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IAJVS/AJFCA Partner to Assist NJ Residents Post-9/11

IAJVS and the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA) have received a grant from the United Jewish Communities' (UJC) 9/11 Fund. IAJVS and AJFCA developed a collaborative program to provide job placement and career management services to New Jersey residents affected by the events of September 11, 2001. The program offers career counseling, assessment services, group workshops and job placement. It is also designed to provide valuable mental, emotional and vocational support to individuals employed at companies located at or near the World Trade Center, surviving spouses and children, individuals laid off as a direct result of 9/11, and/or individuals too traumatized to return to their jobs in Manhattan and who are seeking employment closer to home and family. Genie Cohen, IAJVS Executive Director, believes that the collaboration between IAJVS and AJFCA is able to provide a holistic treatment by combining emotional counseling, skills training, ego enhancement and also address other personal development issues. All of the grant money is being spent on direct services to individuals and families affected. Genie Cohen and Bert Goldberg, AJFCA President, are providing administrative and programmatic oversights as in-kind services. IAJVS members, JVS of MetroWest and JFVS of Middlesex, along with other Jewish Family Services in New Jersey are actively providing assistances to individuals in need. Also, JEVS Philadelphia is assisting in the process to reach out and assess needs for services in southern New Jersey.

Beyond the significance of the services provided, the collaboration between IAJVS and AJFCA is important, as this is the first time the two national organizations have come together to integrate their services.

IAJVS Board of Directors Winter Meeting

This year's IAJVS Board of Directors meeting promises to be both a dynamic and an enriching gathering. Agency executives and members of the IAJVS Board will congregate in South Beach, Florida at the luxurious Loews Miami Beach Hotel. Beginning on Saturday evening December 7, David Saltman, CEO of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, and his wife Penny are graciously opening their home to members of the Board for a welcoming dinner that will offer these colleagues and their guests an opportunity to touch base and reconnect with one another.

The Board of Directors meeting will officially begin on Sunday, December 8. The day's guest speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Solomon, President of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies. Dr. Solomon will deliver a presentation entitled "Corporate Meltdown: The Lessons of AOL Time Warner, Enron and GE for Jewish Communal Life." Al Miller, CEO of FECS Health & Human Services System, will then moderate a panel of executives, who will respond to Dr. Solomon's presentation. The agenda affords for a lengthy pause between sessions on Sunday, to allow participants an opportunity to network and perhaps even engage in informal discussions on the beach! A late-afternoon session will be based on the topic of

capitalizing/financing entrepreneurial efforts. David Saltman, CEO of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, will chair the session, which will also include a guest speaker, TBA.

On Monday morning, December 9, the group will reconvene for a session facilitated by Gail Magaliff, COO of Human Services at FEGS Health & Human Services System. This session will center on issues facing CEOs vis-à-vis their boards. Attendees will discuss many critical issues facing CEOs and their board today. The rest of the day on Monday will be devoted to a special IAJVS/AJVSP taskforce committee discussion.

Dr. Jeffrey Solomon to Be Guest Speaker at Winter Meeting

Dr. Jeffrey Solomon will be the guest speaker at the IAJVS Board of Directors meeting to be held in South Beach, Florida in early December. Dr. Solomon is the President of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies. As such he provides professional leadership to one of the largest private philanthropic efforts in the Jewish community, focusing on projects and initiatives in Canada, Israel and the United States. He previously served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Office of UJA-Federation of New York. In that capacity, he was responsible for all professional activities relating to the raising, planning and distribution of more than \$200 million annually.

Other past positions include executive positions at Altro Health & Rehabilitation Services, Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, and Jewish Family and Children's Services in Miami. Dr. Solomon also served with city, state and federal governments. An author of over 70 publications, he serves as clinical associate professor at New York University and sits on numerous non-profit and foundation boards. He is a founder of the World Bank – World Faiths Development Dialogue.

The Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies' mission is to develop, implement and support initiatives that help strengthen the unity of the Jewish people; help improve the quality of society in Israel; and enhance Canadianism. Through The Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies in the USA, Keren Karev in Israel, and The CRB Foundation in Canada, the Philanthropies is committed to encouraging young people to strengthen their knowledge and appreciation of their history, heritage and cultural identity.

Dr. Solomon has entitled his discussion with the IAJVS Board "Corporate Meltdown: The Lessons of AOL Time Warner, Enron and GE for Jewish Communal Life."

Annual Conference 2003 in Los Angeles

In late September, Genie Cohen made a trip to Los Angeles, future site of the 2003 annual conference. IAJVS is happy to announce that we have secured Merv Griffin's chic and glamorous Beverly Hilton as our conference and meeting space. Attendees of the 2003 annual conference will be a short stroll away from the dazzle of Rodeo Drive and Century City. Furthermore, Susan W. Robertson, President of the Board of Directors in our host community of JVS Los Angeles, will graciously open her home in Bel Air to greet conference participants at the Welcoming Reception. Without even beginning to plan out the programming, the annual conference promises to be a smashing success!

Speaking of programming, Genie will soon be assembling a program committee for the 2003 conference. She is anxious to hear from IAJVS board members who are willing to volunteer to assist in the planning of this exciting annual event.

Grants Update

The network's disAbility Employment Initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and providing services in Boston, Chicago, Gulf Coast, Philadelphia and San Francisco, officially got underway this past quarter. As part of the first quarter's activities, Sandra Johnson, Scheronne Dunham, and Thomas Martin of the U.S.D.O.L. already came to Philadelphia to monitor both IAJVS and JEVS Philadelphia. We're thrilled to share that the DOL representatives were pleased with what they saw—in fact, Jim Boyar at JEVS Philadelphia can be commended for the best participant files that Ms. Johnson had ever seen at a program site! Congratulations to JEVS Philadelphia!

During a recent trip to Los Angeles, Genie Cohen performed a site visit of the youthAbility program at JVS Los Angeles. Los Angeles is one of ten cities participating in youthAbility. Genie met with staff and was very impressed with how things were running in Los Angeles. She commends JVS LA for exceeding their expected number of youth served and for contributing to the overall success of the youthAbility program.

Agency News



A special thank you to everyone who submitted information for this column. If you would like us to print something about your agency in our next quarterly report, please send your news to Bill Lynch (lynchw@iajvs.org)!!

Boston

Center for Careers and Lifelong Learning (CALL) at JVS Boston was awarded a grant from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement to operate an Individual Development Account Program for refugees. JVS is partnering with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Greater Boston and Citizens Bank in this project. The recently formed Outreach and Intake Team at the JVS CALL was instrumental in enrolling one of the largest skills training classes ever for its September rotation - 32 people! The staff believes it has to do with the concerted efforts as a team to get out into the community, and the ability of the CALL to offer people a range of services instead of just doing outreach for one or two particular programs.

On another front, in response to the devastating economic collapse in Argentina, Career Moves at JVS has recently been awarded a grant by Boston's Combined Jewish Philanthropies in order to enable 30 professionals from Argentina to resettle in the Boston area. Under this grant, JVS will: identify employers willing to sponsor professionals on a H-1B and other visas; screen the HIAS database in Buenos Aires for appropriate resumes; provide long-distance cross-cultural counseling and employment counseling; arrange interviews via web cam for finalists; make the job match and provide some post-placement services. For more information, please contact Judy Sacks, Director of Career Moves at jsacks@jvs-boston.org.

Finally, JVS' The Work Place was awarded a Partners With Industry (PWI) grant from the federal Department of Education. This grant allows JVS to work with business partners and customers with disabilities, in order to support customized job-training and placement services. This is a two-year grant that will serve upwards of one hundred clients.

Chicago

JVS Chicago and Keshet, an organization serving Jewish individuals with developmental disabilities, have forged an innovative partnership in the development of an integrated vocational and life skills program for adults over age 21. Joining this partnership are: Jewish Community Centers; the University of Chicago's Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; the Jewish Federation's residential program (Migdal Oaz); and Jewish Children's Bureau. JVS is the lead agency in the newly created program called the Collaborative Community-Based Program For Adults With Disabilities (Co-Op). Keshet parents banded together to develop services under Jewish auspices for their children twenty years ago. Public special education funds have paid for their school needs and now these students are matriculating at age 21, the chronological age when education funds no longer will support these young adults. Alternative programs were a necessity to bridge the transition from school to adult activities.

The Co-Op, which commenced in September, addresses the needs of developmentally disabled Jewish adults to engage in productive work and to participate in social settings. The Co-Op includes a combined program of work, vocational adjustment, life skills and community activity in a Jewish environment. It is the first in the Chicago area to provide these integrated components.

The Vocational Training program at JVS builds work skills and involves participants in constructive work activities at JVS' Sampson-Katz Center. Four young adults spend five mornings a week at JVS doing assembly and contract packaging. One is currently working in a supported employment position at a business site. When they receive a paycheck they experience a sense of making a meaningful contribution to society as well as an enhanced feeling of self-worth and self-reliance. Afternoons are spent at the Keshet program at the JCC, which provides opportunities for building social, recreational and adaptive living skills within a group context. Volunteers, giving the program a community-based framework, will aid professional staff.

Start-up costs of the program have been underwritten by a \$100,000 allocation by the Keshet Board of Directors along with parent fees. Additional funding from foundations, grants and state agencies is being sought. The unique aspects of this initiative puts JVS at the forefront of a multi-agency, community-based structure, which provides a high level of programming and services supporting this needy and underserved population.

Detroit

Jay Leno Wows JVS Detroit



Funnyman Jay Leno performed brilliantly during Detroit Live!, JVS Detroit's 60th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 14. The audience was laughing from the minute Jay stepped on stage to do an impromptu raffle drawing, until he brought the house down with a comedy routine that reached out to the 2,500 people present. Tales of his parents' foibles with their VCR, his "unhipness" and the problems he encountered with airport security measures were hilarious.

The evening began with a welcome from local NBC news anchor Carmen Harlan, who introduced Detroit Live! co-chair and immediate JVS past President Dennis Bernard. He, in turn, brought greetings from the JVS Board of Trustees, thanked presenting sponsors Somerset Collection and Standard Federal Bank, and introduced a new JVS video. The 7-minute video presented an artistic history of the agency with touching vignettes of clients' stories.

This was followed by "Christopher," an opening act that can best be described as a one-man dance ensemble.

Corporate sponsors and \$600 "Leno Club" ticket holders met Jay Leno at two pre-glow parties, where he stopped to sign autographs and pose for pictures.

"Detroit Live! evolved in response to state and local government funding cuts, affecting the most vulnerable populations JVS serves: people with developmental disabilities or chronic mental illness," said Barbara Nurenberg, CEO. The event raised over \$200,000.

Gulf Coast

Florida's Lieutenant Governor, Frank Brogan, visited Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services' Noncustodial Parent Employment Program, meeting with President/CEO Michael Bernstein, clients and staff, to learn first-hand about the program's success. More than 6,200 "dead-

broke" dads (of which about 10-percent are "dead broke" moms), have been assisted by the program since its inception in mid-1996, helping them find sustained employment leading to the payment of child support. The Lieutenant Governor praised the program saying that more noncustodial parents employment programs are needed throughout the state and nation.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has selected the Noncustodial Parent Employment Program as a successful national model that will be included in guidebooks for use by fatherhood programs across the country that wish to initiate or expand their services for fathers. The foundation praised Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services for developing a partnership with the University of South Florida in collecting data and the formal evaluation of the program. Evaluation of the Noncustodial Parent Employment Program through December 2001 shows that parents are more involved with their children as a result of the program, that the program returns \$4.84 to the state in child support collections for every \$1 spent on the program, and that long-term work habits are being generated as 75-percent of all child support collected now comes from individuals who are no longer in the program.

Louisville

The Jewish Community Internship(JCI) Program recently completed its second year of operation. JCI grew out of another program JFVS Career Services ran a few years ago called "Building Future Generations"(BFG). BFG was designed to address Louisville's Jewish "brain drain", the phenomenon of talented youth going off to college and upon graduation often choosing to pursue career opportunities elsewhere. JFVS' success with BFG triggered other "brain drain" initiatives within the larger community including Bulldogs in the Bluegrass, a program targeting Yale undergraduates. JFVS performed a career management role in this Yale-oriented program. Ongoing community-wide efforts to recruit and retain our local talent prompted JFVS to create a summer internship program for Jewish college students.

JFVS Career Services took the lead in creating this summer internship program. JCI represents a partnership between JFVS, the Jewish Community Federation and the Jewish Community Center. Each partnering organization commits to at least one intern. The program is designed to provide a paid, nine-week summer internship to a select number of Jewish college students who have completed at least one year of college. Candidates must be permanent Louisville residents although they can be attending colleges out of state.

Interns are offered a stipend of \$2,500. They are provided with work experiences that are interesting, relevant to their career plans, and provide value to the sponsoring Jewish communal organization. JFVS' summer interns, for example, have provided computer and technical

support and enhanced service delivery to the international population. Ancillary activities have also been embedded in the program. These activities enhance interns' overall professional growth and development. They include career planning seminars, luncheon programs with community leaders, and other mentoring-networking opportunities.

Second year program evaluations were again positive and partnering organizations remain supportive. A few program changes are contemplated as the program enters its third year in Spring 2003. For further information, contact rhtiehl@jfv.com.

Los Angeles

In a city where the unemployment rate soars above the national average, JVS is helping the people of Los Angeles get back to work with the debut of its new WorkSource Center on October 17. Speaker of the Assembly Herb Wesson was a featured presenter, along with representatives from the Governor's office, Los Angeles City Council and City of West Hollywood. With more than eight percent of Angelenos unemployed and many more struggling to support their families, JVS' WorkSource Center (in the SAG building) will provide free employment and training services to anyone and everyone.

JVS WorkSource Center is open to adults, dislocated workers, refugees and immigrants, students, individuals with disabilities, ex-offenders, welfare-to-work clients and more. Due to the WorkSource Center's proximity to SAG and the Actor's Equity Fund, the Center provides specialized services to people in the entertainment industry.

Thanks to Governor Davis' Youth Career Services, the WorkSource Center also provides innovative programs for at-risk youth and young adults (ages 15 to 21) to assist them in transitioning from the schoolyard to the workforce.

JVS has also received \$150,000 from Los Angeles County to expand its innovative Certified Nurse Assistant program. The program takes long-time welfare recipients and trains them for long-term careers in the nursing industry.

Finally, in this economy, people with disabilities have been among the hardest hit. JVS' Coffeeworks program, which trains people with disabilities for careers in the food service industry, has just received a grant of \$12,500 from Liberty Hill.

Job Openings:

JVS Los Angeles has the following two job openings. For more information on either position, contact:
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Grant Writer: Work with program managers to identify agency priorities, needs and new program ideas to pursue through grant development. Research government, foundation and corporate grant makers to identify targets and assist in developing grant proposal strategies. Maintain current data on targeted funders. Track federal, state and local government policy developments relating to funding for employment, training and education. Attend bidders conferences, monitor/search Internet, attend funder events. Plan, coordinate and write proposals, including research, data collection, budget, and supporting materials. Participate in program development for specific grant-related documents. Coordinate reporting to funders. Work with staff to collect program outcome data and evaluate performance. Write and submit reports in a timely manner.
Qualifications: 5 years of demonstrated success in grant and/or proposal writing, preferably in employment, human service or educational setting. Highly skilled in grant research and writing for federal, state and local government agencies. Excellent writing research, planning and conceptual skills. Familiarity with both private and public funding sources. Understanding of employment, training and/or human services. Ability to work effectively in team setting. Computer skills including Word, charting/graphing, Excell, Internet. Well organized, independent. B.A. degree required; M.A. preferred.

Human Resources Generalist: Solid, broad-based HR generalist background in multiple human resources functions, with support to management in organization effectiveness, employee relations; demonstrated ability to interface effectively at all levels of organization. Oversee and provide new employee orientation, recruitment, screening and reference checks. Monitor and develop personnel policies & job descriptions / postings. Support managers in performance evaluations. Able to work as part of a team and maintain professional boundaries.
Qualifications: Strong interpersonal, influencing and consulting / negotiating skills, business savvy, and problem solving skills. Must be a progressive thinker with demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects / tasks from inception to completion in a changing environment. Candidate must have a minimum of 5 years HR experience. Must have current knowledge of appropriate laws and practices. BA in Human Resources or Business Administration.

MetroWest

As of July 1, 2002, JVS MetroWest has assumed responsibility for providing family resettlement services to Jewish émigrés from the Former Soviet Union and Iran seeking to resettle in the MetroWest Community. These services, formerly provided by the Jewish Family Service

of MetroWest, include pre-migration, casework, and citizenship application assistance. In combination with its traditional vocational resettlement service offerings including ESL, citizenship education, vocational counseling, skills training, job placement and follow-up services, the agency will now provide the full range of resettlement and citizenship services under one roof.

Miami

The Milk & Honey Campaign, dedicated to feeding the hungry in Miami-Dade, was launched by Jewish Community Services of South Florida on the morning of Erev Yom Kippur, when approximately 100 volunteers delivered food packages and made friendly visits to over 220 homebound elderly. The JCS Kosher Food Division prepared beautiful "Break the Fast" platters with bagels, lox, cream cheese, a small salad and honey cake.

It changed the way some of the volunteers saw their own fast, as they realized that some people have to deal with a lack of food every day. In addition to providing food, the volunteers were helping to assess the need for other services that JCS provides. The goal of the Milk & Honey Campaign is to increase the food services and programs offered to those in need.

To raise more funds, a Gala Milk & Honey Reception at artist Romero Britto's Gallery Central on Lincoln Road, was held on September 26, 2002. In honor of Sukkot, a special Sukkah was constructed in front of the gallery. In a gracious gesture of philanthropy, world-renown artist Romero Britto, created an original acrylic work on paperboard, "The Land of Milk & Honey" which was inspired by the work and efforts of JCS' Milk & Honey Campaign. The art was auctioned at the event. Dr. Donna Shalala, President of the University of Miami, was the keynote speaker.

Stressing the importance of addressing hunger needs, Co-Chair, Diane Lieberman said, "I never realized there were people hungry in our community." Co-Chair, Debi Wechsler added, "I was so touched to realize what a little bit of help can do, and what a tremendous need there is in our community." In just a few short months, the Milk & Honey Campaign has already raised \$ 100,000.

In other news, JCS Gourmet Kosher expanded its Retail Kosher Food Line, building on the success of a pilot program to distribute Passover dinners through six Publix SuperMarkets in 2001. This program was expanded to 40 stores throughout South Florida in 2002. Complete Rosh Hashanah Holiday dinners were available this year at select Publix SuperMarkets. Gourmet Kosher has introduced a retail product line in the refrigerated deli sections at Publix SuperMarkets and other stores. Profits that are generated from Gourmet Kosher's retail efforts are used to provide more food programs and services. Gourmet Kosher's Miriam K. and Sidney L. Olson Commissary provides kosher meals to Miami-Dade's

Senior Meals-On-Wheels program, to six congregate meal sites for seniors and to day schools and camps for children.

FEGS Health & Human Services System

FEGS Health & Human Services System (FEGS) received The National Award For Leadership in a Time of Disaster Award presented September 23, 2002 in Washington, D.C. The award "For Leadership in a Time of Disaster" was given by Eli Lilly and Company and Comprehensive NeuroScience, Inc. to New York based FEGS for its services in community organization and crisis outreach throughout the greater metropolitan area. The 2002 Eli Lilly and Company Behavioral Healthcare Leadership Award is designed to recognize outstanding behavioral healthcare organizations that have displayed exemplary leadership in clinical and program innovations or leadership in demonstrated measures of program performance and performance improvement.

FEGS Behavioral Health Services serves thousands of people annually through Counseling Centers, Day Treatment Programs, Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation programs, case management services and a range of residential opportunities for individuals with long-term illness. With headquarters less than a mile away from ground zero, FEGS has been involved in the recovery effort since the onset of the September 11th World Trade Center disaster. FEGS is being recognized for their rapid response services, the Lower Manhattan Healing Project, and their population specific interventions for senior citizens, the deaf, Holocaust survivors, and Russian-speaking student populations. In the aftermath of September 11th, FEGS deployed specialists in trauma, counseling, employment services and business recovery, reaching 25,000 individuals and public information to another 100,000 individuals through government and foundation funding. For the business community, FEGS added the services of its for-profit affiliate, XBRM, to help companies prepare for risk and threat management.

Philadelphia

Creating culture change within an organization can be a daunting task, especially when your organization has traditions of success. Many may ask "why change—why do we have to do things differently if we are successful?" The answer is simple—the human services world is changing. Increased demand for services, competition from other organizations, diminishing public resources, the need to maintain a technologically sound infrastructure...the list goes on and on.

JEVS Philadelphia is completing the second phase of a major employee communications effort to reposition the agency to take on these new challenges. Called the *Core Tours*, JEVS President & CEO, Jay Spector, has been visiting JEVS programs for the past six months, spreading the word about JEVS' recently established

Core Principles: **Commitment to Excellence, Quality Customer Service, Integrity, Leadership at All Levels and Collaboration.**

The sessions are framed around the five Core Principles. Meetings have been held at 28 individual programs and administrative departments within JEVS. The sessions are interactive, with Jay leading the discussion on each of the Principles, sharing how he “lives” each Principle, asking the group to do the same and share the obstacles that “get in the way” of living the Principles.

Meetings range in size from groups of eight to 30, with all levels of staff in attendance—from directors to direct care workers. Staff is asked to review and discuss the Principles prior to the visit. A member of the JEVS Executive Team and Communications staff join Jay on each visit to reinforce the organization’s shared commitment to living the Core Principles and to capture any issues for follow-up.

“The Core Tours have required a major commitment of time in an agency of our size,” says Jay, “but the visits are an investment in our future.” The Core Principles have become a touchstone for staff in decision-making, planning for growth and problem-solving. “It’s been very exciting to watch the Principles take hold, to hear them used in everyday conversations and to see them reflected in our work. They have become much more than just some words on our walls.”

San Francisco

JVS San Francisco received a \$540,000 grant from the California Employment Development to serve dislocated workers. JVS SF is using this grant to respond to the increasing numbers of unemployed individuals, increased lengths of job search times and increased competition for the most difficult-to-employ clients. JVS SF is providing more immediate and intensive job placement support and job development services. They have expanded and enhanced services in job search skills training, career and employment counseling, resume consultation, interview techniques and employer panels that focus on industries that are hiring. The agency also expanded training in office technologies and other technical skills to prepare disadvantaged individuals for employment in administrative and other business service positions that still project hiring despite a slowdown in the economy.

While the need for these immediate and intensive employment services continues to grow, JVS SF is one of the only organizations in the local workforce development system funded to respond to the critical, urgent needs of economically disadvantaged adults and dislocated workers. JVS staff is working with employers, unions and other service providers to recruit 300 participants, with special outreach to those affected by mass layoffs in the garment, hospitality and tourism industries. This grant has significantly enhanced JVS’

job development capacity. Overall, the agency has placed over 260 clients in the last quarter (7/1/02 – 9/30/02), which is higher than their placement rates in 2000 when the economy was stronger.

Toronto

JVS Toronto sponsored an exciting event on March 21, 2002 in cooperation with the Canadian China Society and The Chinese Cultural Center. The evening included a pre-film reception, the documentary “**A Place To Save Your Life**” by Toronto, Peabody award-winning filmmaker Karen Shopsowitz, a Pictorial story of the Jews who were rescued by Dr. Feng Shan Ho, a panel discussion with three people who had lived in Shanghai during and after the Holocaust. Attendance topped 700 and has led to continued liaison with the Chinese Community.

“A Place To Save Your Life” is a documentary of some historic importance about one of the largest but least known refugee sanctuaries of the Holocaust. It tells the story of the Jewish refugee community of Shanghai, juxtaposing interviews with current footage as well as archival and personal photographs. 18,000 Jewish refugees fled to Shanghai between 1938 and 1941 seeking refuge from the growing horror of the Nazi terror that had overtaken Europe.

This documentary looks at the peculiar history of the Jewish community in Shanghai. It looks at the refugees’ struggles to survive in a city so unlike anywhere they had ever been and their relationships with the Chinese. The refugees arrived in Shanghai with little more than their lives. Once there, they were assisted by a small but wealthy Jewish community of Sephardic Jews from India who had come to China in the mid – 1800’s as well as Russian Jews who had come in the 1920’s.

The Pictorial Story highlights the story of the 18,000 Jews. The key figure in the story is the Chinese diplomat Dr. Feng Shan Ho, Chinese Consul General in Vienna, Austria from 1938 to 1940. He was one of the few diplomats who issued visas to Jews desperate to emigrate. He did so on his own authority, despite harassment from the Nazis and despite orders to desist and a reprimand from his superiors. Eventually more Jewish refugees arrived in Shanghai, than the combined total in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other commonwealth countries. Dr. Ho was posthumously awarded the title of Righteous Among the Nations by the state of Israel in October 2000.

Dignitaries attending included Meir Romem, Consul General of Israel Li Zhengjun, Consul General of China and Senator Vivienne Poy.

Sponsors included RBC Investments, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, O&Y Properties and Quartet Service Corp.

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2003 IAJVS/AJVSP Annual Conference

UJC's GA Comes to Philadelphia

In case you haven't heard, the United Jewish Communities' General Assembly will be held in IAJVS' hometown of Philadelphia! If you are planning to attend the largest annual gathering of Jewish community leaders in the world from November 20 – 22, consider visiting your friends at IAJVS. The IAJVS network will have visibility - Vivian Seigel, Executive Vice President/CEO of JVS Los Angeles, will be a presenter at a session on Wednesday, November 20th, entitled "Unique Opportunities for Collaboration in Jewish Social Services". President/CEO of JEVS Philadelphia, Jay Spector will be attending, as well as JEVS Philadelphia staff, who will be volunteering during the three days. Genie Cohen will represent IAJVS at the GA.



June 1 –3, 2003
Los Angeles, CA

Save the Date

IAJVS Board of Directors'
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December 7 – 9, 2002



Loews Miami Beach Hotel
South Beach, Florida

Highlights include:

- Guest speaker Dr. Jeffery Solomon, President of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies.
- Saturday evening dinner at the home of David and Pemmy Saltman.

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