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Jewish Senior Housing
Inspiring Community, Helping Seniors

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FALL 2024

It Was a Great Turnout for the Susan Love Family Golf Classic

Once again, Friends of Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service (JSHHS) has outdone themselves. "The 4th Annual Susan Love Family Golf Classic has exceeded all of our expectations," said Dave Thompson, Lions Gate CEO. "The weather was perfect, the turnout was fantastic, the food was better than ever, and more funds were raised than ever before in support of seniors in need. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all the guests who came out today and to the sponsors who generously give to this event year after year. The outpouring of support would have made Susan so proud."

"This event is the perfect celebration of what Susan loved to do and the cause she loved to support," said Meredith Becker, Lions Gate COO. "In addition to the funds raised at today's event, we are so grateful that The Saltzman Foundation has issued a challenge to help us better support the most financially disadvantaged of our senior residents. We hope everyone who loved Susan will find it in their hearts to donate to the Meet Our Match fundraiser to help us reach the goal

of \$150,000 and unlock a 1:1 matching grant from The Saltzman Foundation. The funds raised directly support our seniors in need, a cause close to Susan's heart."

"Please give to Meet Our Match for Susan," said Judy Love, Susan's mother. "Both the Family Golf Classic and the Meet Our Match campaign fund Susan's legacy of caring for ALL seniors. My heart is full today to see so many people working to better serve our aging community members, just as Susan did her whole career."

Aimee Levin, Friends Chair, was thrilled with the day. "The sun is shining...Susan is here," said Aimee. "We made her wish come true by creating an intergenerational golf outing that has become a tradition for families. That's what friends are for."

"Susan was remarkable," said JD Abrams, JSHHS Board President. "She has inspired our community to rally together to make the care of seniors a lifelong priority. We are all better for her leadership."

This year's Susan Love Family Golf Classic was a great day for all, and we look forward to next year's Classic. Save the date — September 14, 2025. It'll be our 5th Family Goff Classic, and we have lots of surprises planned for this big milestone.



L to R: Judy Love, Roberta Budman, Jared and Ashley Mandel, Michael and Sylvia Miller



L to R: Abby Weitz, Melissa Leibowitz, Aimee Levin, Sarah Zalcmann, Meredith Becker, Dave Thompson



Become a Lions Gate Sponsor!

A Community Sponsorship is your chance to honor a loved one in perpetuity. Simply choose a location within the community, and it's yours to name as you would like. Name it after your family, name it after your children, or name it in honor of a staff member who you feel is particularly noteworthy. All sponsorship money donated is reinvested into the Lions Gate community, ensuring that this unique community will be here to care for our seniors for many generations to come. Your generous donations have made Lions Gate one of the most robust senior living communities in South Jersey. We truly thank you for your ongoing support.

Here are just a few of the Naming Opportunities available on the Lions Gate campus:

- Independent Living Wellness Center: **\$100,000**
- Assisted Living Library: **\$50,000**
- Assisted Living Living Room: **\$50,000**
- Skilled Nursing Resident Apartment: **\$3,600**
- Rehab Nurse's Station: **\$18,000**
- And so much more!



Lions Gate Campus 1110
\$5,000,000



Independent Living
Dining Room: **\$125,000**



Rehab PT/OT Treatment Room
\$50,000



Assisted Living Dining Room
(1st Floor): **\$36,000**



Assisted Living Media Room
\$36,000



Independent Living
Entrance Mural: **\$100,000**

We'd love to discuss the many Naming Opportunities available throughout Lions Gate
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Lions Gate Invites You to Donate to the “Meet Our Match” Campaign

BIG NEWS! The “Meet Our Match” Campaign is now more than halfway to our goal!

What is the “Meet Our Match” Campaign? The Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation has recognized the importance of the services provided by Lions Gate and has issued both a challenge and a reward. The Saltzman Foundation has challenged our community to raise up to \$150,000 to support our Healthcare residents, and in striving to meet that challenge they will reward us with a grant matched 1-to-1 up to \$150,000. We invite everyone to help us meet this challenge by becoming a donor today to help us meet the needs of our residents and continue providing them with exceptional care.

“While other senior living communities have very few supports in place if a resident outlives their funds, Lions Gate is taking proactive steps to address that possibility by creating the Meet Our Match campaign,” said Meredith Becker, Lions Gate COO. “Honoring elders, kibud zekaynim,



Meredith Becker, COO, and Dave Thompson, CEO

is an important Jewish value. By building a support program, we pledge to care for ALL of our residents, allowing everyone to live here with grace and dignity.”

Resident Len Feldman was very touched when he saw the list of donors in the lobby. “Lions Gate is a wonderful place,” said Len. “I’m fortunate to live here and want to do my part to help others continue to live here. When I saw how many people from outside of Lions Gate had contributed, I thought it more important than ever that Lions Gate residents like me take part in this campaign.”

“I’m so grateful that my husband and I were able to save throughout our lives,” said resident Sybil Bernstein. “I consider myself lucky to live here, and I want to make sure that others can continue to live here and get the care they need. I am proud to contribute to this campaign, and hope others do what they can to help make this campaign a success.”

Please become a “Meet Our Match” donor and help us reach our \$150,000 goal. To donate, contact Sarah Zalcmann at szalcmann@jfedsnj.org or call (856) 679-2190.

Meet our Match



Living in our **Sycamore Cottage** feels like a private retreat!

You'll immediately feel right at home in our Sycamore Cottage! This roomy floorplan boasts a living room/dining room with a vaulted ceiling, an eat-in breakfast nook, and generous closet space throughout. There's also a full laundry room, a large one-car garage, and two patios.

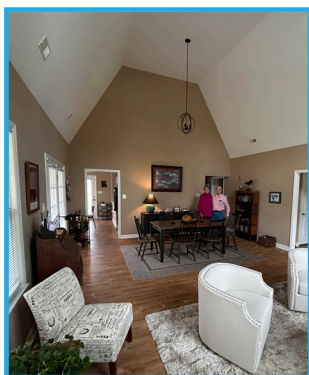


2 Bedroom / 2 Bathroom
1,712 Square Feet



"Our cottage is always full of natural light," said resident **Barbara Anderson**. "Gorgeous."

"We love to sit out on the patio, where we can see the deer and geese across the way," said resident **Steve Anderson**. "It's so peaceful in the cottages."



"The vaulted ceiling gives our cottage a very roomy, open feel," said resident **Susan Kay**. "And the closet space and storage space are great."

"We downsized from a house to a cottage," said resident **Marvin Kay**. "That doesn't feel like downsizing at all."



Not ready to move yet? No worries. Join our Waitlist with a deposit of just \$1,000.

(All deposits are fully refundable should you ever change your mind.)

Schedule a visit today. Contact Angela Stevens: (856) 679-2357 or ASTevens@LionsGateccrc.org

Young Musicians Light Up the Stage in the Future of Classical Music Concert

Each month, Lions Gate hosts a Future of Classical Music Concert, featuring gifted young musicians who play at the professional level. Veda Zuponic, a Professor of Piano at Rowan University, invites gifted young students from the region to perform in this private concert series, and residents have been wowed with every performance.

The most recent Future of Classical Music Concert featured five spectacular performers:

- **Bryan Wu**, age 10: *Toccata in E Minor*, Bach
- **Audrey Ren**, age 13 and **Chloe Ren**, age 15: *Sonata in D Major for 4 hands, Op. 6*, Beethoven
- **Victor Peng**, age 16: *Sonata in C Major, Op. 29*, Prokofiev
- **Samuel Cronk**, age 15, *Alborada del Gracioso from Miroirs*, Ravel
- **Vitalii Khairutdinov**, Rowan University: *Overture to Tannhauser*, Wagner

"The Lions Gate audiences have been wonderful," said Veda. "I was particularly touched to hear many in the audience singing along to the overture from the opera *Tannhauser*, by Richard Wagner. I was so happy for Vitalii to hear the audience truly connecting to his performance."

"The concert blew my mind," said resident Alan Friedman. "I had tears in my eyes. It was absolutely marvelous."



L to R: Vitalii Khairutdinov, Samuel Cronk, Bryan Wu, Audrey & Chloe Ren
Missing: Victor Peng

See the Activities Calendar for the days/times of upcoming Future of Classical Music Concert performances.

Lions Gate Inducts 13 Centenarian Residents into the Lions Gate 100 Club

In honor of National Centenarian Day, Lions Gate recently inducted 13 residents aged 100+ into the Lions Gate 100 Club. Cantor Jana Schachter opened the centenarian ceremony. "The reward for the righteous is a long life," said Cantor Jana. "Like Moses, may you live until 120."

Dave Thompson, Lions Gate CEO, welcomed the centenarians and their many family members and friends to the celebration. "Our 13 incredible centenarians are witnesses to world-changing events, technological advancements, and cultural transformations," said Dave. "Today we celebrate the past 100 years as we look forward to many more days filled with joy, connection, and purpose. You remind us that life is a journey, not to be rushed but savored."

Voorhees Mayor Michael Mignogna presented each centenarian with a certificate of achievement. "You are treasures of the community," said Mayor Mignogna. "Wishing you all a long life ahead. L'Chaim!"

Meredith Becker, Lions Gate COO, wrapped up the event. "We thank our honorees for the wisdom shared, the hard work you've contributed to society, and for the inspiration you provide," said Meredith. "You are truly the pillars of our community, and we applaud you."

The eldest centenarian of the group, Don Fletcher, age 105, shared his observation on a life well-lived. "The first century is great," said Don. "The second century is even better!"

Wishing all of Lions Gate centenarians continued good health and much happiness.



Centenarians inducted into the Lions Gate 100 Club

Residents enjoy a day of discovery at Winterthur

Winterthur, the former home of Henry Francis du Pont, houses one of the richest collections of Americana in the United States. Lions Gate residents braved the rainy weather and took a tram tour of the grounds as well as visited the museum, taking in the extensive antiques collections.

"It was a rainy day, but we always have fun on a Lions Gate trip," said resident Muriel Adler. "The tram took us on a tour of the grounds, and the driver gave us a lot of interesting information about the trees and plants on the estate. Then we went to the museum, and I really enjoyed all the antique furniture exhibits. I always enjoy going on trips with a group. It's a great chance to get to know new people."

"Winterthur is such a worthwhile trip," said resident Yeva Rubenstein. "I particularly enjoyed the exhibit of Transformations contemporary artists. The



seven installations explored how historic and contemporary art inform our understanding of the past and present. The museum, garden, and library are so expansive that you can't do it all in one day. I'm looking forward to coming back in the Spring with the group to see all the gardens in bloom."

"I've been to Winterthur many times," said resident Michele Brill, "but I always see something new each time I return."



Residents enjoy a tram tour of the Winterthur grounds

Day trips are scheduled for each month. Check the Activities Calendar for dates/times and sign up with the Concierge.

The Lions Gate Classical Music Guild Hosts Another Outstanding Concert

The Lions Gate Classical Music Guild was created 17 years ago by residents who love classical music. For almost a decade they have partnered with Allegro Music Consultants and founder Bonnie Slobodien to host concerts by award-winning classical musicians for the community to enjoy. "Our artists are laureates of prestigious emerging artists programs, and graduates of the world's most outstanding conservatories," said Bonnie.

The most recent Music Guild Concert featured Trio Animoso with Sophia Jean on flute, Julian Seney on viola, and Subin Lee on harp. Each of them is currently pursuing a Master of Music degree at the Yale School of Music. Their performance featured:



L to R: Julian Seney, Sophia Jean, and Subin Lee

- *Sonata for Flute, Harp and Viola* by **Claude Debussy**
- *Flute Partita in A Minor* by **Johann Sebastian Bach**
- *Signs, Games, and Messages: In nomine all' ongherese* by **György Kurtág**
- *Impromptu, Op. 86* by **Gabriel Faure**
- *Sonatine en Trio* by **Maurice Ravel**

Yeva Rubenstein, The Lions Gate Classical Music Guild Chair, was thrilled with the concert. "The musicians were all wonderful," said Yeva. "The harpist was extraordinary."

"The musicians were so friendly and chatted with us after the concert," said resident Arlene Goodman. "I am so impressed by their talent as well as their education."

The next Music Guild Concert will be Sunday, November 3 at 7:30pm in Commons Hall. See you there!

Residents Ask “How Did We Get Here?” As They Study World History

Did you ever wonder “How did I get here?” Lions Gate residents ponder that question as they take an in-depth look at world history with lecturer, Steve Pollack.

“‘How Did We Get Here?’ is a detailed overview of human culture,” said Steve. “It’s a world history class, but I don’t approach it with a list of dates and events. Instead, we start by looking at important ideas and key developments that caused change and initiated great movements in history. When the class began, we started with a peek at what was happening 12,000 years ago. It was the agricultural revolution that brought humans together for the first time, creating communities and culture. Fast forward 10,000 years, very few of us are involved in agriculture. How did that happen? What does it mean to move away from agriculture? We don’t look at what Caesar accomplished. We look at how

Caesar was affected by his times. We look at the American Revolution as an evolution of ideas. What opinions about being a British citizen did Jefferson, Franklin, and Hamilton have, and how did that impact their choices? This class challenges people to think about history in a new way. I love teaching it here at Lions Gate.”

Resident Sybil Bernstein is a class regular. “I was a history teacher, and I’m constantly learning new things in this class,” said Sybil. “Steve’s research is amazing, and he presents it all in such a riveting way. This class has been going on for two years and is always packed. I never miss it!”



Steve Pollack

**How Did We Get Here? is taught every Wednesday at 11:00 am.
See the Activities Calendar for a complete listing of all classes available at Lions Gate.**

New Friends Take a Cruise Together to Halifax, Nova Scotia

It’s rare when new friends become treasured travel companions, but that’s exactly what happened when June Levine, Susan and Marvin Kay, and Fred Rickey all moved to Lions Gate.

“I was taking a 7-day cruise to Halifax,” said June. “The ship wasn’t full, so I invited my friends. We all get along so well that I knew we’d be good traveling companions. We had fabulous food at every port, we took the excursions together every day, and when there was down time, we could each do our own thing. They are all great company.”

Resident Susan Kay is already ready for the next adventure. “I’ll travel with this group any day,” said Susan. “It was very easy to make friends at Lions Gate. Everyone is so warm and welcoming here. And now we have a wonderful group that eats dinner together several times a week. What a gift it is to find people you can be yourself with.”

“When we first toured Lions Gate, residents came

up to us to share how much they loved it here,” said Marvin. “That’s what got me excited about moving here. And now we have these genuine friendships. I hope this cruise is the first of many trips we take together.”

Resident Fred Rickey nods in agreement. “Come to Lions Gate while you’re young enough to enjoy it,” said Fred. “Keep traveling and take a little bit of the Lions Gate joy with you by inviting your new friends to travel. New friends help you see the world in a whole new way!”

These good friends have discovered why the tagline for Lions Gate is “We are Better Together.”



Fred Rickey, June Levine,
Susan and Marvin Kay



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Residents enjoy a day of Fall sunshine at Longwood Gardens!

Lions Gate residents recently visited Longwood Gardens and were treated to the wonders of Fall in all its glory, with hundreds of different flowers in bloom down every path.

"I haven't been to Longwood Gardens in 20 years," said resident Len Feldman. "It was great to be back. The weather was perfect, and the history was fascinating."

Resident Harvey Richards appreciated the docent-led tour. "She was very knowledgeable," said Harvey. "It was interesting to learn more about the 200-year-old trees planted by DuPont."

"I enjoyed it immensely," said resident Ina Kahn. "My favorite part of the tour was the Conservatory. It's over 100-years old, and each room was more beautiful than the next."

Resident Keesie Spector was particularly taken with the fountain show. "The fountain show is always wonderful," said Keesie. "I've seen it in the evening when the water is lit up with colored lights, so this was a completely different experience to see it in sunlight. Beautiful!"



Ina Kahn and Keesie Spector

L to R: Harvey Richards, Michael Cruz (driver), Fred Rickey, June Levine, Ruth Fischl



L to R: Marvin Kay, Steve & Barbara Anderson, Susan Kay, Sasha Kay, Keesie Spector, Len Feldman, Jojo (docent), Ina Kahn, Lucy Sheffield, Kim Clemons

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