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RIVER GARDEN TURNS 71 – HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Jacksonville, FL, March 26, 2017: River Garden Hebrew Home celebrated its 71st year in style. More than 500 members of the community, ranging in age from infants to seniors, gathered on the River Garden campus to celebrate Anniversary Day and attend the Annual Meeting. The event was chaired by **Dr. Larry Goldberg**, Home Board member, who did an outstanding job of coordinating the activities of the day. "It was a great day honoring River Garden's 71 years of excellence", commented Goldberg. "It was gratifying to see so many families, some with up to four generations, enjoying all of the activities, delicious food and beautiful weather. There is nothing else like it! I'm looking forward to the 72nd Anniversary Day."

Musical entertainment was provided by "**Dan & Viv**"; grill masters **Art Sherman** and **Marc Raitt** cooked up hot dogs, hamburgers and delicious chicken sandwiches; wonderful desserts were prepared and served by River Garden Auxiliary, headed by **Sharon Smith** and **Alice Sherman**.

Children were delighted with so many activities: pony rides, trackless train rides, playing in the bounce house, and being entertained by clowns, face painters and balloon artists. It was nothing short of a child's dream come true!

During the Annual Meeting, officers and trustees were installed. **Marsha Pollock**, Hebrew Home board president for the last 3 years, passed the baton to **Susan Cohen** who was installed as the new Home board president. Newly installed Trustees include: **Randy Kammer**, River Garden Senior Services board; **Gayle Bailys**, Hebrew Home board; and **Andrea Mail**, Foundation board. **Gloria Einstein**, Senior Services board president, honored Marsha Pollock as she retired from the Home board presidency; and **Elliott Palevsky**, River Garden CEO Emeritus, presented **Lew Meisel** with special recognition as "Honorary Lifetime Member" of the Home board after a remarkable 56 years of service.

The day concluded with River Garden Auxiliary's popular and much-anticipated *Tombola* drawing, when a lucky member of the community walks away with a \$3,000 grand prize (and some new "best friends"!).

About River Garden

River Garden Senior Services is a not-for-profit, mission-driven community agency offering an array of elder care programs and services on a 40-acre campus in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. Sponsored by the organized Jewish community, River Garden serves clients from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values. In addition to being an 8-time recipient of the prestigious Governor's Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long Term Care, River Garden is a 5-star rated community by AHCA (Agency for Health Care Administration) and CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and a recipient of US News & World Report's "Best Nursing Homes" designation in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016-17.

The River Garden campus includes: River Garden Hebrew Home, a 180-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility; The Coves at River Garden, an 80-unit independent living community; River Garden Home Health Care, a Florida licensed and Medicare certified home health agency; River Garden Rehab, providing short-stay rehabilitation and outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies; River Garden Adult Day Care; The Albert Z. Fleet Geriatric Training Center, providing continuing education, training and professional advancement for staff; and River Garden Foundation, providing financial support to the River Garden system of senior services.

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The bounce house was one of many great activities for kids to thoroughly enjoy.

