



# Jewish Family Services



## REFLECTIONS

### Jewish Family Services Spotlights its Board of Directors

By Penny Wagner-Schuster,  
Executive Director

For the past several months, articles have been written about the new services, programs, support groups, and volunteer opportunities available at Jewish Family Services. Last month's article highlighted the staff at the agency in hopes that the Jewish Community would become better acquainted with the individuals who make these programs and services possible. It is through the dedication and hard work of the staff that JFS is able to offer such a wide range of services.

As you may know, JFS is an agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. JFS, however, has its own Board Committee that makes policy for the agency. The planning and development of agency ideas begins with this group of individuals who volunteer their time and talents for a cause they truly believe in. The mission and foundation of Jewish Family Services exists because of the countless hours, meetings and work that these individuals undertake to make JFS the agency that it is. The JFS Board of Directors is a group of twenty-one individuals of varied backgrounds and talents

who lend their areas of expertise in the planning, development and groundwork of services which the staff implement. There are six Board committees as well as the agency's Executive Committee.

**Marilyn Tuckman** is the JFS Board Chair. She has been in this position since 1996. Under her leadership, the agency sought and secured me for the new director. This was a decision for which, I for one, will be forever thankful. As the agency's Board Chair, Marilyn presides over all of the Board meetings and supervises all affairs of the agency.

**Alan Goldberg** is the JFS Vice-Chair. He has also worked tirelessly in fund raising efforts for the agency through the Friends' Campaign. In January 1999, Alan will assume the role as Board Chair, a position that he will hold for the next three years. Other members of the Fundraising Committee are: **Milt Tager, Brett Goodman, Jeff Turk, Helmut Brandt, Ron Katz, and Dicky Shapiro.**

**Marilyn Shapiro** is the agency's Financial Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Board. She is responsible for helping with development of the yearly budget

for the agency. This committee is also responsible for the fiscal overview of the agency and programs. Other members of the Financial/Budget Committee are: **Brett Goodman, Steve Hockfield, and Ron Katz.**

**Randy Sperling** joined the Board in 1998. She is the Chair of the Programming Committee. Randy has helped plan many of the new programs which JFS has started. This committee helps focus the direction of the agency. Other committee members include: **Bunny Bramson, Marla Brodsky, Audrey Madans, Gene Marx and Bob Yudell.**

**Nomi Bergman** is the Chair of the Public Relations Committee. This committee has been hard at work developing a new brochure for the agency. Ways to publicize the new programs and services is also an important function of this committee. Members of this committee include: **Susan Bossert, Donna Emerson, Judy Kaufmann, and Dicky Shapiro.**

**Dr. Judy Pliner** is the Chair of the Personnel/Policy Committee. This committee has been working on personnel guidelines, agency policies, and hiring practices. The members of this committee

include: **Ellen Stern and Steve Hockfield.**

**Linda Goldberg** is the chairperson of the Mitzvah Maker Program Committee. This committee helps to establish policy and guidelines for the agency's volunteer program. Members include: **Marsha Scheer, Lynn Eltelstein, Beverly Tirsun, and Gail Green.**

As the agency's Executive Director, I serve as ex-officio to all of the committees of JFS. It has been such a pleasure working with such a wonderful group of people. A lot of changes have taken place during the past year. The staff and the Board of JFS are working hard developing more services and programs that will begin in the months to come.

#### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF ADOLESCENTS

Ten week group beginning October 14 at Jewish Family Services Satellite Office at 2915 Providence Road. Meetings will be on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45.

Support and information to be shared on: alcohol and other drugs, communication, dating and

sexuality, single parenting, and other topics relevant to you and your teenager. There will be a charge of \$8.00 per session.

Space is limited. Please call **Carol Sandler, M.A., LMFT** at (704) 364-6594 to reserve your place or for more information.

#### SUPPORT GROUP FOR NEWLY BEREAVED WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Ten-week support group for newly bereaved widows and widowers beginning October 2, 1998.

Meetings will be held every Friday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the JCC.

The goal of this group will be to encourage the process of growth, change, and healing while receiving much needed emotional support. Grieving within the context of Jewish values and customs as well as rituals and traditions will be explored.

Facilitator will be **Nadine Rosen, M.A.**, a trained clinician with many years' experience working with loss and bereavement issues. Please call her at (704) 364-6594 for more information. ☆

## JFS Celebrates its donors

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**Judie & Mike Van Glish (Birth of grandson)**  
Donor: Marilyn & Mike Tuckman

**David Zilber (Bar Mitzvah)**  
Donor: Ruth & Alan Goldberg

A special thanks to the following Maccabi volunteers from Susan Jacobs: **Linda Block, Roni Fishkin, Ellen Fligel, Peggy Gartner, Deanna Lasner, Elaine Schefflin, Lynne Sheffer.**

Appreciation for efforts as a 1999 Friends Campaign Solicitor from Alan Goldberg: **Brett Goodman, Steve Hockfield, Ron Katz, Judy Kaufmann, Audrey Madans, Gene Marx, Randy Sperling, Marilyn Tuckman, Jeff Turk, Bob Yudell.** ☆

## Volunteer of the Month

By Linda Levy

Each issue this column features a volunteer from one or more of the many groups, agencies or organizations that add to the quality of life of the Charlotte Jewish community. The volunteers are selected by the following community-wide groups: Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Jewish Family Services, Jewish Community Center and the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. This month's volunteer was offered by **Harriet Perlin, Volunteer Coordinator of Jewish Family Services.**

### Betty and John Levin

Do you have time on your hands? Are you looking for activities that are rewarding to you as well as beneficial to others? The group of activities that Betty and John Levin have undertaken through the years illustrate the wide range of volunteer opportunities available in the Charlotte community.

Betty and John Levin came to Charlotte in 1964 from Cincinnati and raised their four children here. For John, whose childhood was spent in Beaufort, South Carolina, it was a return home to the region of the country where he grew up. Betty worked for many years as a social worker for Mecklenburg County. When it came time to retire she looked for volunteer activities that were in a familiar field, and John joined in as well.

The two focused on the type of volunteerism that would help others to help themselves, with Betty volunteering for the United Way's information and referral program, where she went out into the field to assess family needs. She also volunteered for Planned Parenthood's family planning program. John focused on the ABLE program that helps adults achieve literacy. Betty noted that the needs of the community change, and as a result the focus of the assistance agencies

and groups change to meet these needs. For example, the ABLE program now assists adults working towards their General Education Diploma (GED). John is thinking of returning to the ABLE program with its new focus.

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