

## New Program Helps Parents Talk with Teens

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Adolescents face difficult situations and choices sooner than we might hope - and at much younger ages than their parents did. Discussing sexuality, relationships, interpersonal abuse and drug or alcohol use can be awkward and difficult. Initiating these conversations is often embarrassing for parents who may have struggled with these issues in their own youth.

Even so, having tough conversations with teens is an essential task of being a good parent. We are living in complex and often frightening times. In the years when pre-teens and teenagers are forming their own identities, more than a few are burdened with challenges that overwhelm their capacities to make sound, healthy and responsible decisions. But many parents lack the skills and information to open necessary dialog with their children.

The acquisition of "midot" (positive character traits) is central to helping our young people become good citizens and family members. Teachers and parents must form a vital link to help teens and pre-teens develop a stable base for entrance into the adult world. The concept of "menshkeit" transcends levels of observance for Jews. In the *Pirke Avot*

(Ethics of the Fathers), the importance of mastering these skills on the way to becoming an adult is key to being a person who is a "master of their passions." The process of character development is inter-generational and, as with religious practice, parents have both an obligation and a vested interest in introducing certain values and practices to their children. The phrase "Idor v'dor" (from generation to generation) refers to the transmission of Jewish history and heritage to our children and grandchildren.

adults the skills and support they need to increase their comfort level when discussing sensitive issues with their children. While each session of Six Critical Conversations is designed to stand alone, parents will be encouraged to attend as many sessions as they believe will be useful to them.

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With the generous support of the Jewish Community Foundation and the Helen Bader Foundation, JFS has developed a new program to address these issues. **Talking to Your Teen: Six Critical Conversations** is scheduled to start in the Fall of 2005. The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the youth groups of Congregation Shalom have agreed to partner with JFS in this effort.

The goal of each session is to support parent-teen communications by providing

JFS has increasingly designed programs that are public health interventions and primary prevention programs. Because young people are facing issues with the potential for causing very real physical and mental health harm, this program to facilitate improved communication about those issues between family members is clearly within the JFS mission.

Look for more information on scheduled topics and dates in August on the JFS web site [www.jfsmilw.org](http://www.jfsmilw.org).



## A Message from the President



*Phyllis Brenowitz  
President,  
Jewish Family  
Services Board  
of Directors*

### Mission

*The Mission of Jewish Family Services is to provide supportive services that will strengthen families, children and individuals throughout the life cycle within the context of their unique needs and traditions.*

### Vision

*Jewish Family Services will be the recognized resource for high quality services that enhance the lives of all we serve. We will enable our clients to adapt to change, reach their maximum potential and lead fulfilled lives. We will always be guided by our Jewish values of compassion, kindness and righteousness.*

**O**n June 6, the Jewish Family Services Board of Directors approved the 2005-2006 budget for the new fiscal year which began on July 1. Developing a balanced budget is always a challenge and this year was no different. There are five major sources of income for the agency: the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee, the Milwaukee County Family Care Program, JFS endowments and general and designated fund-raising through the Friends campaign.

The Executive Committee reviewed options to bring the budget in line with anticipated revenues. Some of the choices were difficult, but I am very pleased to report that we were successful in developing a realistic budget that maintains Jewish Family Services' commitment to providing the highest quality services to all its clients.

#### Some highlights of the budget include:

- Full funding for the Keshet program, maintaining our ongoing commitment to the program. We expect to expand the number of slots slightly to serve more children with less intensive needs. Keshet is celebrating its 10th year during the 2005-2006 school year and continues to be a vibrant program for the Jewish community.
- Funds for the implementation of several initiatives under the CHAI program to prevent domestic violence and interpersonal abuse. Targeted to children in pre-school and elementary school, The MOVE

(Men Opposing Violence Early) reading program will begin in the fall in three area schools: the Mequon Pre-School, both campuses of the Jewish Community Center and the Milwaukee College Preparatory School. MOVE uses volunteers to read stories and interact with the children, teaching concepts to help them manage strong feelings and solve problems constructively. The budget also funds the series of six sessions to help parents engage in critical conversations with their children on matters such as violence, relationship abuse in dating and other sensitive areas. A CHAI conference is being planned for March 6 on the UWM campus in partnership with other community-based nonprofit agencies.

- A conference on mental health issues on March 26, 2006 will be funded by a grant from the Helen Bader Foundation through the Jewish Community Mental Health Project. The conference will involve more than twenty Jewish agencies, schools and synagogues. It will address a range of topics including Jewish perspectives on mental health, normal versus problematic aging, emotional difficulties with children and living with stigma.

- We are fully implementing our Jewish Adoption program which began in 2004-2005. We expect to have a staff person licensed to conduct home visits to provide additional assistance through our adoption program.

- Our services to refugees, older adults and those with special needs will continue.

We expect to continue to service more than 400 frail elderly immigrants each quarter with medical translations, case management, food stamps and medical assistance certification. In addition, we expect to serve 370 Family Care clients each month. The second year of a five-year plan to upgrade Habush House will be implemented.

- Special events planned for the year include Masterpiece of Style and Speed, a classic car show on August 28 at the lakefront's Veterans Park, From Israel With Love, a fund-raising event on December 3-4 featuring the work of 15 to 20 Israeli artists, and a celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Keshet program in March 29, 2006 with an auction to raise funds for JFS' Exceptional Needs programs.

The budget reflects a set of ambitious goals for fund-raising in the coming year. Our goals include \$500,000 for Keshet and increasing our Friends membership by 20 percent. To accomplish this, the Development Office is planning several new initiatives. The new Friends Membercard will entitle holders to substantial savings at local restaurants, shops and various entertainment facilities. More on the Membercard information is provided in this edition of Family Issues.

I know that the Board members, staff and donors will rise to the challenge of sustaining Jewish Family Services' long and rich history of caring and compassionate services to those in our community who are most vulnerable. ●

# High Flying Celebration Hits New Heights

**O**ur High Flying Celebration honoring Louise Abrahams Yaffe and her son, Jim Abrahams, made a triumphant take-off on June 15 with an elegant dinner at the Pfister Hotel. The evening included tributes to Louise and Jim from friends and family for their long-standing commitment to philanthropy and volunteerism. More than 400 people attended, making the dinner the largest and most successful fund-raising event in the history of Jewish Family Services.



◀ L to R Gerry Biller, Louise Abrahams Yaffe, Amy Biller Daniels. Gerry and Amy were co-chairs of the event.

▼ Jim Abrahams and his sister, Jane Butenhoff.



The following evening, 800 hundred people gathered for the screening of the movie *Airplane!* at the Pabst Theatre. The celebration of the classic comedy's 25th anniversary included a costume contest featuring characters from the movie. Judges were co-producers, writers and directors of the movie: Jim Abrahams, Jerry and David Zucker, and star of the film, Robert Hays.



◀ Robert Hays who played Striker in the movie, Louise and Jerry Zucker.

The two-day event was an unqualified success, raising more than \$125,000 to support JFS programs. All proceeds will go to the Abrahams Ogens Endowment Fund supporting services for older adults and children and adults with exceptional needs.



Mayor Tom Barrett Speaks

▶ Louise and Jim Abrahams greet Paul Melrood outside the Pabst at the screening of the movie.



Our heartfelt thanks to our corporate sponsors, Event Committee members and JFS volunteers for their generosity and hard work in making this event possible. We couldn't have done it without you! ●



▶ Judging the costume contest, L to R Gerry, Amy, Jerry Zucker (behind), Jim, David Zucker and Hays.

## One child is the whole world

**T**he Jerusalem Talmud teaches “If you save one life, you save the world.” Rivkie Spalter, director of Mequon Jewish Preschool, paraphrases when talking about children supported by the Keshet Program of Jewish Family Services.

“One child is the world,” she says. “The numbers aren’t the thing; it’s the one child.”

The Mequon Jewish Preschool turns to Keshet for help in supporting children with special needs. Spalter also feels strongly about the value of early intervention, and Keshet teachers help modify activities, curriculum and practices to meet the highly individual requirements of preschoolers who have special needs.

*“Keshet is the program that works with all the different schools - and how beautiful for Keshet to accomplish this.”*

*- Rivkie Spalter, Mequon Jewish Preschool*

“Some parents don’t realize that their child has different needs when they approach a preschool. Others don’t realize that we love to have these children. We would love to have more; when we have a child with special needs all the children benefit,” Spalter says. “Acceptance, inclusion and nurturing become second nature, and those attitudes last a lifetime.”

Devorah Shmotkin, director of the Children’s Lubavitch

Living and Learning Center and Hillel Academy, describes Keshet as bringing best practices in education for children with special needs together with basic Jewish fundamentals of loving every individual for who they are. The two schools are committed to “the inclusion platform” which advocates for each child, bringing their unique personality to the natural classroom setting, thus deepening the children’s appreciation of each other.

“One is never too young to be part of an inclusion program. At the preschool level, it becomes a way of life,” Shmotkin says.

She calls Keshet a vital piece in keeping not only the children who have special needs, but also their families, involved with Jewish education and maintaining Jewish communal identity. Shmotkin notes that Keshet’s involvement with all of the schools helps parents see the various avenues open to their children and provides important continuity in supportive programming as children transition from preschool into elementary and middle school.

### Academic and social support services

“Keshet is an amazing program that services the child, our school and our community, and helps the child function in our school society,” says Rabbi

Eliezer Speiser, principal of Yeshiva Elementary School (YES).

*“Any child who has been touched by Keshet has been given a breath of life.”*

*- Rabbi Eliezer Speiser, Yeshiva Elementary School*

At YES, Keshet supports children whose challenges range from mild cognitive delays to Down Syndrome. While some students learn in the Keshet classroom, others are integrated into regular classes with support from Keshet assistants and resource teachers. Rabbi Speiser recognizes that without Keshet’s expertise, YES staff would not have the knowledge needed to create the differentiation in

*“There’s not one Keshet child. That’s the beauty and strength of Keshet. It looks at each child and develops a program specific to that child. If we have six Keshet-supported students, we have six programs.”*

*- Marge Meyers, Milwaukee Jewish Day School*

curriculum that is necessary to meet the needs of Keshet-supported children. Teachers at

YES are willing to do whatever it takes to adapt to the needs of a child; Keshet and YES staffs team almost seamlessly.

Rabbi Speiser adds, "If there are going to be children who need Keshet, I'm glad they're here. It makes the school a better place not just for the Keshet students but for the school. Everyone appreciates it, responds to it and grows from it."

Marge Meyers, co-director of the Milwaukee Jewish Day School and General Studies Principal, taught at MJDS before becoming director. Early each year, she introduced her students to the concept of "multiple intelligence." One student may be good at math, another good at art and another good at singing. Every person has a strength. Students receiving Keshet support are treated in the same way.

At MJDS, Keshet assistants provide ongoing classroom support for some students. In addition, a Keshet Resource Room on the Jewish Education campus, staffed by a full-time Keshet teacher, provides customized teaching, testing and behavioral support for the various schools located there.

"MJDS teachers meet with Keshet teachers every week to adjust, modify and refine how

*"It is very important than when families look for help, Keshet helps the child and the family feel part of the Jewish community."*

*- Devorah Shmotkin,  
Children's Lubavitch Living  
and Learning Center*

we can best serve these students," says Meyers. "We're fortunate that as a private school, we have our MJDS Resource teachers and Keshet support. We can say "yes" and Keshet is here to help us."

Speiser, Spalter, Meyers and Shmotkin share the commitment that their schools be places for all children to feel comfortable getting a Jewish education. There are no "Keshet children" at any of these schools. They are all "our students." ●

## Corrections

The following donor names were inadvertently omitted from the list issue's list of donors:

Mr. & Mrs. Oleg Klebanov

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Siegel

We regret the error.

## Remember to save the date!

Please plan to join us for

# From Israel With Love

## Art Show and Sale

featuring the work of 15 Israeli artists

On December 3, 2005, have dinner with one of the artists in the home of your friends and neighbors who are benefactors of Jewish Family Services. Then gather at a Reception to meet the artists and preview their work. The show and sale the following day will be open to the general public. Chanukkah is coming and this will be a perfect opportunity to get some shopping done!

For more information and to get your name on the mailing list, please contact Brandi Kofler at 225-1302 or send an e-mail to Sarah Drilias at sdrilias@jfsmilw.org.

Watch for more information on our website, [www.jfsmilw.org](http://www.jfsmilw.org)

## WishLIST

JFS programs make important use of in-kind donations. We are currently in need of these items for our clients:

### Habush House

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Working DVD player or VCR | 3 Card tables and chairs sets  |
| 4 Couches                   | 4 Bookcases                    |
| 4 Recliners                 | 10 Photo albums                |
| 1 Portable sewing machine   | 20 Folding or stackable chairs |
| 1 Musical keyboard          |                                |

### Golda Meir House

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| 1 Working phonograph | 2 Working computers w/monitors & keyboards |
| 1 Working color TV   |  |

### Family Care

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| Microwaves with sensor buttons (shut off automatically after food is cooked) | 4 New window air conditioners |
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## Programs funded by new grants

**J**FS submits grant requests on a regular basis to obtain critical program funding for programs and services. We are pleased to announce these new grant awards.

### United Way of Greater Milwaukee \$100,000

In partnership with Lutheran Social Services, JFS will launch an employment preparation program for Somali Bantu and Liberian refugees. Realizing the American Dream: Culturally Competent Employment Preparation for Milwaukee's Pre-Literate African Refugees will provide job readiness training, literacy services and job placement. JFS will work with prospective employers to help them understand cultural and linguistic differences of the refugees.

### Jewish Community Foundation \$ 4,327

This grant will support the planning phase of our new Talking to Your Teen: Six Critical Conversations. The program was developed through JFS' CHAI Program, a set of services that give people of all ages the skills necessary to prevent interpersonal violence or abuse.

### The Helen Bader Foundation \$20,000

This grant will support the two-year operating costs of Talking to Your Teens: Six Critical Conversations. In year one, JFS will present six distinct sessions on parent/teen communication. Sessions will focus on parental anxiety about discussing sensitive issues with their children, and then on specific issues such as sexuality, relationship abuse, drugs, alcohol and tobacco, interpersonal and dating violence and helping children make a successful transition from home to an independent environment. For two sessions, JFS will invite nationally recognized experts in parent/child communications.

### Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany \$60,000

### International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims \$13,600

These grants will help provide essential social services to elderly Jewish victims of Nazi persecution. Services may include case management and expansion of in-home assistance.

### Steinhafels In-Kind Gift

Habush House received new furniture for its common areas thanks to the generosity of Steinhafels. A sofa and armchair were donated.

## Pennsylvania women warm Milwaukee hearts

**L**ast winter Jennifer Chambers was telling her mother back in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, about the kinds of people she cares for as a Family Care case manager at JFS.

"I shared with my mom that I had purchased a \$5 fleecy blanket for a client. When I gave it to the man, he was so excited to finally have a blanket for his bed," Jennifer recalls.

Jennifer's mother, Sharon Gelz, told the story to her friend Judy. Judy told her mother, an elderly woman who loves to crochet. Before long, Jennifer received a box of beautifully crocheted lap blankets that Sharon had gathered from her friends and shipped to JFS. Sharon, an elementary school teacher, began knitting afghans. Jennifer's grandmother started crocheting little hand towels. Another box arrived at JFS. And another. Family Care staff has given out about a dozen hand-made items so far.

Dena, a JFS nurse, brought a gorgeous purple, blue and pink heather lap blanket to an amputee who has no family and no visitors. The woman said she had never owned anything so beautiful in her life; she couldn't believe that it was hers to keep.

"It was like you gave her a Rolex," Jennifer says.

She notes that while her mother and the other Pennsylvania ladies are active in their churches and support their local charities, the women feel specially good about the person-to-person connection through JFS.

*"It's amazing how easy it is to make a big difference, especially for people who need so little to feel better."*

*— Jennifer Chambers, Case Manager*

JFS' Family Care department contracts with Milwaukee County to help keep low-income elderly safe and independent in their homes. The staff of case managers, nurses, administrators and supervisors assess client needs and coordinate home care, transportation, cleaning and other supportive services, adult day care, meals, and arrange for adaptive and diabetic equipment.

"Something tangible like a blanket is something people can make and it's more powerful than you would think," says Jennifer. ●

# Life is full of surprises

*"I would love to see the hardware store where I grew up one more time," remarked Teresa Hirschbein to her friends Susie Lubar and Gladys Shukur.*

The plan was born. For Teresa's 94th birthday, Susie and Gladys told her they were all going shopping. On the appointed day, they got in the car and headed off. Before long, Teresa realized they had passed Racine and Kenosha. She had thought they were going to Bayshore. A while longer and Teresa recognized Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago. Susie and Gladys told her that they had a certain store in mind for her birthday shopping, but needed to stop at a hardware store first to get something for a bothersome woodpecker.

Teresa did not give it a thought. They got out of the car.

95th Street, formerly Sommers Hardware. Although in many ways it looked different, it smelled exactly the same.

It was the happiest birthday surprise.

## Not all surprises are joyful

Teresa fully realizes that as she has birthdays, health issues are inevitable. She has difficulty hearing; she has learned to read lips. She has had hip surgery and uses a walker. Teresa has vertigo, diabetes and macular degeneration. Even so, that she needed help to continue living on her own came as something of a surprise.

*"I still feel guilty having help.  
I'm getting used to it little by little."*

"You know, I love the smell of a hardware store," Theresa said, reminiscing. After a few minutes, she commented: "Something looks familiar."

She asked the store owner, a Mr. Janson, where the bathroom was located...where he cuts glass and fixes screens...about the display window and the tin ceiling. Slowly, it began to dawn on her. They stepped back outside and saw an old metal Hardware sign hanging on the building. Finally, Teresa Sommers Hirschbein was convinced. This was indeed the store: 1765 W.

LinkAges Coordinator Barbara Friedlander, MSW, assessed Teresa's needs and arranged weekly assistance. A Home Care aide helps keep the apartment spotless, cleaning areas that Teresa cannot reach due to her vertigo. Occasionally, the aide runs errands or lends a hand with a special chore.

"I've always loved to clean. I like to do things myself," says Teresa. "I still feel guilty having help. I'm getting used to it little by little."

Barbara talks with Teresa regularly - and she really



*Barbara Friedlander and Teresa Hirschbein have formed a bond built on trust and caring.*

listens. She heard Teresa mention increasing difficulty reading, even with her glasses. Barbara went with Teresa to the Badger Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Wauwatosa. The organization is a leader in assisting persons with macular degeneration. Sure enough, after trying various devices and techniques, Teresa found a particular lamp that enables her to read comfortably. She was also shown a special fluorescent glue that when put on oven controls and other small-print objects, allows her to see what she needs to touch.

"Barbara is very caring. I can talk very freely with her about my deepest feelings and concerns," Teresa says.

With Teresa's family out of town, it is nice to have someone caring to talk to - someone who listens actively and knows how to help.

JFS Older Adult Services provides geriatric needs assessment, coordination of services and ongoing monitoring through our LinkAges program. For more information about LinkAges, call JFS at (414) 390-5800. ●

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## Nicolet grad credits Keshet

**E**ighteen-year-old Jason Cohen is breezing right through The DaVinci Code - 50 pages at a time. He recently finished reading 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. Jason has learning disabilities, auditory processing difficulties and attention deficit disorder (ADD). But you would never know it talking with him. He just graduated from Nicolet High School and he was on the Dean's List consistently through his four years there.

"This is from my child who had at one time needed a tutor to read one page of English," says his mother with pride. She also remembers the first paper that Jason wrote in Hebrew; the whole page was written backwards.

The story of Jason's success is the story of Keshet - in more ways than one.

**One family's impact on an entire community**

When Judi and David Cohen

and their young son moved to Milwaukee from northern Illinois, none of the Jewish preschools would accept him. He had special needs. The preschools had no support programs for children with special needs; neither did Milwaukee's Jewish day schools.

"Where is it written in the Torah that a child with special needs doesn't deserve a Jewish education?" David asked at the time in frustration.

There was a Keshet program in Chicago. Taking the bull by the horns, David and Judi decided the time had come to bring Keshet to Milwaukee. Together with educator Shabse Werther and a small group of parents whose children also had special needs, the Cohens became advocates of Jewish education for all children. Unlike the Chicago Keshet program with its totally self-contained classes, the Milwaukee group set out to create a school without walls - a support program that would enable integration of children with special needs into regular

preschool and day school classes to the greatest extent possible.

The Cohens invested hundreds of hours in research, community meetings and advocacy sessions with rabbis and school administrators. They invested their own money, and led fund raising efforts to engage support from friends, friends of friends, and community leaders. Private funds and a grant from the Helen Bader Foundation breathed life into Milwaukee's Keshet program.

The rabbis and staff of Hillel agreed to enroll Jason with Keshet support. Special education staff was hired by Keshet. Yeshiva Elementary School, Mequon Jewish Preschool, the Jewish Community Center, Milwaukee Jewish Day School, one by one, began to integrate special needs students into their schools with Keshet support services. Rabbis Michel Twersky, Ronald Shapiro and Lee Buckman became advocates at their respective

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### My Keshet Experiences That Changed My Life

By Jason Cohen

I am so glad that Keshet was formed. It has helped me so much in life. I would never have gotten this far without its help. I started out being dyslexic. They had to get me to read correctly at any cost so I could go further in life. They worked with me so hard that they finally got me to read correctly. I have Mrs. Krol to thank for the way I am reading today.

My favorite teacher was Shabse Werther. He helped me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah. As a reward we went to places of my choosing on Fridays. We

went to the Domes one time and that was a great place to go. I learned a lot that day.

I have so many people to thank I can't possibly name them all. But thank you for all you have taught me and I will be using it in the future in my work and more. I also have to thank my dad and mom for forming Keshet and giving special needs kids a chance in this complicated world. Sky is the limit for them now. I cannot wait to see what they do next and whose life they improve at all costs.

synagogues and Keshet support was added to Sunday School programs. The program has more than doubled as a program of Jewish Family Services.

### **Changing lives, one child at a time**

For Jason, being accepted into Hillel was life changing. The small classes at Hillel were perfect. Each morning he worked with Keshet teachers and aides concentrating on reading and English, and learning to daven morning prayers. With Keshet support, Jason was able to join his classmates for the afternoon curriculum. Aides helped him move from class to class, manage the work and stay on task. He was part of the class, the school and the Jewish community. By eighth grade, Jason loved to read, managed his ADD without medication, and had the school day under control. Thanks to the loving tutelage of Shabse Werther, Jason became a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Israel.

High school would be a new challenge. One would think that moving from an eighth grade class of four to a freshman class of more than 360 would be overwhelming.

“I knew I was going to be fine,” says Jason.

Despite his confidence, Jason did encounter some problems. Bullying reared its ugly head. A number of students took it upon themselves to make Jason's life miserable. Always their son's advocate, the Cohens worked with the

school district on anti-bullying measures. They helped Nicolet staff develop a system to support Jason and others who were being targeted.

Academically, Jason did beautifully at Nicolet. David relates the school's support staff was excellent. Jason had access to assistance during study halls, and often used that time to take untimed practice tests prior to actual exams. His high school course work included college prep chemistry, English literature and Economics. Although Interactive Graphics classes were his favorites, Jason is proudest to have mastered Algebra I and II.

Judi recalls how hard Jason worked. “Math was such a bear for him. His first two years at Nicolet he took basic life skills math. Taking Algebra was such an accomplishment. And he got an A-!”

Graduation day was emotional for Jason's family; his grandmother cried for all of them.

This summer, Jason has a construction job and a pile of political books to read. He worked with a tutor and scored well enough on the ACT to attend Lincoln College in Illinois this fall. Jason is excited about moving into the dorm, joining the swim team and diving into his liberal arts classes. What is his goal?

“Finding out where I can be most effective,” he says.

Jason is right in his essay. The sky is the limit. ●

## **An Hour Goes A Long Way**

Thinking about joining our dedicated volunteers? Call Melanie Hersch, Volunteer Services Director at (414) 225-1390 or e-mail mhersch@jfsmilw.org to inquire about any of the following opportunities or to discuss your talents and time to give.

### **Case Aides**

Want the satisfaction of lessening the isolation of an older adult? This ongoing opportunity assists our professional staff in enhancing the quality of life for lonely older individuals in the Greater Milwaukee area. Visit someone in their home, assist them on a medical appointment or take them shopping. The time commitment varies, but usually requires a minimum of one or two visits a month.

### **Breakfast Club**

Share your time at the weekly meetings of this group of adults with mental illness.

Led by JFS professional staff, join this program and share in conversation about sports, movies, current events and more. Meetings are held every Friday at 11 a.m. at the Brady Street Pharmacy. Other activities include day trips and special events. Time commitment is approximately one hour a week. Volunteers must be able to tolerate cigarette smoke.

### **Art & Crafts Class Leader**

Are you creative? Share your inspiration and talent with enthusiastic seniors. Golda Meir House needs a leader for an Art & Crafts Class once or twice a month for an hour. Located on the lower East Side, Golda Meir House provides independent living to low income people over the age of

62. Time commitment is approximately one to two hours a month.

### **Occasional Driver/Home Visitor Team Member**

Join our team of drivers and home visitors who assist our clients. You may be called upon to provide extra support to an individual with an immediate need to get to a medical appointment, or someone who has become temporarily housebound. Choose the times that you are available and we will call you as these needs arise.

### **Mitzvah Opportunities/Group Volunteer Events**

JFS is always available to work with your group on planning volunteer opportunities for youth, families and organizations. Call to arrange your own mini-food drive, holiday food delivery to seniors or other group project with our older adults and special needs clients. Share the feeling you get from giving back to your community.

### **Masterpiece Style and Speed Showcase Sunday August 28, 2005**

Be a part of this new event on Milwaukee's lakefront. The day will include seminars and activities for the entire family. Volunteers ages 14 and up are needed the day of the event to help sell tickets, coordinate the children's activities, provide security, assist with clean-up and other jobs. The Wisconsin Region of the Classic Car Club of America, Inc. is teaming up with Jewish Family Services to provide a day of outstanding cars and family fun. Please call/e-mail for further volunteer details. ●



## The wheels are in motion for **The Masterpiece - Style & Speed Showcase.**

Jewish Family Services has been chosen by the Wisconsin Region of the Classic Car Club of America (WIR) to be the non-profit beneficiary of a share of the proceeds from this 'Concours-style' automotive celebration.



# Vintage Cars Roll In for JFS

**The Masterpiece - Style & Speed Showcase** will feature rare and fine cars from the beginning of the automotive age to 1973. Leon Flagg, WIR Board Manager and Masterpiece Chairman said "The Masterpiece is a spectacular automotive event the likes of which Milwaukee hasn't seen in years. The WIR is proud to make this exciting event possible and pleased that Jewish Family Services and the community will benefit from it."



## Veteran's Park, Milwaukee's Lakefront August 28th 10:00am - 4:00pm

Admission \$10 - Children 12 and under FREE with an adult

### Exciting examples of the Stars of the Show:

**1902 Oldsmobile Model R Curved Dash** - First model produced on an assembly line.

**1921 Daniels Roadster** - World's only surviving model.

**1927 Bugatti Type 44 Sport Phaeton Lavocat & Marsaud** - Pebble Beach Winner.

**1927 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Torpedo Touring Barker**

**1937 Rolls Royce PIII Aero Coupe** - Pebble Beach Winner.

**1929 Bentley Speed Six**

**1931 Cadillac V-16 Collapsible Cabriolet Fleetwood** - Pebble Beach Winner. Few exist today. Est. \$500,000 - 750,000.

**1934 Packard 12 Dietrich Convertible Victoria** - Only three built. Est. \$750,000 - \$1 million.

**1936 Chrysler Imperial Airflow Coupe** - Only 242 built. Perhaps five exist today.

**1952 Jaguar C-type** - Two time Pebble Beach Veteran. Phil Hill (first American to win a Formula 1 race) drove this to victory every time. Est. \$3-4 Million.

**1941 Packard 8 Darrin Sport Sedan** - Only one EVER built.

**1956 Continental Mark II** - Cranbrook Winner. One of only 16 with specially ordered FUR carpet, leather upholstery and finish.

**1964 Aston Martin DB5** - The "James Bond" model.

**1939 Alvis Speed 25 SC Saloon** - Built for the Director of the Cunard Steamship Line and Scotland's richest man. Only 141 built.

**1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible** - Original--never redone.

**1909 Ford T Touring** - First year of Model T production.

**1967 Iso Grifo** - Pebble Beach Veteran.

**1970 Plymouth Road Runner Superbird**

**1933 Ford V-8 2-Man Racer** - First Flathead to win the Indy 500.

**1940 Packard 8 Darrin Convertible Victoria** - Once owned by Gene Krupa, famous Big Band drummer.

The Wisconsin Region Classic Car Club of America, Inc. (WIR) was founded by a small group of Milwaukee, area car enthusiasts in 1968.

The purpose of WIR is to further the restoration and preservation of Full Classic™ motor cars produced from 1925 to 1948, to provide communication for those interested in such cars, and to bring together in good fellowship all who own or admire these cars.

Today, the WIR has members in three states and is the regional division of the National Classic Car Club of America, which is 5000 members strong.

### Other attractions during the day include:

**Expert Seminar Series** - John Davis, host of the national show Motorweek, will host one of several seminars offered by area automotive experts and enthusiasts.

**Marketplace** - Automotive and non-automotive related products, artwork, collectibles and more.

**Food Court** - Once you've drooled over the "heavy metal," nosh at one of the on-site restaurants.

**Children's Area** - face painting, kite building, antique fire trucks and fire safety games, and a scavenger hunt for prizes. Kids can vote for their favorite car in the Kid's Choice Award, to be presented to the winning exhibitor that afternoon.

# What's for dinner?

**M**acular degeneration has stolen Marion Madalia's independence. A year ago, she lost the use of her right eye; she struggles now to see with her left one. She no longer drives, she is not able to volunteer the way she used to - and she cannot cook safely anymore.

"I always loved to cook. I used to collect 12 people for Shabbat dinner on Friday nights," she remembers fondly.

Those Shabbat dinners were always Kosher.

Marion grew up keeping Kosher. She and her late husband, Howard, always maintained a Kosher home. Now at age 83, she is relieved to have help in continuing her Kosher tradition from the Kosher Mobile Meals program.

Twice a week, meals cooked in the Kosher kitchen of the Jewish Home and Care Center are delivered to Marion and about 50 other program participants. Meals used to be delivered daily, but rising gasoline prices have forced the program to freeze meals and deliver twice each week.

Still, the meals are delicious. Marion receives menus from JFS every two weeks and chooses from meat or dairy meals that feature everything from chicken and brisket to fish and blintzes. Special holiday meals are always a welcome addition. Marion's nephew lives with her and is a tremendous help. The heat-and-serve meals ensure that Marion has a good meal even when her nephew is not able to cook for them.

*"Thank G-d for the Kosher Mobile Meals." — Marion Madalia*

"I'm always happy with what I get. The food is especially good - excellent!" Marion exclaims. "Thank G-d for Kosher Mobile Meals."

## Eligibility

When she was a patient at Columbia Hospital, Marion first learned about the Kosher Mobile Meals program. JFS Intake Coordinator Beth Shapiro works closely with area hospitals to arrange Kosher meals for inpatients and continuing service upon discharge.

"The program is open to anyone in the greater Milwaukee area," says Beth. "We serve people who have always kept Kosher and those who simply prefer Kosher food. We have also provided Kosher meals for Muslim individuals."

Beth explains that most participants in the Kosher Mobile Meals program pay for their meals. Even so, rising costs are an ongoing challenge for the program. Subsidies are offered, based on individual need.

Sometimes that need arises in unexpected places. A while back, Beth received a call from a women's shelter. An out-of-state woman with three children had found safe haven there. The family kept Kosher and the shelter turned to JFS for assistance.

Kosher Mobile Meals are a combined effort of the JFS LinkAges program, Aurora Health Care, Jewish Chaplaincy Program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Jewish Home and Care Center, Visiting Nurse Association and Va'ad Hakashrus. For more information, call Beth Shapiro at (414) 390-5800. ●



*The same driver delivers Marion's meals twice a week, providing an added sense of security and camaraderie.*

## A Joyous Explosion of COLOR



If you have made a very recent donation to JFS' Keshet program, you may have received one of our new Keshet Note Cards thanking you for your gift.

These charming cards are based on the artwork of four Keshet students at Yeshiva Elementary School. They are, in the words of one recent donor, "a joyous explosion of color."

JFS is pleased to announce that new this September, you may request a sets of 12 blank note cards with envelopes for a \$25 donation per set. There are four different cards in each set. Use these one-of-a-kind cards yourself for personal correspondence - or give as a gift.

Please use this donation form. All donations will go to support the Keshet program.

**Yes**, please send me \_\_\_\_ set(s) of Keshet Cards.

My donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Mail to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city, state, zip code)

**(Use the enclosed Keshet envelope)**



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# New MemberCard Benefits for JFS Friends

**M**embership in the Friends of Jewish Family Services now brings more than the reward of knowing that you're a partner in providing vital social services to our community. For the first time, members who subscribe at the \$72 level or above will receive the new **JFS MemberCard**.

The MemberCard entitles you to two-for-one entrées at a host of fine restaurants in the Milwaukee area. You can dine on fish or steak at the Anchorage Restaurant, Italian cuisine at Café Vecchio Mondo, and traditional favorites at La Fuente, City Market and Watts Tea Shop. These are just a few of more than a hundred restaurants in Wisconsin accepting the JFS MemberCard.

Your MemberCard also entitles you to savings at participating restaurants nationwide and in Canada.

Dinners are two-for-one, with the least expensive entrée deducted from your bill when you present your MemberCard. You may use the MemberCard once at each participating establishment. New restaurants are being recruited to the program all the time, so the roster is always changing.

Becoming a Friend of JFS pays for itself! After only four or five uses, your MemberCard will save you the cost of your Friends membership. The MemberCard is good for one year after you become a Friend of JFS.

Jewish Family Services has enjoyed the support of more than 700 Friends in the past. Their generous support has enabled JFS to provide services to more than 2,000 people each year. Most were over the age of 70, and more than 75 percent are living at or below the poverty line. JFS continues



to provide much-needed services to adults and children with exceptional needs and families in crisis. Without the sustaining support of our Friends, none of this would be possible.

We hope that this exciting new MemberCard will attract many new Friends this year. It is another way to thank our long-standing Friends with a valuable new benefit. Be among the first cardholders - send your Friends membership contribution today. Know that you're an integral part of providing compassionate and caring services to the most vulnerable among us. And enjoy the benefits of membership when you dine out at some of this area's finest establishments. ●