



New Rochelle Teens Raise Thousands for United Hebrew Geriatric Center

New Rochelle, NY (June 20, 2006) - In preparation for their Banot Mitzvah, New Rochelle seventh graders Julia Goldman and Dana Tarnopal chose to conduct oral histories of local United Hebrew Geriatric Center (UHGC) residents, a project that began in January 2006. After getting to know the residents, the girls continued the project by raising funds for UHGC to purchase a wheelchair-accessible bus.

UHGC had previously applied for a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation for a 12-seat mini-bus with wheelchair accessibility, and the girls have been supplementing the effort.

To date, they have raised over \$7,000 from local New Rochelle businesses and institutions, friends and parents. They designed a poster and a newsletter for their fellow Temple Israel of New Rochelle congregants to raise awareness of the campaign and helped coordinate a fundraiser dinner with the Temple on June 14.

Through raffles, tag sales and parties, residents of UHGC raised nearly \$1,800 as part of the effort.

Rita Mabli, Executive Vice President/CEO, United Hebrew Geriatric Center, said that she was extremely moved by Dana and Julia's dedication. "I have never met such remarkable

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Photo 1: *Pictured from left to right:* Linda Forman, Director of Community Relations, United Hebrew Geriatric Center; Mark and Heidi Goldman; Julia Goldman; Mitchell Tarnopal, Dana Tarnopal, Sue Tarnopal; and Rita Mabli, Executive Vice President/CEO, United Hebrew Geriatric Center

Photo 2: *Pictured from left to right:* Dana Tarnopal; Eileen Songer McCarthy, Senior Advisor for Policy Development, City of New Rochelle; and Julia Goldman

Photo 3: *Pictured from left to right:* Dana Tarnopal; United Hebrew Geriatric Center Resident Council president Alan Boyarsky; and Julia Goldman

Photo 4: *Pictured from left to right:* Julia Goldman and Dana Tarnopal

Photo 5: *Pictured from left to right:* Linda Forman, Director of Community Relations, United Hebrew Geriatric Center; Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel of New Rochelle; Dana Tarnopal; Julia Goldman; Associate Rabbi Richard Prass, Temple Israel of New Rochelle; and Rita Mabli, Executive Vice President/CEO, United Hebrew Geriatric Center

young ladies," she said.

Dinner attendees included Temple Israel president Paul Warhit, members of the UHGC administration, several UHGC residents, temple rabbis, the girls' parents and siblings, and Eileen Songer McCarthy, Senior Advisor for Policy Development for the City of New Rochelle, among others.

McCarthy presented the girls with Certificates of Appreciation from New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson's office.

About the United Hebrew Geriatric Center of New Rochelle:

UHGC is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multi-service senior living campus serving the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919. UHGC offers a rich array of skilled and community-based programs and services that encourages and supports a life of dignity and spirituality and promotes the highest possible quality of life. UHGC serves over 600 clients daily in its campus facilities -- Willow Towers, a 126 unit assisted living residence with The Phoenix Neighborhood for those with memory impairment; a 270 bed Nursing Home; the 135 unit Low-Savin Apartments for seniors; a Long Term Home Health Care Program; and the Azor Home Health Agency. Its newest project, the renovation and expansion of its nursing home facility, combines world-class care with state-of-the-art features.

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