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Waves By Michael Greenfield, M.D., Senior Choice at Home member

Waves come roaring in
crashing onto shore
slathering over the beach
smoothing it
erasing footprints
purifying it
but at the same time
strewn flotsam and jetsam onto its glistening sands
leaving it dotted with the ever present stains of
civilization
then only
to retreat again to the ocean
drawing much of the refuse
back to the bosom of the sea

Are the waves trying to cleanse the planet of man's
droppings
engaged in a never ending battle
to purge the world of our lack of caring
working day and night
with only the moon the tides and the winds
our eternal taskmasters
deciding their hours of labor and rest

Waves
the oldest slaves in our universe
have served us from the beginning of time
and
shall never be released from their bondage

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Newsletter

Together Again!

Among the many benefits and services of the Senior Choice at Home® program are the social and wellness programs, which have certainly taken a different shape over the past several months.

As the weather warmed and the risk of contracting the Covid-19 virus was low, Senior Choice at Home members were able to gather together safely again... and was that ever overdue! After not seeing each other for nearly 18 months, members first gathered in June at The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus at Park Avenue for a **lunch and lecture with author Andree Brooks**, where she gave an interesting talk on “Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean.” Who knew? Later in the month, members got together for a



Senior Choice at Home members at lunch at Gallo Ristorante in Ridgefield.

lovely **lunch at Via Sforza in Westport**, where they caught up with each other on family happenings, recent and planned travels, and new books they’ve read, to name a few of the discussed topics that could be heard.

In July and August, members gathered again for a delicious **lunch at Gallo Ristorante in Ridgefield** in the beautiful patio room, a relaxing tai chi class at The “J” Fitness Center at the Jewish Senior Services campus, and an interesting talk led by two local pharmacists about “**Medication Safety in Older Adults, Interaction/Adverse Reactions**”, where lunch was also provided.

It was wonderful to see the members together again; smiling at one another, sharing stories and catching up. Zoom and Facetime have been great, however nothing replaces seeing each other in person. In the coming months, we hope to be able to continue our in-person gatherings as long as it remains safe to do so.



Members listen to important information about medication safety in older adults, led by pharmacists from Main Street Pharmacy in Bridgeport.

DID YOU KNOW that Senior Choice at Home is portable? If you decide to move out of Connecticut permanently, or travel out-of-state for long periods of time, you can still have your care covered through your membership benefits. To learn how portability works, please call our office at 203-365-6491.

Senior Choice at Home, administered by Jewish Senior Services®, is a comprehensive membership-based program that provides, coordinates and pays for long term care for adults 55 and over for the rest of their lives. It is designed to provide protection for independent individuals or couples who wish to remain in their homes, ensure their care is paid for, and protect their assets as their healthcare needs evolve. Should a member need to live in an assisted living community or receive nursing home care, the program will provide for these too. **Interested in learning more? Please call us at 203-365-6491.**

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Caring for Your Nutrition When Caregiving



Family caregivers of people with illnesses, injuries or disabilities sometimes spend more time thinking about those they care for than themselves. It’s important to remember that self-care is essential to providing good care to others and must include eating well.

Healthy eating can be especially challenging for caregivers who often have limited time to shop and cook. Fast food, snacks and comfort meals are tempting but usually lack healthy amounts of protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals.

In addition to preventing low energy, muscle loss, illnesses and unplanned weight change, a healthy diet may help reduce the stress and fatigue that can come with caring for a loved one.

These tips from the Administration for Community Living can help caregivers take steps toward better nutrition without adding to already full to-do lists:

1. Drink healthy beverages at each meal and 2-3 times between meals. Water, milk, juice (to replace missing fruits and vegetables) or non-sweetened drinks are all better-for-you options.
2. Get enough protein, a key nutrient that helps build and repair tissues. Consider these ideas for increasing your protein intake:
 - Eat a high-protein food like fish, chicken or eggs at every meal
 - Try plant proteins like nuts, peanut butter, beans and tofu
 - Eat your protein first at meals
 - Eat low- or non-fat dairy products and use Greek yogurt
 - Opt for cheese at snack time
 - Top your food with chopped nuts like almonds
3. Drink a liquid supplement, like a meal replacement or protein shake, if foods alone do not supply all the nutrients you need. A health care provider can make specific dietary suggestions based on your unique health needs, diet and conditions.

For more information and ideas, talk to your doctor or dietitian and visit eatright.org.

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Why I joined Senior Choice at Home By Richard Wurtzel



Richard Wurtzel with son Andrew, daughter-in-law Lauren, and grandchildren Sam and Zoey.

I am a rather new member of Senior Choice at Home and at the time was the youngest member when I joined. What a wonderful opportunity to be connected with such a professional organization. I am still working full time as a Speech Language Pathologist in Private Practice. My specialty is Dysphagia (Swallowing Disorders) and High Functioning Adults on the Autism Spectrum. University Towers is a co-op in the center of downtown New Haven where I plan to continue to live. I have two sons, Jeffrey and Andrew, who are a plane ride away but are here when I need them.

I love visiting them frequently especially seeing my grandchildren.

As soon as I heard of Senior Choice at Home I called the next day. Other than my son, none of my friends or professional acquaintances – including my lawyer, accountant or financial advisor - ever heard of Senior Choice at Home (now I tell everyone and so do they). To me it seemed too good to be true and I was amazed that after much research it was just what I needed.

Financially through good planning I had plenty of money to keep up my lifestyle. The question was how long could I do this if I had serious medical issues. Joining Senior Choice at Home was a small investment and opportunity to live where I wanted and with the help I needed to stay in my home. This was life-changing to have this peace of mind.

I wanted to share with you what made me make the choice to join Senior Choice at Home. I knew others from Bridgeport where I grew up who worked at The Jewish Home, familiar names of Board Members, and residents. I took the tour of the building and saw the Shabbat candle room and knew I was home with others who cared about their community and residents. I am grateful to have discovered this opportunity.