

Report of the Nominating Committee

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2007-2008

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2007-2009

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2007-2010

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 and Dean Ziemke

Continuing through 2008

Diane Gutmann, Thomas Kaplan,
 Norma Sober, and Helen Sternberg

Continuing through 2009

Genrikh Babich, Mark Frankel,
 Anita Parks, and Kris Rasmussen

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 Kenneth Robbins, Stefanie Rose,
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 James Youngerman

With thanks to retiring Board members

Corlie Blumenfeld, Lisa Friedlander,
 Evelyn Miller, and Judith Rothschild

Statement of Financial Position February 28, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash	\$76,983
Pledges receivable	15,469
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,253</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	94,708
Fixed Assets:	
Property and equipment	35,054
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,779)</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	18,275
Other Assets	
Investments	<u>1,637,432</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,750,415</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>\$6,702</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,702
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted:	
General	50,000
Board designated	<u>1,620,302</u>
Total unrestricted	1,670,302
Temporarily restricted	<u>73,411</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>1,743,713</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,750,415</u>

Board of Directors 2006 – 2007

Maria Cancian President
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 Thomas Kaplan, Marilyn Kupferberg,
 Evelyn Miller (moved), Anita Parks,
 Kris Rasmussen, Jeanne Silverberg,
 Norma Sober, and Helen Sternberg

Staff

Janice Beers Director of Immigrant & Refugee Services	Svetlana Govorukha Office Assistant
Sandra Booth Finance Director	Sherry Minkus Administrative Assistant
Nancy Dodge Geriatric Social Worker	Steven H. Morrison Executive Director
Louise Goldstein Director of Volunteer Services & Senior Group Programs	Barbara Spierer Associate Executive Director
	Francie Smith Saposnik Director of Senior Services

Jewish Social Services of Madison

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The 2006 form 990 and FY 2007 audit are readily available for inspection at the JSS offices.

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The “Jewish” in Jewish Social Services

From the day of our founding on February 9, 1978, Jewish Social Services of Madison has provided non-sectarian services which reach people of all ages, backgrounds and lifestyles. While this is not the case with all our colleague agencies throughout the country, it is and always has been in Madison.

Though our “service to all” has been consistent throughout these three decades, we are sometimes asked about the “Jewish” component; that is, what’s “Jewish” about Jewish Social Services of Madison. Jewish tradition, history, teaching, values and, indeed, the Jewish religion girds everything we do and, along with the professional training of our superb staff, inform how and why we deliver service.

An example may serve as an illustration to better understand what we mean. Serving seniors or families in stress would make excellent and, perhaps, easy illustrations. I choose, however, to use our relatively new Immigration Services as an illustration of the Jewish context of what we do though, in this illustration, most of the clients who receive those services are not Jewish.

Building on our exceptional strength in serving refugees and immigrants over the decades, in 2005 Jewish Social Services received recognition by the United States Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) to represent clients in immigration matters. In addition, Janice Beers, the JSS Director of Immigrant & Refugee Services, is accredited by the BIA to practice before the Department of Homeland Security. With that accreditation, Janice is permitted to accompany clients to United States

Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) interviews and follow up on pending matters. Our role is to assist low-income émigrés who cannot afford the higher fees of immigration attorneys. Jewish Social Services is the only agency in Dane County to have earned this BIA recognition and Janice is the only individual in Dane County to have earned this USCIS recognition. In 2006, 163 clients, many of them not Jewish, received Immigration Services. To some, this may not seem like a natural fit for JSS.

But, the Torah does not want any misunderstanding that for the world of Deuteronomy “strangers” (those who are not members of the Jewish community) were not to go unnoticed.

We learn in Deuteronomy 29:10b to include all “from the hewer of wood and to the drawer of your water.” In those days these were the two most essential “laborers” within the camp and were specified by their roles and responsibilities. Normally, their inclusion might be assumed as a matter of necessity, but here the Torah forces us to peel back that assumption of social class invisibility and names those on whom we count but all too often refuse to acknowledge. The roles and responsibilities of the wood chopper and water drawer are named with equal status to the leaders, tribal heads, and elders.

The current arguments over immigrants and labor underscore the problem of class invisibility. We need the people who pick the harvest we want to eat. Still, their actual presence is considered “alien” by our legal standards. These arguments are global. The invisibility of who provides the services we need will not be solved by

legislation alone, though just legislation is sorely needed.

Since that moment in history when Moses spoke to the “community” that would enter the land of Israel, humans have struggled to define who is to be included or excluded from this community. Today there are tens of millions of “strangers” in the United States who do the work we all need. Yet, we rarely accept them as beings of equal value within our community.

That is not and never has been the case for Jewish Social Services of Madison. We long ago accepted the legacy from Sinai and have gone about our work with immigrants because we learned they, indeed, are a part of the community with equal status to all other members of the community. That’s why this illustration is, perhaps, the best we have today of what’s “Jewish” about Jewish Social Services.

Served 1,065 different clients; 1,013 individuals and 52 agencies in 2006.

- 347 clients received casework services
- 273 clients received short-term counseling
- 178 clients received information and referral services
- 163 clients received immigration services
- 24 clients received case management services
- 12 clients received job counseling
- 77 clients received group work services
- 120 clients received emergency financial grants
- 21 clients received nursing home/assisted-living placement services
- 267 clients participated in social recreation programs

- 11 clients received protective and financial management services
- 112 clients received “other” services

Our clients reflected a broad cross section of our community.

- 186 clients were age 34 or younger
- 451 clients were age 35-64
- 376 clients were age 65 or older
- 36% of our clients had incomes under \$18,000
- 26% of our clients were disabled
- 12% of our clients were unemployed
- 11% of our clients worked in the public sector or UW
- 39% of our clients worked in the private sector
- 39% of our clients were retired
- 15% of our clients resided outside of Madison throughout Dane County

Maria Cancian has served as President the past two year. While JSS has been privileged to have many very fine and dedicated Presidents, Maria was our first UW faculty to hold this leadership position. She brought extraordinary organizational skills, focus, humor, and a scholar’s eye toward substance to her leadership role. Maria, indeed, epitomizes the critical role played by our volunteers which helps make JSS so successful. Together with a superb and talented staff go the profound thanks and appreciation they are all due. Combined, they have permitted us to build on our strengths as we have fulfilled the mission set for us at our founding in 1978.

– Steven H. Morrison
Executive Director