

# Happenings

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## Centennial Event Series OUR NEXT CENTURY STARTS NOW

### **Sunday, September 20, 2015** **Centennial Carnival Extravaganza**

*Fun for the Whole Family*

Entertainment, train rides, face painting, petting zoo, carnival characters, moon walk, crafts, games, square dancing, antique cars, motorcycles & so much more!

**10:00 A.M. - Noon**

Jewish Home at Rockleigh, 10 Link Drive, Rockleigh, NJ  
Free to the community ♦ Refreshments

### **Sunday, October 4, 2015** **Father-Son World Series Event** **"I'll Knock a Homer for You"**

The timeless story of Johnny Sylvester & Babe Ruth  
**2:30 P.M.**

Jewish Home Assisted Living  
685 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, NJ

Free to the community ♦ Refreshments

### **Sunday, October 11, 2015** **Jewish Home Centennial Gala** **"Our Next Century Starts Now"**

Join the community as we celebrate  
the Jewish Home's past & envision our future  
Guest Speaker: Mark Kennedy Schriver

**5:30 P.M.**

The Rockleigh, 26 Paris Avenue, Rockleigh, NJ

**Call/E-Mail for further information and ticket pricing at**  
**201-784-1414 x5539 or mshulman@jewishhomefdtn.org**

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### **Wednesday, November 18, 2015** **"Flory's Flame"**

Documentary of 90 year old Sephardic musician Flory Jagoda,  
interweaving her life story with her 2013 Concert at Library of Congress

**7:00 P.M.**

JCC on the Palisades

411 E. Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, NJ

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**Please Join Us!**

## Jewish Home Family Launches SeniorHaven for Elder Abuse Prevention

Ezra Halevi, Director of Community Relations & Outreach,  
Jewish Home Family

The Jewish Home Family is proud to announce the establishment of the SeniorHaven Center for Elder Abuse Prevention.



SeniorHaven will offer short-term crisis stabilization stays for victims of elder abuse, providing an emergency safe haven for 90-120 days at no charge to the victim. Victims will be provided a full range of services including medical care, nursing services, social services, pastoral care, rehabilitation services and more depending on individual needs.

Elder abuse is a significant social problem, affecting between 3.5 and 5 million older adults in this country every year. SeniorHaven will join the ranks of other emergency shelters around the country that are specifically focused on meeting the unique needs of the over 65 population. It will be the only shelter in New Jersey and one of twelve in the country.

"It makes sense to provide emergency shelter in an existing facility for the elderly," says Jewish Home Family President and CEO Carol Silver Elliott. "All the services older adults need are available within our walls, from medical to physical therapy, social work and pastoral care to nutritional services."

Elder abuse takes all the forms of other types of domestic violence. It can be physical, emotional, verbal, sexual and nearly always includes an element of financial exploitation. Older adults are often reluctant to come forward because they fear they won't be believed, because they are ashamed or because they are reluctant to sever the relationship they have with their abuser, usually a family member.

"Equally important to providing shelter is raising awareness and educating the community about elder abuse," says Silver Elliott. SeniorHaven staff are prepared to provide both training for profes-

sionals and education for the general public. "We want to elevate the level of discussion on elder abuse. Our older adults are entitled to a

life that is safe and a life that has dignity. We want to help ensure that happens for all."

Referrals to SeniorHaven can come from any professional in the community including social service agencies, hospital social workers, Adult Protective Services, police and fire, and more. Referrals may be made by calling 855-455-0555. Speakers on elder abuse prevention and warning signs are also available and may be booked for organizations of any type. Speakers may be requested by calling 201-518-1176 or emailing SeniorHaven@JewishHomeFamily.org.

The response from community organizations has been extremely positive. Leah Kaufman, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services of North Jersey, told The Jewish Standard in New Jersey that SeniorHaven "is an incredible resource for our clients." Noting that the abuse she sees is primarily emotional and financial, she suggested that "our clients might be more willing to leave abusive situations now because SeniorHaven is Jewish." Pointing out that many of her abused clients are hesitant to go to a shelter, she said, "We hope to work with the Jewish Home to help these clients find safe alternative living situations. It's a win-win for the community."

SeniorHaven will, like all of the facilities in the Jewish Home Family, provide services to everyone in need - regardless of religion. SeniorHaven is a member of The Spring Alliance - the network of shelter partners that has developed nationally. "This is a grassroots movement," said Silver Elliott, "and we are proud to be a part of it and to take a strong stand against the abuse of vulnerable elders."

## Centennial Connection

### DID YOU KNOW?

♦ *Two thirds of people in human history who have reached the age of 65 are alive right now!*

♦ *In the U.S. in 2010, there were 40.2 million people 65 years and older. By 2050, there will be 88.5 million.*



## The L'Chaim Couples Club at the Jewish Home Assisted Living

Lauren Levant, Executive Director, Jewish Home Assisted Living

If you want to know about love, ask someone with a lifetime of experience, and that's just what we did at JHAL, when we formed "The L'Chaim Couples Club." How fortunate we are to be blessed with so many couples residing in our community whose love and commitment has spanned decades of their lives.

The Couples Club meets monthly, exchanging inspirational stories about what makes a marriage last, and just what some of those secrets are. Our residents shared the following with us. Communication is key, even as one man put it "keep yapping at one another," be kind, listen to your partner, spend time to-

gether, be supportive and work hard at it. One elder describes it as "the experience of a lifetime - making a marriage last may be hard but it is well worth the effort of spending decades of your life with the one you love."


Our club affords couples an opportunity to reminisce about all the good times they have had in the past. Two couples, after much dialogue, even rediscovered a friendship from long ago. Recently conversing with our couples while dining "al fresco" at JHAL, we are blessed to discover we have couples totaling over 480 years of marital bliss, and to that we say L'Chaim!!





JEWISH HOME FAMILY:  
Expanding Our Horizons

Carol Silver Elliott, President & CEO, Jewish Home Family



Dear Friends,

There’s a lot of excitement at the Jewish Home Family with new programs, projects and services all coming on line. All of these changes are focused on improving resident care, enhancing the resident experience, expanding our base of services, and of course, preparing for the future.

**Home@Home Services**

We’re delighted to now offer a full range of non-clinical home care services through @HomeCare. Staffed only by certified Home Health aides, @HomeCare offers a wide variety of assistance to individuals in their homes including assistance with activities of daily living, personal hygiene, companion services, light housekeeping, meal preparation and more. We have staff who drive and can provide services for physician appointments or other needs. We even offer live-in services and everything is provided by @HomeCare staff who have been carefully selected and screened, thoroughly trained and are being well supervised. Interested in @HomeCare services? Call us at 201-518-1173.

**Safely@Home**

We’re delighted to have Bonim Builders as a part of our Jewish Home@Home family. Now called Safely@Home, Bonim is a program that has enabled disadvantaged individuals in our community, especially elderly citizens, to have home repairs and modifications done on a highly or fully subsidized basis. We’re continuing that program but are looking forward to adding other elements to it, growing a home modification program that will be available to all older adults in our community, helping them to successfully age in place. Want to know more? Call us at 201-518-1175.

**OMA**

Opening Minds through Art is a powerful program of creative expression, specifically designed for individuals with dementia and other cognitive impairments. OMA is a tool for engagement, choice and self-determination, and art is just a byproduct. We’ve piloted an abbreviated version of the program during the summer at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, Jewish Home Assisted Living and Gallen Adult Day Health Care Center, and there is tremendous excitement about a full program beginning in the fall. Volunteers are key to this program. If you are interested, please call Charlene Vannucci at 201-750-4237.

**Our Words Matter**



The Jewish Home at Rockleigh has been engaged in educational efforts that focus on culture change. We know that person-centered, individualized care is essential for quality of life and we’re working hard to make changes that make that philosophy a reality. We’ve discontinued nearly every bed and chair alarm in the building, knowing that alarms are not a preventive measure. Instead, we’ve increased staff rounds so that we have more “eyes on” the residents, helping to keep them safe. As well, we’re talking a lot about the “words we use,” knowing that how we address people and the way we speak to them can make a difference in the outcome and the way that the residents feel. Our residents are all adults who have led vital, meaningful lives and respecting their dignity is vital.

**Life Review**

Jewish Home Assisted Living staff recognize and value the importance of knowing our residents, their histories, their values and their preferences. They’ve begun “Life Review” to capture these individual stories. Not only will this help us become better care partners with our residents, the products of this work are treasured by family members and will be for generations to come.

Lots on our plates and lots on the horizon – we are moving forward in these arenas and many others with one single purpose, to enhance the aging experience for our residents and optimize the quality of life they can achieve.

All the best,



JH Family Welcomes Safely@Home

Stacey Orden, Director of Safely@Home, Jewish Home at Home  
Ezra Halevi, Director of Community Relations & Outreach, JH Family

Safely@Home, formerly known as Bonim Builders, is the newest member of the Jewish Home Family. The organization moved its operation from the Federation to the Jewish Home at Home in July of 2015. Safely@Home, under the leadership of Stacey Orden, sends dedicated volunteers to perform critical repairs, renovations, and home modifications for low-income homeowners, the elderly, the disabled, and the chronically ill. These services are offered to the community at large, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender preference/identity or political persuasion.

Safely@Home’s mission is reflected in its tag line: “Repairing the world, one house at a time.” More detailed, it includes:

- Renovating and performing critical repairs for qualified low-income homeowners and non-profit agencies.
- Providing meaningful hands-on volunteer opportunities for groups, individuals, and families interested in performing Tikkun Olam and helping those who are less fortunate.
- Assisting our senior population by performing home modifications to facilitate their desire to age in place and remain independent. This includes installation of railings, grab bars, accessibility ramps, and sukkah assembly.
- Improving the building skills of our volunteers so they are able to handle more challenging projects.
- Assisting our most vulnerable segments of the population which include victims of domestic violence, single mothers, widows, divorced women and holocaust survivors.

Safely@Home will be expanding its operations to include providing home maintenance subscription services to older adults that are living at home. Referrals to Safely@Home come from social services agencies, as well as families in need who have read about a project that Safely@Home has completed in the newspaper or online.

Families looking for a meaningful project to celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah have embraced Safely@Home to provide teachable moments for children and indelible memories for the entire family. A variety of opportunities to mark special occasions by sponsoring or volunteering on a project are available. For teens, Safely@Home project participation satisfies high school community service requirements.

Non-profit agencies that have been the recipients of our renovation work include the Jewish Association for Developmental Disabilities (J-ADD), Daughters of Miriam, Jewish Family & Children’s Service of North Jersey, Shelter Our Sisters, Strengthen Our Sisters, Bergen’s Housing, Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack, Family Promise, and Children’s Aid & Family Services in Paramus. Safely@Home built the new Day Center for Family Promise’s new location in Ridgewood. Now homeless working families have a place during the day to get on a computer, do their laundry, and shower. This coming fall, Safely@Home will give one of J-ADD’s residences a fresh coat of paint. So how can you get involved? Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome, from the novice to the skilled professional contractor, plumber and electrician. Our more skilled volunteers are always on the project site to teach our lesser skilled volunteers the tricks of the trade. Safely@Home observes Shabbat, so our main project day is on Sundays. Weekday opportunities do arise as well. We welcome individuals and families to participate and perform a mitzvah in a very hands-on way. For groups, you may engage your synagogue or JCC’s social action committee, Men’s Club, Sisterhood, youth group, or religious school to partner with Safely@Home. If you are a member of an organization looking for an impactful team-building project, please contact us.

Safely@Home volunteers assemble sukkahs for seniors and the physically disabled. In this way, our seniors can celebrate Sukkot in a manner that they are accustomed to. The deadline for sukkah assembly requests is Wednesday, September 9th.

If you or someone you know could use Safely@Home’s assistance, or, if you are interested in volunteering, call Stacey Orden at 201-518-1175 or email to [sorden@jewishhomefamily.org](mailto:sorden@jewishhomefamily.org).

Honor Your Loved Ones

Residents, families and members of the community are invited to celebrate birthdays and simchas, or honor/remember loved ones by sponsoring either a Shabbat or Yom Tov Kiddush (\$150), or by dedicating a large print Holiday Prayer Book (\$36). For further information, contact the Development Office at 201-784-1414 x5538.

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As of August 7, 2015

“Happy is he who performs a good deed: for he may tip the scales for himself and the world” — Talmud: Kiddushin 40:2



## OUR PATRONS’ Special Dates

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Jayne & David Petak	Wedding Anniversary	Sep 9
Orli Michelle Bruhim	Birthday	Sep 10
Eva Holzer	In Memory of Erich Holzer	Sep 12
Louis Tekel	Remembering	
	Wedding Anniversary	Sep 15
Bernie Levere	In Memory of Zelda Levere	Sep 28
Gayle & Mel Gerstein	Wedding Anniversary	Sep 28
Naomi Gansl	In Memory of Hyman Gansl	Oct 5
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Tali Sarah & Shyli Ruth Bruhim	Birthday	Oct 12
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Peggy Kabakow	In Memory of Ed Kabakow	Nov 19
Judy & Joe Klyde	In Memory of	
	Anne & Mack Engelhardt	Nov 28
Wendy Ezor & Mitch Engler	In Honor of Gilda & Isidore Ezor	Nov 28

## @HomeCare

Eileen Hickey, Director of @HomeCare, Jewish Home at Home

Approximately 2 months ago the Jewish Home Family proudly opened its door to a new program, @HomeCare, Jewish Home at Home. This new program enhances the Jewish Home’s ability to reach individuals in need in Bergen County, both in facilities and in personal homes. It enhances the Jewish Home at Home program complementing the Geriatric Care Management program, the Gallen Adult Day Care and Safely@Home.

@HomeCare recruits and rigorously screens Certified Home Health Aides. The individuals must be certified by the Division of Consumer Affairs and the New Jersey Board of Nursing, certifying that the individuals have completed a New Jersey Board of Nursing approved Home Health Aide 76 hour training program (hopefully @HomeCare will provide the training in the future). @HomeCare conducts in-person interviews, checks references, performs drug screens and criminal background checks, skills competency, orientation and in-home supervision. It requires a recent physical evaluation as well as required vaccinations and tuberculosis screening. The @HomeCare, Jewish Home at Home program meets all state and federal guidelines.

The Certified Home Health Aide provides a wide array of services under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. The services may include personal care, food shopping and meal preparation, light housekeeping, laundry and escorting the individual to doctor’s appointments as well as home management.

@HomeCare may be a new entity but the Jewish Home Family is celebrating its Centennial and the staff of @HomeCare are seasoned professionals with a passion for assisting the individual to remain safely at home if that is their choice. It is part of a continuum that allows the person to comfortably move from subacute care to home care to adult day care to assisted living depending on their emotional, physical and financial needs and resources.

To learn more, please send a request to ehickey@jewishhomefamily.org or call 201-518-1173.

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## OMA - Opening Minds through Art

Charlene Vannucci, Director of Volunteer Services, Jewish Home Family

OMA (Opening Minds through Art) is a new and exciting therapeutic art program created specifically for people who have dementia. But don’t be surprised if you don’t see crayons or foam forms on the artist’s tables at an OMA session. ‘Resident Artists’ are creating adult art, inspired by modern, abstract expressionists like Rothko and Delaunay. How is this possible?

The program, conceived and developed in 2007 at Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, is rooted in “person-centered” philosophy and strength-based psychology that focuses on what people with dementia can do. OMA sessions are designed to provide opportunities for choice and creative freedom of expression throughout the length of the session. The finished product and outcome inspires real feelings of accomplishment.

The Jewish Home Family is the first to introduce OMA on the East Coast. Although, OMA was initially implemented as an intergenerational program utilizing the student base of Miami University, the Jewish Home is conducting the program with the assistance of both college students and community volunteers of all ages. Volunteers receive an educational overview of dementia and they also receive training in OMA’s philosophy and methodology. The training and methods employed during the art sessions are specifically designed to create a safe, supportive and nurturing environment. This environment promotes relationship building, especially between the volunteer and resident artist. Volunteers encourage their resident artists to make their own choices, regarding color, texture and design throughout the creative process. The process is success-oriented and failure-free and the outcomes are amazing.

The Jewish Home began piloting OMA at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh and the Jewish Home Assisted Living the first week of July. The programs took place weekly in small group sessions. The pilot programs continued for 4 weeks in each location and then moved to the Gallen Adult Day Health Care Center in August. We’ve already witnessed extraordinary results during

the first weeks of the program. Upon completion of her most recent work, JHR resident Susan R. told the staff, “I’m happy, I’m really happy. Resident artist Bernice M. from JHAL joyfully stated “Picasso and Rembrandt would be jealous!”

Everyone will have an opportunity to see the OMA paintings at gallery style art exhibitions in the fall. Rotating gallery exhibits will be installed in the near future and will be open for viewing year round.

Dr. Elizabeth Lokon, professor at Miami University/Scripps and OMA’s creator, continues to measure and publish articles regarding the results from OMA. The Jewish Home Family is planning to contribute the data we collect toward this research, thereby increasing the body of knowledge. Dr. Lokon says there is a growing body of empirical evidence that indicates that creative expression improves the physical and psychological well-being of people with dementia. Those of us who have witnessed this program, which the Jewish Home Family’s President and CEO, Carol Silver Elliott refers to as “Magic in Action,” believe it.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting, new, therapeutic art program, please contact Charlene Vannucci at [cvannucci@jewishhomefamily.org](mailto:cvannucci@jewishhomefamily.org) or 201-750-4237.



Left to right: OMA’s lead artist - Christine Penksa, Resident artist - Beverly B., and OMA’s volunteer - Shelley Raynault



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