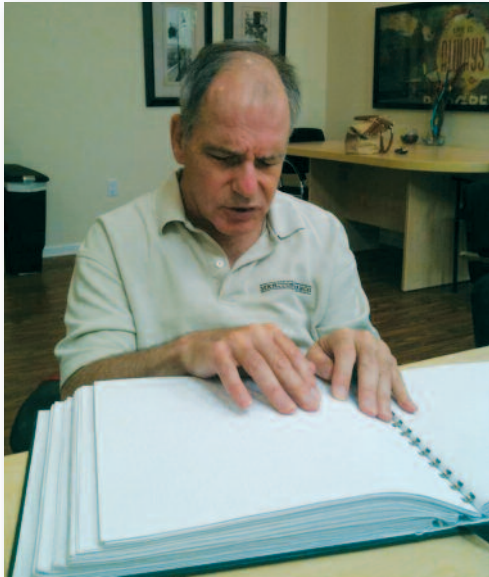


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'Storytelling with Steve' Debuts at Rosen RRR



STEVEN ISENBERG READING ALOUD AT JARC'S RRR PROGRAM

Steve Isenberg loves sharing his passion for reading with others, and on June 15 he began hosting 'Storytelling with Steve' on a weekly basis at JARC's Rosen RRR program (Recreation, Relaxation and Relationships). Although he is blind, Steve is an avid Braille reader who also is gifted with a broadcast-quality voice.

According to *Latrice Crutcher*, a JARC staff person who works with Steve at the condo which he shares with two roommates, "Steve has a very strong voice, like a radio announcer. He actually studies broadcaster's voices, especially the sports announcers. While others may be watching

the ballgame, Steve concentrates on the voices and has learned a lot about phrasing, pitch and how to put excitement into his voice."

Steve had been volunteering at the Manor of Farmington Hills Nursing Home and now wants to fill his Wednesdays by reading to a different group. Participants in the RRR, a daytime activity program for senior and retired individuals, are looking forward to having Steve as a regular storyteller.

His first selection, *Switch* by Grant McKenzie, was carefully chosen from a Braille catalog and reflects Steve's preference for action-packed adventure stories. "It's a thriller and I think the group will really like it," he says with certainty. His audience will definitely be on the edge of their seats.

You can make a donation to the Rosalie and Bruce Rosen RRR Program Fund by calling 248-538-6610 x 308 or go online to www.jarc.org.

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31st ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER

"Come Together" For JARC's Fall Fundraiser!

JARC's 31st Annual Fall Fundraiser will present *RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles* at the Fox Theatre on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. This acclaimed show won an Annual Drama Desk Award for excellence in New York theater as 2011 Outstanding Musical Revue.

Highlighted in the show are the most famous and unforgettable songs from The Beatles' illustrious career and each is performed by talented artists who capture every nuance of the legendary "Fab Four". The show will entertain audiences of all ages.

This year's Fall Fundraiser Chairs are: **Ron Applebaum, David Caroll, Lindsay Dembs** and **Sharon Eisenshtadt**. Young Adult Chairs are: **Jill and Steven Ingber, Rabbi Jason** and **Elissa Miller, Rochelle** and **Brian Raznick** and **Alyssa** and **Josh Tobias**.

We are honored to announce that the **Janis and Larry Shulman Matching Gift Challenge** will match dollar for dollar any new gift or gift increase from the 2010 Fall Fundraiser.

Invitations to the Fall Fundraiser with all the details will be mailed in early September. Also, be sure to check frequently on JARC's Facebook page for exciting contest news and a chance to win free tickets to **RAIN!**

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Grand Home Manager Wins 2010 Spirit of Service Award

Lisa Green, Manager of JARC's **Evelyn and Salman Grand Home** in West Bloomfield, was chosen as a 2010 Spirit of Service Award winner by the **Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA)**. This statewide award honors the outstanding accomplishments of supervisory staff working in assisted living, residential and vocational programs.

Lisa received her well-deserved honor during a luncheon presentation at the 16th Annual MALA Conference held in Lansing on May 3, 2011. She was recognized for her tireless efforts on behalf of the six men who live at the Grand Home. According to her immediate supervisor, Program and Enhanced Services Coordinator, **Paul Mattson**, "Lisa's honesty and integrity are hard to match. She is a one-in-a-million champion for those she serves, their families and the staff she works with."

Lisa recently marked her 25th year with JARC. We are proud of her for so greatly enriching the lives of the men at the Grand Home!



LISA GREEN, MALA SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD WINNER

ILS Participants Take Part in MORC Presentation

On March 4, 2011, **Renee Kaplan** and **Mia Weiss**, who are part of JARC's Shetzer Independent Living Services Division, attended a conference on self-determination held at the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC) in Auburn Hills. The two ladies, who share an apartment in Farmington Hills, spoke about their experiences as roommates and how they have adjusted to living on their own.

Not the shy and retiring types, Renee and Mia talked a lot about how they have learned to cooperate by each focusing on their strong points and preferences. For instance, Renee likes to cook and doesn't mind doing the vacuuming. On the other hand, Mia will gladly clean and dust. Dividing up household responsibilities in this way, has made cohabitating easier for the ladies.

Both Renee and Mia loved being in the spotlight at the MORC conference. Says Renee, "The whole thing was very cool. I wasn't nervous and would love to do it again sometime." Mia adds, "It was a fun experience. I was just being me!" Their outgoing personalities and wonderful success story will no doubt ensure they will be asked to be public speakers again.

Independent Living Services roommates share their experiences at MORC conference



MIA WEISS (L) AND RENEE KAPLAN (R) GIVING PRESENTATION TO MORC

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- 4 to enable people with developmental disabilities to live full, rich lives as respected members of the community in the setting of their choice;
- 4 to provide access to a Jewish way of life for those who choose it;
- 4 to provide support services to families who have minor children with any disability or adults with developmental disabilities living at home;
- 4 to educate and sensitize the public regarding people with disabilities and their value to the community.

Letter from the Board President: JARC Remains Committed



Dear Friends,

In its 42nd year, JARC continues to enrich lives and erase barriers for the people and families we serve. The quality of programming, dedication of our Board and compassion and skill of our staff enable people with developmental disabilities to live rich, meaningful lives as respected members of our community and in the setting of their choice. And of course, JARC could not exist without the generous support of thousands of individuals and corporations who recognize the benefit the organization provides within our community.

To help ensure our mission continues for future decades, JARC has embarked on a strategic plan. The planning process involves a 360-degree evaluation of every aspect of the organization, including its history and the environment in which it exists. Lead by an experienced planning consultant, the process includes representative participation from various stakeholders, such as JARC staff, Board members and family members served. The JARC strategic plan will serve dual purposes. First, it's expected to be used as an outline to efficiently allocate a limited amount of resources to the highest and best uses for the people JARC serves. Second, the plan will be included in presentations to state and local funding sources, as well as formal submissions for grants.

Despite severe financial challenges still facing our community, JARC remains committed to providing a broad range of services to men, women and children with disabilities and their families. JARC operates within a fiscally conservative budget and is intent on finding new sources of philanthropic support. On behalf of those served by JARC, its Board of Directors and staff, I want to thank you for more than four decades of support for this model organization. With your continued support, JARC can remain a viable part of our community for future generations.

JEFF EISENSHTADT
President, JARC Board of Directors

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SANDY AND DENNIS DEMBS: Passing On a Love for JARC



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FRONT ROW L TO R: DEMBS GRANDCHILDREN JILLIAN LESSON, JOSH LESSON, DYLAN DEMBS, HARRISON DEMBS; BACK ROW L TO R: DENNY DEMBS, GRANDSON COREY LESSON, SANDY DEMBS

Sandy and Denny Dembs have been committed to JARC for nearly two decades. Over the years, they have shown their support by volunteering, serving on the Board, as fundraiser chairpersons and as Guardians For Tomorrow. In designating JARC as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, they have also passed along to their children and grandchildren a heartfelt commitment to ensuring JARC's future. Sandy tells her story about JARC from her heart:

"We initially became interested in JARC through a close friend. I started out as a volunteer in the office and soon became a one-to-one volunteer with a woman served in the Independent Living Program. The rewards I received far outweighed the time I invested.

An opportunity we highly recommend is visiting a JARC home for Shabbat dinner. The people JARC serves put you at ease with their warm smiles and excitement at having a dinner guest. Don't be surprised if they invite you back again.

Our children became a part of the JARC family after attending a fundraising event. They also shared a Shabbat dinner, and eventually took our grandchildren so that they could feel comfortable being with people who may be different.

*We are so proud that **Ryan and Lindsay (Dembs)** have been the Fall Fundraiser Young Adult Co-chairs, and Ryan serves on the JARC Board. In 2011, Lindsay and Ryan are Co-Chairs of the Fall Fundraiser. So, our love for JARC has been passed to the next generation, and we have no doubt it will be passed down to their children as well.*

We also chose to participate in JARC's Planned Giving Program because it allowed us to provide a significant gift for the future. We are very honored and privileged to be part of JARC. The experience has truly enriched our lives."

For more information about JARC's Guardians for Tomorrow, contact Carol Kaczander at 248-538-6610 x 343 or carolkaczander@jarc.org.

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Sports, Recreation and Travel Funds Enhance Quality of Life

The people served by JARC lead very full and active lives, participating in a wide variety of social and recreational experiences. According to *Kristi Davis*, JARC's certified Recreation Coordinator, "Our goal is to focus on people's abilities so that everyone — regardless of their physical condition — can participate in all kinds of enriching activities. My job is to help foster leisure skills, which in turn, improve the health, independence and quality of life for those JARC serves."

Making it possible for JARC to offer a comprehensive array of options for quality of life experiences are the many funds which were established specifically to subsidize fitness class fees, health club memberships, vacations, tickets to sporting events, concerts and the theater, as well as to operate a day activity program for adult seniors and retirees.

We are grateful to the donors who established these funds which enable the people JARC serves to participate in a variety of life-enriching experiences:

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For information on establishing a fund, contact Rena Friedberg, Chief Development Officer, at 248-538-6610 x 314 or renafriedberg@jarc.org. To make a tribute or monetary contribution to one of these funds, call 248-538-6611 or go online to www.jarc.org.



PHOTO TOP: CINDY WENDT FROM THE PIERCE HOME ON CARIBBEAN CRUISE PORT OF CALL; PHOTO MIDDLE: (L TO R) REGINA JUTKIEWICZ, MARY ROY AND MAXINE LIPTON FROM THE SAMUELS HOME VISITING HERSEY, PA, TRYING THEIR HANDS AT CANDY-MAKING; PHOTO BOTTOM: MEN OF THE BERLIN HOME TAKING A RIDE THROUGH A CAVE DURING THEIR TRIP TO BRANSON, MO



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JARC DOUBLEHEADER: 42ND ANNUAL MEETING AND "RAISE THE ROOF" CELEBRATION

On June 16, 2011 JARC held its 42nd Annual Meeting at the **Shirley T. Medow Home** in Huntington Woods to elect its Board for 2011-12. Congratulations to JARC's newly-elected officers: President, **Jeffrey Eisenshtadt**, President Elect, **Ronald Applebaum**, Vice Presidents **Lisa Brown**, **Adam Cohen** and **David Grand**, Secretary **Stephanie Freedman** and Treasurer, **Robert Kaplow**. Newly-elected Board members for a first 3-year term are **Adam Becker**, **Amy Berlin**, **Marcy Colton**, **Dani Glickfeld** and **Jason Weiss**. **Adam Cohen**, **David Haron**, **Linda Z. Klein**, **Lowell Salesin**, **Janis Shulman**, **Scott Werner** and **Stacey Wittenberg** were elected to a second 3-year term, and **David Grand** was re-elected to a third three-year term.

JARC expresses its deepest gratitude to those members whose terms have come to an end: **Sharon Eisenshtadt**, **Lindsay Gross**, **Barry Leshman**, **Marc Schechter**, **Joseph Selesny**, **James Sherman** and **Robert Steingold**.

The Annual Meeting was also an occasion to gather for the formal rededication of the Medow Home and celebrate the culmination of the "Raise the Roof" campaign which funded the home's makeover. Guests had the opportunity to see the extensive renovations designed to make the home barrier-free for the six ladies who live there and to incorporate "green" money-saving technologies. Speaking at the rededication services were **Rabbi Robert Gamer** of **Congregation Beth Shalom**, **Dan Medow** and **Lynn Medow**, children of Shirley Medow in whose memory the home was named.

PHOTO LEFT: DAN MEDOW AND LYNN MEDOW TOOK PART IN THE MEDOW HOME RE-DEDICATION PHOTO RIGHT: AUDREY YARROWS AND EILEEN COHEN AFFIX THE MEZZUZAH



SpringElation 2011 is a "Wild" Success

May 26, 2011 may go on record as one of Metro Detroit's coldest and rainiest days of spring, but JARC's 13th annual SpringElation at the Detroit Zoo was a tremendous success in spite of the weather.

Nearly 900 people attended the annual event which provides the major source of funding for JARC's Merle and Shirley Harris Children and Family Division. With sponsorships and ticket sales combined, JARC exceeded last year's numbers which will provide continued support for more than 450 families with children with disabilities.

Throughout the zoo, families could be seen having fun in the craft tent, getting "inked" with temporary tattoos, searching for hidden clues for prizes throughout the zoo and having their photos taken with a costumed lady bug and cougar by Michael A. Jonas Photography. Everyone enjoyed the picnic dinner by Matt Prentice Restaurant Group and music and dancing by StarTrax.

Lauren Bienenstock and Adam Cohen served as the 2011 SpringElation co-chairs. Supporting them were more than 100 volunteers who donated their time to the event. Several organizations provided employees to help staff the fundraiser, including Bienenstock Court Reporting & Video, Fifth Third Bank and teens from BBYO and Adat Shalom Synagogue.

According to Adam Cohen, "Co-chairing SpringElation was a labor of love. The entire JARC staff are real pros. And seeing the smiling faces on the people we serve, even in inclement weather, was the highlight of a truly special event. We raised a lot of money in a time of serious need for a very important cause. I was honored to be a part of it."

PHOTO: (L TO R) SPRINGELATION 2011 CHAIRS ADAM COHEN AND LAUREN BIENENSTOCK WITH JARC CEO RICK LOEWENSTEIN



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