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Rabbi Yitzchok Charytan

# JCFS Staff



**Bottom Row:** Gail Thau, Judy Plotkin, Cheryl Hirsh Katz, Adeena Lungen, Helen Aldor, Randee Pollock, Marvin Hamm  
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**Missing:** Rabbi Yitzchok Charytan, Shelley Levit

# Message from Our President & Executive Director



Over the past two years JCFS has been in the process of self reflection, taking the time to discover and document who we are, how we can best meet the needs of our community now and in the future.

Two parallel processes occurred through the year involving both Board members and Staff members. The Governance Committee led by Sean Shore took on the enormous task of developing new by-laws to replace our antiquated constitution. Additionally, the Board and Staff met several times over the year to develop new mission and vision statements to represent our work now and to demonstrate where we are aiming to be in the future.

After completing this process, this dedicated group of Board members and Staff led by Al Benarroch began to review Jewish values to better understand how these

values drive, describe and delineate our services. Along this journey we have met and made new friends in Danita Aziza, Dr. Ruth Ashrafi and Adam Herstein. We are grateful for their contributions to the agency.

Next, in our process of self reflection, all programs and services were reviewed with an aim to understand how they fit into the priorities of the agency and the priorities of the Jewish Community of Winnipeg. Focus groups were held with all staff to delineate where and how programs fit into the needs of the community as well as identifying challenges faced now and in the future.

Simultaneous to this process of review it was business as usual where services were adapted to meet ongoing challenges. This is evident in the current focus in the resettlement area to include all newcomers not only landed immigrants, the agreement signed with Animikii Ozoson Child and Family Services Inc. to provide therapy and counselling with families that have child welfare involvement, the agency's efforts to help establish a Winnipeg chapter of JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others), and a more finely tuned focus in ensuring that our children in care have a significant Jewish identity.

As we carry out our role as a Child and Family Service agency we are experiencing the impact of significant changes in policy and service delivery in Child Welfare introduced by the province of Manitoba. Though we are well equipped as a multi service organization to provide a range of supports and interventions to support vulnerable children and families, we need to ensure that all Jewish families are aware of our services.

Agencies are social institutions which function best when committed human beings collaborate in relationships built on trust and respect. For 54 years Jewish Child and Family Service of Winnipeg has been a crucial source of help for people in need. It is our goal to serve individuals and families who face a variety of life challenges with quality services to enable self sufficiency, happiness and independence. We are continuing to do our outmost to ensure that those who seek us are helped in areas as far ranging as family therapy, accessing financial assistance, ensuring the safety of vulnerable children and seniors, transportation or mental health services. Our programs cover the life cycle from womb to tomb and reflect the high standards of service, reliable operations, responsible fundraising and thorough planning and development.

With the solid enthusiasm shown by the JCFS staff and Board as well as our committed volunteers and supported by our many funders we will ensure that the agency will continue to strengthen our community as well as our clients.

Our gratitude to the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba, the United Way of Winnipeg , the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and our many donors for helping us help those in need.

We remain dedicated to our goals caring for our community with solid professional services and delivering these services with quality and compassion.

**Pam Wener**  
President

**Emily Shane**  
Executive Director

# Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

## Revenue

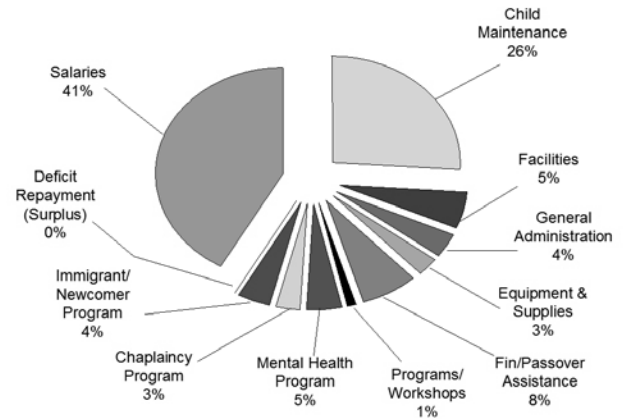
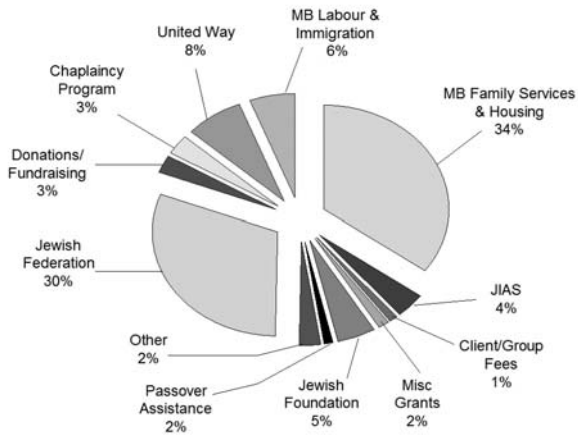
MB Family Services & Housing	\$ 772,980
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS)	87,075
Client/Group Fees	19,560
Miscellaneous Grants	35,295
Jewish Foundation of Manitoba	107,065
Passover Assistance	25,470
Other	63,890
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg	670,080
Donations/Fundraising	60,050
Chaplaincy Program	67,340
United Way of Winnipeg	166,015
MB Labour & Immigration	<u>130,990</u>

**\$ 2,205,810**

## Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 924,285
Child Maintenance	578,800
Facilities	118,570
General Administration	82,740
Equipment & Supplies	59,600
Financial/Passover Assistance	161,960
Programs/Workshops	24,500
Mental Health Program	93,070
Chaplaincy Program	67,340
Immigrant/Newcomer Program	92,885
Deficit Repayment (Surplus)	<u>2,060</u>

**\$ 2,205,810**



# Service Area Highlights



## COUNSELLING

This year was highly productive in helping many families and/or individuals through counselling supports. The **Counselling** program assisted **276** families and/or individuals. **Thirty-two** of those were newcomer families who received language specific services in the counselling area. This year the agency welcomed back Ernie Masiowski, MSW to our contract counselling staff and added Miriam Baron, BA, LLB, MMFT a marriage and family therapist with knowledge in the areas of youth and addictions.

JCFS is proud of and excited about its new service arrangement to offer counselling services to First Nations families and children of Animikii

Ozson Child and Family Services Inc., a child welfare agency offering services to non-Manitoba First Nation families. Service contracts with other CFS agencies are also being developed.

Supportive groups continued to be offered at the agency. In partnership with Hospice and Palliative Care Manitoba, JCFS ran the **Taking Steps: Bereavement Walking Group** twice this past year. The agency also modified the program and will be offering a new group, **Taking Steps: Survivors Of Suicide Bereavement Walking Group** in the spring of 2008.

## COMMUNAL MENTAL HEALTH

The **Communal Mental Health Program** continued to support and assist **148** Jewish individuals and/or their families living with psychiatric differences. Due to fiscal constraints, the Communal Mental Health program continues to be understaffed. The emotional, physical health, cultural and spiritual needs of this most vulnerable population in the Winnipeg Jewish community was challenged this past year. The program maintained a 6-8 week waiting list for the first time since its inception in 1997, with more stabilized cases receiving less service than did more urgent situations.

The program has noted rising trends of more cases dealing with addictions, either occurring alone or concurrently with a mental health difference. Staff continues to receive training to address these issues in clients as they presented themselves. The agency responded to requests and efforts of several community members in recovery from addiction by supporting the creation of a Winnipeg chapter of **JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Person and Significant Others)**. JACS Winnipeg has been running **Jewish 12-step meetings** once per week at JCFS since August, 2007.

With rising shortages in appropriate, safe and affordable housing, the agency has been instrumental in advocating on behalf of clients around these issues. The lack of appropriate housing has been a significant factor in contributing to increased levels of stress in the lives of our clients. JCFS has provided more intensive supports to avoid destabilization and crisis.

The “*Chaverim: Building Wellness for Mental Health*” group has continued to grow over this past year. This holistic mental health wellness group offered programs every 2 weeks to meet the social, cultural, spiritual and physical recovery goals of clients. Agency staff presented this innovative program model at the Association of Jewish Children and Family Agency’s (AJFCA) annual conference in Philadelphia in April.

### 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 staff** assisted **433** families with their immigration needs and **279** families with their pre-migration needs. Many of these families were initially welcomed to the community through the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg’s Grow Winnipeg initiative.

The community has seen a high and consistent level of immigration for the last several years. This year, 91% of the families received were from Israel, and the majority of those originated from the former Soviet Union.



JCFS **Integration staff** continues to assist families in becoming part of Canadian and Jewish community life by connecting families to various other Jewish community organizations or services and by offering many social, cultural, educational and instructional programs. This year, workshop topics have included: English as an Alternative Language (EAL) classes for Russian seniors, EAL for young women, income tax, first time homebuyer, and money management seminars, a series of employment seminars and job fairs, as well as holiday programs, Israel spirit day, brit milahs, bar/bat mitzvahs, beading for seniors, and an empowerment group for newcomer women.

### OLDER ADULT SERVICES

This past year has been a productive one for the Older Adult Services program, assisting **371** individuals and/or families. In the fall we held a woman’s support group entitled **Taking Charge** in which **ten** women participated. Here issues were addressed concerning life changes, self esteem, and forming new goals and social networks. Our ongoing groups continued regularly throughout the year. **Social Connections** is a group for individuals with early stage memory loss. **10 to 12** individuals regularly attend this group. The purpose is to provide social contact and intellectual stimulation for clients on a weekly basis and provide respite for family caregivers. **Reaching Out**, our group for Holocaust survivors, is held bi-monthly. A highlight this year was involving the grade nine students of the Gray Academy of Jewish Learning in some interactive programming with the seniors.

The **Tallman Fund** has enabled us to extend transportation for clients in a number of ways. It has ensured all of our clients’ transportation to all of our group programs. On an individual basis, clients have been assisted with transportation to meet their individual needs for accompanied errands and appointments on a much broader scale.

Older Adult Services workers and our case-aide have been actively involved in a wide range of situations as the needs of seniors in our community continue to grow. Whether the issues are related to changes in physical or mental health, housing,

emotional support or assistance to family, workers are readily available to be involved through regular home visits, etc. Social work students enhance the program through their involvement in our field placement program in conjunction with the University of Manitoba.

### **Support Services To Holocaust Survivors**

This specialized service offers support, counselling and information to individuals, couples and families. Assistance with applications for Holocaust Claims for reparation and related issues continue to be provided on a regular basis to **80** individuals and/or families.

“**Reaching Out**”, a drop-in group, is held every other week. Consisting of **26-30** 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.

### **Partnerships In Caring**

- Machon Madrichim – A Jewish youth leadership program which focuses on developing young leaders with a deep sense of commitment to the Winnipeg community, the State of Israel, and core Jewish values and traditions. This new initiative is generously funded by the Winnipeg Jewish Federation and the Dorothea Gould Foundation. Planning and organizing the program has gone on all this year with the program starting in September 2008 for students in grades 10 and 11. The organizing committee is represented by JCFS, the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, Rose and Max Rady JCC, The Jewish Federation of Winnipeg - Grow Winnipeg, the Shaarey Zedek and Etz Chayim Synagogues, and a number of interested community volunteers.
- In cooperation with BBYO, the agency provided home visits and safety checks for seniors in helping them complete the *ERIK* (**E**mergency **R**esponse **I**nformation **K**it) forms. This valuable initiative is designed to insure the safety and well being of seniors.

- Friendship Circle is a cooperative program with Chabad-Lubavitch in which volunteers are paired with foster children in an effort to insure that the children will have exposure to Judaism. **Ten** volunteers are involved in this program.

## 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 **Child Welfare** program worked with **59** families on either a voluntary or involuntary basis.



This past year the agency cared for **18 foster children** from our community. All these children were cared for within the **6 foster homes** licensed by JCFS or other resources within the Winnipeg CFS system. **Friendship Circle**, a partnership program with Chabad-Lubavitch of Winnipeg has allowed young Jewish volunteers to mentor our foster children in the area of Jewish culture and identity. In addition, **4** wards of the agency have been enrolled at the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, to insure strong foundations in a Jewish milieu. The school has been very supportive in meeting the social, cultural and special needs of these children. The Jewish day and residential camps have also been strong partners in accepting and meeting the needs of Jewish wards, as part of the collective communal responsibility for raising these children.

The **Child Welfare** program faces challenges in identifying Jewish families requiring child welfare supports. This also impacts the ability to identify Jewish children in care or in need of foster care, and in continually meeting their cultural needs. Recent restructuring of the provincial child welfare system has created one centralized intake agency serving all of Winnipeg, including JCFS. It is an ongoing challenge to sensitize and educate this new system to the unique needs of Jewish families and the additional resources available in the Jewish community. The goal is to insure that Jewish children feel a strong connection to the Jewish community.

The JCFS **Adoption** program was busy this year working with **14** families. The agency was successful in placing **three** beautiful newborns from the United States.

### Post Adoption Services

In an attempt to reconnect with their birth families, the Agency provided **24** adult adoptees with information about their birth family histories and also provided access to the Manitoba Post Adoption Registry.



## CHAPLAINCY

This year, the **Chaplaincy** program provided **2157** visits to hospital patients, nursing home residents, residents in correctional centres and other residential facilities. In addition, **155** hours were spent conducting group programs for Shabbat and holidays such as Succoth, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, etc.



The program has been challenged by stricter adherence to privacy legislation within health care facilities. This has impacted the community chaplain's ability to access Jewish patients in those facilities. There has also been an increase in the number of Jewish residents in non-Jewish personal care homes. The community chaplain has spent increasing amounts of time meeting the pastoral care needs of those Jewish residents.

## FINANCIAL AID

This year **412** individuals and families received short-term emergency financial assistance with **\$46,780** distributed as financial aid.

JIAS Canada provided **\$61,575** in financial assistance for Jewish newcomers to our community. **One hundred, ten (110)** 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 5th 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 **\$222,000** assisting **77** 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 - \$222,400 - 77 loans

2003 - \$17,200

2004 - \$25,500

2005 - \$53,900

2006 - \$65,800

2007 - \$40,000

2008 - \$20,000 (to April 30, 2008)

### **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 March 31, 2008), The Eve and Harry Vickar Community Assistance Program has already distributed over **\$138,000** assisting **60** individuals and/or families faced with major financial challenges.

### **TZEDAKAH FUND**

Through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba **37** individuals and families were provided with an interest free loan to help with basic needs. **\$19,225** was distributed through the Tzedakah Fund this year.

### **MOIS CHITIM**

This year **275** 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. **One Hundred, twenty** Passover food hampers were distributed with the help of Gwen Selter Creative Living Centre and the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association. **547** individuals contributed to Passover Assistance this year. A complete list of contributors can be found in this report.

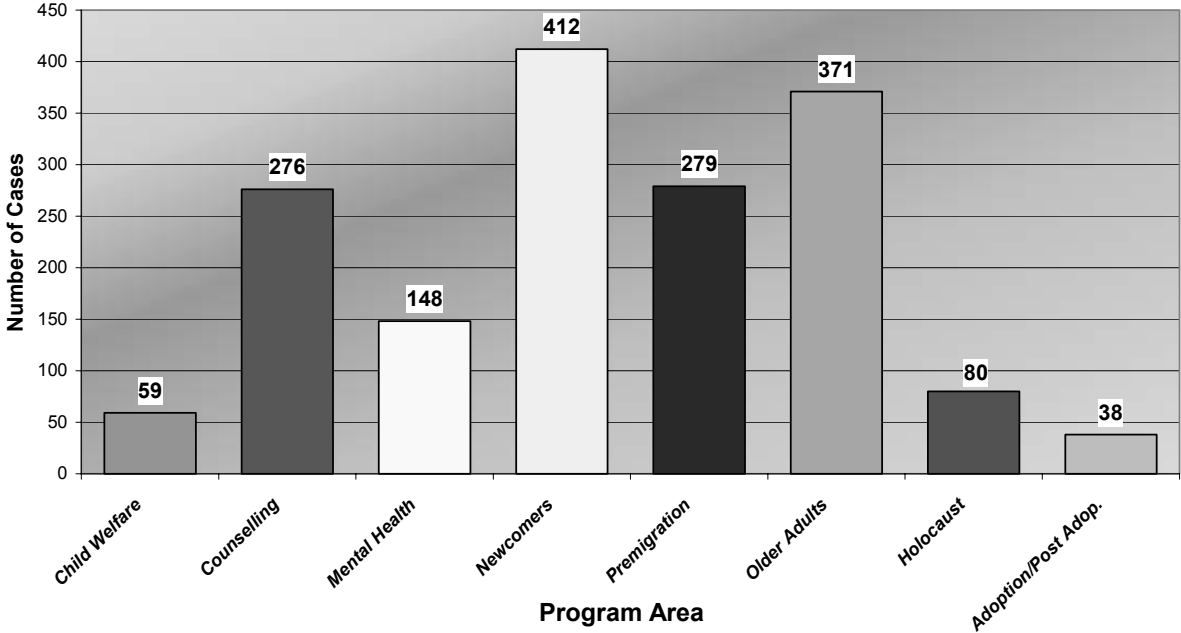
### **STUDENT TRAINING**

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 **three** 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.

# JCFS Caseloads 2007-2008



# Our Volunteers Make A Difference

Special thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers give their time to help others.

## 0-2 Years

Vlasta Amizic  
Benjamin Aziza  
Melanie Baruch  
Aden Benarroch  
Mira Billinkoff  
Daniel Breslauer  
Colleen Brumwell  
Francoise Cadigan  
Niri Carroll  
Hernan Chernitsky  
Maurene Cohen  
Rob Dalgiesh  
Arlene Davis  
Ethyl Dil  
Marlene Duncan-Williams  
Sheldon Earn  
Dalia Gill  
Shannon Ginter  
Meira Gisser  
Michael Goldberg  
Chas Goodridge  
Michelle Homnick  
Dawn Katz  
Matthew Katz  
Danny Kaufman  
Per Ilan Kraut  
Ricardo Krigun  
Nicole Lanchuske  
Rochelle Litman  
Bella Mandelzweig  
Bonnie Marantz  
Galina Meehalchan  
Tali Millo  
Maya Pollock  
Niri Pollock  
Samantha Pollock  
Avi Posen  
Ksenia Prints  
Zachary-Joel Raizman  
Paulina Resnek

Debora Rubin  
Julie Rubinger  
Beverley Russell  
Elena Sakharov  
Celia Sarbit  
Margarita Saverchenko  
Anna Schoichet  
Leonid Schoichet  
Sofia Schoichet  
Stanislav Schoichet  
Tatyana Shilshut  
Baillie Shuster  
Colleen Slater  
Neil Stedman  
Dena Stitz  
Avichai Stoller  
Simone Sucharov-Benarroch  
Fred Switzer  
Mai Weinberg  
Tzafi (Tzipora) Weinberg  
Laura Weinshtenker  
Rene Weinstein  
Linda Zimmerman  
Shira Zipursky

## 2-5 Years

Emilio Allami  
Carole Arenson  
Tali Aziza  
Abraham Baum  
Sharon Berkowitz  
Hy Berman  
Sarah Birt  
Mark Breslauer  
Fayanne Charach  
Saul Cherniack  
Heather Cunningham  
Charley Elazar  
Arkady Faigelman  
Gizela Faigelman  
Alexis Faller

Chantal Gendron  
Morley Globerman  
Carla Goldstein  
Ari Hanson  
Vera Hershfield  
Ksanya Khomenko  
Israel (Soody) Kleiman  
Mitchell Kredentser  
Rena Krongold  
Carina Melamedoff  
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Alexandra Skouratova  
Pablo Szajt  
Maya Thau-Eleff  
Laura Thiessen  
Lois Thiessen  
Barry Weber  
Arlene Wiebe  
Sari Yakubovich

## 5-10 Years

Sheila Altman  
Harvey Appelle  
Sheila Calof  
Avrom Charach  
Barney Charach  
Ruth Charach  
Elias Demissie

Adrian Fine  
Charles Frohlich  
Adam Globerman  
Sara Goorvich  
Bella Iomdina  
Bruce Kettner  
Fern Kettner  
Sofya Paradny  
Claire Peltz  
Karen Richter  
Wayne Sandler  
Avi Saper  
Norman Shore  
Sophie Shulman  
Sybil Steele  
Margot Tass  
Daniel Thau-Eleff  
Sigi Wassermann

## 10-15 Years

Jason Fraser  
Isaac (Ike) Greenfeld  
Sheldon Margolis  
Gerard McDonough  
Frank Steele  
Norman Wolk

## 15-20 Years

Orah (Helen) Kleiman  
Ida Margolis  
Frank White

## 20-25 Years

Mabel Self

## 25-30 Years

Toby Koffman

# Long Time Service Awards

## Five Years of Service

### Harvey Appelle



Five years ago Maurene Cohen, one of our previous Volunteer Managers, spoke with one of her acquaintances explaining that she was searching for drivers. Her friend volunteered the services of her husband for the job. Ever since this momentous day Harvey has been driving our agency van once a week and helping seniors with grocery shopping. During the winter months he volunteers with us and every summer he returns to his job at Sears. Harvey has been a wonderful, reliable assistant to us in helping isolated seniors do their own shopping and continue to live independently.

The work that Harvey does on our behalf is very important in contributing to the quality of life of our elderly clients. Thanks Harvey for your ongoing support.

### Bruce and Fern Kettner



Bruce and Fern have been the welcoming couple who introduced many newcomers from Argentina to our community when new immigrants were arriving from South America five years ago. They opened their hearts and home to many of these families showing them the city and patiently explaining the cultural differences between Canada and their country of origin. They have maintained many of these relationships and gained many new friends with the new families they have met over the years.

### Alex Serebnitski



Alex has been a positive influence as a big brother to a young boy he was matched with five years ago. They have a wonderful relationship and spend time enjoying movies and video games, playing basketball and soccer, as well as ice skating in the winter. Alex, your devotion to your young brother is a special gift that will last a lifetime. Thank you.

### Morris Ostrove



"Mo" has been a wonderful helper, friend and companion to numerous people in our community. For the past five years we have counted on his help to escort seniors to doctor's appointments, the grocery store or picking up and dropping off participants from the *Reaching Out* Drop-In Group. Mo's welcoming smile and friendly attitude are characteristics that make him popular with the people he helps. On many occasions Mo has contacted the family after he brings home a senior from a doctor's appointment to give them the follow-up report. You are a gem Mo and we are very fortunate to have your help and assistance.

## Ten Years of Service

### Marshall Wilder



Marshall has been volunteering with the agency since 1998. He has been working with immigrant newcomers helping seniors practice their English language skills. His participation in the EAL classes every week has been a very valuable and much appreciated contribution to the class. His involvement has been instrumental in helping newcomers feel at home in learning to communicate effectively in their new home in Winnipeg. Thank you for your dedication.

### Avrom Charach



In the mid 80's Avrom visited with the residents of the group home we ran on Templeton - *Chevrah*. Avrom spent time with the youngsters to ensure they had some exposure to Jewish activities. He was also paired with a man with a degenerative disease and would help him with his laundry and personal matters. He was a wonderful help in insuring that an isolated senior received help with grocery shopping. With the arrival of many newcomers Avrom has been instrumental in providing workshops on finance and income tax preparation. Avrom, you have been a *mitzvah angel* in helping us in so many special ways over the years.

## Fifteen Years of Service

### Jason Fraser



15 years ago Jason Fraser started volunteering as an assistant to clients that go on the grocery van. This was a joint project with Lifeworks, formally known as Sturgeon Creek Enterprises. He has been a wonderful help to seniors, who have enjoyed Jason's energetic and enthusiastic approach to grocery shopping. Jason always insures that the women he assists are safe and secure during their shopping outings. Thank you Jason and Gerald (Jason's support worker) for making the weekly shopping trips so enjoyable.

### Ida Margolis



Ida Margolis has conducted her life by giving of herself and *making the world a better place to live* for so many people she has encountered throughout her lifetime. No matter what the weather conditions are, at 96 years of age she never fails to come into the office to arrange the shopping assistance schedule to enable others to go out to buy groceries. We have lost track of the exact number of years she has been a volunteer. Our records show at least 15 years of dedicated service. When asked about volunteering Ida often comments- "I can't think of anything else I'd want to do." Many thanks from all your loyal fans at JCFS!!!

# Thank You

Many thanks to those who so generously donated to our Annual Supporters Campaign

## **Mitzvah \$1000 +**

Earl & Cheryl Barish  
Abraham Baum  
Marjorie & Morley Blankstein  
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Aaron & Rachel Margolis  
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