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Residents move into new home

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The Hebrew Home, one of the three agencies that form the new Jewish Community Foundation, moved its 170 residents to their new home at the Foundation complex on Montrose rd. Rockville Tuesday.

George Hurwitz, president of the Home, which is a United Givers' Fund



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An emotional journey: Hebrew Home caregivers tour Holocaust Museum

The Hebrew Home caregivers stared at the model of the gas chamber complex in silence, examining the tiny model figures descending the stairs into the dressing room, who would have been told to remember the number of the hook where they hung their clothes. "Oh, my god," whispered Mary Tinyan. "That is pure wickedness. How did they feel, the people who did this? Did it make them feel good?"

Mary was one of 22 caregivers at the Hebrew Home, representing every nursing unit, who toured the U.S. Holocaust Museum in May on a trip made possible by the George and Tess Hurwitz Lecture Fund. The caregivers were from Nigeria, Ghana, Jamaica, Morocco, El Salvador, Haiti, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Brooklyn, NY. Fewer than half had heard of the Holocaust before coming to work at the Home, where it is included in the orientation for all new staff.

"Our goal is to have the staff gain a greater understanding of the Holocaust, to learn more about what the residents may



Mary Tinyan was one of 22 caregivers at the Hebrew Home who visited the Holocaust Museum to gain an understanding of the history affecting our elderly residents.

have experienced," explained Kerri Zwolak, director of social work services at the Hebrew Home. "We want them to see how the Holocaust impacted the survivors we care for, why that experience never goes away, and how it affects their families and the whole Jewish community."

Ellen Blalock, director of survivor affairs at the Holocaust Museum, met the group on their arrival. "In the Holocaust,

people were told they had no value as human beings," Blalock explained. "They were stripped of everything - they lost their rights, their homes, their families, their clothing, even their identities. Every person's story is different, but every person lost something precious." She explained how the industrial appearance of the Holocaust Museum is meant to convey the apparatus that destroyed people's lives and pointed to a quote from Isaiah, *You are my witnesses*. "Now you are witnesses, too," she said, as she promised them a meaningful and sobering morning.

As the group toured the permanent exhibit, there were moments of both confusion and clarity. Some struggled to keep

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Thrifty is Nifty

Our April issue of Generation to Generation spotlighted the money-saving potential of “senior discounts” available throughout the DC metropolitan area. Check out our list by registering on www.hebrew-home.org. The list is growing, and if you know of additional discounts, or if you would like to add your business to the list, e-mail us at hhinfo@hebrew-home.org, and write “Senior Discounts” in the subject line.

Generation to Generation



Charles E. Smith Life Communities

What to save, what to toss

If you feel like you're drowning in saved documents and have no idea what to keep and what to throw away, you're not alone. Plenty of people are confused. That's why it's not uncommon in some homes to find cabinets and drawers bulging with old bills, tax returns, and appliance warranties. Here are some simple guidelines to help you stay afloat.

Records to keep forever...or close to it

The following documents are so important that they should be stored in the safest place possible, like a safe deposit box at your bank.

- Birth certificates and adoption papers
- Marriage license
- Deeds
- Mortgage papers (for as long as you hold the mortgage)
- Life insurance policies – keep for duration of policy, plus 3 years
- Home improvement expenses (until you sell the home)
- Home insurance policy – keep for 5–10 years
- Automobile titles (until you move or sell the car)
- Veterans records
- Copies of wills and estate-planning documents

Keep tax returns for 7 years

The IRS has 3 years to audit your tax returns from the date they are filed, but it's not a bad idea to keep documents and information pertaining to returns for at least 7 years just in case some unforeseen problem arises.

Keep medical insurance records for 5 years

- Medical insurance premium statements
- Physician or hospital bills
- Copies of prescriptions

Hang on to these records 1 year or less

- Bills/Receipts
- Monthly investment statements – save for 3 months. If you purchase or sell investments, keep the information until you complete the year's taxes.
- Pay Stubs: If a stub describes the history of payment for the year, just keep the most recent one. If it doesn't, keep all stubs until you receive an overview statement at the end of the tax year. Then discard. The exception: a mortgage application may ask you to show several months' worth of stubs.
- Utility bills – keep for 3 months. If you write off utilities on your tax returns, keep these bills with tax records.

What to keep for less than 1 year

- ATM receipts
- Bank statements – if you are applying for a mortgage, you'll likely need a 3-month statement history.
- Credit card statements – keep for 3 months. The credit card company can research past statements for you.

Toss

- Financial/investment supporting documents – you don't need prospectuses, annual reports, privacy notifications or other non-personal mailings.
- Warranty documents – toss when you get rid of the appliances.
- Potentially embarrassing memorabilia ■



Elaine Gebell

Initiatives

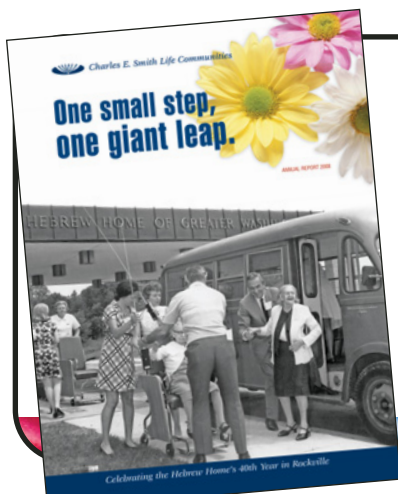
Elaine Gebell, director of admissions at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, advises newly arriving residents that as a rule, seniors should have in their possession their Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other health insurance cards. They should also have any Medigap policy or long-term care policy information. In addition, they should have a copy of any power of attorney for health care and/or financial matters and, if available, a living will. If they have a pacemaker, the ID wallet card is important to have on hand.

Gebell joined the Hebrew Home Admissions Team in 2002, and last year she and her staff oversaw 1,022 admissions to the Hebrew Home. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Ithaca College, where she majored in health services administration and minored in gerontology.

Perspectives:

“With [a potential for] identity theft coming largely from paper documents it is good practice to shred all the records you should no longer retain, especially those with your personal information. Expired documents can pose a threat to your financial health and may not provide you with any useful information.”

— Steven Hastert, ShredNations.com



One small step, one giant leap

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Hebrew Home's move to its Rockville campus, the 99th Annual Meeting's theme was "One small step, one giant leap," a phrase borrowed from astronaut Neil Armstrong's announcement 40 years ago when he landed safely on the moon. Read our Annual Report at www.hebrew-home.org.



Family of Janice Wasserman Goldsten

Maryland District 16 Delegation, represented by Del. Bill Frick, Del. Susan Lee and Senator Brian Frosh, with Chair Hanita Schreiber.

Incoming Chair David Samuels, President/CEO Warren Slavin and Chair for the 99th annual meeting, David Ruben.



99th Annual Meeting highlights

40th anniversary of Rockville move

"One Small Step, One Giant Leap," a phrase borrowed from the 1969 moon landing, was the theme of the 99th Annual Meeting of Charles E. Smith Life Communities on May 20. Forty years ago, on May 20, 1969, the Hebrew Home undertook an historic move from its Washington location to our new campus. It was a step that truly became a "giant leap" in terms of its vision for expanding senior services.

David A. Samuels was installed as Chair of the Board of Governors. Mr. Samuels has held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Leadership Selection and Evaluation Committee, vice-chair of Finance/Treasurer, and secretary. Additionally, he served on the Strategic Planning and Finance Committees and various task forces, and has been an active fundraiser for the Guardian Campaign.

Mr. Samuels is chief financial officer and member of the Board of Directors at Catch the Wind, Ltd., a publicly-traded technology company which focuses on the manufacture of laser wind-sensor products. He and his fiancé, Tenley A. Carp, a partner at a D.C. law firm, reside in Washington. He has three children, Brandon, Eric and Eliana Samuels.

2009 Hymen Goldman Award – Janice Wasserman Goldsten, of blessed memory, a prominent philanthropist, was a woman of great warmth, humor and compassion for the elderly. Goldsten, together with her husband George Wasserman and through the George Wasserman Family Foundation, made charitable donations to the Hebrew Home that total over \$2 million. Included in these gifts was the generous donation 40 years ago that gave the Wasserman Residence, the initial building on our campus, its name.

Chair's Award to Maryland's District 16 Delegation – The District 16 Delegation, Senator Brian Frosh and Delegates William Bronrott, C. William Frick and Susan Lee, was recognized for supporting critical needs of the area's aging population. Over the past two years, with their help, we have received nearly \$1.5 million in State funds for important initiatives on our campus, such as emergency generators and, for Revitz House, a new wellness center and reconstructed front portico to allow emergency vehicles access. ■

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the chronology of the events straight. "Why didn't they all go to Israel?" asked one nursing assistant, who did not realize that the State of Israel was established later, in the aftermath of World War II. Another was puzzled by the cattle car. In her culture, those who scrambled onto trucks and trains could escape; in contrast, this car carried Jews to their doom.

But by the time the group saw the concentration camp bunks and walked through the exhibit of the shoes taken from Jewish victims, the nursing assistants were wiping away tears. "I feel so sorry for those people," Melissa Antwi said. "It is just so unbelievable to me."

The group gathered in a classroom at the museum to talk about what they had seen and to discuss with Blalock how to apply this history to the issues they face in caring for the ten survivors at the Home, all in their 90s. The lasting impact of the Holocaust sometimes surfaces in fearful reactions to showers or fire alarms.

"We are grateful for every moment you take to stop and listen as you care for survivors," Blalock said. "Every minute you spend with them tells them that they matter, that you care. What you do is so very important. You can help restore a tiny bit of what was taken away from them." ■

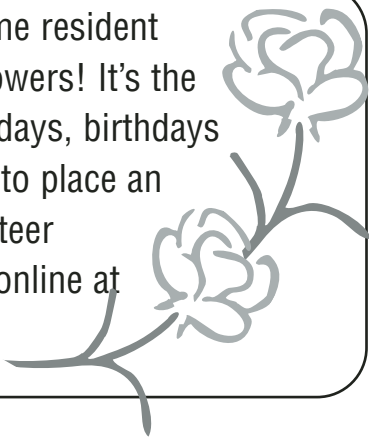


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Ring House

Ribbon goes to Ring House poet

by Emily Tipermas

Ring House resident Mollee Kruger, who is an award-winning journalist, editor, publisher, playwright, and noted poet, has recently added another "feather" to her professional achievement "cap."

In April, Kruger's poem "Brotherly Breach" earned a Blue Ribbon at a National League of American Pen Women Multimedia Juried Exhibition, at the Philip and Dennis Ratner Museum in Bethesda. The poem cleverly interprets the Biblical saga of Joseph and his brothers as a primer on the perils of boasting.

To qualify, the poem needed to be set in a format appropriate for display in an artistic setting. Ring House activities coordinator Deborah Rittenhouse helped Kruger design an attractive layout and select a suitable frame. After the award decision was formally announced, Rittenhouse organized a bus trip for Kruger's Ring House friends to see her poem at the museum.

Long-time Washingtonians may recall reading Kruger's popular nationally syndicated column "Unholy Writ," which ran for nearly 20 years in the *Washington Jewish Week* and in national and Jewish publications, including the *New York Jewish Week*. Her essays, serious and humorous, have appeared in the *Washington Post*.

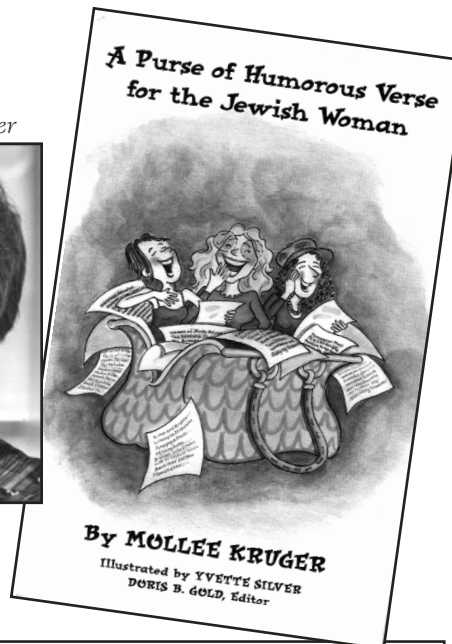
Kruger has also authored seven critically acclaimed books of topical verse (now in the Ring House Library collection), including an American history trilogy. Most recently, two poems by Kruger were selected for inclusion in an official Lincoln Bicentennial publication.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, where she was managing editor of a popular humor magazine at a time when it was a rarity for women to hold such positions, Kruger's papers have been acquired by the University's Hornbake Library Special Collections. ■

Photo by Keith Weller



Mollee Kruger



Brotherly Breach — by Mollee Kruger

"I dreamed a dream,"
young Joseph bragged,
"The universe I owned,
The sun and moon bowed down to me,"
("Good grief!" his brothers groaned.)

Since Joseph was Pa Jacob's pet,
("My Joe can do no wrong"),
The brothers trapped him in a pit,
And sold him for a song.

No doubt they felt a guilty twinge,
And there'd be hell to pay,
But taking all into account,
They did it anyway.

A lesson in this Bible tale:
Pay heed to children's quibblings,
And never underestimate
The rivalry of siblings.

Jewcentricity

This spring, Dr. Adam Garfinkle drew from his latest book, *Jewcentricity: Why the Jews are Praised, Blamed and Used to Explain Nearly Everything*, to present a series of six enlightening lectures at Ring House. Garfinkle is the grandson of Morris Garfinkle, one of the founders of the Hebrew Home.

"Jewcentricity," according to Garfinkle, is "the idea, or the intimation, or the subconscious presumption — as the case may be — that Jews are somehow necessarily to be found at the very center of global-historical events." He cites examples of "Jewcentricity" that he sees sprawling across history, some harmless and even silly; others, evidence of anti-Semitism.

Jewcentricity



Adam Garfinkle

Dr. Garfinkle is editor of *The American Interest* magazine. He has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, SAIS/Johns Hopkins, Haverford College and Tel-Aviv University. He has also served as principal speechwriter to Secretaries of State Colin L. Powell and Condoleezza Rice. ■

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- Matzoh Balls - 77,076. Stacked on top of each other they would equal eight times the height of the Eiffel Tower or more than five times the height of the Empire State Building.
- Chickens - 45,000. With Glatt Kosher prices exceeding the non-kosher market by 26%, we paid an additional \$63,063 for our chickens.
- Soup - 28,926 gallons. Enough carrots, lentils, noodles, mushrooms, split peas and squash to fill a 25'x 45' pool.
- Chopped liver - 88,000 servings. The finished product could fill 30 oil barrels.
- Bagels - 200,200. These typical four-inch bagels would cover over 15 American football fields. ■

Free Father's Day E-Card

More than 75 individuals responded to our e-mail request to send in e-cards for Mother's Day. With Father's Day around the corner, go to www.hebrew-home.org to send our **FREE Father's Day E-Card** to the fathers in your life, and don't forget to send one to hhinfo@hebrew-home.org for a father living at the Hebrew Home.



Bea Litman was one of many Hebrew Home residents who enjoyed Mother's Day gifts delivered by kind donors.

Landow House



Dr. Nancy Kator shows off Jasper to Landow House resident Bertha Tipermas.

Landow House dog lovers had a furry treat when Washington Hebrew Congregation's Mitzvah Day volunteers and activity coordinator Cynthia Lee staged a "Best in Show" dog contest, with Landow residents serving ably as the judges.

Washington Hebrew member and dog maven Burton Goldstein brought his Shitzu brigade: MG Shitzu and Goldie Shitzu. Other trotting contestants included Willie the Sheep Dog, Harvey the Pug,

Marley the Golden Retriever, Pumpkin the Jack Russell, Izzy the Yorkie, and Jasper the Miniature Poodle. When the votes were tallied, all canines were winners!

Health benefits of pet therapy include lowered blood pressure, relief from loneliness, depression and anxiety, and the spiritual uplift of a wagging tail that conveys unconditional love. At the very least, our residents responded enthusiastically to a woof-filled afternoon. ■

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"I arrived from Johns Hopkins on a stretcher two months ago and hope to leave here with cautious optimism on Friday," says Edith Hayman, a Rakusin Rehabilitation Center "success story," whose recovery she's pleased to share with *LifeTimes* readers.

Hayman, 81, was leading a full and active life at her Florida retirement community when she suddenly became ill last winter. Diagnosed with an autoimmune disease, she was flown to Baltimore for emergency treatment. Once her condition stabilized, her family and physicians decided to transfer her to the Home to begin rehabilitation.

Through intensive physical and occupational therapy, Hayman gradually regained the muscle strength in her legs, arms, and hands required to execute ordinary tasks most of us take for granted: getting into and out of bed, dressing and grooming without assistance, and preparing a simple meal in the kitchen.

She expresses praise, respect, and gratitude for the care she received from therapists and members of her medical team throughout her stay. Citing their patience, kindness, encouragement, and professional skills, which she observed were shown to everyone coming to rehab, she said, "Thanks to them, I can now go back to living the life I had."

"Be sure to make it clear that this place is great," Hayman adds. ■

Revitz House

Sixteen Revitz House residents traveled to Philadelphia in May to see an important Cézanne exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, entitled *Cézanne and Beyond*. The exhibition assembled forty paintings and twenty watercolors and drawings by the French artist Paul Cézanne, as well as works by artists Cézanne inspired. Sandi Bragin, activities coordinator at Revitz, frequently organizes special outings like this to give residents access to outstanding cultural offerings available in our area "and beyond." ■



Paul Cézanne, (French, 1839 – 1906), *The Card Players*, 1890-92. Oil on canvas, 25 3/4 x 32 1/4 inches. The Metropolitan Museum of Art; Bequest of Stephen C. Clark, 1960 (61.101.1).





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LifeLines

In Our Mailbox

Dear Mr. Slavin,

My husband, Stuart Siegelman, was a resident on unit 2E in the Smith-Kogod building for 3-1/2 years before passing away on January 9, 2009. He suffered from Alzheimer's disease, and his condition progressed steadily, until he needed complete care on a 24-hour basis.

I want you to know how grateful I am for the wonderful care he got on 2E. Without exception, the staff was caring and gentle with him, always treating him with the utmost respect. Since he could not communicate verbally, it was so important to me to know that his needs were met even though he was unable to ask for help.

I also wanted to tell you about the atmosphere on the unit. There was always an upbeat feeling, with the staff really making you feel as though they cared not only about the residents, but about the families as well.

So, thank you to the Hebrew Home, and especially the staff of 2E. You made this sad time in our lives much easier to bear.

Yours truly,
Barbara Siegelman



Wegger Chr. Strommen, Ambassador of Norway to the United States, toured the Home and chatted with residents. He is pictured here at left, with volunteers Arnie Hammer and Harold Schneiberg, who run the Men's Schmooze Group.

The Home's intergenerational program, "Lessons of a Lifetime®: The Ethical Wills Project," earned national recognition. Director of Volunteers Hedy Peyser, right, accepts the award for outstanding programming from the Associates of Jewish Homes and Services for the Aging, presented at their national symposium by Lynne Wolf. The Gerontologist has also accepted a paper about the project for publication.

Himmelfarb receives volunteer award

The 2009 Kitty Davis Award for outstanding volunteer service goes to Gail Himmelfarb. For the past seven years, Gail has contributed her time and energy to the Hebrew Home with grace and exceptional dedication – often up to six hours a day, six days a week. She has prepared flowers for our "Flowers for Shabbat" program, visited residents, assisted with Seders, Purim carnivals, bingo and other activities, accompanied seniors to doctors appointments and helped in the soda shop.

"Gail is my right hand; I couldn't make it without her," states Director of Volunteers Hedy Peyser. Likewise, Himmelfarb has garnered praise from dozens of residents and families, who have communicated their gratitude for her extraordinary kindness and attention.

"The residents have so many needs," says Himmelfarb. "I try to fill both the conventional requests, like listening to a story, and sometimes the unconventional ones, like bringing a resident challah and honey on Rosh Hashanah. It makes me feel good. Even if I'm feeling down, I try to be upbeat and cheerful – and pretty soon I feel better!"

Folks always say they gain more from the volunteer experience than they put in. Himmelfarb expresses this same sentiment. As an added bonus, she believes her experience on our campus has helped her reconnect to her Jewish roots. The award will be presented at the annual Volunteer Day Luncheon, June 17.



Hebrew Home earns high marks

Results from the 2008 Maryland Nursing Home Family Experience of Care Survey are now published and we're happy to report the Hebrew Home received high marks across the board.

Conducted by the Maryland Health Care Commission, the survey compares 235 nursing homes and continuing-care facilities, asking questions to family members of residents that address the quality of staff and administration, food, physical aspects of the facility, respect for patient rights, and whether the facility merits a recommendation to others seeking a similar level of care.

Ninety-eight percent of our respondents said they would recommend the Home to others, and gave a score of 8.8 out of a possible 10 for overall care. "This testifies to our ongoing efforts to provide quality care," said Jeanne Janosko, the Home's vice president of clinical development. "We appreciate the vote of confidence from the families we serve." ■



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EventMakers



Above, luncheon chairs Marla Garchik and Margie Halem with Ann Brashares.

At right, Hanita Schreiber with Irene Kaplan, award recipient.



Photos by Randy Sager

Above, long lines for book signing.



Author Ann Brashares signs her book for Natalie West, past chair of the Women's Auxiliary Committee.



Below, Lillian Kline, Hebrew Home resident, enjoys the luncheon with staff.

The sisterhood of the Aunt Minnie Luncheon

The Aunt Minnie Luncheon, a fixture in the Washington community for more than 70 years, was infused with stories of sisterhood, connection and community this year. Author Ann Brashares, who wrote the popular *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* book series, opened her remarks by stating, "I feel part of an incredible community here," and went on to share stories of her wedding dress borrowed by a series of joyous brides, the empowering aspect of friendship, and her path to becoming a best-selling author.

Irene Kaplan received the 2009 Aunt Minnie Goldsmith Award. She was described as a visionary, a consummate volunteer, whose work on behalf of the community would have made Minnie Lansburgh Goldsmith, for whom both the luncheon and the award are named, proud. "There is no part of the Jewish community untouched by this woman," stated Dottie Bennett, in listing Irene's many accomplishments and prior honors. "She continues to make Jewish life accessible to more and more people, especially in Virginia and upper Montgomery County," Bennett added.



In accepting her award, Kaplan spoke of happiness in life as not being dependent on "how the furniture is arranged" in a room, but on how one arranges one's mind. "My advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in your bank account of memories," she said. She discovered in the *Traveling Pants* book, "a lesson on friendship. . . a reminder of the life and legacy of Aunt Minnie Goldsmith and the Women's Auxiliary," and she graciously thanked the Home for "the incredible job you do, day-in and day-out, caring for the most vulnerable in our community."

The May 13 luncheon was chaired by Marla Garchik and Margie Halem. Several luncheon attendees treated their daughters, who are among the 10 million readers of the *Traveling Pants* books, to the afternoon event and book signing. ■

Gelman gift

The Hebrew Home is pleased to announce a \$100,000 gift from the Elias and Fannie Gelman Foundation.

The Gelmans' story echoes many immigrant tales: Elias arrived in Washington from Odessa about 1886 following a journey through South Africa, London and New York; Fannie came from Lithuania. The two ran a grocery store in Southwest Washington. Elias went on to found the Gelman Construction Company, building thousands of apartments.

After Fannie passed away, it was Elias' second wife Vittle who connected the family to the Hebrew Home, becoming president of the Women's Auxiliary and initiating their Life Member program. This year, Elias' daughter Elizabeth Gelman Kossow, known as "Boshka," spent the last months of her life in the Home's care. She attended George Washington University and was fluent in Spanish, Italian and Yiddish, a talented cook and a strong supporter of the arts.

Elizabeth and her children Frances Burka, Eileen Samuels, and John Kossow wanted to thank the Home for her outstanding care. The Elias and Fannie Gelman Foundation, which Elizabeth was president of, has made this gift to the Home's endowment to dedicate the Lobby Lounge in the Wasserman Residence in Elizabeth's name. We are most grateful for this magnificent generosity. ■



Annual Meeting see story on page 3

Above, Vivian Pollock, Shelly Weisman and Allan Hurwitz were some of the Annual Meeting guests who were also present at the time of the Home's move to Rockville 40 years ago.

County Executive, Ike Leggett.



Do you have plans for your house?

Not the blueprints that the carpenter used, or plans for remodeling. But plans for final disposition?

For many of us, our homes represent our single most valuable asset. This is true not only in a monetary sense, but in other respects as well. Your home may be a storehouse of many precious memories. Perhaps you view your home as your castle, a refuge from the stresses of life.

Yet someday, other owners will walk through the front door. As you look down the road and consider various ways you might transfer ownership of your house, here are three charitable plans to contemplate.

Give and stay

First, you can give your home to the Hebrew Home and continue to live there as long as you want. One advantage is that you receive an income tax charitable deduction to apply against taxes this year. You also relieve yourself and your family from having to worry about selling your home later when you may be enmeshed in health or other concerns. This gift arrangement is called a reserved life estate.

Give and receive income

A second gift option is to transfer ownership of your home (or vacation home) to the Hebrew Home in exchange for a lifetime stream of income. This could mean creating

a gift annuity or perhaps a charitable trust. Such a plan could work well if you are planning to move and do not have the energy or interest in selling your home yourself. This plan also provides an income tax charitable deduction.

Give and sell

A third option can help homeowners who are preparing to move into a retirement community achieve a dual goal – to use part of the proceeds from the sale of their house to create an endowment at the Home, and part to augment retirement income.

In this plan, the ownership of the property is split to give the Hebrew Home a 50 percent undivided interest. Then, proceeds of the sale are split. By including the Hebrew Home, homeowners not only receive an income tax charitable deduction, but can also obtain assistance in the selling process.

In this short article it is impossible to present all the ways and benefits of using your home to meet your personal needs and to accomplish your charitable goals. Our director of gift planning, Julia Pitkin-Shantz, is available to explain these and other opportunities open to you.

Contact her at 301.770.8342 or e-mail pitkin-shantz@hebrew-home.org. ■

Support the Hebrew Home through your gift to United Way Check 8111 or CFC 49705.

CampusCalendar

Special Events

18 October

Home Run 5k/10k/fun run at Federal Plaza, culminating in a great post-race celebration, benefits the Home and Jewish Foundation for Group Homes. Register online now at early bird rates at www.hebrew-home.org or call 301.770.8351.

3 December

This year's President's Circle dinner for donors of \$5,000+ includes an exclusive tour of the National Geographic Society exhibit of Terra Cotta Warriors from China. Call 301.770.8328 for more information.

12 December

Save the date for the Starlight Ball, Ritz Carlton, Washington, DC.

For more information about upcoming events, visit www.hebrew-home.org, Events page



Resident Programs and Trips

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Visit to the Holocaust Museum

Family Support

Coffee with Barry

Families and residents are invited to ask questions or air comments at informal sessions with Barry Eisenberg, VP of Nursing Home Operations. Every other Wednesday at 6:15 p.m., second floor tower room, Wasserman Residence, beginning June 3.

Family Support Group

Open to caregivers in the community as well as Charles E. Smith Life Communities families. Second and fourth Friday each month, 1 to 2 p.m., Smith-Kogod Residence library. Call Kerri Zwolak, 301.770.8479.

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