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## *Nevas' to be Honored at Fall Gala*

The Women's Auxiliary 2009 Fall Gala will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009. Chair Andrea Gottschall and a dedicated committee have been working on the upcoming Gala for months planning an incredible evening of tribute and entertainment. This year we are thrilled to have an evening of community celebration honoring the leadership and dedication of the Honorable Alan and Mrs. Janet Nevas. Our featured guest speaker will be Judge José Cabranes, mentor to recently confirmed Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and friend of the honorees.

The evening will also include bestowing posthumously the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service to Dr. William Grayson Covey, the beloved Medical Director of The Jewish Home from 2005 to the time of his unexpected death in May, 2009.

"This year's Gala will truly be an outstanding event on many levels," said Andrea Gottschall, of Trumbull, Chair of the event. "Honoring Alan and Janet, remembering Dr. Covey, and hearing Judge Cabranes speak will all combine to make this a very memorable night."

The Gala will be held at The Water's Edge in Darien. The committee has been organizing a fabulous auction and arranging a commemorative ad journal. "This is our most important fundraiser," explained Lydia Gerard, Women's Auxiliary President. "The support of the Women's Auxiliary makes an enormous difference in the programs offered to the residents at The Jewish Home. It is so important for the community to support the Gala." Funds from past events have been directed toward The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, the Osteoarthritis Program of Excellence, the pet therapy program and the music enrichment program. The Women's Auxiliary has raised over \$4 million for the Home over the past 40 years.



*The Honorable Alan and Mrs. Janet Nevas*



*Lydia Gerard, Women's Auxiliary President and Andrea Gottschall, Fall Gala Chair*

Judge Nevas, a Stamford native and resident of Westport since 1954, began the practice of law after service in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Judge Nevas practiced at the firm of Nevas & Nevas until 1981 when he was appointed U.S. Attorney for Connecticut by President Ronald Reagan. In 1985, President Reagan appointed him as a U.S. District Judge. While United States Attorney, he served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys. Judge Nevas was an Associate Partner with the firm of Nevas, Nevas and Rubin, a member of the Connecticut General Assembly, and a member of the State Elections Commission. Judge Nevas is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Connecticut Bar Association and as Chairman of its Legislative Liaison Committee. He is a past President of the Federal Judges Association.

Judge Nevas joined The Jewish Home Board of Directors in 1979, served until 1982 then rejoined in 1999. During those years, Judge Nevas served in many key committee positions including on both the Executive and Admissions Committees. In addition, he has served as Secretary of the Board. Currently Judge Nevas is on the Executive Committee and is Chairperson of the Board Development Committee.

Janet Nevas' career with the Hall-Brooke Foundation, Westport, began in 1982 as their Director of Volunteer Services and continued through the 1990's as the Director of Community Relations. Prior to her work with

Hall-Brooke, Janet volunteered with Bridgeport's YWCA Shelter Services for Abused Women. Her additional community activities include leadership positions with the National Council of Jewish Women, Westport Chapter, Temple Israel, Westport, and the Women's Division of United Jewish Appeal Federation of Westport, Weston, Wilton, Norwalk. Janet has served on the Advisory Boards of public radio station WSHU and the Norwalk Superior Court System Community Service Outreach Program.

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## *The Jewish Home Care Agency Brings Our Best to Your Home*

The Jewish Home Care Agency is the latest addition to our continuum of care. This licensed medical home care agency will be able to provide nurses, social workers, certified nursing assistants, physical, occupational and speech therapists in peoples' own homes. These dedicated professionals will come to the client at mutually convenient hours to address medical, psychosocial and personal needs to assure maximum level of functioning.

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five years ago," said Debbie Wesley, Director of The Jewish Home Care Agency. "Being able to serve at the next level of care is a wonderful opportunity to support individuals in the community."

The Jewish Home Care Agency will accept Medicare and other forms of insurance for the services provided. If you know anyone who would benefit from licensed home care in the comfort of their own home, please call (203) 396-1240 for more information or email [dwesley@jhe.org](mailto:dwesley@jhe.org).

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## From the Chairpersons of the Boards



**Milton J. Schubin**  
The Jewish Home



**Dennis B. Poster**  
JHE Foundation

Dear Friends,

Our ads read “Your Source for Senior Services.” How far we have come in a few years towards accomplishing our goal of expanding services! While we remain a wonderful place for nursing home care, we are so much more than that.

One Post Road in Fairfield is our latest expansion into the community. The newly merged Adult Day Center, Grasmere by the Sea, is a perfect setting on the water. If you make an appointment to visit, you will come away as proud as we are of the outstanding facility and terrific staff and care.

Our Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Department is also moving to One Post Road. This newly renovated space, perfect for individualized therapy, will open this fall and will be convenient for any of your physical and occupational therapy needs.

Our licensed medical home care agency will be opening this fall as well. This is a new venture and another example of our providing the community with needed services.

While awaiting approvals for a state-of-the-art facility on the same campus as The Dogwoods®, we are not waiting to change the model of care. We are sure you will be interested in reading about “The Journey” in this issue of *Chai Lights*.

Finally, as always, it is our great pleasure to thank the donor community. All of these enhancements would not be possible without your support. We also continue to be grateful to the leadership of our Boards and to the exceptional work of the Women’s Auxiliary and the Men’s Club whose events have been successful and enjoyed by all who attended. We hope to greet you at the October 29th Fall Gala and thank you in person for your dedication.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy and sweet New Year.

Milton J. Schubin

Dennis B. Poster

## From the President & CEO



**Andrew H. Banoff**

Each season is an opportunity to review what we have accomplished and our plans for the coming months. In this issue of *Chai Lights* you will read about some of our successes – and disappointments – and what we have upcoming in our on-going quest to serve seniors and their families. The Jewish Home now serves more people that live in the community than at the Home itself, and we are proud of our commitment to expand our services to locations that you want and need from us. The grand opening of our licensed Medical Home Care Agency is the latest example of that commitment, and we are thrilled about the possibilities that this presents us all. The combination of our two Adult Day Centers into a beautiful new location in Fairfield – along with the expansion of our Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Center at that site – is a wonderful example of the team of incredible caregivers working to serve our community.

Our caregiver team at the Home continues to provide excellent care to the 330 long-term residents and 30 short-term rehab clients that we serve, and we have highlighted some of these unique experiences. On August 27th, the Men’s Club (Board Members) took the Men’s Club (residents) to the new Yankee Stadium and had an incredible experience with some true Yankee fans! See more *Slice of Life* on Page 5.

The upcoming Fall Gala promises to be a terrific evening and a chance to recognize and celebrate the Nevas family for all that they have done for our community and I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us. Alan and Janet Nevas and their family have been a part of the Home since its inception and have contributed in so many ways over the years. We will also present an award posthumously to Dr. Buz Covey – our beloved Medical Director who cared for so many of our residents, families, volunteers and staff in a way that will always be cherished. Please read more and contact our Women’s Auxiliary if you are able to join us or make a contribution to support the important work that we are able to do thanks to the support of our community.

We also continue to pursue the development of The Dogwoods® and our new campus. As of this writing we are still working on the necessary local approvals to move forward with the sales process.

Sadly, we were not able to achieve the financing necessary to purchase the Edgehill CCRC in Stamford – which was a perfect complement to our continuum of care – due to the economic challenges in our market. We have developed friendships and relationships in Stamford that will continue into the future, and we continue to wish the residents at Edgehill all of the best.

Finally, you will read about some of the new members of our Leadership Team – as we continue to evolve the group of professionals to best serve those in our trust.

With warmest personal regards,

Andrew H. Banoff

## From the Administrator



**William Kowalewski**

Thank you for the very warm welcome you all have given me since arriving at the Home. You all have truly made me feel at home at the Home. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with many of you on the “The Journey”, our Resident-Centered Care project. Below is a description of what “The Journey” is and what our efforts are to making sure it becomes reality here at the Home.

“The Journey” – this is the term the Home is using to refer to all activities related to our further transition to Resident-Centered Care, and our goal to make The Jewish Home even more “home-like”.

Resident-Centered Care is a cultural approach to nursing home care that nurtures relationship building between staff and residents, and continually strives to identify additional opportunities to honor and respect the voices of our elders and the voices of the staff who are working closest with them.

“The Journey” has three major components: the Physical Plant; the Model of Care and the Philosophy.

It will be several years before we move into our new building. In the interim, the staff of the Home is doing what we can to foster an “at home at The Jewish Home” atmosphere. A recent example of this is our Summer Barbeque Program, which has been a huge success in part because staff from many departments worked together to transport residents to and from the Barbeques in the Courtyard, to prepare the food, and to serve it in a festive picnic spirit. Because the residents enjoyed the Barbeques so much, we added three more in September.

This fall, members of the Home’s Leadership Team will initiate several “Artifact” projects. An Artifact is an example of more home-like care that can be created even before we occupy our new building. The Leadership Team’s goal will be to initiate at least 15 Artifacts over the coming twelve months bringing the Home closer and closer to an “at home” (less institutional) culture.

We are taking “The Journey” together. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

William Kowalewski

# Community Services



## One Post Road – Our Newest Center!

We are thrilled to announce that Adult Day Services has opened at its new location: **One Post Road in Fairfield**. For over thirty years, the Home's Adult Day Services has provided a "home away from home" for seniors. Now the social and recreational opportunities are better than ever because of the architecture, interior design and extensive views. Plus, since the Home's Outpatient Rehabilitation program is moving to the third floor of the same building, clients will still have access to physical and occupational therapy as part of their day.

The Adult Day Center, formerly in the Kuriansky Pavilion, and Grasmere Eldercare, operated by the Home for the past few years, had been planning a merge to maximize resources, improve the programming environment and be more accessible to clients throughout the Fairfield area. The new location meets those requirements and affords magnificent views of Ash Creek.

"The prominent green overhang with our name and logo make Grasmere by the Sea easy to spot from the Post Road," said Christina Ciminello, Director of Community Services. "We are proud to mark our presence at our new location."

The much-awaited first day at the new location finally arrived on July 13, 2009. Everyone had been anticipating this day for months. The staff, supplies and activity rooms were ready for action. When the first bus arrived, the clients walked in one by one, explored from room to room and excited expressions lit up their faces filling Grasmere by the Sea with energy.

"When our first client cut the ribbon, our two former sites officially became one," said Michael Hebert, Director of Adult Day Services. "One client described Grasmere by the Sea as offering 'more personal space and freedom' as he enjoyed his favorite card game in the Meeting Room. Concurrently, other clients were creating crafts projects, discussing current events, and doing exercises, each in a separate activity room appropriately decorated and appointed."

The clients, volunteers and staff are looking forward to getting to know each other, making friends, and learning new programs. There are always a variety of programs to appeal to individual preferences, including relaxing on the large covered terrace watching the ducks, swans and kayakers go by. The Beauty Salon and other personal grooming areas are an important component of the full menu of services.

"Everyone left our first day exhausted from all the anticipation and excitement yet eager to return day after day," said Michael.

*Among the attendees at the World Elder Abuse event on June 15 in the Home's Courtyard were Alice Deak, founding member of the Coalition for the Advocacy, Prevention and Elimination of Abuse of Older Adults (CAPE), of the Southwestern Connecticut Area Agency on Aging; Ken Flatto, First Selectman of Fairfield; Angela De Leon, Elder Abuse Liaison with People's United Bank; Laura Snow, Coordinator of The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Jewish Home; Ginger Magnuson, of People's United Bank and the TRIAD State Coordinator; Michael Martone, of the Connecticut Attorney General's office, and Jim Fogerty, CAPE member, of Monroe.*

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Observed at The Jewish Home

On June 15, 2009, as part of the global effort to end elder abuse, Fairfield County residents, political leaders, legislators and geriatric professionals gathered at The Jewish Home. Leaders of local organizations serving Connecticut's seniors shared stories of abuse and spoke of the need to raise awareness about the problem.

U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3) provided a statement she had entered into the Congressional Record, which urged her colleagues to join her in raising awareness. "Ending elder abuse begins by making every day World Elder Abuse Awareness Day," DeLauro's statement said. Elaine Werner, Community Liaison for Senator Joe Lieberman, told the crowd, "Senator Lieberman believes this is truly a worthy cause and he commends the efforts of everyone here striving to bring an end to this terrible problem."

Kathleen Warner, the District Director for Congressman Jim Himes, assured the attendees, "Congressman Himes is working diligently to create a safe community especially through affordable housing for seniors."

Tony Hwang, State Representative for Trumbull and areas of Fairfield, also voiced his commitment to protecting elders from abuse.

Ken Flatto, First Selectman of Fairfield, presented a proclamation to the Home's Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, recognizing the importance of the day.

"The Home's Center for Elder Abuse Prevention will participate in the 2010 World Elder Abuse Prevention Day," said Laura. "And again in 2011 and in 2012. In fact, The Center will work tirelessly with members of our community dedicated to this cause to strive for the year an Awareness Event will not be needed. That is our goal."



On June 28, 2009, 120 of our "Friends" attended a wonderful brunch at the Trumbull Marriott to learn more about The Dogwoods® and we wanted to share some of the happenings from that event.



Andrew H. Banoff welcomed the group and spoke of the Home's commitment to The Dogwoods® plan. Besides great food, a good time and beautiful day, we had the pleasure of hearing updates from Roger Matloff, First Vice President, and Institutional Consultant with Merrill Lynch. Roger gave an interesting update on the economy and housing situations.

Bob Scinto, our developer shared the latest news on the local approvals and assured us the project is going forward, unfortunately taking a bit longer than we anticipated and in closing, Terry Minervini talked about all the benefits of being a "Friend".

**For more information, contact Terry Minervini, Director of Marketing at (203) 261-2030 or [tminervini@thedogwoods.org](mailto:tminervini@thedogwoods.org).**

*In June, Friends of The Dogwoods® enjoyed an informative brunch at the Marriott in Trumbull.*



Deborah Wesley



Carole Williams



Laura Laskey

**Deborah Wesley**, Director of Home Care, joined the Home in July. Debbie has her Bachelor in Nursing from the University of New Brunswick in Canada. She is a certified oncology nurse specialist and in the process of completing her Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Health Administration through the University of Phoenix. After being the Oncology Nurse Manager for Stamford Hospital, Debbie was an administrator for a large home care company serving all of Connecticut.

"I am excited to be part of "The Journey" as the Home expands our home care services to include licensed health care professionals, such as nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists," said Debbie. "Enhancing the quality of life for seniors wherever they are is the Mission of The Jewish Home and I am very glad to be part of that energy." Debbie lives in Trumbull with, as she puts it, "three amazing teenagers" and her husband. Debbie's two younger daughters were enthusiastic Junior Volunteers at the Home during the summer and gained tremendous insight into their mother's dedication to serving the geriatric population.

**Carole Williams** joined The Jewish Home team in May as our Clinical Educator. Carole is a Registered Nurse and is Certified in Geriatrics. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Hospital Administration with a concentration in Long Term Care at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine and studied Forensic Nursing at Quinnipiac College. Before coming to the Home, Carole was an Admissions Nurse and Care Manager for a local home care agency. Prior to that, she was Director of Nurses at a Long Term Care Facility in Guilford. "I love working with the elderly," said Carole. "The Jewish Home is a very caring place which provides the opportunity to give quality care to those fortunate enough to live here."

**Laura Laskey** joined The Jewish Home team in June as the Director of Rehab Services. Laura is a Registered Physical Therapist who earned her Bachelor of Science degree at Quinnipiac College. From 2003-2006, Laura was the Home's Therapy Department Manager. She is very enthusiastic about the challenges and opportunities her new role brings.

"I am very excited about expanding our range of services and moving to One Post Road where our clients will have more space, state-of-the-art equipment and beautiful views," said Laura. "Especially for seniors 'aging in place', physical and occupational therapies can truly mean more independence to enjoy the activities they find most meaningful." Laura lives in Monroe with her husband, son and daughter.



Hervey Weitzman, MD

## ***New Physician In New Practice Space at the Home***

In September, Hervey Weitzman, MD, joined Dr. Kenneth Fine, Acting Medical Director, in the Physicians' Practice at The Jewish Home. Dr. Weitzman is very pleased his new role will afford him the opportunity to continue treating members of the community at large as well as residents of the Home.

For more than three decades, Dr. Weitzman has cared for patients in the Fairfield area, including many residents of the Home. He holds expertise in the areas of Pathology, Oncology, and Hematology. Dr. Weitzman's years of experience caring for patients, often with complex diagnoses, make him a valued addition to The Jewish Home medical staff.

Dr. Weitzman joins the practice concurrent to the opening of the new medical suite on the main level of the Kuriansky Pavilion, located in the former space of the Adult Day Center. The new venue for the Institute on Aging and Physicians' Practice includes several examination rooms, areas for consultation, and the requisite space for the technology required for contemporary medical practice. Ample parking is available just outside the entrance to the Kuriansky Pavilion near the flagpole.

"We are enthusiastic about having a larger space for our community patients without compromising our availability to the residents and the Home's clinical staff," said Dr. Fine. "More and more patients and their families are recognizing the importance of having a geriatric assessment. We are pleased to perform those and the complete array of medical services in our new spacious, easily accessible location."

***To schedule an appointment with Dr. Fine or Dr. Weitzman, please contact the practice at (203) 365-6473.***

## ***Education Matters***

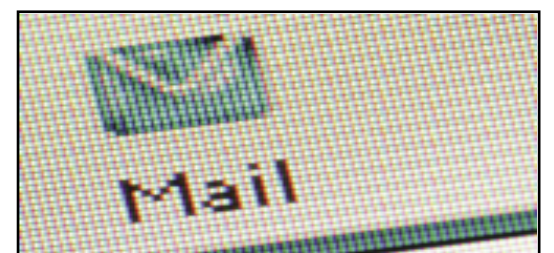
### ***Providing staff with education to enhance their knowledge happens every day at The Jewish Home***

Featured below is the latest group of students who completed the Home's course to become Certified Nursing Assistants with the course instructor Deb Colombo. The students, gathered around our life-like dummy, watch a demonstration of basic care skills from Deb. This is the sixth group of students who will complete the Home-sponsored course and will have the opportunity to work as full-time CNAs at the Home. We are proud to offer the program to our staff and community and are thrilled with the overwhelming response and interest.



Dawn Pelazza, Educator (below right), provides Dementia education to all Jewish Home staff. Dawn's in-services are interesting and interactive. Dawn ensures that all staff meet the State's mandated Dementia education requirements. Dawn's energetic teaching style makes her in-services fun to attend and the content easy to remember.

On-going training is extremely important to all professionals and we are fortunate to have Carole Williams as our Clinical Educator. Carole provides education assuring all clinical staff have the most current knowledge and skills available so they can provide the best possible care for the residents and clients we serve. We are very fortunate to have an Education Team committed to making a difference in the lives of residents, clients and employees.



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## Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

On a bright, beautiful sunny August day, residents of The Jewish Home, Andrew H. Banoff, William Kowalewski, Senior Vice President & Administrator; Roger Sliby, Vice President Finance & CFO; members of The Jewish Home Men's Club and clinical staff boarded the Home's bus and headed off for Yankee Stadium.

"Bill, Roger and I have the pleasure of hosting a Men's Group monthly and they told us they wanted to attend a game," said Andrew. "Whether the Yankees lose or win, this trip is truly a victory."



This summer residents enjoyed picnics in the Courtyard with a traditional barbeque. Certified Nursing Assistants, Nurses, staff of the Dining Services and members of Leadership Team did the cooking, serving and transporting to be sure a good time was had by all residents.

Over one hundred community members enjoyed a traditional Israeli lunch at The Jewish Home along the route of the "Walk4Israel" under the auspices of the Federation of Eastern Fairfield County.

Adult and young singers from The Conservative Synagogue of Westport, performed for the residents as part of the Westport, Weston, Wilton, Norwalk Federation "Got Mitzvah?" event in June.



Tandet West Certified Nursing Assistants, Nurses and members of the Environmental Services Department collaborated to create a birthday party for Harold Perlin, age 100, and Regina Erteschik, age 106.



John Huchko was named the 2009 Honorary Ringmaster when the Barnum Festival visited the Home.



The Child Care Center Class of '09 had a traditional graduation ceremony in the Main Dining Room cheered on by family and friends.



Representative Tony Hwang of the 134th District including parts of Fairfield and Trumbull, shared his views with residents and posed for a photo with Sary Aiden.

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# Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership Meeting



Dr. William "Buz" Covey



The Honorable José Cabranes



Esther Blum, guest speaker for the Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership Meeting November 17, 2009

A highlight of the Women's Auxiliary events calendar is the Annual Membership Meeting taking place this year on Tuesday, November 17th in the Main Dining Room at the Home. Esther Blum, author, Registered Dietitian and Holistic Nutritionist, will be the guest speaker. Auxiliary Members are invited to gather in support of the Home and to enjoy an evening dessert reception. Jan Wein is the chair of this event.

Esther Blum is the author of the 2007 must-read book "Eat, Drink and Be Gorgeous: A Nutritionist's Guide to Living Well While Living It Up", the 2008 quick-tipped "Secrets of Gorgeous: Hundreds of Ways to Live Well While Living It Up" and most recently the "Eat, Drink, and Be Gorgeous 2010 Daily Calendar: A Year of Living Gorgeously!".

Widely respected as an industry expert, Esther has been a guest on the Style Network's ISAAC show, ABC-TV, FOX- 5's Good Day NY, Fox News Live, WB11 morning news, Martha Stewart Radio, Lime Radio, and Bloomberg Radio. A self-titled Food Fashionista, Esther is an in-demand authority frequently called upon by The NY Post, In Style, Body and Soul, Marie Claire, Fitness, Bazaar, Self, Men's Health, Let's Live!, and Health.

Esther's holistic approach entails a philosophy and lifestyle that treats the whole person, rather than one specific health problem. Esther has 15 years experience counseling thousands of clients, and takes into consideration the physical, emotional, and psychological needs of a person so that great healing can take place. Esther, a Fairfield native, currently lives in New York City with her family.

"I am looking forward to greeting our Auxiliary members," Lydia Gerard, Women's Auxiliary President stated. "I am thrilled that Jan Wein and Esther Blum, both family members at the Home, are a part of this wonderful event." Jan's in-laws and Esther's grandmother are residents.

Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership dues are \$36 and life membership is \$200 (payable over three years). For further information on how to get involved with the Women's Auxiliary or to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, please contact Dayna Hayden, Coordinator, Auxiliaries & Events, at the JHE Foundation Office at (203) 365-6409 or dhayden@jhe.org.

Widely respected as an industry expert, Esther has been a guest on the Style Network's ISAAC show, ABC-TV, FOX- 5's Good Day NY, Fox News Live, WB11 morning news, Martha Stewart Radio, Lime Radio, and Bloomberg Radio. A self-titled Food Fashionista, Esther is an in-demand authority frequently called upon by The NY Post, In Style, Body and Soul, Marie Claire, Fitness, Bazaar, Self, Men's Health, Let's Live!, and Health.

## Nevas' to be Honored at Fall Gala

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Janet has been a member of the Home's Board of Directors since 1987 and was Vice Chairperson from 1995 through 1998. She has served on the Executive Committee, on several Nominating Committees, on the Ethics Committee and as Chairperson of the Professional Services Committee. Currently, she is the Chairperson of the Advisory Council and a member of the Professional Services, Community Relations and Employee Relations Committees.

Judge Cabranes is on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. His relationship with the newest member of the Supreme Court, Justice Sotomayor, dates back to 1976, shortly after her admission to Yale Law School. Twelve years later, Judge Cabranes swore her in to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and, as quoted in the New York Times, recalls saying, "I was present at the creation."

Music performed by the Hank Lane Orchestra will create the perfect ambiance for this elegant evening dedicated to supporting the important work of the Women's Auxiliary.

**If you are interested in making a reservation for the Fall Gala or would like to receive an invitation, please contact Dayna Hayden, Coordinator, Auxiliaries & Events, at the JHE Foundation at (203) 365-6409 or dhayden@jhe.org.**

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## Volunteer of the Year Award



Andrew H. Banoff presented the 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award to Ginger Speicher at the Annual Volunteers Recognition Luncheon in June.

Ginger Speicher, of Bridgeport, received the 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award at The Jewish Home's Annual Volunteers Recognition Luncheon in June. More than one hundred Jewish Home volunteers attended the Luncheon and many were recognized for reaching milestones ranging from 100 to 12,000 hours generously given.

"I was very honored to be named the Volunteer of the Year," said

Ginger. "I became involved with the Home when my parents and mother-in-law moved in. The care that they received by the staff encouraged me to volunteer. I have continued to help out in any way I can. Volunteering is my way to pay back the Home and I encourage others to join me."

Ginger started volunteering at the Home in 1991. She enjoys spending time with residents as a Friendly Visitor, gives tours of the Home to people considering admission, and interviews individuals interested in becoming volunteers.

"Presenting the Volunteer of the Year Award to Ginger was a special joy for both of us," said Andrew H. Banoff. "Ginger's multi-faceted experience with the Home gives her an ideal background for the many roles she has as a volunteer. In addition, annually the Speicher family presents the Charney Family Award, named in honor of her parents, to a Certified Nursing Assistant whose performance at the Home is exceptionally outstanding. It is therefore especially meaningful to honor Ginger."

## From our Home to yours

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.



L'Shanah Tova



## Golf and Tennis Outing

Participants enjoyed a day of golf and tennis at the George Lipton Golf and Tennis Invitational hosted by the Men's Club at Metropolis Country Club in White Plains, NY, on June 29th. Co-chaired by Dr. Stewart Gross, Men's Club Past President and David Levine, Men's Club Board Member, this event raised \$75,000.



*Dennis Poster, Chair, JHE Foundation Board and Bill Mitchell, JHE Foundation Board Member.*



*Pictured from left: Rick Beitman, Andy Hardiman, Pro from Woodway Golf Club; Dean Ratick, The Jewish Home Board Member; Allen Marx and Dr. Stewart Gross, Lipton Co-chair and Men's Club Past President.*



*Pictured from left: David Katz, Russell Beitman, The Jewish Home Board Member and Avi Kaner.*



*Pictured from left: Len Leader, Men's Club President-Elect; Mel Holson and David Levine, Lipton Co-chair and Men's Club Board Member.*



*Pictured from left: David Sweedler, Marty Burger, Men's Club Past President and Louis Radler.*



*Pictured from left: Steve Novenstein, Walter Levine, Donald Siegelau and Michael Weinstock, JHE Foundation Board Member and Men's Club Past President.*

## Wine Tasting

The Men's Club hosted a Wine Tasting at the Pequot Library in Southport on August 16th. The lovely evening, co-chaired by Bob and Jane Hillman and Jerry and Lynne Minsky, brought together friends of the Home and the Men's Club to learn about different wines and to enjoy a fabulous array of cheeses to complement the wine choices.

**For further information about the Men's Club and to become more involved, please contact Dayna Hayden, Coordinator, Auxiliaries & Events at the JHE Foundation at (203) 365-6409 or [dhayden@jhe.org](mailto:dhayden@jhe.org).**



*Wine Tasting Co-chairs from left back: Lynne Minsky and Bob Hillman and left front: Jerry Minsky and Jane Hillman.*

## Family Day

Over 500 residents and family members enjoyed the 50s sock hop themed Family Day Celebration at the Home on September 13, 2009 for the Men's Club's 18th annual picnic. Jay Martel and Bob Hillman, Co-chaired the event and worked for several months to deliver a festive fun-filled day for the families in attendance.



*Teresa Guzzo was serenaded by Elvis portrayed by David Alan.*



*From left: Jay, Men's Club Board Member and Karin Martel.*



*From left: Dr. Stephen Moskowitz, Men's Club Past President; Dr. Gerald Winter, Men's Club President and Dr. Stewart Gross, Men's Club Past President.*



*Ruth Cooper celebrated the day with her family.*



*Marcia Gorin celebrated the day with her family.*

## A special thank you to our Federations

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## FAMILY PORTRAIT

### Geney Levin



Lore Sender with her daughter, Geney Levin, and grandson, Lucas Levin.

Relationships with The Jewish Home begin in a variety of ways. In the case of Regina (“Geney”) Levin, her service with the United Jewish Appeal/Federation of Westport, Weston, Wilton and Norwalk grew into a multi-faceted role with the Home. Many years ago, their allocations process included assigning a liaison for recipient organizations. Geney as she prefers to be called, was the liaison with the Home. From that beginning, Geney’s relationship with the Home has grown and she continues to dedicate herself to helping the community.

“As the liaison to The Jewish Home I saw for myself the wonderful environment of care created for everyone who lives there,” recalls Geney. “I remember thinking if the time comes when my mother can no longer live alone, The Jewish Home is where I would want her to be.” Many years later, her mother, Lore Sender, did become a resident of the Home and Geney has not been disappointed.

Lore was born in Germany. In 1938, at the age of 17, she came to America with her parents and settled in Chicago. Lore met her husband, Ludwig, through mutual friends in Chicago’s Jewish-German community. He had started his schooling in Germany to become a veterinarian. As the horrors of the 1930’s unfolded, he realized he would not be able to earn his degree if he remained in Germany. In 1936 he came to America, completed his studies, and worked in the research department of a major company. Lore was a bookkeeper and worked part-time throughout their marriage. The Senders lived in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where they raised their daughter, Geney.

When Geney’s father died in 1965, she and her mother moved to Erie, Pennsylvania, where many of

his relatives lived. Geney attended Syracuse University in New York and now her son, Lucas, is a senior studying Business at Syracuse University. Geney went to the University of Tennessee for her graduate studies in Textile Design. After graduating Geney moved to Manhattan. In 1989, she moved to Fairfield and in 1994 to Westport where she still resides.

Geney is an artist working in mixed media. She has exhibited in many Connecticut venues, including the Housatonic Museum of Art, the Fairfield Arts Council, City Lights Gallery and the Westport Art Center. She is an avid reader and has been a member of her book club since 1993. Geney enjoys scuba diving and believes, “Diving is like dancing.” “You move slowly, smoothly and calmly so you can look at the fish, the coral, everything. Diving is very peaceful and an incredible sensory experience.”

Geney is the Chairperson of the Annual Campaign, a member of the JHE Foundation Board of Directors, and serves on the Professional Services Committee. These are a few of many ways in which family members can be significantly involved making the Mission of the Home real and guiding the future of the services provided. Many lay leaders have found positions on the Board to be fulfilling ways to use the knowledge they have accrued as professionals and to express their commitment to the Home.

“When my mother reached the point where safety became a concern I knew it was time for her to move from Florida to the Home,” recalls Geney. “I hired aides but sometimes they did not show up. My mother and I both needed the secure environment of the Home.”

Security and freedom from household chores are exactly what Lore likes best about living in the Home. “I think it is a good place to be because you are not responsible for so much,” said Lore. “When I had my house, I had to keep it up. Now someone else is responsible for the laundry and the cleaning.”

“I will always remember how much help I received from the Admissions Department and Bunny Kasper, who devotes an enormous amount of time to family members acclimating to the Home,” said Geney. Geney remembers what she experienced during her mother’s transition. “For people thinking about helping a parent move into the Home I want them to know they do not have to go through the process alone.”

Geney feels her mother has been doing very well since moving into the Tandet Pavilion, more than two years ago. Lore reads the New York Times every day and enjoys the music programs the Home offers.

“My mother looks fantastic,” said Geney. “The care she receives is wonderful and the extensive attention she receives from the staff brings out the best in her.”

## SAVE THE DATE

### OCTOBER

**Thursday, October 29, 2009**  
**Women’s Auxiliary Fall Gala**  
*The Water’s Edge, Darien, CT*

### NOVEMBER

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**  
**Women’s Auxiliary Annual Membership Meeting**  
*Main Dining Room*

### DECEMBER

**Friday, December 11, 2009**  
**Women’s Auxiliary Oneg Shabbat Synagogue**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009**  
**Volunteer Holiday Party**  
*Main Dining Room*

**Wednesday, December 30, 2009**  
**Residents’ New Year’s Party**  
*Main Dining Room*

## FAMILY MAIL

*“I would like to thank everyone on Bennett 4 for taking care of me the last few weeks. It was truly an excellent experience.”*  
— Client — **H.B.**

*“My Gram loved spending time at Grasmere. She found friends, companionships and an opportunity to stay relatively active. It is clear that the work you do and the opportunities you provide to the elderly and their families are so vital.”*  
— Family Member — **K.L.**