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## Fall Gala 2023

### Celebrating 50 Years of Service to the Community Jim Bennett and Joan A. Kuriansky to Receive Awards

On Thursday, October 26, 2023, the Women's Auxiliary will hold its Fall Gala. Mozaic Senior Life will honor Jim Bennett and Joan A. Kuriansky, two individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our community. The memorable evening will be held at Rolling Hills Country Club in Wilton, with festivities beginning at 6:00 PM. There will be a fabulous auction, elegant dining, a celebration of the past 50 years, and a toast to our bright future. This event is co-chaired by sisters Cindy Epstein, of Norwalk, and Vivian Epstein, of Ridgefield.



We are proud to announce that the 2023 recipient of the Arthur and Gladys Lunin Humanitarian Award is Jim Bennett. The Lunin Award recognizes outstanding public and community service as exemplified by the good works of Arthur and Gladys Lunin. In addition, the Louis Lotstein Award for Distinguished Service, which recognizes devoted long-term service to Mozaic Senior Life as demonstrated by the late Louis Lotstein, will be awarded to Joan A. Kuriansky.

Born and raised in Virginia, Jim graduated with

a BA from University of Virginia and an MBA from Columbia University. He is most proud of the two companies he and his business partner co-founded and subsequently sold after immense growth of each company (The Direct Company and Really Good Stuff). Most meaningful to Jim was enriching the education of students across the country initially focusing on Kindergartners and 1st Graders, then expanding to all grades. He felt a deep responsibility to also care and provide for the employees and families of his companies, always looking out for others.

A close family member instilled in Jim the importance of philanthropy and the responsibility this bears. As a young father living in Westport, he was a member of the Family Center of Westport/Weston, and the Chair of the original Compo Beach Playground Project in 1989. Jim spearheaded the design and build of a much-needed community playground and after years of planning, along with over 1,500 people helping, built the playground in just five days. He also served on the United Way of Westport/Weston Board in the 1990's.

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## Stamford Project Progress

Since our last writing, the team at Mozaic Concierge Living continues to hold presentations both in-person and virtually, to build the Priority Reservation list. In July, we held a wonderful event exclusively for the Priority Members at The Stamford Hotel to "Meet the Architect and Designer". What a lively and fun group we have! There were many thoughtful questions posed, opportunities to speak personally with Rich Rosen and Adriana Campos of Perkins Eastman, previews of site plans, design inspirations, and floor plans that were still being finalized along with meeting other Priority Depositors and creating friendships. As we like to say, "building a community before the community is built!"

We have also introduced The Mozaic Circle, a referral program that rewards you for referring a friend or family member new to us. If your friend or family member joins the Priority Reservation Club, you will receive \$100. If

you refer a friend or family member and they become a Charter Member (10% depositor) you will receive \$1,000 and when your referral moves in and becomes a Mozaic Member, you will receive \$5,000. Please contact us with any questions on how to access The Mozaic Circle referral form.

Last, but not least, our location sign is installed at 210 Long Ridge Rd and construction has begun on the Sales Center at 260 Long Ridge Road! The Mozaic Concierge Living sales team's next luncheon and Zoom presentations are Tuesday, October 17th at 11:00 am virtually and on Wednesday, October 18th we will be at Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the new Life Plan Community, Mozaic Concierge Living, please contact us at **203-396-1140** or **info@mozaicl.org**. Details can be found at **mozaicconciergeliving.org**.

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## Chairperson and President's Remarks



Jon August

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer. We would like to provide an update on a few transitions within our organization.

Since the announcement in the Spring, we have been working to transition the many signs, documents, forms, and other materials to our new name, **Mozaic Senior Life**. The bulk of the work with the website, printed documents, letterhead, etc. has been completed. We introduced our new Artificial Intelligence (AI) application on the website, **MO** to assist clients and families. We have also been working to update all signage on the campus, which should be completed in the next few months. The return to the original name, **Mozaic Jewish Home** for our flagship nursing home has helped connect back to our history – especially as we celebrate our 50th anniversary! All of the advertisements and reciprocal ads in various journals are now reinforcing that work, and most importantly our identity across business units, e.g. Mozaic Home Care, Mozaic Adult Day Program, etc. can only help us achieve brand recognition throughout the community.

We are delighted to share that Dr. Allison Ostroff joined us as the new Chief Medical Officer as of October 1. Dr. Kenneth Fine will work with Dr. Ostroff for a transitional period before retiring.

With regards to the Stamford project, **Mozaic Concierge Living**, we continue to meet all important milestones. The full submission of our Site Plan to Stamford Zoning was completed as expected, and is now being scheduled for a hearing in October. We are optimistic this approval will go smoothly, as we are not seeking any variances from permitted zoning statutes. The second critical milestone that was achieved this summer was the completion of design development with our architect, Perkins Eastman, that formalizes the full detail of our proposed campus. The

project is now being priced by our construction partner, Pike, to ensure that our plans match our budget, then we can finalize entrance fee pricing and prepare to start taking deposits in January. There are more than 100 couples/singles who have placed a Priority Reservation deposit with us, and those individuals will have first access to Residence selection when the plans are revealed in January. There is a firm limit of 118 Charter Member deposits that will be accepted and that would bring us permanent (construction) financing. We will continue to accept the Priority Reservation deposits through the end of 2023 as we transition to the Charter Member deposits for specific Residences and then 2024 will be dedicated to achieving the 118 deposits as quickly as possible to start construction! If you know anyone that might be interested, now is certainly a good time to reach out to Amy Ferrarie, Director, Sales & Marketing at [aferrarie@mozaiccl.org](mailto:aferrarie@mozaiccl.org) to learn more.



Andrew H. Banoff

Finally, a thank you to everyone who has made a contribution and/or pledge to the **Vision 2031 Fund for the Future**. This has achieved approximately \$8M to date towards our \$12M goal! Fiscal Year 2023 ended on September 30 and with the help of the Annual Campaign, special events (Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club), and donor-advised funds, we will achieve another good year. This effort supports the many operating and capital projects on behalf of our beloved Residents and clients every year.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jon & Andrew

## Introducing MO



Mozaic Senior Life is thrilled to announce the launch of an AI (Artificial Intelligence) component to our website - a chat feature that will automatically answer questions related to our services and programs in real-time. Our chatbot is named MO (as in Mozaic). We have spent months inputting extensive information into the database to

cover all the services Mozaic offers. We understand that often those seeking information about senior healthcare are unsure where to start, want answers in a more timely manner, or are not comfortable making a phone call yet. Our hope is that MO will not only provide anyone visiting our site with the necessary information or contact details but take some of the stress out of the process as well. You can find MO in the bottom right corner on our website at [mozaiccl.org](http://mozaiccl.org).

## "Keep Your Brain Sharp" Memory Workshops

In addition to the Memory Workshop held at Mozaic Senior Life, "Keep Your Brain Sharp" seminars are also being hosted in the next few months at local Senior Centers throughout Fairfield County. Each seminar is a two-part program that provides stimulating activities such as recall, skill builders, challenging mind exercises, and educational discussion topics for those who are concerned with changes in memory or have a diagnosis of Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI). Individuals who would benefit from these seminars are those concerned about changes in memory, have a diagnosis of MCI, and are willing to speak about their concerns and experiences. Visit [mozaiccl.org/services/adult-day-program-memory-workshop](http://mozaiccl.org/services/adult-day-program-memory-workshop) to watch a video about this program. You can also learn more by listening to the Memory Workshop podcast at [mozaiccl.org/podcasts](http://mozaiccl.org/podcasts). For more information about the seminars or about the Memory Workshop, contact us at 203-396-1021 or [memoryworkshop@mozaiccl.org](mailto:memoryworkshop@mozaiccl.org).



Together,  
beautiful things happen.

As we celebrate 50 years of senior care, we embrace the many memories and lessons learned over the past five decades — each a stone in our ever-changing mozaic. A mozaic that honors the generation that came before us – serving our seniors with dignity, respect, and compassion.

### ADD TO THE BEAUTY

Because of community support, Residents and clients of all faiths will always get excellent, loving, and compassionate care. Please consider making a gift to the Annual Campaign. Be one of the precious stones in our mozaic and make beautiful things happen.

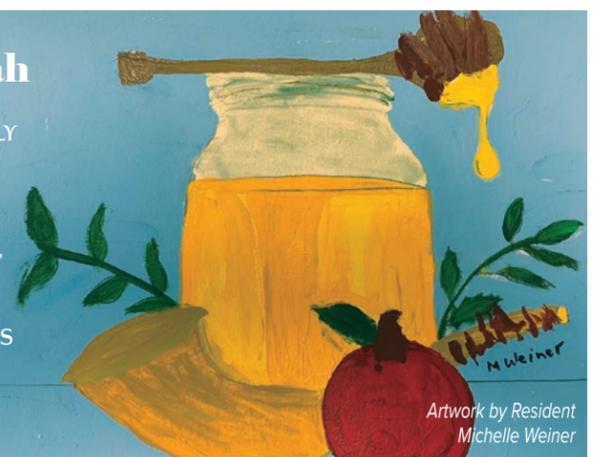
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## L'Shanah Tovah

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NEW YEAR FILLED WITH  
GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS,  
AND PEACE

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT AND DEDICATION  
FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS



Artwork by Resident  
Michelle Weiner

# SLICE OF LIFE



1. Mozaic Adult Day drummers: Susanne Stilson, Richard Scofield, Judy Tillman, and Helen Johnson 2. Clients enjoying the Mozaic Adult Day patio 3. Barnum Festival with Gary Jackson, Edmund McCarthy, and Frank Tuchols 4. Students from Horizons Greens Farms Academy visit Mozaic Adult Day 5. Karen Parniawski and Patricia Moyher enjoy some summer fun 6. CT Ballet Company entertains Residents 7. Frank Tuchols feeds goats at Silverman's Farm 8. Eric Krug, Gary Jackson, Arlene Murrell, Susanne Stilson, Gelsomina Silano, Joe Zorpette, and Allen Katz, Mozaic Adult Day Driver at St. Mary's by the Sea 9. Staff and Residents performing at the Talent Show 10. Leslie Widman holds a photo of one of the dogs waiting to be adopted through BARC - Bridgeport Animal Rescue Crew. Mozaic Jewish Home Residents have joined efforts with this program to raise awareness and help with the timely adoption of these dogs 11. Gene Dutchess contributes to the Lipton Household coloring project 12. Judy Richman and Helen Mongelia at a summer BBQ 13. Loretta Cerrato concentrates while painting beach jars 14. Dick and Shirley Becker celebrate their 69th anniversary 15. Captain Cove visitors Lenke Hargitai, Toni Marcy, Camila Pesacreta, Claudia Bennett, and Mary Medika 16. A group of hatted ladies on a summer day 17. Shelley Kreiger and Ellen Ashkins, Director, Resident Life display the Kreiger family donation of silver torah crowns and breast plate 18. Sue Thommen has fun crafting for National Bow Tie Day 19. David Lyons with his Father's Day gift from the Women's Auxiliary 20. Tiffany Colucci, Elder Care Navigator and Donna Quinlan, Case Manager, Adult Family Living, offering a healthy snack during a recent staff gathering 21. Barnum Festival Road Show entertains a crowd of all ages 22. Fran Sanchione, Volunteer Coordinator, Ralston Muir, Supervisor, Reception, Leslie Mahtani, Pequot Library, and Ellen Ashkins hold books from the large print book donation made by the Pequot Library in Southport 23. Israeli Scouts entertain Rosemary Baclawski, Avis Dannenberg, and Karen Holson.



# FOUNDATION

## Fall Gala 2023 (continued from front cover)

Jim's journey with Mozaic Senior Life dates back to November 13, 2011. He was a client in our short-term rehabilitation on Jefferson Street. He will forever remember and appreciate the unparalleled care and compassion shown to him from the moment he arrived. As a grateful client, he began getting to know our organization and was very supportive of the concept of the new campus on Park Avenue. After he retired in 2016, his involvement grew as he shared his strong entrepreneurial experience and skills to help position Mozaic Senior Life to be financially secure and meet the core mission, as well as to grow and adapt in the challenging healthcare environment. Jim feels strongly that it is vitally important for Mozaic Senior Life to remain relevant. Towards this end, Jim is an active member of the Board of Directors, is the Founding Chairperson of the Vision 2031 Committee, as well as a member of the Audit, Finance, and Investment Committees.

Jim currently lives in Fairfield with his partner, Elyn Myers. He previously lived in Westport for many years and has three adult children Rachel, Mike, and Sarah.

Andrew H. Banoff, President & CEO of Mozaic Senior Life, shared, "Jim Bennett is one of the formal and informal leaders of our Board of Directors, and our community. We are privileged to have his wisdom, insight, and calm demeanor to lead us through the Vision 2031 Steering Committee and all that he does. He also is a personal reflection on the important work that we do every day and the gratitude that we have to our dedicated workforce. I am personally grateful to Jim for his counsel, his friendship, and his support."

Andrew continued, "Joan Kuriansky has been part of the history of the (Mozaic) Jewish Home her entire life, as her family has been engaged with our development since its inception. She has not lived in this area for many years but has continued to support us emotionally, financially, and remained committed to our mission personally and through her family members and Foundation. We are grateful to Joan and the entire Kuriansky family."

Joan A. Kuriansky, this year's Louis Lotstein Award recipient, is being recognized for her long-term outstanding dedication to Mozaic Senior Life. She is the daughter of one of the founding members of The Jewish Home for the Elderly of Fairfield County in Bridgeport. She continues to fulfill the legacy of the first generation of Kurianskys by supporting many organizations through the Kuriansky Foundation, and by personally being engaged at all levels in many Jewish and secular organizations, nationally and internationally. In addition to continuing her family's

philanthropic engagement in charitable causes, she has followed a path of activism and advocacy, specifically for gender-based rights focused on developing and implementing policies and programs that have lasting impact on women's and girls' rights towards health and economic security with issues surrounding aging, healthcare, economic self-sufficiency, and gender-based violence.

Joan grew up in Stamford, graduated from Washington University, BA, Occidental College, MA, and University of Virginia Law School. She currently lives in Washington DC. Joan is committed to continuing the work of the generation that preceded her while bringing light to new issues, programs, and needs.

Joan has worked in the social justice field throughout her accomplished career as executive director, board member, and hands-on volunteer. She enjoys working with and mobilizing people and organizations to find innovative solutions like the first domestic violence courts in the country or a nationwide campaign on women's health to make an impact in the lives of women and families. As the Executive Director of a national aging organization, she addressed challenges that many Mozaic Senior Life clients face related to long-term care, economic well-being, or caregiving. Joan is recognized for her leadership through various appointments and awards. President Clinton appointed Joan to the first National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women. She received a Gloria Steinem award where she was named "A Women of Vision" by the Ms. Foundation and most recently in 2020, received an award by Advocates for Human Rights for her research and advocacy in the field of gender-based violence.

There are many ways to support this year's Fall Gala. Place an ad in the commemorative journal and include a special message to the honorees, a Resident, staff member or a mazel tov message on celebrating 50 years of service to the community. Or attend the event and join us for the festivities on October 26th in person.

For over 55 years the Women's Auxiliary has played an essential role in furthering Mozaic Senior Life's mission and standard of health care. The overriding mission of the Women's Auxiliary is to nurture, enhance, and support quality of life initiatives for the Residents and clients of Mozaic Senior Life.

Additional information, or to register online: [mozaicsl.org/donations/womens-auxiliary-donations/fall-gala/](https://mozaicsl.org/donations/womens-auxiliary-donations/fall-gala/) or contact Dayna Hayden, Director, Development at 203-365-6409 or [dhayden@mozaicsl.org](mailto:dhayden@mozaicsl.org).

SAVE THE DATE

*Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership Meeting*

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

Join us for a fun-filled **Culinary Workshop** with Chef Danny Corsun, Founder/Creator of Culinary Judaics Academy

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**Game Day**

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

**JOIN US FOR DESSERT AND GAMES!**  
Make up your own table with your friends. We supply the space, you bring your games or cards.

Watch for more details ■ [btepper@mozaicsl.org](mailto:btepper@mozaicsl.org)/203-396-1000

**For Further Information**

...on how to become involved with the **Women's Auxiliary** or the **Men's Club**, please contact Dayna Hayden, Development Director, at 203-365-6409 or [dhayden@jseniors.org](mailto:dhayden@jseniors.org).

Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership dues are \$36, Life Membership is \$250, Sterling Life Membership is \$500 and Gold Life Membership is \$1,000 (all Life Memberships are payable over three years).

Men's Club Annual Membership dues are \$75, Life Membership is \$1,000 and Lipton Fellow Membership is \$2,500 (both payable over three years).

# FOUNDATION



## Annual George Lipton Golf Invitational

A marvelous afternoon was spent with the Men's Club at our 37th Annual George Lipton Golf Invitational at the Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston. The day was filled with golfing, pickleball, lunch, cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, and awards. The first Pickleball Clinic and Tournament took place where we learned about dinks, falafels, and kitchens. Thankfully there was not a lot of poaching or a need for replays! Almost 100 golfers enjoyed a day of camaraderie and healthy competition. Congratulations to David Martin for making a hole-in-one during the tournament. Co-chaired by Men's Club President, Neil Lippman and Board member Howard Twersky, the successful event generated over \$101,000. Special thanks to all our participants and event sponsors for their generous and ongoing support of the Men's Club and of Mozaic Senior Life.



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## Family Day 2023

The torrential downpour could not keep this event from taking place for the first time since 2019! The beloved Family Day, sponsored by the Men's Club, celebrated 50 years of Mozaic Senior Life's service to the community and took a spin down memory lane to 1973. Hundreds of Residents and family members gathered to spend the festive, fun-filled day. Guests enjoyed live music from The Mostly Green Band, Elizabeth Ashkins, Carl Lindquist, and John Valerio, magic and bubbles from Mr. Bungles, balloon creations by Melissa Russo, and facepainting by local BBYO teens from Gottlieb AZA. Special thank you to Aquarion Water Company for supplying the water and reusable water bottles for the event.



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Thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who supported the George Lipton Invitational – Mozaic Senior Life is extremely grateful for your continued support.

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES & EMPLOYEE NEWS

## Employee Spotlight – Jasmine Johnson



Jasmine Johnson joins Mozaic Senior Life as a Client Services Coordinator for Mozaic Companions & Homemakers. As a graduate in Healthcare Administration from the University of Bridgeport, Jasmine has experience in the healthcare field working in Quality Improvement and Case Management. In her spare time, Jasmine enjoys spending time with her two children, shopping, dabbling in makeup and clothing trends, and traveling.

**For more information about Mozaic Companions & Homemakers, please contact us at 203-396-1136 or [homecare@mozaicsl.org](mailto:homecare@mozaicsl.org).**

## New Mozaic Leadership



**Princess Bryan-Colley** joined Mozaic Senior Life in June 2023 as the Supervisor, HHAs and CNAs in Mozaic Home Care. She is a graduate of the University of the West Indies where she completed her BS in Social Work. Princess found love and moved to the U.S. in 2017. Prior to joining Mozaic, she worked for VNS in New York City as a Case Management Supervisor for six years. Philanthropy has always

been the primary focus of her work. For the past 21 years Princess has focused on providing tangible and psychosocial support to families connected to several community-based organizations in Jamaica. Princess founded the Kemar Dixon Foundation charity in Jamaica after the tragic death of her son in 2001. The Foundation was established to support and advance education amongst youth and to improve the health, economic and social conditions of indigent families in Portmore, Jamaica. **For more information on Mozaic Home Care, please contact us at 203-396-1136 or [homecare@mozaicsl.org](mailto:homecare@mozaicsl.org).**

## Lifestyle Care Program

Mozaic Senior Life has hosted a Lifestyle Care Program for our staff, Residents and members of the greater community. The program is almost complete and participants are showing improvement in their bloodwork and weight. The Lifestyle Care Program is an evidence-based program recognized by the CDC and facilitated by a certified Lifestyle Coach, Fitness Instructor and Registered Dietitian. The program is designed to decrease the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and complications of type 2 diabetes. As the program comes to a close, participants are grateful for insights from the information provided, adopting new health and lifestyle behaviors, and tracking their individual progress.

*"I think the program is great. It is very well organized and well-presented, and offers a lot of practical and useful information. All the people involved are pleasant and welcoming. Lauren's presentations are thorough and informative. I am grateful for it."* -T.P.

*"I am thoroughly enjoying this program and wish that it had been available to me 40 years ago. I would probably be having fewer health issues and complications."* -J.D.

*"I am enjoying the program. It has made me more mindful of what I am eating and how much I should be exercising."* -C.P.



**Telecia Dobson** joins Mozaic Senior Life as a licensed social worker (LMSW) in the Mozaic Rehabilitation Center. She has over ten years of experience in patient care, supporting families and individuals in vulnerable populations. Telecia has an innate passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others which has resulted in her compassion and commitment in assisting clients to develop healthier, more positive

life choices, and becoming the best version of themselves. She is exceptionally skilled in providing powerful crisis intervention and advocating for clients to ensure they receive the care they need. In her free time, Telecia enjoys spending time with her daughter, reading, listening to music, and spending time with nature. Her favorite animal is the dolphin because they are friendly, welcoming, free-spirited, smart, and she feels they represent her. **For more information on Mozaic Rehabilitation Center, please contact us at 203-365-6483 or [admissions@mozaicsl.org](mailto:admissions@mozaicsl.org).**



**Ray Hays** joined Mozaic Senior Life as an Administrative Fellow in June 2023 to finish up her master's in healthcare administration, concluding in May 2024. While at Mozaic, she will explore the operations of an aging services organization by shadowing and completing projects in each department. She aspires to become a licensed nursing home administrator but would like to gain more experience prior to sitting for

her exam next summer. Ray was born in West Virginia but spent most of her time in Wisconsin, so often she calls that her home. She went to Fond du Lac High School where she was the first global scholar and completed a four-year biomedical sciences program. While in high school, she worked as a CNA in a long-term care facility and quickly grew to love the population and continued to seek opportunities to find her passion. Ray has been dedicated in her CNA role and has worked in homecare, assisted living, long-term care, and acute care hospitals. Through this discovery, she identified her interest in long-term care management. Ray has a bachelor's in healthcare communication from University of Wisconsin Green Bay and is finishing up her master's at George Washington University.



**Ralston Muir** joined Mozaic Senior Life in June 2023 as the Supervisor, Reception. Ralston has over 20 years of experience in customer service, hospitality, business administration, and operational leadership. He is happy to be here at Mozaic Senior Life where he gets to interact with the Residents and their families every day. Early in his career he worked in the hotel industry in Florida and recently worked as a credit

administrator for a Connecticut based retail finance company. He has a degree in Marketing and a BA in Business Administration. He loves to spend time with family and friends and enjoys playing football (soccer). Ralston believes in integrity, intrinsic motivation, lifelong learning, and service.

## Mozaic Senior Life Podcast Series

### Senior Sense: Navigating Your Journey

Mozaic Institute on Aging experts share useful resources, education, and assistance for supporting you or a loved one on the journey of aging.

- Episode #1: 5200 Sundays
- Episode #2: Mozaic Concierge Living
- Episode #3: Mozaic Memory Workshop
- Episode #4: Mozaic Home Care
- Episode #5: Mozaic Adult Family Living
- Episode #6: Mozaic Hospice
- Episode #7: Mozaic Eldercare Navigation

Visit [mozaicsl.org/podcasts](http://mozaicsl.org/podcasts) to listen to these and future episodes.



# EMPLOYEE NEWS



## Employee Awards

This year's Employee Awards was a fun evening honoring all staff. Mozaic Senior Life was fortunate to honor 93 employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of dedicated service. Special recognition was given to the employees listed below. Thanks to MarshMcLennan Agency for their contribution to the event.

### Chairperson's Award

Hedy Philibert  
Conroy Brown  
Ingrid Kaczegowicz  
Cristina Tenney

### Charney Family Award

Taria McNeil

### Sadie Freeman Award\*

Kenny Greaves

### Marie Cayo Humanitarian Award\*

Marcia Clarke

### Ciszkowski Family Journey Award

Madison Altermatt

### Jacqueline Purcell Nursing Award\*

Charmaine Mitchell

### Community Service Award

Georgia McLaughlin

### President's Leadership Award

Susan Freed

### Mary Williams Nursing Assistant Award\*

Evelyn Diaz

### Elaine "Laney" Pollack Award\*

Paula Tantimonico

\*Award in memory of a dedicated employee



## New Director of Nursing



**Sherry Mercer, RN**

We are so proud to announce that **Sherry Mercer, RN** is our new Director of Nursing! Sherry is well known and regarded by the entire Mozaic Senior Life family. She started her career with us as a Charge Nurse and then moved into the Director of Education role. She is a great team player who values the ideas and opinions of her co-workers. With the ability to adapt quickly, she has hit the ground running in her new position. Sherry lives in Bridgeport, CT, where she was born. She attended Bridgeport Public Schools, then matriculated at Housatonic Community College and The University of Bridgeport where she graduated with her bachelor's degree in nursing. In her free time, she likes to go to the movie theater and enjoys trying out new recipes with her son, who aspires to become a Chef. **For more information about Mozaic Jewish Home, contact Sherry at 203-364-8253 or smercer@mozaicsl.org.**

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[MOZAICSL.APPLICANTPOOL.COM/JOBS/](https://mozaicsl.applicantpool.com/jobs/)

## Summer Interns

Mozaic Senior Life was fortunate to have 11 interns from The WorkPlace join us over the summer. The WorkPlace's program teaches modern and relevant employability skills and techniques to assist and empower young adults on their career journeys. These young individuals helped in many departments including Assisted Living, Dining Services, Adult Day, Therapeutic Recreation, and Employee Relations. Mozaic Senior Life was delighted to work with these bright, young program participants and hope they were able to gain skills for a career in senior healthcare.



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## Family Mail

Your staff has been wonderful for the four years my grandmother has been a Resident. She became ill in February and her health wasn't improving while in the hospital. But once admitted back "home" (at Mozaic Jewish Home) she showed all signs of rebounding. Within three weeks she made a full recovery! The staff has been amazing and an integral part of her recovery.

**- J.C., Long-term Care  
Family Member**

Thank you and your staff for making my dear friend comfortable during the years she spent at Mozaic Jewish Home in Bridgeport. She was an excellent nurse for many years, caring for many. We never would have thought she would be the one to need care and support in her later years. You took excellent care of her.

**- D.B., Assisted Living  
Friend**

## Save the Dates

**OCTOBER**

- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
Women's Auxiliary  
Annual Fall Gala  
Rolling Hills Country Club  
Wilton, CT
- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
Career Fair  
Mozaic Senior Life

**NOVEMBER**

- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
Women's Auxiliary  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Mozaic Senior Life

**DECEMBER**

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
Women's Auxiliary  
Special Chanukah  
Shabbat Celebration

**JANUARY**

- **MONDAY, JANUARY 22**  
Women's Auxiliary  
Game Day  
Mozaic Senior Life

## Irma and Marty Grossman

By Judy Goldberg and Ira Grossman

Marty and Irma Grossman are Residents of Scinto House, having moved to Mozaic Jewish Home together in 2021. They have been married for 40 years. Before arriving here, Marty and Irma enjoyed their retirement in Florida, engaged in their favorite activities - golfing and dancing. Marty is a passionate golfer and Irma is a talented trained dancer and musician. They enjoyed these passions together and spent time teaching dance to many people within and beyond their community. The talent show was always a highlight of their year, where they helped coordinate talent and would themselves perform a song and dance each year. Together, Marty and Irma have eight children, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. So much of their energy has also been devoted to their large and extended families.



Marty grew up in Brooklyn and served in the Korean War. He started his career as a glass blower and then became an electrician, with a long career in New York. He was part of the Electrical Workers Union along with many others in his family. Marty is a self-described ham, still loves to sing, and is easily encouraged by any size crowd to share a tune. Irma grew up in the Bronx and worked as an Arthur Murray dance instructor and later as an executive assistant in the chaplain's office at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Together, Marty and Irma have enjoyed dancing, traveling, and hosting their children and grandchildren in New York and later in Florida.

While at Mozaic Jewish Home, Marty and Irma enjoy Resident activities such as trivia, concentration, monthly birthday parties, special events, and any type of music program. Marty loves to do adult coloring and Irma enjoys reading and taking walks throughout the building. They can also be found dancing together from time to time. When this busy pair isn't moving about, they can be found sitting outside on the balcony together enjoying each other's company.

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