

# JVS At Work

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## THE LEGACY CONTINUES:

JVS GALA CELEBRATES 80TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONORS BOARD PRESIDENTS  
Stanley A. Dashew to Receive Prestigious Tzedakah Award



In 1931, a small office was established to help Jewish refugees find work in the midst of what is now known as the Great Depression. A year later, that office had become the agency known today as Jewish Vocational Service. Motivated always by the drive to assist others to achieve self-sufficiency, JVS has helped hundreds of thousands of people find jobs, regain their self-respect and dignity, support their families and benefit our community at large.

On January 29, 2011, JVS will honor its board presidents, the men and women who have spearheaded the agency's growth. JVS will also present its prestigious *Tzedakah Award* to long time friend, inventor, entrepreneur and philanthropist Stanley A. Dashew. The Gala Honorary Chair is

philanthropist Brindell Gottlieb, who will work alongside Co-Chairs and JVS Board Members Elizabeth Gans, Nan Kalish Goodman and Pearle Rae Levey. Aptly themed *The Legacy Continues*, the Gala will take place at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

When Ed Bastheim became the first President and Chairman of the Board in 1932, he faced an uphill battle - a budget of less than \$5,000 and the highest unemployment figures the country had ever seen. By the end of his decade-long tenure, he had succeeded in opening negotiations with Columbia Studios, saved the Jewish Social Services Bureau over \$40,000 by placing clients in jobs and inspired seven other Jewish organizations to add employment services.

Each succeeding board president has responded to the social and economic issues of their time. JVS was among the first to address the changing roles of women in society, the challenges faced by people with disabilities and the critical need to provide skills training, mentoring and support to at-risk youth, impacting



Stanley A. Dashew (center) with JVS staff and clients.

the development and direction of agency services.

Today JVS serves nearly 30,000 people from over 30 sites throughout Los Angeles and now has a budget of \$15 million.

Of the 30 presidents who have served since our founding, 16 will be in attendance or represented at the Gala, including Sunny Caine, Abner Goldstine, Adrienne Horwitch, Mike Klapper, David Licht, M.M. Chuck Maltz, James Maslon, George Polinger, Rick Powell, Susan W. Robertson, Donald S. Simons, Jack Suzar and

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# TEAMINGUP:

## To Ensure the JVS Legacy

### Two Former Lifetime Of Service Honorees To Lead JVS Legacy Society

Chuck Wilson and Larry Powell, both past recipients of JVS' *Lifetime of Service Award*, have joined forces



A. Charles Wilson

to support the JVS Legacy Society. Chuck, who is also a past Board President said "I am honored to Co-Chair this important endeavor alongside my good friend Lawry. It would be a thrill for

me to help grow JVS' Endowment Fund through our efforts. Knowing the great current need and the volume of requests for services JVS is experiencing of late, we also welcome current endowment gifts to the JVS Legacy Society."

When asked why he became involved, Larry remarked, "My family and I believe in passing on our values, sharing the spirit of giving and caring for others. That's why we've made



Lawrence Powell

a provision in our estate plans to ensure that JVS will always be here to serve those most in need. It's my hope and desire that others will join with us as members of the JVS Legacy Society."

JVS' Legacy Society was established to promote and recognize donors who make a financial commitment to the



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Continued from Pg. 1 A. Charles Wilson. In addition, Marilyn Garber will represent her late husband Robert, Shirley Goldenberg will represent her late husband Irwin and Polly Marks Weinberg will represent her late husband Edward Marks.

Stanley A. Dashew's career has spanned everything from photo journalist to industrialist to inventor. His latest invention, the Dashaway, is designed to help people with disabilities regain their mobility. He is also the founder of the UCLA Dashew Center

for International Scholars and Studies, and an avid supporter of JVS' Scholarship Fund.

Said JVS CEO Vivian Seigel, "Throughout the turbulent history of Los Angeles and the larger community, these amazing men and women have given their time, resources and expertise to help us sustain our work and expand our reach. They have helped us to think in new and creative ways about the future. Just as our

founders were acutely aware of the problems facing the clients of their day, I think they would be moved and proud to see the way JVS has evolved with the changing times, remaining a relevant and vital organization."

### Pass It On!

Join us on January 29th for a night to remember as we celebrate JVS' 80th Anniversary. You can register online at [www.jvsla.org](http://www.jvsla.org) or contact Randy H. Lapin at (323) 761-8598 or [rlapin@jvsla.org](mailto:rlapin@jvsla.org)

agency's Endowment Fund during their lifetime or in their estate plans. Members will be recognized in a special section of the Annual Report, on JVS' website and on the permanent Wall of Honor in JVS' main offices at 6505 Wilshire. In addition, members will be invited annually to a private VIP reception with JVS' CEO and Board President.

Said JVS Board President Jeffrey Paul, "It is critical that we do all we can today to ensure a bright tomorrow for JVS and those who seek our help. The JVS Legacy

Society is aimed directly at that goal."

Vivian Seigel, JVS' CEO added, "Both Chuck and Larry understand the importance and necessity of developing the financial resources required to sustain the humanitarian mission of JVS. I couldn't be more pleased and honored to have Chuck and Larry leading this effort."

For more information regarding gift and estate matters, please contact: Randy H. Lapin, JVS Chief Development Officer at: (323) 761-8598 or email: [rlapin@jvsla.org](mailto:rlapin@jvsla.org)

# Strictly Business L.A.

JVS' 2010 Strictly Business highlighted difficulties as well as triumphs as Los Angeles struggles to reinvent the future for both employees and businesses. Leading the way were two companies whose innovative partnerships are putting people to work. Loeb & Loeb partner and Co-Chairman John Frankenheimer accepted the JVS 2010 *Corporate Leadership Award* from former Governor Gray Davis and Executive Vice President for Citibank's Metro Southern California Division Lisa Deloney accepted the JVS' 2010 *Corporate Partnership*



L-R Inspiration Award Honorees Dr. Randall Schaffer, Mariana Jimenez and Juliet Forson; Corporate Partnership Award recipient Lisa Deloney of Citi and Corporate Leadership Award recipient John Frankenheimer of Loeb and Loeb, LLP.

Award on behalf of Citi from Michael Lizarraga of TELACU.

JVS also honored three former clients who demonstrated what it takes to succeed. Juliet Forson, a journalist from Sierra Leone on the road to a career in health care through JVS' HealthWorks™ program; Mariana Jimenez who launched a new career through JVS' BankWorks™ training program, and Dr. Randall M. Schaffer, who lost everything in Hurricane Katrina and began a new career. Deputy Mayor and L.A. Jobs Chief Austin Beutner, also appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa as Interim General Manager of the DWP, handed out the Inspiration Award to the clients.

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## JVS Scholarship Fund



Scholarship Recipients and donors at the June reception.

The JVS Scholarship Fund, which to date has awarded over \$4.5 million to Jewish students in financial need, held a special reception at Sinai

Temple in July to hand out scholarships and celebrate the enormous challenges these students have overcome in their personal and academic lives.

Scholarship Committee Chair Nan Goodman and Co-Chairs Ellen Morehead and Nancy Paul handed out \$327,000 to 157 students for the 2010-2011 year. The audience also heard

from a current scholarship recipient, and a past alumni of the Chicago Jewish Scholarship Fund, who is now a neurosurgeon in LA and has repaid the advantages given to him by donating to the JVS Scholarship Fund.

Said JVS Scholarship Committee Chair Nan Goodman, "Nearly every student this year had a story of recent job loss in their application. Receiving these scholarships lets people know that there are resources out there."



JVS Scholarship Donor Dr. Stephen L. Graham and student recipient Ilya Kvasha.

# FUNDING AT WORK

In the wake of the recession, JVS received stimulus funding through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), to help put Americans back to work.



◀ **Veterans First** With funding from the Veterans Administration, JVS is assisting veterans by offering thorough assessments to help identify transferable skills, along with expert career coaching, job placement and a Veterans Job Club to provide peer support and encourage networking. Since the program opened its doors in July, 40 clients have already registered, 13 of whom are veterans of the Iraq War.

The program is headed up by Travis McElroy, who was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force and served in Germany and Bosnia, Joel Canfield, a first lieutenant in the Army Reserves and Jose De La Cruz, who in addition to holding a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, served in the U.S. Air Force and Reserves. To provide additional psychological support, veterans can meet with Kristin Clavel, MSW.

The focus of Veterans First is to identify new career paths. Many vets are choosing careers in the business world in sales and finance, management, engineering and security training, where they can transfer the skills and experience they gained in the military.

## Summer Youth Employment Program ▶

The summer job is a rite of passage for many teens. But this year, competition was fierce, with unemployed and displaced adult workers competing with students. Said Jon Lamirault, JVS Youth Programs Supervisor, "Our program participants have faced a lot of barriers in their lives, such as gang involvement, teen pregnancy, and poverty."

Funded by L.A. County, 50 participants from 14 to 21 were placed in fully subsidized internships in a variety of industries. Tina Hoang, L.A. County's Program Manager for WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Operations, said "We are very pleased to be partnering with JVS, offering these youth the opportunity to see beyond the boundaries of their neighborhoods with work experience that will open new doors for them."



Ford Theater employers William Berry & Ragen Carlile, LA County Representative Tina Hoang, SYEP graduates Roberto Garcia Hernandez, Aimee Berrios and JVS Youth Services Director Jon Lamirault.

◀ **WoMentoring** JVS' WoMentoring program recently celebrated its 13th year of successful mentor and mentee matches with a special luncheon at the Mark. Michelle Ruiz, a former broadcast journalist and founder of Latino resource site [www.saberhacer.com](http://www.saberhacer.com) was the keynote speaker, and impressed upon the audience the importance of mentors in the workplace.

The program is funded by Union Bank, Wells Fargo, Terri & Jerry Kohl, Debbie & Rick Powell and the WoMentoring Leadership Network, a donor support group of professional women formed by Debbie Powell, Eileen Coskey Fracchia and Judy Flesh Rosenberg.



L-R: Deputy from the office of Bob Blumenfeld Rosalba Gonzalez, JVS Director of Disability & Assessment Services Eileen Slutsky, JVS COO Claudia Finkel, Field Deputy from the office of Zev Yaroslavsky Cynthia Scott, JVS Board President Jeffrey Paul and JVS Assessment Program Supervisor Kathy Marshall.

## ▼ Rapid Response

With businesses facing layoffs and closures due to the economic downturn, many employers and their staff are left wondering what to do. The Rapid Response program can help. With ARRA funding through Los Angeles County, Rapid Response is offered at no cost to businesses. The program provides special orientations to educate employees on everything from unemployment benefits to insurance to finding a new job. JVS' goal is to ease the burden not just on employees, but on companies as well by helping their human resources departments and staff.

JVS brings experts in from the Employment Development Department, US Department of Labor and the WorkSource Center network, so all of the resources a job seeker might need are available in one place. In addition, Rapid Response may be able to help businesses avoid closure and lay-offs.



◀ **West Hills Assessment Center** In collaboration with the State Department of Rehabilitation and with funding from ARRA, JVS opened a new assessment center at its West Hills location at the Bernard Milken Center.

The West Hills office offers comprehensive vocational evaluations to clients referred by the State Department of Rehabilitation in order to assess their skills, interests and capabilities, and how they can use those to find a job. Certified counselors work with each individual to determine next steps and goals. In addition, JVS will assist with job placement.

Already, the Center has served over 50 clients referred by the Department of Rehabilitation. One of them, Jan S., was out of work for 10 years due to her medical disability. Said Jan, "Before I got here, I didn't know I could do anything." It took only four days for JVS' counselors to help her figure out her marketable skills and narrow down her interests and qualifications to the growing field of medical billing and she will soon be starting training classes.

Accredited by CARE, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, JVS has been a leader in the field of assistive technology for the blind or visually impaired, as well as people with physical and learning disabilities. With the Dashew Assessment Center in Los Angeles and the West Hills Center, JVS has the only state of the art, comprehensive evaluation programs in Southern California for people who are blind or visually impaired. All of the equipment at the West Hills location is also ergonomic.

## From a grateful employer...

"The JVS **Rapid Response** representatives did an amazing job and it proved to benefit all parties involved as the staff left these seminars feeling a little more secure in their difficult situation. We had a magnificent turnout - 53 employees out of 72 - and all feedback was POSITIVE! All those in attendance were very grateful and appreciative of the detailed information and assistance they were provided. I would highly recommend having this same process."

-Human Resources Manager, Pyramid Services

## In Honor of:

<b>Edye Abrams</b> Rebecca Williams	Lynn Klinenberg Linkin & Jerry Linkin	Susan and Alan Greenberg	<b>Vivian Seigel's Birthday</b> Caron and Joseph Block	<b>Bernard (Bud) Brown</b> Lenore Marantz	<b>Howard Meyers</b> Shirley Goldenberg	Beverly and Murray Sommer
<b>Bobbie Beller</b> Barbara Bergman	Ursula Levi	<b>Pearle Rae Levey's Birthday</b> Patricia and Mark Rauch	<b>Vivian &amp; Jeff Seigel</b>	Nancy and Jeffrey Paul	<b>Annette Michaels' sister Maureen</b> Shirley Goldenberg	Frances Stein
<b>Les Biller's Appointment as Chairman of the Board of Sterling Financial Corporation</b> Vivian and Jeff Seigel	Lydia Levy	<b>Peachy Levy's Birthday</b> Ruby and Jerry Bubis	<b>Congratulations on Steve &amp; Nicole's Engagement</b> Judith and Herbert Galperson	Vivian Seigel and the Board of JVS	<b>Vivian Monroe</b> Ilyanne and Mike Kichaven	Ethel and Martin Taft Jeffrey Tamkin
<b>Sheri &amp; Les Biller's Grandson's Bar Mitzvah</b> Vivian and Jeff Seigel	Bernice and Leo Miller	<b>Jim Maslon's Birthday</b> Rini and Arthur Kraus	<b>Judy Sher's Special Birthday</b> Joyce and Tommy Berger	<b>Earl Bubar</b> Laura and James Maslon	<b>Adam Perlmutter</b> Arnold L. Gilberg, M.D. Ph.D.	The Board and Staff of JVS Ruth Tober
<b>Nancy Bowdan's 80th Birthday</b> Shirley Goldenberg	Sheri Mills Safan	<b>Laura &amp; Jim Maslon for a fabulous Super Bowl Day</b> Sue and Ed Meltzer	<b>Mr. and Mrs. Josh Simms Birth of their twins Sarah and Justin</b> Judy and Jerry Felsenthal	<b>John Frankel</b> The Board and Staff of JVS	<b>Peggy Polinger</b> Tammie Bean	Polly and Herb Weinberg Charles Wilson
<b>Ruby Bubis</b> Peachy and Mark Levy	Debbie and Rick Powell	<b>Ed Meltzer's 75th Birthday</b> Laura and James Maslon	<b>Emily &amp; Gregory Waldorf Birth of Son Jacob</b> The Board and Staff of JVS	<b>Jan Geringer Fogelman's Mother</b> The Board and Staff of JVS	<b>Arnold L. Gilberg, M.D. Ph.D.</b>	<b>Floyd Rappaport</b> Arnold L. Gilberg, M.D. Ph.D.
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<b>Roland Childs' 85th Birthday</b> Eleanor and Herbert Kraft	<b>Marilyn Garber's 80th Birthday</b> Bernice Fisher	<b>Shirley and Edgie Phillips' Birthdays</b> Pearle Rae and Mark Levey	<b>Murray Handler</b> Norene Nye	<b>Irving Karp</b> Monique and Bradley Gibbons	<b>Jan Szuker</b> Louis Kennedy	<b>Dr. Richard &amp; Sunnye Tuch's Mother</b> Judy and Jerry Rosenberg
<b>Joanne Fothergill &amp; Stuart Birnbaum's Marriage</b> Sydney and Richard Krelstein	Jacquelyn and Stanley Gottlieb	<b>Sally and Bernie Harris for a fabulous Valentine's Day</b> Jacquelyn and Stanley Gottlieb	<b>Irving Karp</b> Monique and Bradley Gibbons	<b>Rose Kavner</b> Marian DeWitt	<b>Dr. Richard &amp; Sunnye Tuch's Mother</b> Judy and Jerry Rosenberg	<b>Betty Umansky</b> Toni and Rueben Erlich
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	<b>Lois Bornstein</b> Ilyanne and Mike Kichaven					

# JVS Launches New Website

JVS recently launched a brand new web site, designed and built from the ground up to meet the needs of all of our key audiences – job seekers, students, employers, volunteers, donors and the media.

To help make the most of every visit, the site includes improved user navigation, access to a searchable calendar of workshops and events, recent news and announcements, descriptive program information and the resources to assist a job seeker or employer to find or fill an open position. Along with a complete list of JVS locations, Google Maps is available to chart the easiest route to our offices throughout L.A. County.

Twitter and LinkedIn is prominent on the new and improved site. The social media share options provide an amusing and interactive forum to follow and engage with individual programs and events with photo galleries, job search tips and advice and all the latest job postings.

The agency's nationally certified career counselors and job developers now have a whole new set of tools when it comes to giving our clients an edge in this competitive job market. Embracing this wave of new media and web 2.0, JVS

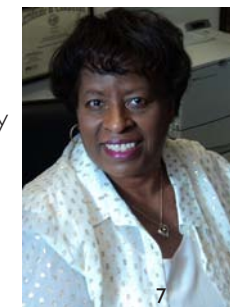


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## ABOVE AND BEYOND

Considered the resident historian of the JVS Marina Del Rey WorkSource Center, Client Services Manager Pat Dial has been with JVS for nearly 28 years. She started out at what was then Career Planning Center, before it merged with JVS and was instrumental in the transition of CPC staff, resources and clients. An expert on the Workforce Investment Act and L.A. City and County contract guidelines and outcomes, she is essential

to helping the WorkSource monitor its operations and achieve its considerable successes, even during these challenging times. According to Angie Cooper, JVS Director of Workforce Development, "Pat always has a ready answer for any question and a strategy for solving any problem!"



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## In Our Opinion

*"The type of job seekers applying to JVS are extremely varied. They consist of people who have enjoyed a high standard of living because of permanent employment but who, because of the prevailing depression, have been affected by unemployment. Again, other applicants are those who have never been able to consistently hold their jobs because of personal difficulties."*

Those words were written in the JVS board minutes of 1933, just a few years after the agency was founded in response to the Great Depression and the wave of refugees fleeing Nazi Europe. As JVS celebrates its 80th Anniversary, many of the problems our predecessors faced bear striking similarities to the challenges of today's economy. What has changed is the way we respond. No longer a fledgling experiment, JVS can rely on decades of experience

and a solid reputation for delivering quality services that transform lives.

As an organization dedicated to helping people overcome barriers to employment, we carefully monitor changes and trends in the job market and maintain vibrant partnerships with local employers in order to effectively prepare our clients for sustainable employment and long term careers. With the help of community and corporate partners, government agencies and generous donors, we have been able to expand our services to respond aggressively to the current unemployment crisis.

JVS has also been one of the first agencies to try new methods of helping its clients. Built on the foundation of expert counselors and job developers, we are now using

web-based technology and social media to enhance the job search as well as increasing accessibility and awareness of everything JVS has to offer.

As we examine the legacy of our founders, we are struck by the fact that the goals of our clients are much the same today as they were in the 1930's. They want to maintain their sense of dignity and self-respect, provide for their families and be productive, self-sufficient citizens.

Thank you for your continued support. What better way for all of us to build our community and heal the world?



Vivian Seigel  
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