteer Services

* Resigned



Bottom Row (L-R): Carol McCall, Gail Thau, Shelley Garfield, Judy Plotkin, Ron Beach, Cheryl Hirsh Katz

2nd Row: Iael Besendorf, Tania Fuksman, Shelley Levit, Helen Aldor, Al Benarroch

3rd Row: Einat Paz-Keynan, Gloria Gray, Emily Shane, Randee Pollock, Myriam Saitman

Back Row: Jeff Kryger, Rabbi Charytan, Marvin Hamm, Merrill Shwaid, Yardena Zimmermann

Missing: Phyllis Gilman, Adeena Lungen, Rachel Minuk, Ingrid Cohn

A Message from Our President & Executive Director, Pam Wener & Emily Shane



Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS), as part of the Jewish community of Winnipeg, has a very long history of providing services and meeting the growing needs of its constituents. This dates back to the early 1900's when Jews in numbers began settling in Manitoba and Winnipeg. Groups and agencies responded in a variety of ways and by 1952 these organizations had merged into what is now Jewish Child and Family Service.

To this day, JCFS continues to be a central source of help to countless individuals and families, assisting them in dealing with the challenges of daily life. It is through the collaboration of Staff, Volunteers, the Board of Directors and our Funders, that JCFS is able to help so many in need.

This past year has seen JCFS continue in its mandate and provide services to 2400 cases, which is well over 6500 individuals; an enormous number that continues to grow each year. The agency is accessible to all members of the community; providing quality and affordable counselling, maintaining the elderly in the community, resettling new immigrants, stabilizing mental health clientele and their families, providing financial assistance, and ensuring that all facets of mandated child welfare are carried out including, foster care, adoption and post adoption. The agency is there for all members of our community.

As we review the year we are again of the belief that our clients are the recipients of the highest quality service provided by the work of our dedicated staff. Along side the staff, our volunteers contribute countless hours and work very hard to better the lives and quality of life of our clients. We rely on volunteers to be there in situations ranging from providing a friendly visitor for an isolated senior to placing a big brother/big sister, mentor or tutor for a youngster who would benefit from this individual attention and guidance.

In addition to our staff and volunteers, our Board of Directors has also contributed many volunteer hours to ensure the smooth functioning of the agency. While continuing to oversee the agency, the Board also focused their attention on their structure and functioning and initiated a review of all matters of governance. Along with the staff they monitored the ongoing changes to child welfare and explored new avenues of generating funds. We

have continued to work closely with many other agencies and groups on many different projects. For example, we are currently working with the Federation on the review of the Chaplaincy program, and we work closely with the General Child Welfare Authority on the many issues dealing with child welfare.

While some of our work is in the forefront and other work occurs behind the scenes, all of these efforts come together to ensure that the clients are able to live fuller more productive lives, knowing that they are not alone with their challenging life situations. Working with those in the community is an honour and a privilege and serves to enrich all of our lives. We thank all of our staff, volunteers, board members and funders, for another year filled with stories of success. Through your commitment and dedication JCFS is able to efficiently and effectively deliver services to those in the community and to be a wonderful community resource for all of us.

אם אין אני לי מי לי, וכשאני לעצמי מה אני, ואם לא עכשיו אימתי. (הלל - משנה, פרקי אבות)

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(Hillel – Mishnah, Ethics of Our Fathers)

We are grateful to the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, the United Way, the Province of Manitoba, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, the Asper Foundation, the L Kerry Vickar Charities Foundation and all our many donors for their unflagging support.



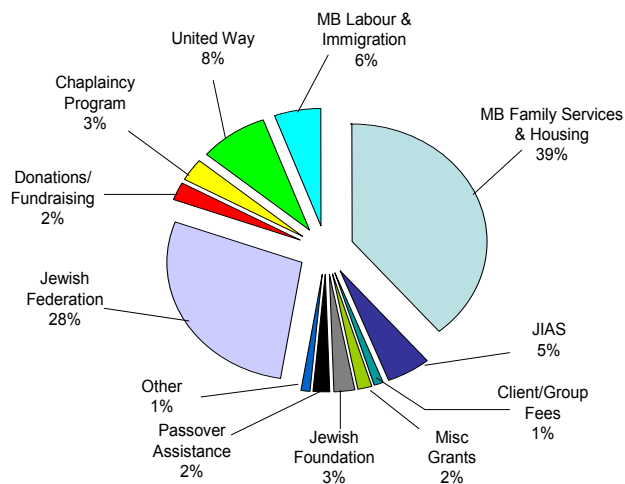
Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007

REVENUE

MB Family Services & Housing	\$ 774,310.
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS)	103,575
Client/Group Fees	24,925
Miscellaneous Grants	29,930
Jewish Foundation of Manitoba	50,315
Passover Assistance	39,840
Other	21,735
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg	555,425
Donations/Fundraising	49,700
Chaplaincy Program	64,935
United Way of Winnipeg	164,900
MB Labour & Immigration	<u>109,800</u>

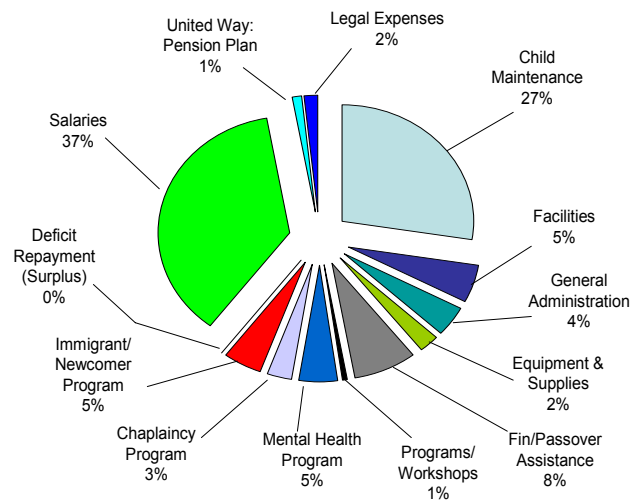
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EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 732,330
United Way: Pension Plan	20,730
Legal Expenses	35,685
Child Maintenance	547,015
Facilities	107,230
General Administration	80,645
Equipment & Supplies	48,200
Financial/Passover Assistance	156,360
Programs/Workshops	12,200
Mental Health Program	90,325
Chaplaincy Program	64,935
Immigrant/Newcomer Program	91,610
Deficit Repayment (Surplus)	<u>2,125</u>

\$ 1,989,390



Service Area Highlights

Counselling

JCFS counselling service is available to **all** Manitobans of every religious and ethnic background. JCFS counsellors have experience with a wide variety of problems. All our counsellors are certified, highly skilled and professionally trained therapists with a minimum **Masters degree** in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling or other counselling related field. An on-site psychiatrist is available for consultation, when deemed necessary. Fees are assessed on a sliding scale, according to family income and size. JCFS clients discover new ways to cope with depression, anxiety, grief, life changes, family crises, relationship issues, traumatic experiences, parenting issues, separation/divorce, conflict resolution, peer relations, loneliness, self-esteem, personal growth, and many others. **JCFS offers:**

- Individual counselling for children, adolescents, adults and seniors
- Couple, marriage and family therapy
- Therapeutic support groups
- Play therapy for children

Responding to the rise in numbers of immigrants to the Winnipeg Jewish Community over the past seven years, JCFS offers language specific counselling supports in Spanish, Hebrew, etc., through our specialized **Newcomer Counselling Program**. Clients address and resolve any number of life issues, in addition to a specialty in staff in assisting with issues relating to immigration, integration, adjustment, acclimatization, school adjustment, etc. When those problems become clinical in nature and exceed the scope of support available through the JCFS Resettlement and Integration Programs, our Counselling staff responds.

In partnership with Hospice and Palliative Care Manitoba and the Rady JCC, JCFS offers the **Taking Steps: Bereavement Walking Group**. Also offered in a group framework is the **Active Parenting Today for Jewish Parents**, a parenting education and sharing series with a Jewish “twist”.

Community Mental Health

The **Mental Health Program** supports and assists Jewish individuals living with psychiatric differences, in reaching their own meaningfully chosen goals in the areas of housing, education, work/volunteerism, socialization, Jewish identity, etc. Services are provided within the **Mental Health Recovery Model** and are individualized and flexible. Judaic and cultural supports are also provided to assist in increasing participation in the Jewish community. Services may include supportive counselling, family meetings, skills acquisition (e.g., positive coping skills, stress management, life skills, nutrition, health and wellness, etc.), symptom management,

public education and awareness, cultural programs, advocacy, case management and coordinating appropriate additional supports, services and resources within the Jewish community and the greater Winnipeg community.

This year, JCFS launched the “*Chaverim: Building Wellness for Mental Health*” Program. In partnership with the Rady JCC and the generous support of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, JCFS offers a program that focuses on holistic wellness through socialization, new life skills, learning about diet and nutrition, health education, leisure activities, physical fitness, Jewish spiritual growth, and Jewish cultural activities. The program adds to the enhancement of physical and emotional stability and healthy lifestyle change to those in our Jewish community living with mental health differences. In addition, the program will serve to build readiness for those working towards meeting their recovery goals.

Resettlement/Integration

JCFS acts as the regional arm of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS), a nationally based organization whose mandate is to serve Jewish immigrants and refugees to Canada. JCFS **resettlement workers** meet with families for their initial orientation to Winnipeg, to assess needs and to explain what services and programs are available. Our staff assist with: housing, preparing and applying for necessary Canadian documents, connecting parents with schools and daycares, arranging for English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes and offering in-house EAL supplemental supports (as needed), referral to various professional programs, connection to various Jewish community organizations (e.g., Rady JCC, synagogues, social groups, etc.), counselling supports to help deal with the many stresses of relocation and adjustment to a new social and cultural environment.

JCFS **integration workers** assist families in becoming part of community life. JCFS helps new immigrants meet Canadian Jewish individuals and families through the Volunteer and Host Family programs. Families and individuals are introduced to resources available to Jewish families such as: Jewish cultural life, community programming, social events, Jewish day schools, synagogues, children and youth programs, camps, kosher facilities, etc. In addition, our integration staff, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, assists with Vocational Services through counselling and referral.

Older Adult Services

The **Older Adult Services (OAS)** program provides support and resources to older adults and their families as they encounter the challenges of aging. An experienced staff of social workers, who specialize in the field of Gerontology, offer the supports necessary to make independent living possible.

A complete in-home assessment is provided to determine the needs of the client and his or her family. Each plan is tailored to the needs of the individual client. Services provided include counselling, information and referral, advocacy, case coordination and monitoring contact. Volunteer and case-aide contact enable JCFS to provide

direct client support through outings, friendly visiting, grocery shopping, transportation to medical appointments and errands.

This past year OAS has dealt with issues dealing with physical, cognitive and psycho-geriatric challenges, caregiver stress, depression and social isolation.

JCFS facilitates two support groups, which have been a positive addition to the lives of Older Adults. “**Social Connections**”, a weekly program for individuals with early stage memory loss, is offered in both north and south locations. It offers socialization and stimulating activities to help maintain optimal cognitive functioning. This year, once again, we offered an eight-session group for women focusing on empowerment and self-esteem entitled, “**Taking Charge**”.

Support Services To Holocaust Survivors

This specialized service offers support, counselling and information to individuals, couples and families. “**Reaching Out**”, a drop-in group, is held every other week. Consisting of **35-50** regular members, this program offers discussion, entertainment and ongoing socialization. Assistance with reparation (i.e., Holocaust Claims) related issues and applications continue to be provided on a regular basis to individuals and families. Additionally, particular attention is given to providing educational workshops and training to community professionals and various institutions throughout the year.

Volunteer Services

Through JCFS, clients are matched with volunteers of all ages and varying backgrounds. Students, retired individuals, professionals and people from all walks of life contribute their time, talent and energy as JCFS volunteers.

Volunteers provide support to clients as friendly visitors, accompanying isolated seniors for coffee or a ride in the park. Grocery shoppers and van drivers take clients to purchase their groceries or do the shopping for them. Daily “shalomers” provide an ongoing friendly contact, which gives isolated seniors a connection with a person who is looking out for their security and well-being. Big brothers/sisters are positive role models for young children. Proctors are advocates for our clients with mental health issues. Tutors and host families help newcomers to acclimatize to their new life in Winnipeg. Administrative volunteers provide assistance in our office in a variety of areas.

Please see our complete list of volunteers in this report.

Child Welfare

Jewish Child and Family Service is fully mandated under the *Child and Family Services Act of Manitoba* to provide child welfare and protection services for Jewish children and families in the province. The JCFS child welfare staff are capable of investigating all complaints of child abuse including: physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and neglect. Services offered under this mandate include: Voluntary Family Service, Protection, Children in Foster Care, Foster Home Licensing, Adoption and Post-Adoption Supports.

The JCFS **Adoption Program** assists and supports individuals or families dealing with infertility, persons considering the choice of parenthood through adoption, adult adoptees seeking information or contact with birth families, and birth parents seeking support before and after surrendering parental rights. JCFS offers a full range of mandated adoption services (permanent ward, private, international, etc.) including infertility counselling, adoption home studies, placement of children and placement supervision, networking with other adoption resources, supportive/educational groups and continuing education. **Post Adoption** services include researching and reporting of birth family histories, counselling, as well as liaison with the Manitoba Post Adoption Registry. Other Adoption services include: *Specialized Groups* for individuals to share and receive information about adoption, providing *Resource Lists* for community based services, etc.

The emotional needs of Jewish children in foster care cannot be provided without also considering their spiritual and cultural needs. JCFS offers a full range of **foster home licensing services**. Placing of Jewish children in Jewish homes is always the first choice for Jewish foster children. We are always looking to increase the number of Jewish families willing to open their homes to support the needs of these children. JCFS is always open to work with caring Jewish homes wanting to provide foster care on a short/emergency and/or long term basis. Foster parents are provided with clinical support from Agency professionals, to assist them in meeting the wide range and variety of needs of our Jewish community's foster children.

Chaplaincy

Confinement in the hospital or in an institution is always a difficult time, particularly if the need for care is extended or the patient is going through a physical or emotional crisis. At such times both the patient and/or the family may benefit from the support and spiritual peace of mind that a visit from the **Jewish Community Chaplain** can provide. **Chaplaincy Services** are available to Jewish people in our community in health facilities, correctional institutions, or other long-term care facilities when they are seeking spiritual healing and guidance.

The Chaplain also serves to insure that the institutions are knowledgeable and educated about the cultural and spiritual needs of Jewish patients which may include:

- Spiritual counselling
- Dietary requirements and Kashrut

- Religious rituals and practices
- Jewish holidays and observances

The Jewish Chaplain can arrange to have Jewish holiday programs on-site at the hospital or institution. There are certain Jewish holidays which particularly touch the heart of confined Jewish patients who cannot attend these holidays at home or at synagogue. The Jewish Chaplaincy service brings "*Yiddishkeit*", the Jewish spirit of these holidays, directly into the institutional setting.

A consultation with the Jewish Chaplain is entirely voluntary and at the request and consent of the patient. The Chaplaincy service exists to serve the spiritual needs of all Jewish persons regardless of the extent of their personal religious observance, from the most Orthodox to the Reform. The Chaplaincy program respects the patient's right to his/her own beliefs. Unfortunately, because of privacy legislation (PHIA & FIPPA), there has been limited ability to access patients who are Jewish. Without a signed consent form, a patient will not be placed on the hospital's religious list marked for a Chaplaincy visit. Patients and their families are encouraged to call our offices to request a visit from the Rabbi, if they are in hospital.

People are seen on both an individual and group basis. During 2006 over **2,516** Chaplaincy visits were made by the Rabbi.

Family Life Education

Family Life Education is an effective way to educate our community about the challenging issues facing us daily. Groups help to improve relationships, cope with the normal stresses of family life, and deal with painful events or transitions. Groups provide an opportunity for individuals with common problems or in similar circumstances to learn and share their experiences in a supportive atmosphere. The topics offered by the Agency vary according to community needs and interests, ranging from issues relating to bereavement, parenting, separation and divorce, integrating to a new culture, relationship issues, mental health outreach, domestic abuse, holocaust supports/outreach and work with seniors, and many others.

Financial Aid

This year **320** individuals and families received short-term emergency financial assistance with **\$34,485** distributed as financial aid.

JIAS Canada provided **\$78,075** in financial assistance for Jewish newcomers to our community. **One hundred, thirty-seven (137)** families benefited from this assistance.

The Asper Helping Hand Initiative

The Asper Helping Hand Initiative (TAHHI), an interest free loan program, is now in its 4th year of assisting members of the Jewish community of Manitoba who are experiencing temporary financial hardship. Funding for this program is supported generously by The Asper Foundation.

To date, TAHHI has advanced over **\$178,000** assisting **65** individuals and/or families in need. These loans have assisted **students** with paying for their University tuition, **newcomers** with various resettlement expenses, **single parents** with catching up bill payments and **first-time homebuyers** with covering expenses related to their home purchase.

Total loans advanced - \$178,400 (65 loans)

2003 - \$17,200 (8 loans)

2004 - \$25,500 (11 loans)

2005 - \$53,900 (21 loans)

2006 - \$65,800 (21 loans)

2007 - \$16,000 (4 loans) (to April 30, 2007)

The Eve and Harry Vickar Community Assistance Program

The Eve and Harry Vickar Community Assistance Program (VCAP) was launched in January 2006. This program is designed to support Jewish individuals and families facing significant financial challenges. It has been established with the generous support of the L. Kerry Vickar Charitable Foundation as a designated gift through the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg. This program is designed to make a significant difference in the lives of Jewish individuals whose daily struggles due to financial constraints impedes their full participation in Jewish community life and in society generally.

To date (to April 30, 2007), The Eve and Harry Vickar Community Assistance Program has already distributed over **\$70,000** assisting **39** individuals and/or families faced with major financial challenges.

Tzedakah Fund

Through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba **33** individuals and families were provided with financial assistance to help with basic needs. **\$16,780** was distributed through the Tzedakah Fund this year.

Mois Chitim

This year **264** Jewish individuals and families received assistance through a community-wide campaign which solicits funding to help those who find it a hardship to meet the extra costs of Passover. This year **111** Passover

food hampers were distributed with the help of Omnitsky's Kosher Foods and Desserts Plus, while **636** individuals contributed to Passover Assistance this year. A complete list of contributors is available upon request.

Student Training

Jewish Child and Family Service provides field instruction for the University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work and the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University. JCFS offers students a unique opportunity to work in a family-based agency. Because of its cultural orientation, the Agency has gained a reputation as an interesting field placement. This past year we offered field instruction to **two** students who had an interest in learning about the multi-faceted approach to social services offered by JCFS.

Information & Referral

Every year we receive **hundreds** of requests for information on available social service resources and programs in the community. The Agency also distributes the names of homemakers and keeps a registry of available homes for emergency placement.

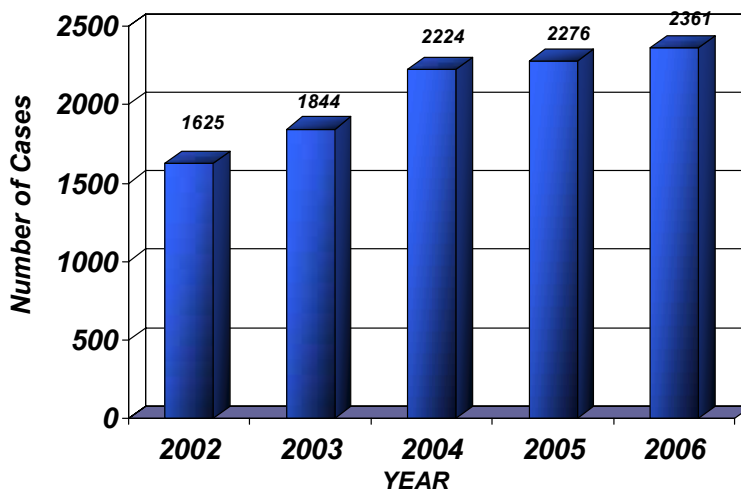


Cases by Program Area 2002 – 2006

Program	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Child Welfare	172	191	167	193	181
Children in Foster Care	18	22	24	19	18
Individual, Couple & Family Counselling	338	429	400	328	313
Newcomer Counselling	96	57	24	18	19
Holocaust Claims	88	93	73	28	35
Mental Health	168	148	118	121	92
Newcomers	1065	903	1029	746	585
Older Adult Services	396	401	355	345	347
Therapeutic & Educational Groups	20	32	34	46	35
Total	2361	2276	2224	1844	1625
Total # of Volunteers	214	235	362	414*	350

* NOTE: Volunteer numbers include the *Hours to Share* Program, the community-wide volunteer bureau, which ended in 2004.

Total Number of JCFS Cases (2002-2006)



Our Volunteers Make A Difference

Special thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers who have given so many hours of their time to helping others.

0-2 Years

Raquel Alexandrowicz
Vlasta Amizic
Benjamin Aziza
Tali Aziza
Melanie Baruch
Abraham Baum
Aden Benarroch
Sharon Berkowitz
Hy Berman
Cheryl Billinkoff
Christy Bredeson
Francoise Cadigan
Niri Carroll
Hernan Chernitsky
Bonnie Clement
Larry Cohen
Sheldon Earn
Alexis Faller
Leandro Freylejer
Chantal Gendron
Allison Gervais
Dalia Gill
Meira Gisser
Chas Goodridge
Jenna Greenberg
Galit Hasdan
Ilona Ilchenko
Jeff Itzkow
Danny Kaufman
Ksanya Khomenko
Konstantin Kizilov
Yelena Kizilov

Per Ilan Kraut
Ruth Laveman
Tami Lezack
Rochelle Litman
Aaron Margolis
Carina Melamedoff
Cathy Moser
Samantha Pollock
Avi Posen
Ksenia Prints
Paulina Resnek
Clara Roy
Beverly Russell
Olga Saveliovsky
Anna Schoichet
Leonid Schoichet
Sofia Schoichet
Sue Shklov
Yael Shrom
Colleen Slater
Avichai Stoller
Anna Vishnevsky
Anton Voronin
Larisa Voronin
Laura Weinshenker
Rene Weinstein
Vanessa Zelenitsky
Shira Zipursky

2-5 Years

Emilio Allami
Harvey Appelle
Carole Arenson

Sarah Birt
Sheila Calof
Avrom Charach
Fayanne Charach
Saul Cherniack
Susan Cohn
Heather Cunningham
Charley Elazar
Arkady Faigelman
Gizela Faigelman
Morley Globberman
Ari Hanson
Vera Hershfield
Max Herst
Emily Kaplan
Bruce Kettner
Fern Kettner
Israel (Soody) Kleiman
Anne Koffman
Mitchell Kredentser
Rena Krongold
Miggie Lampe
Valerie Leibl
Igal Margolin
Kinneret Margovski
Ingrid Mojica
Mary Muyal
Javier Nudler
Morris Ostrove
Carolyn Penner
Zofia Perlikowski
Vanessa Prophet
Judith Roe

Jackie Rosner
Alex Serebnitski
Geoff Shaffer
Shep Shell
David Silverman
Lana Silvius
Alexandra Skouratova
Sybil Steele
Pablo Szajt
Maya Thau-Eleff
Laura Thiessen
Lois Thiessen
Susan Turner
Sigi Wassermann
Barry Weber
Arlene Wiebe
Brenda Yakir
Sari Yakubovich

5-10 Years

Sheila Altman
Jodi Binnun
Barney Charach
Ruth Charach
Elias Demissie
Adrian Fine
Charles Frohlich
Adam Globberman
Sara Goorvich
Phyllis Hennan
Bella Iomdina
Adelle Korsunsky
Sofya Paradny

Claire Peltz
Karen Richter
Wayne Sandler
Avi Saper
Norman Shore
Sophie Shulman
Marshall Stitz
Margot Tass
Daniel Thau-Eleff
Menora Waldman

10-15 Years

Nathan Dana
Lil Duboff
Jason Fraser
Isaac (Ike) Greenfeld
Sherrill Levene
Ida Margolis
Sheldon Margolis
Gerard McDonough
Frank Steele
Norman Wolk

15-20 Years

Orah (Helen) Kleiman
Frank White

20-25 Years

Toby Koffman
Mabel Self

Long Time Service Awards

Five Years of Service



Sheila Calof

For the past five years Sheila has knit beautifully made outfits for new babies, as well as blankets, socks, hats, pants and sweaters. These wonderful hand-crafted works are delivered to our office by her daughter on a monthly basis. Due to Sheila's industrious efforts we have been able to provide children served by our Adoption, Foster Care and Newcomer programs with these hand-knitted treasures.



Ruth & Barney Charach

Ruth and Barney have acted as host family to a number of newcomers to our community and they all remain as "family" with the Charachs. Barney has been wonderful in volunteering to help some newcomers in filling out their income tax returns. For the past several years Barney has assisted a blind woman, on a monthly basis, in paying bills, completing important documents and helping her with errands. Both Ruth and Barney have opened their home and hearts to many newcomers in helping them ease the difficult challenge of moving and starting life over.

Barney and Ruth are also very involved in the Jewish community and the community at large. They both have volunteered during Folklorama and Barney is a Past President of the Folk Arts Council.



Sigi Wassermann

Sigi always tries to be available to take seniors to doctor's appointments. Sigi is a great tour guide when prospective immigrants come on exploratory visits to Winnipeg. He has also befriended a number of immigrant newcomers to our community and has been a wonderful resource in helping newcomers adapt to life in Winnipeg. Sigi also delivers *Kosher Meals-on-Wheels* and frequently drives seniors to the Shaarey Zedek luncheon programs. For the past 5 years his greatest enjoyment has been instructing a noon chess class, twice a week at Gray Academy. Sigi's positive attitude and willingness to help when needed has been greatly appreciated.

Twenty-Five Years of Service



Toby Koffman

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Naomi Wolfe donates items from her bat mitzvah centerpieces



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Liat Stitz donates Passover products from her birthday party



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