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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 8—Shlicha Shelly Presents
"Georgian Jewry" at 10:30 AM
- July 15—Jewish Life Community
Movie at 10:30 AM
Sturgeon Queens
- July 25—Jewish Genealogy
Society of NE FL at 6:00 PM
- August 19—Jewish Genealogy
Society of NE FL Movie at 10:30 AM
How to Re-establish a Vodka Empire
- September 5—Jewish Java
at 9:00 AM
- September 26—Lunch & Learn:
Sukkot with Rabbi Shapiro at
11:00 AM
- November 17—Gala Event
'Under the Big Top'

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Our Mission

To provide... A wide range of quality, cost effective elder care services in residential, outpatient, and community based settings.

To create... A comfortable, caring, and dignified home for the frail elderly serving both rich and poor with excellence.

To serve... People of all faiths, while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values.

To act... As a valuable educational resource in elder care for the entire community.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

JULY

Sat 21 Erev Tish'a B'Av
Sun 22 Tish'a B'Av

SEPTEMBER

Sun 09 Erev Rosh Hashana
Mon 10 Rosh Hashana 5779
Tue 11 Rosh Hashana—Second Day
Tue 18 Erev Yom Kippur
Wed 19 Yom Kippur (Yizkor)
Sun 23 Erev Sukkot
Mon 24 Sukkot
Tue 25 Sukkot—Second Day
Wed 26-30 Sukkot Intermed. Days
Sun 30 Sukkot (Hoshana Raba)

OCTOBER

Mon 01 Shmini Atzeret (Yizkor)
Tue 02 Simchat Torah

DECEMBER

Sun 02 Dec Chanukah Begins at Sundown

Front Cover Photo:
Marilyn Stein, Coves Member

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Insurance accepted as primary payors: Traditional Medicare, Aetna, Florida Blue, Humana, Cigna.



Inside Line

By Martin A. Goetz, Chief Executive Officer

River Garden's Anniversary Day brought more than 500 community members onto our campus as we celebrated with a barbecue and party, followed by our annual meeting and the installation of new board members and officers. A very special thank you to Lois Schlesinger, who completed five years as president of The Coves at River Garden and has now turned over the gavel to Dr. Dennis Lafer. Continuing in their leadership roles are: Gloria Einstein, president of River Garden Senior Services; Susan Cohen, president of River Garden Home; and Jeanine Rogozinski, president of The River Garden Foundation.

Following Hurricane Irma last fall, Governor Rick Scott issued emergency orders requiring all nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have emergency generator power sufficient to provide air conditioning for up to 96 hours. This spring the Florida Legislature made some modifications to that order and it is now Florida law. I'm proud to report that River Garden has successfully completed installation of a new 500KW emergency generator capable of providing emergency power and air conditioning for more than 34,000 square feet, going well beyond the new statutory requirements. We're deeply grateful to those supporters and donors who graciously stepped forward to help us fund this \$500,000 project.

River Garden's leadership continues to study the feasibility of developing a small Jewishly-enriched Assisted Living Facility (ALF) on its campus. Any construction would be predicated upon active and sustainable demand within the Jewish community, as well as a successful fundraising effort. And while there are those who argue that ALFs are overbuilt in

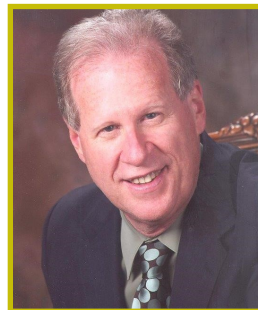
Northeast Florida, any such project on River Garden's campus would be focused on serving uniquely identified Jewish needs in our community. We will keep you informed.

Over the summer, River Garden will be evaluated for accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Facilities (JCAHO), the nation's foremost health care accreditation organization. In addition to standard JCAHO accreditation, we have also applied for their certification in Post-Acute Care.

Recently, we were reminded of how fragile our Jewish community agencies are and how important it is that we nurture them now and into the future. Last month we learned that Cedar Village, Cincinnati's Jewish seniors' campus, is being sold to private interests. Cincinnati has about 27,000 Jews, roughly double the number living in Northeast Florida. This will be a profound loss to their community, one that they will have to deal with for years to come. Cincinnati serves to remind us that creating and nurturing communal Jewish life requires organizational commitment, leadership and collective support. The reality is that all of our Jewish agencies and synagogues are fragile and will continue to exist only as long as there are champions among us who recognize the value of the role we play in creating and nurturing Jewish communal life.

Finally, let us offer congratulations to Mauri Mizrahi, Florida's newest licensed Nursing Home Administrator, and let us welcome Kari Bell, our new manager of Marketing & Communications.

Have a wonderful summer!



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin A. Goetz".

It's Official: Mauri Mizrahi Named Associate Administrator at River Garden



After a year of training, studying and testing, Mauri Mizrahi is officially the new Associate Administrator at River Garden. In this capacity, Mauri assumes responsibility for our Rehabilitation programs, the Beauty Shop, and the Jewish and Life Enrichment teams. She also is the agency liaison for the River Garden Auxiliary. Throughout the next two months, Mauri will be focusing a majority of her time reviewing the policies and procedures for the Joint Commission certification project.

Recap: 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

It was a great day at Deerwood Country Club Wednesday, April 25, 2018 for the **22nd River Garden Classic**, proudly sponsored once again by **Hardage-Giddens Funeral Homes & Cemeteries/Dignity Memorial**. We appreciate the leadership and dedication of long-time chairs **Mark Lodinger** and **Michael Price**. River Garden extends a heartfelt thank you to all of our generous sponsors, committee members, volunteers, players and staff who worked together to make this event successful, and extends special recognition to our long-time reception sponsor, **HUB International Florida**, and new Hole-in-One Car Sponsor **Mercedes-Benz of Jacksonville**.

120 players participated in this year's tournament, raising nearly \$70,000 to benefit The Albert Z. Fleet Geriatric Training Center at River Garden, which provides training and continuing education for River Garden staff. We are dedicated to excellence in care and training, and our staff is the reason River Garden is northeast Florida's leader in Long Term Care and the recipient of an unprecedented eight *Governor's Gold Seal Awards for Excellence in Long Term Care* spanning 17 years and was recently named the #1 Nursing Home in the state by US News & World Report. Since the tournament's inception in 1997, more than \$1.4 million has been raised.

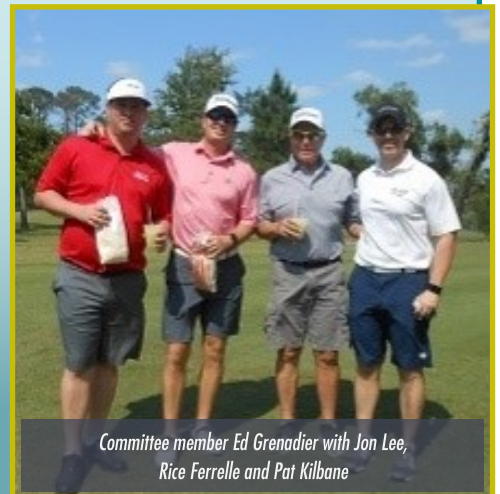
To learn more about the River Garden Foundation, the Golf Classic or the Training Center, visit www.RiverGarden.org, or contact Michelle Branly: mbranly@rivergarden.org or (904) 886-8431.



First place low gross team Tom Spriggs, Richard Stein, Adam Podlesh, Josh Scobee



Awesome golf volunteers!



Committee member Ed Grenadier with Jon Lee, Rice Ferrelle and Pat Kilbane



Scott Kukelhan and his foursome get into the Key West spirit
(Photo Credit: Larry Tallis)



Michael DuBow, Eric Leach, David Honig, Jeff Leach



Players and volunteers with Title Sponsor Hardage-Giddens / Dignity Memorial



Tournament Chairs Mark Lodinger and Michael Price with Jody Brandenburg, Hardage-Giddens



Paul Rothstein, Steve Foody, Steve Linn and Glenn Furth
(Photo Credit: Larry Tallis)



Player gift volunteers Alice Sherman, Gaye Sager, Faye Hyken, Naomi Lazar and Beth Wolpoff (Photo Credit: Larry Tallis)

Welcome Teens: Seasonal Volunteers Bring Youthful Energy to River Garden

We are pleased to welcome fifteen teens to our campus for the summer season. The youthful energy and talents these teens share with our residents and staff is wonderful!

The students represent seven different schools from Duval & St. Johns counties. Each week they will be presenting *Intro to Culture & Languages*, a time for showcasing their diverse cultural backgrounds and experiences.



Daisy, Daisy. Check Out This Bicycle Built For Two

Nearly one year ago, River Garden received a grant from THE PLAYERS enabling the purchase of The Duet, a wheelchair bicycle that residents can enjoy.

This partner-cycling is a nice edition to River Garden's wellness and therapy programs. Trained volunteers 'pilot' and navigate the bike, while residents relax in the chair at the front. When finished with the ride, the front chair will detach and can be maneuvered like a standard wheelchair.

The Duet combination bike is manufactured in the Netherlands. The back seat driver provides the power from pedaling and manages the handlebar controls. The front chair is made for adults and can accommodate weights up to 275 pounds. Surprisingly stable, the bike maintains a low center of gravity and supports the patient's back in a natural position. Most importantly, the 'driver' can easily communicate with and monitor the wheelchair passenger.



Tandem bicycling dates back to the late 1800s and was even an Olympic sport at one time. Today, it is still considered a wonderful pastime. Here, one of our teen volunteers gives a resident a ride on campus.

Our teen volunteers are trained as summer chauffeurs.

100 Years Young



River Garden has the wonderful opportunity to share many significant events with families. In both May and June, celebrations included two very special 100th birthdays: Mrs. Hilda Goldstein (L) and Mrs. Lorene Minton (R)



The Importance of Our Jewish Community



"Hiding from the Nazis in Holland"
Speaker, Tommy Cohen with
(L-R) Stacey Goldring, Isabel Balotin, Leslie Held and Yvonne Cohen.



(L-R) Susan Elinoff, Cindy Edelman, Dr. Ron Elinoff and Isabel Balotin.

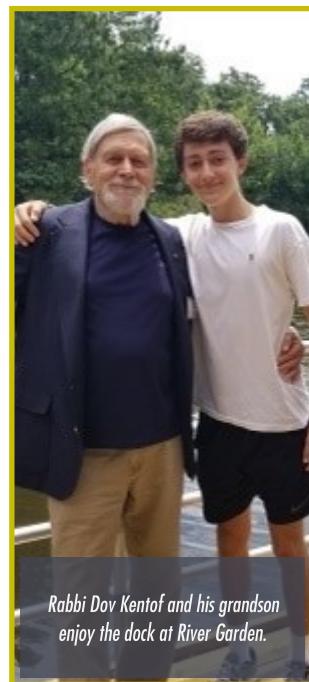
The Jacksonville Jewish Federation and River Garden have a longstanding partnership in bringing Jewish programs, specifically Shalom Jacksonville, to the Jewish community. *Jewish Java*, a Federation program, meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Cohen Auditorium. What began as a meeting place for those new to the Jacksonville area has now expanded to include all who enjoy the comraderie and programming that we offer.



Ladies enjoy a feeling of 'home' and hospitality in the River Garden Deli. Lunch and mah jongg.



Best kept secret: During Passover, the guys found a "restaurant" to enjoy a Kosher lunch get-together.



Rabbi Dov Kentof and his grandson enjoy the dock at River Garden.

New Volunteer Achievements 2018 Lifetime Hours Awards

- 4000 Hours — Sharon Smith
- 3500 Hours — Frank Baltes
- 1500 Hours — Arnold Corr, Nelson Harbin, Hilde Meyer
- 1000 Hours — Janet Brown, J.P. Goldsmith, Richard Nykerk, Jan Smith
- 500 Hours — Janice Hoffenberg, Beverly Horowitz, Kathy Minton, Sharon Rosenblum
- 100 Hours — Carol Bellin, Jennie Bermudez, Doris Fagan, Marvin Gillman, Elaine Hodz, Skip Jackson, Ellen Rubens

For more information about how you can become involved with our Jewish Life programs or as a volunteer, please contact Leslie Held,
Director of Jewish Life:
lheld@rivergarden.org or (904) 886-8429



Earth Day

Children, staff and parents from Beth El's Religious School arrived on the River Garden campus to celebrate Earth Day with our residents. Side by side, the children and residents created "trees" by outlining their hands and pasting colored hearts as leaves. After refreshments, everyone journeyed outside for the tree planting. A shovel was provided to each child to assist with the planting and **Rabbi Matuson** gave a beautiful explanation regarding the importance of Earth Day, trees and the environment. With appreciation



to **Michelle Yergin** for coordinating with the Religious School's Director, **Vickie Kennedy**, River Garden's campus grounds have been enhanced with the planting of a limequat tree. As the tree continues to bear this special fruit, we will make it a part of our food preparation.





Cindy Edelman Presents

Cindy Edelman always packs a full-house. Her knowledge of art history is impressive and she is a gifted presenter.

In May, Cindy presented the story & art of Henryk Ross, specifically his notable Lodz Ghetto photographs.

For those who were unable to attend, Henryk Ross was a survivor from the Lodz Ghetto, where he had lived as a prisoner and 'official photographer' for the SS during WWII. During his captivity, he was responsible for taking ID pictures; but, with 'leftover film,' he also managed to take some pictures showing the torment of daily life in the ghetto. In 1945, Ross buried a box of his negatives. Months after his liberation, he was able to retrieve the box, and he used the photos to testify in the Eichmann trial of 1961.

"Memory Unearthed: The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross" has been exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and other national and international museums.



Yom Ha'atzmaut

In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, River Garden's Jewish Services department took part in the Community event at the JCA. Our "Tree of Life" family room included a photo exhibit of trees native to the land and an arts and crafts table for the children to apply pomegranates, oranges and olives to hand painted trees.

On our River Garden campus, the annual tradition for celebrating Israel Independence Day includes providing a "Taste of Israel."

This exciting, delicious array of Middle Eastern foods is prepared by Tina Tadros, our Adult Day Program Manager. Tabouli, hummus, baklava and kanafeh are just some of the samplings enjoyed served by staff and volunteers.

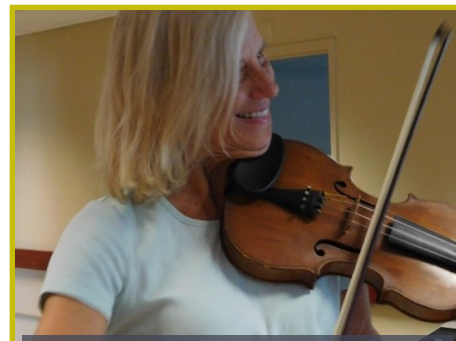


"The Healing Art of Music" was held in the River Garden Cohen Auditorium thanks to a collaboration between River Garden and Hadassah. Our guest speaker was Danielle Porter, a Board Certified neurologic music therapist, who works with stroke, Parkinson's and brain injured populations. She presented remarkable techniques for engaging patients throughout their therapy sessions. Audience participants took part by experiencing how the use of musical instruments assist in one's recovery.

Music Benefits The Soul

In recent years, much has been written about the benefits of music therapy for all ages, and especially for seniors or those with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. In light of that research, we continue to emphasize the universal message of music at River Garden with robust programming, including Sing Alongs with Gary, Piano with Zina and monthly birthdays with Dan & Viv. Beginning this Spring, Minda Gordon, therapist, and violinists Daniel & Jan were added to our schedule.

Elliott Palevsky (*Director Emeritus*) also shares his guitar-playing talents!



*Top: Violinist plays for memory care residents.
Bottom: Minda Gordon, Board Certified Music Therapist.*



Leslie Held receives appreciation award from JU Professor Kimberly Beasley. Beasley founded the Service Learning Performance Ensemble, a collective of JU students who perform in the community as part of an experiential learning curriculum. River Garden is pleased to host this group and is a proud supporter of the Arts throughout the Jacksonville community.



Life Enrichment

An Annual Favorite: Mad Hatter Tea Party

On Thursday, June 28, River Garden hosted its annual 'Mad Hatter Tea Party' in the Cohen Auditorium. In case you're not familiar, each department at River Garden designs and hosts a themed table for residents to enjoy.

"It's a unique way for our staff to creatively express our love towards the residents that we share our days with," says

Lisa Poremba, Director of Life Enrichment.

The Mad Hatter Tea Party was originally inspired by Disney's animated movie, Alice in Wonderland.



This annual event continues to grow with the care and imagination of River Garden's devoted staff.

Quality of Life for Your Aging Parents

Are you looking for a place to have your parent spend the day and feel fulfilled and active? Would you like your loved one to stay awake, focused and engaged all day long?

If yes, then River Garden's Adult Day Program (ADP) might be your answer!

ADP is a busy and “happening” place. For example, a new client recently shared with us that she wanted to start a “ladies crochet group” with the purpose of adding a pretty crocheted edging to infant receiving blankets and then donating the blankets to a hospital. She shared that she had attended day programs in other cities and had initiated these crochet groups. Tina Tadros, Day Program Director, identified other ladies who were excited to join the effort and the activity is well-underway.

All ADP participants stay busy each day focusing on activities, including a full 45 minutes of chair exercises daily. Three well-balanced meals and two healthy snacks are served each day, along with occasional interactive baking with Tina and cooking demos by Chef Harry in the kitchen.

Program hours are from 8 AM – 6 PM, Monday through Friday. If you're interested for a family member or friend, please call and speak with Tina, (904) 288-7858.



All smiles: relishing their finished work and ready for more.

Resident Feature

Unplanned Meeting in Club Car Sparks 72 Years of Marriage

River Garden is pleased to announce and celebrate the 72nd Wedding Anniversary for Jack and Helene Coleman.

Jack Coleman had grown up in Georgia, but relocated with his parents to Philadelphia directly after high school. There, he worked with his uncle's cross-arm business, manufacturing wood pieces used by utilities to carry their lines. After traveling to Savannah for a family event, he met Helene Stern who was also visiting some of her family there. Enroute traveling between Savannah and Philadelphia, he met Helene again on the train, sharing drinks and conversation. They exchanged addresses and agreed to stay in touch. Soon after, he left for Europe for a stint in the US Army.

Their courtship carried them through war-time and upon Jack's return, he declined an opportunity to attend West Point because he was ready to marry Helene. They wed on May 25, 1946. She was 21; he was 24.

They relocated to Philadelphia and again he went to work with his uncle's business. They had two children, Philip and Nancy, and later moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where he would lead the family cross-arm manufacturing operation. The electric power, telecommunication, and railroad businesses were booming. They raised their two children and became very active in the community.

River Garden has been a grateful recipient of the Colemans' time and attention. Before

the end of 1965, the Coleman family dedicated \$100,000 to River Garden for a new 60-bed addition. The new addition was dedicated to Eugenia Coleman, Jack's grandmother, and Jack served on the planning committee for this expansion.

In 1978, the same year that Elliott Palevsky and Martin Goetz joined River Garden's administrative staff, Jack Coleman assumed the role of president of the agency. Helene, too, served on many Boards within the community, including a time as president of The Coves, but admits to never having served on the same Boards as her husband because she didn't want to be in a position to publicly disagree with him over any issue. Together, in May 1980, Jack & Helene were both honored as community leaders by the National Conference of Christians and Jews

(now ONEJAX) for their extensive accomplishments and efforts for humanitarian causes.

For many years to come, the Colemans remained active as River Garden supporters. For example, in December of 1989, the Colemans were part of the team that helped relocate River Garden from its original Stockton Street location to the new campus in Mandarin. They enjoyed many friendships and successes throughout the years.

In 2012, the Colemans moved to an independent living apartment at The Coves. They continued to enjoy their friends, Jewish life, and the activities offered. As their care needs increased, River Garden added additional support services.

“The Colemans are wonderful examples of how River Garden has evolved and grown to meet the changing needs of our families. At one time, the Colemans helped lead, guide and grow our organization: At this time, we are proud to serve them with our care. They are a wonderful part of our River Garden story,” says Marty Goetz, CEO of River Garden.

In addition to their own children, the Colemans have three grandchildren.



Jack Coleman and his wife, Helene, have been long-time supporters and residents of River Garden. Congratulations as they celebrate 72 years together!

River Garden Home Healthcare Introduces New ‘Packages’ for On-Campus Services

When River Garden developed our on-campus Home Health program over twenty years ago, we committed to a complete continuum of care being available to the members of the Coves. Now, as members have continued to “age in place,” we have modified our program offerings.

In short, we created new delivery ‘plan’ models that allow members to better access our systems of care, while also giving them greater flexibility in planning for care needs. The result is five care levels that bundle our daily, weekly and monthly services into “packages” depending on each person’s individual needs.

We would be happy to share the details of our care plans with you. Please call our Home Health program at (904) 288-7851 to further discuss your options.



		PROVIDES
PLAN 1	<i>“Just in Case”</i>	Wellness
PLAN 2	<i>“Just in Case Plus”</i>	Support
PLAN 3	<i>“Eyes on You”</i>	Care
PLAN 4	<i>“Eyes on You Plus”</i>	Safety
PLAN 5	<i>“Living with Assist” Customized</i>	Peace of Mind

Environmental Services Team Helps Make River Garden #1 in Florida



We are so proud of all of our staff and their efforts to make River Garden a wonderful place for care.

Keeping your house clean, neat and sanitary is probably not one of your favorite things to do. So just imagine having to make sure that over 200 commodes and 140,000 square feet of living space are kept spotless each and every day!

River Garden is the home to over 170 residents and like any health care facility there are numerous laws and regulations that guide good practice. It is well known that the cleanliness of a senior care property is highly important to families and can make a real difference in the health and quality of life for residents, families and staff.

Operational Update: Joint Commission

This August, River Garden will be evaluated for accreditation of the nursing center, along with certification of the short-stay post-acute program from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO, pronounced Jay-Co).

JCAHO was established in 1966 and works to continuously improve health

care for the public by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring excellence. The organization is independent and not-for-profit, and is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

The ultimate purpose of The Joint Commission’s accreditation process is

to enhance quality of care and patient safety. Achieving Joint Commission accreditation and certification of our post-acute care short stay rehab program is one more way River Garden will show the community its commitment to providing the highest quality of care to seniors.



Short-Stay Admissions: Ask for River Garden

Within our Jewish community and beyond, River Garden has an excellent reputation for care. Federal and state statistics back up our work. With such a great reputation for care, in early 2018 River Garden made an important decision to realign some of its rooms to serve more short-stay post-acute & rehab patients in our community. Typically these patients have been in the hospital for joint replacement, cardiac repair or other significant surgery, or a serious medical condition. A post-hospital visit at River Garden enables them to receive seven-day-a-week therapies to strengthen their bodies before returning to their local home environment.

While in the hospital, many patients do not realize they can actually request the rehab of their choice. If you, a family member or friend is facing a situation where rehab might be required, please reach out. Short-term rehab might be just what you need in order to assure or ensure a safer recovery and return to home.

One recent admission, Margaret 'Peggy' Nason, selected River Garden after having had a procedure at St. Vincent's Hospital in Riverside. She says she had been fretting about where to go for post-op rehab services, and her daughter had been out 'frantically looking for place.' Peggy was relieved to see Cheryl and Sarah from the Admissions Team arrive at her hospital room. *We can do the same for you.*

The work of the Admissions Team often starts off-campus, talking with patients, families and case managers at the hospitals, before or after a procedure, to determine if a short-term, inpatient rehabilitative stay would be of benefit.

Your recovery could be a few days or a few weeks. We will work with Medicare A/B and your insurances to maximize benefits and return you home as soon as possible. We offer all rehab types and have comfortable, private rooms. Your typical day will be inclusive of one-on-one therapy treatments, and, most important, our statistics prove we're good at what we do. We want you to return back home safe & well!



Admissions Team (L-R): Sarah Dymond, Cheryl Weidner, Aimee Leon and Jenny Lang.



Margaret 'Peggy' Nason:
Happy and home now, after a
couple of weeks for rehab.



The Transitions Team helps you return home safely.
(L-R): Michelle Diaz, Cristina Azor and Barbara Carerra.

"With the overwhelmingly positive results that we've had in our short-term programs to date, it made sense to bring this level of quality care to a greater number of people," says Jim Richman, Chief Operating Officer.

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Would a week or two of focused recovery under the care of an experts be wise for my ultimate recovery?

Admissions: (904) 728-5460

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"All in all, it's best to be informed and prepared for yourself or a loved one. The choice is yours: choose the best. Medicare and insurances pay for these services. So, if you, a family member or friend is headed into a situation where physical, occupational and/or speech therapy is needed, please give us a call. Nutritionists are also available. Short-term rehab might be just what you need in order to make your return to home a success."

Cheryl Weidner, LCSW, Director of Admissions



Lori Donley: The 2018 Minnie Schreiber Award Recipient

The Minnie Schreiber Staff Leadership Award is presented each year to a River Garden employee who best-exemplifies our agency's vision, values and leadership qualities.

The award is named after Miss Minnie Schreiber, a long-time Board member and Officer of River Garden, including President of the Hebrew Home from 1976-1978.

Lori Donley, the 2018 recipient of the award, is a 33-year veteran of the Food Services team at River Garden. She is best known for her caring nature, beautiful smile and youthful appearance. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her 'grands' and going to church and the movies.

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

River Garden believes strongly in the freedoms of America. This year, the Human Resources department at River Garden is supporting a special campaign to ensure all employees are registered to vote.



*If you have a resident story or feedback you'd like to share, please let us know. We also welcome opportunities to meet with senior groups in the community to discuss our programs & services. Please contact Kari Bell.
kbell@rivergarden.org or (904) 288-7855*

Proud to Be An American



Here's some patriotic spirit: Join us daily for the Pledge of Allegiance and patriotic songs in the Frisch Pavilion.



Many of River Garden families know Dzenita 'Jenny' Hadzifejzovic, the Assistant Life Enrichment Director. Just recently Jenny accepted U.S. citizenship. Congratulations!

Meet Kari Bell, Marketing & Communications Director

Kari Bell is the new Communications and Marketing Director at River Garden.

Kari is originally from the Northeast (PA, NH, MA). She's been in Jacksonville for over 25 years and has lived in Mandarin since 2002. From 1995-2010, she worked in business marketing, including several years with large corporations such as Bank of America and Fidelity National Information Systems (FIS). In 2010, Kari 'cut-back' to part-time work, including teaching at FSCJ and volunteerism with local schools and her church. Then, in 2015, she joined Brookdale Senior Living specializing in marketing and sales for Alzheimer's and dementia care. She was recognized as a top performer.

"Working with River Garden affords me the opportunity to blend my business experience with the love for families and seniors in my community. I'm honored to be working for such an esteemed organization," Kari adds.

Kari is a graduate of the University of Utah, B.A. in Mass Communications & English.



A NIGHT UNDER THE BIG TOP

SAVE THE DATE

26th Gala Event: Save The Date for November 17th

The 2018 Gala committee is pleased to announce that planning for the 26th River Garden Foundation Gala is well underway. **A Night Under the Big Top** will take place on November 17, 2018 at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa. This will be the greatest Gala on Earth and will take us back to the days when the circus was a magical evening of exotic animals and flamboyant performers. We are grateful to this year's Gala Chairs **Rachel and Colman Brodsky** and are pleased to partner once again with **SunTrust Bank** as our Premier Gala Sponsor.

The Gala will begin with cocktails, our always fabulous silent auction, and continues with dinner, amazing entertainment and dancing. We can promise you that this Gala will be different from all others and you won't want to miss a moment. From the moment you arrive until the minute you leave, you will be wondering...what's next?

Gala proceeds support River Garden's mission to serve the entire community with caring and excellence. To date, \$3,781,934 (net) has been raised to benefit our residents, enabling River Garden to earn an unprecedented eight consecutive Governors Gold Seal Awards for Excellence in Long-Term Care spanning seventeen years. This year we were voted the #1 Nursing Home in the State of Florida by US News & World Report.

For more information about sponsorships or reservations, contact Kathy Osterer at kosterer@rivergarden.org or call (904) 886-8430. Reservations also can be made online. Individual ticket prices begin at \$250 with a special Junior Patron price of \$175 for those 40 and younger.

Like us on Facebook - **River Garden Gala** and check out the River Garden website at www.rivergarden.org.

River Garden Receives \$35,000 Auxiliary Contribution: Thank You!

The Auxiliary at River Garden continues to be a wonderful support network for our agency. This year, their combined fundraising efforts included the Tombola drawing, the gift shop proceeds and bake sale, to name a few. All together, they presented a \$35,000 check at the year-end luncheon! Thank you! Each dollar raised by the group goes directly to benefit our residents.



Gift Annuity Gaining Popularity: A Gift That Endures

Our charitable gift annuity is gaining popularity among friends and donors. The annuity provides a guaranteed paycheck for life in return for your mission-supporting gift.

We'd love to talk with you about how the program works!

Please contact Beth Wolpoff, Annual & Legacy Giving Manager, bwolpoff@rivergarden.org or (904) 886-8410 for more information about how you can make a gift that endures for future generations.

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Skilled Nursing Facility Inspection Ratings

Reported by AHCA (State Inspection Ratings)—Agency for Health Care Administration

Facility	Inspection				Inspection Components				
	Overall Inspection	Quality of Care	Quality of Life	Administration	Nutrition & Hydration	Restraints & Abuse	Pressure Ulcers	Decline	Dignity
RIVER GARDEN HEBREW HOME	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

Reported by CMS (Federal Inspection Ratings)—Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Facility	General Information			
	Overall Rating	Health Inspection	Staffing	Quality Measures
RIVER GARDEN HEBREW HOME FOR THE AGED	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

MDS 3.0 Quality Measures Comparison Report

Measure Description	River Garden (%)	Florida (%)	National (%)
Functional Improvement Accomplished (Short Stay)	81.7% *	70.1%	67.8%
Re-Hospitalization After Nursing Home Admission (Short Stay)	23.1%	23.0%	21.1%
Outpatient Emergency Department Visit (Short Stay)	3.6%	9.9%	11.9%
Successful Discharge Back To The Community (Short Stay)	59.4% *	55.5%	57.0%
New/Worse Pressure Ulcers (Short Stay)	0.9%	0.5%	0.9%
UTI - Urinary Tract Infections (Long Term)	1.1%	3.4%	3.4%
Physical Restraints (Long Term)	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%
Worsening Ability to Move Independently (Long Term)	13.8%	16.9%	18.3%
Excess Weight Loss (Long Term)	2.7%	7.1%	7.1%
Anti-Anxiety or Hypnotic Medication (Long Term)	21.3%	26.5%	22.4%
Self-Reported Moderate/Severe Pain (Short Stay)	1.9%	9.7%	13.3%
Self-Reported Moderate/Severe Pain (Long Term)	1.0%	3.5%	5.6%
Residents Given Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Short Stay)	100.0% *	86.4%	81.5%
Residents Given Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Long Term)	99.3% *	93.7%	95.1%
Anti-Psychotic Medications (Short Stay)	0.1%	2.2%	2.0%
Anti-Psychotic Medications (Long Term)	11.4%	15.0%	15.5%

* Higher % is better

No clinical care deficiencies -- 6 consecutive annual AHCA/CMS inspections

74% -- Staff Stability Rate calculated using AHCA criteria // **19%** -- Staff with more than 10 years of service with River Garden

98% -- Clients who would recommend River Garden to others

- Full-time Medical Staff
- Full-time Pharmacy Staff

- Full-time Dietician
- 3 Masters-Prepared Social Workers

- In-house Pharmacy
- 5,000 SQ FT Rehab & Therapy Gym



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Enjoy Campus Life

River Garden is much more than a skilled nursing home. We continue to be a premier provider of all types of senior care, and we continue to be a vibrant resource for Jewish & community life. We're so glad to be a place where seniors can enjoy their lives and their families, as well as find purpose and develop friendships. Come see for yourself.



River Garden Is A Unique Place To Be



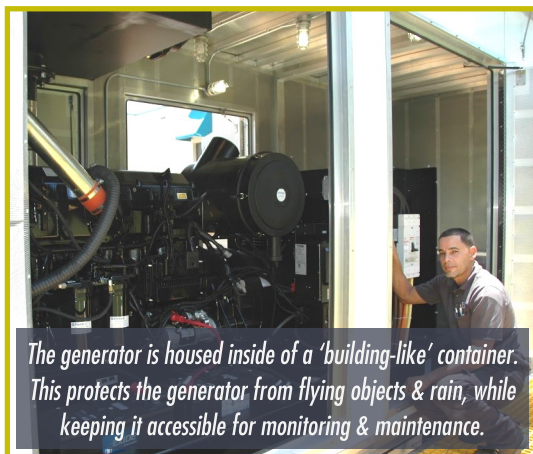
A special thank you to those who helped with Anniversary Day
 Sharon Smith, Carla Bernard and River Garden Auxiliary ~ Dessert Table
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We Did It! Our Generator is Installed

Hurricane preparedness in Florida is not a new topic. Nor is the incredible need for preparedness in a senior living community and home. River Garden is grateful and pleased to announce that the new 500 KW generator is in place and has a full tank of fuel! We will be ready when the worst of the weather hits.



The generator is housed inside of a 'building-like' container. This protects the generator from flying objects & rain, while keeping it accessible for monitoring & maintenance.



Our Plant Operations Team has worked on many facets of the Hurricane Preparedness project. Thanks for all you've done!