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## Psssst ... have you heard?

### There'll be no gala dinner this year.

But you may still support Reena from the comfort of your own home. Watch for an invitation to help Reena and please respond as generously as you can. We'll see you at next year's gala.

## Health Canada enrichment project

by Sandy Stemp, Manager, Staff Development and Health Services

Reena has received very positive feedback from those who attended the *Symposium on Aging and Developmental Disabilities* that took place in June 1999. The Aging and Developmental Disabilities Committee was started because of great interest created by the Symposium. Health Canada has provided funding for an enrichment project that will use information from the Symposium to develop learning workshops to be presented in Kingston, London, Orillia and Thunder Bay.

The learning package will include an interactive seminar and written materials that will distribute the information and knowledge gained from the Symposium to other areas in Ontario. This outreach will enable staff from social service agencies and long-term care facilities to learn from the experiences shared at the Symposium and to link with people from the different sectors.

To ensure relevance and to engage individuals, the facilitators of the learning workshops will be from the local community. One trainer will come from the long-term care sector and one from the developmental disabilities sector to encourage partnership and co-operation between the two sectors.

Reena will provide facilitation and the co-trainer for the cross-province training teams. We'll also organize and co-ordinate the

Enrichment Committee, training teams and the workshop events.

The Aging and Developmental Disabilities Committee has expanded its membership and now includes provincial representation from developmental disabilities and long-term care areas. The Committee has created a task group to work on this project as it continues to look at broad issues in both sectors. It's evident from our meetings that the issue of aging and developmental disabilities is of great concern to seniors and their families. We need, however, to discuss this issue further. We hope the commitment from this group will show that by working together we can provide the best supports for seniors and their families.

We're looking forward to this new challenge and will keep you informed of the upcoming workshops in Ontario.



(Left to right) Mimi Lowi, President and CEO, St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital; The Honorable Elinor Caplan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Member of the Health Standing Committee; and Stanley Kugelmass, Chair, Reena, at the June 1999 Symposium on Aging and Developmental Disabilities.

# Messages from the Chairs of Reena's Boards

## Reena

by Stanley Kugelmass

April is Volunteer Recognition month. It's a time for us at Reena to honour the dedication, enthusiasm and creativity of our many volunteers who make invaluable contributions to our clients and families on a daily basis.



Our sector is an example of a strong partnership between families, volunteers, dedicated staff and government supports. Through their collective efforts, Reena and like organizations were established and are able to continue to enhance the lives of the people we support.

A community's strength comes from the willingness of its constituents to respect the uniqueness and inherent value of every individual. The values of a community can be measured by the extent of the efforts it makes to enable every member to live a full and meaningful life. Our volunteers serve as a wonderful example to us all of the best our community has to offer.

Recently, a group of individuals, parents and professionals came together to promote the advantages of an alternative to the government's *Making Services Work for People* initiative, which was based on a centralized approach to service delivery. We felt this model would create a barrier between agencies and vital partners like volunteers, and would result in a costly additional layer of bureaucracy.

We at Reena proposed a collaborative model, one that will permit agencies to continue to build connections within their own communities while allowing families to maintain the cultural and ethnic links of their choice.

The challenge now is to build on our past accomplishments and to prove that families, friends, volunteers, staff and government can work together to create new and better opportunities for the people we serve. 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

## Reena Foundation

by Gerald Hartman

In the past few issues, I've written about the important restructuring occurring within the Reena Foundation. The Foundation will embark on several new fundraising initiatives, including annual solicitation campaigns and corporate donation and major gift initiatives. Planned giving and endowment programs will allow our donors to help develop specific support programs within Reena.

As well, we'll still continue to raise money and promote awareness of Reena by holding special events, which help spread the message concerning the importance of Reena's work and allow members of the community to meet and mingle.

The 450 people who attended this year's *Mardi Gras* on Sat. Mar. 25, 2000, enjoyed an upbeat and exciting evening. This year's event, chaired by **Sari Goldberg, Jennifer Ross, Rob Gray and Richard Lax**, with help from an incredible team of volunteers, was one of the most exciting ever. *Mardi Gras* has become a high spot in the calendar for young and young-at-heart adults who look forward to chasing away the Winter blahs, while meeting new people and helping a worthwhile cause.



*Mardi Gras* does much more than simply provide much-needed dollars for Reena. It attracts the attention of many people in the community and, most importantly, it encourages a younger group of people to play an important role within and become connected to Reena. Several Past Chairs of the *Mardi Gras* now serve on the Boards of Directors of Reena and the Foundation.

On behalf of the Reena Foundation and the many people with developmental disabilities who will benefit from these volunteers' commitment, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all *Mardi Gras* volunteers. (Please see page 11 for more on *Mardi Gras* 2000). 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

## Batay Reena

by Harold Seidel

For the past two-and-a-half years, the Batay Board has been working almost exclusively on the Al and Faye Mintz Reena ElderHome.



The dream of the ElderHome is nearing a long-awaited 'bricks and mortar' reality. Drive by 236 Crestwood Road in Thornhill to see for yourself.

Construction is nearing completion and the finishing touches are being installed on the interior. The opening of the home will take place on **Sun. June 25, 2000**. Designed to house 16 people, the home is universally accessible and includes a full-size elevator to accommodate wheelchairs. Large bedrooms, family lounges, a *kosher* kitchen and a common dining room will make the Al and Faye Mintz Reena ElderHome a very comfortable and functional place to live.

Thank you to **Sal Vitiello and Claude Lacombe** of E.I. Richmond Architects Inc., for their professionalism and attention to every detail, no matter how minor. As well, our general contractor, DASD Contracting Inc., deserves a lot of recognition. **Doug Lowe** from DASD has been a long-time supporter of Reena and the pride his company takes in its workmanship is very evident in our ElderHome. Congratulations to everyone at Reena on the long-awaited completion.

With the Al and Faye Mintz Reena ElderHome almost complete, the Batay Board is now hard at work examining new housing options for Reena. In the coming months, I hope to report on a new exciting project, which will once again bring much-deserved attention to the entire Reena organization. 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

# Message from the Executive Director

by Sandy Kesben

Reena is facing a serious situation, which could jeopardize our ability to fulfill our obligations to our clients. While we've always been proud that our programs are carried out by well-trained, experienced and caring front-line staff, there's now a possibility of losing our valuable personnel.



Readers of *Kolreena* are fully aware that government cutbacks have adversely affected Reena and other agencies in our sector. While we've all made every effort to ensure that programs haven't been curtailed — Reena even expanded programs to embrace many families in the community — staff haven't received an increase in compensation since 1993. Compensation packages offered by for-profit agencies or the business sector are luring staff away, not only from Reena, but from agencies across the province.

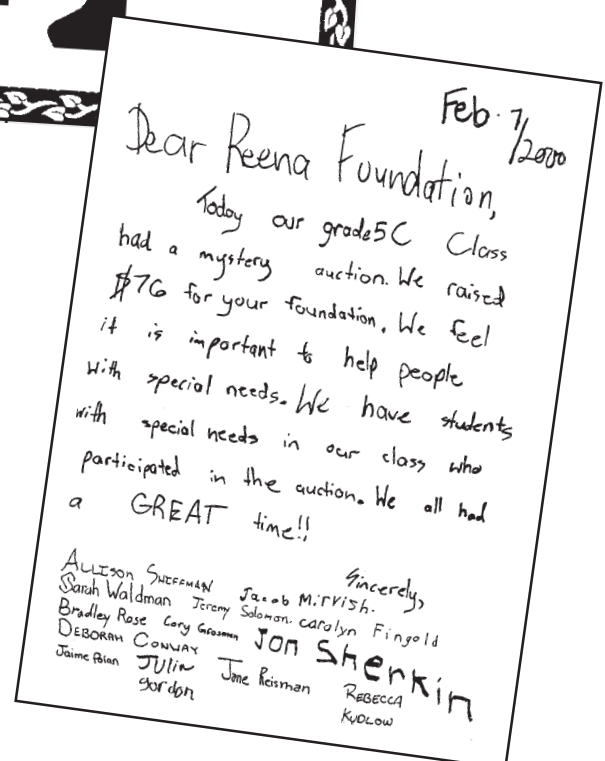
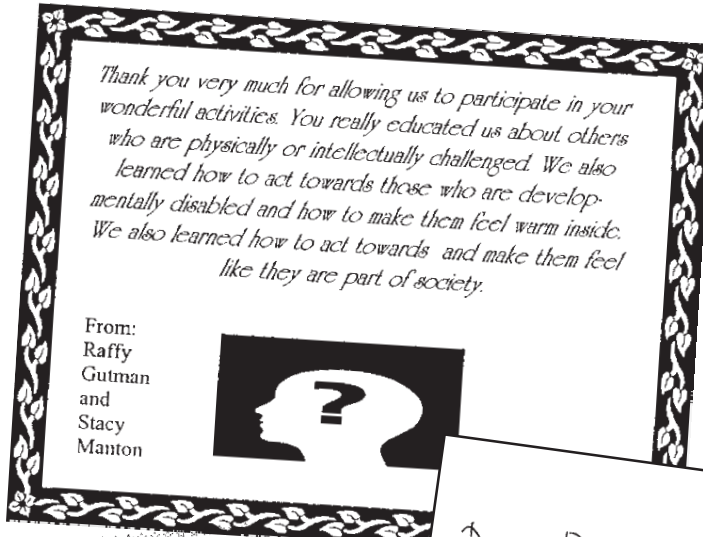
Low compensation in our sector will hamper our ability to maintain current staff or attract new staff (recruitment and training of new staff is very costly); and most important, *constant changes in staff have an impact on the emotional well-being of our clients.*

As Executive Director, I urge all family members, friends and supporters to use your influence in the government's decision-making process by asking your local Member of Provincial Parliament to bring this issue front and centre.

## Increasing awareness

by Arlene Margolese, Manager, Volunteer Services and Judaic Programming

On Tue. Mar. 7, 2000, the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre hosted a group of Grade 6 students from Ventura Park Public School. Led by Support Worker Donna Freeland, the students toured our facility. The enthusiastic visitors learned about the institutions where clients lived before Reena was established, Reena's history and the important role Reena plays in our clients' lives today. Here are some of the many letters sent by students who participated in the field trip, as well as a letter from a Grade 5 class at Holy Blossom Religious School, which raised funds for Reena through a special event.



# The Sheryl Latinsky Memorial Golf Tournament

by Julea Gasner, Manager, Special Events

Sheryl Latinsky never missed an opportunity to help. She took great pride as a volunteer, helping those in need and engaging others to help. Since her arrival in Toronto from South Africa, Sheryl devoted many hours to developing strong community links for herself and her family. Her favourite projects included fundraising for the Markham Islanders Hockey Club, Chabad of Markham and Starlight Children's Foundation, Canada. Sheryl had a special place in her heart for Reena, volunteering to sell raffle tickets, co-ordinating participation from the South African community at Reena's Gala Dinners and always making contacts for auction items and corporate sponsorship.

Last year Sheryl committed her time and energy to organize a golf tournament

on behalf of two organizations that had captured her imagination: Reena; and the Pat Arato Aphasia Centre, which is a small, internationally recognized professional agency, providing long-term support, education and training to persons with aphasia and their families (aphasia is a language problem that often results from a brain injury such as a stroke).

In September 1999, Sheryl was the victim of a fatal car accident. Her family, friends and the community lost a very special person. With her family's permission, we've chosen to continue her work as a tribute to her enthusiasm, spirit

and memory. The Sheryl Latinsky Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on **Thur. Aug. 31, 2000**, at Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club.

Please help realize Sheryl's vision by participating in this special event. Registration for the tournament is \$200 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, dinner and a lot of fun. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information and to order registration packages, please call me at the Foundation office, at (905) 763-8254, ext. 3027. 📞



## Day Program profile

by Donna Freeland, Support Worker, Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre

It's always nice to have a smiling face around at the Battle Centre. And that's exactly what **Karlene Buchanan** brings to all of us. Karlene is a fascinating young woman who's been attending the day program since July 1999. She's made many new friends at Reena and has participated in our Summer Program (co-ordinated by **Gloria Figura**) and the Atlaz Workshop.

Karlene enjoys a variety of activities, such as sports and arts and crafts, and has learned to use the computer independently, with support from **Erika Goldman** and me. Karlene has also been working hard with her PAL-Unteer, **Melanie Siegel**, who's introduced her to new crafts, such as weaving and creating with papier mâché. Melanie has been a wonderful and supportive friend to Karlene.

When asked what she enjoys most about the Battle Centre, Karlene says,

"I like to play with the computer and I like art." She enjoys socializing with her friends in the community and earning extra spending money by participating in contract work.

Karlene offers support and valued friendship to others who attend the Battle Centre and we look forward to her being part of Reena's family for a long time. 📞



**Karlene Buchanan** enjoys an afternoon of painting.

## A generous bequest

by Tom Rado, Managing Director, Reena Foundation

We are very pleased to announce that Reena Foundation was recently granted a generous bequest from the Willie and Mildred Fleischer Family Charitable Foundation.

This donation comes at a very critical time for the Foundation as we begin new fundraising initiatives. One of these initiatives is the creation of a *Wills & Bequests Program* to encourage family members and friends of Reena to name Reena as a beneficiary in personal wills or estates.

Please contact me at (905) 763-8254 ext. 3029, if you'd like to discuss this option. 📞

# The Gift of Sight

by Linda Bebr, Communications Assistant

Give the Gift of Sight is a charitable vision-care program sponsored by LensCrafters Inc. and the LensCrafters Foundation, in conjunction with Lions Clubs International and other local charities. LensCrafters has, since 1990, participated in a program called Hometown Day. The first Wednesday in December, all LensCrafters stores and doctors devote their morning to donating eye exams and new glasses to approximately 25 local recipients identified by charitable agencies. This past year, Reena was thrilled to become a charitable partner.


Mimi Cohen, General Manager of the LensCrafters store in the Promenade Shopping Mall in Thornhill, contacted

Reena to offer a generous Gift of Sight to 12 of our clients. Not all clients were available to have an eye exam or glasses fit on Hometown Day, but Mimi was very gracious in allowing Reena clients several additional days to benefit from the program.

We look forward to our continued relationship with Mimi and her caring staff,



Anne-Marie Bridgman of LensCrafters (left) watches as Cheryl Kelman tries on her new glasses.

who volunteered their time to provide services to members of our community. 

## Volunteer spotlight

by Arlene Margolese, Manager, Volunteer Services and Judaic Programming


A very strange thing happens to people who've been involved with Reena. Although they may travel down different paths, their connection to Reena never ends.

Such is the case with David Silverman, Reena's former controller. After leaving Reena in 1981, he became the proprietor of D&D Rent-all, a very successful business, which he recently sold. David, however, isn't the sort to take retirement lying down. In fact, his days are busy, meaningful and enriching. Three days a week, David volunteers for our Property Department.

You could say David's a 'source man,' using his business acumen as he researches the best sources and pricing for needed supplies for our many group homes.

In the short time David's been volunteering, he's negotiated a service contract for our group homes' furnaces; signed

us on to a new telephone carrier, which has translated into substantial savings for Reena; and was instrumental in putting together emergency supplies for the Y2K scare.

Welcome back, David! Your help is invaluable and much appreciated. 



David Silverman

You are cordially invited to attend the joint

### Annual General Meeting

of  
Reena  
Reena Foundation  
Batay Reena

**Tue. June 27, 2000,  
at 7 p.m.**

Toby and Henry Battle  
Developmental Centre,  
927 Clark Avenue West,  
Thornhill

# Reena's expertise sought

by Minnie Ross, Manager, Media and Communications

Following last June's *Symposium on Aging*, held jointly by Reena and Health Canada, and because of the exposure our programs received at Reena's International Conference in November, Reena has been asked to present at many conferences in Ontario and in the United States:

Apr. 2 – 4, 2000: **Sandy Stemp**, Manager, Staff Development and Health Services, presented at the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors conference in London, Ontario. Her topic was *Meeting the Needs of the Younger Resident*.

Apr. 5 – 7, 2000: **Sandy Keshen**, Executive Director, and **Sandy Stemp** made a presentation on *Seniors with a Developmental Disability — Aging Successfully*, at the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities conference in Toronto.

Apr. 13 – 14, 2000: Reena and Christian Horizons joined in presenting at the Ontario Elder Abuse Conference, in Toronto, funded by Health Canada. **Sandy Stemp**, and **Steve Snider** of Christian Horizons, presented *Protocols for Abuse in Community Agencies Supporting Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Possible Applications in Long-Term Care*.

May 3 – 5, 2000: **Sandy Keshen** and **Sandy Stemp** will be in Kingston, Ontario, to present *Seniors with a Developmental Disability – Aging Successfully*, at the Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs conference.

May 14, 2000: **Rabbi Joseph Kelman**, Chair of Reena's International Conference, has been invited by Jennifer Bitner, a conference participant, to be the keynote speaker at a conference in Boston on special needs. Rabbi Kelman will share Reena's past experiences and will address the *Vision and Challenge of Enhancing the Quality of Lifestyle of People with Special Needs*. In addition, Rabbi Kelman will meet with the head of the Bureau of Jewish Education and teachers to help them organize classes in special education for developmentally and learning-disabled children and teenagers. In his role as Chair of the Committee on Special Education, he will also meet with faculty of the Boston Hebrew Teachers College and share news, materials and programs throughout North America. ❧

# Doreen Crystal Award



On Mon. Jan. 24, 2000, **Micki Bregman**, Chair, Quality of Life stream of Reena's International Conference on Developmental Disabilities (far right) was presented with the Doreen Crystal Award at the Metro Agencies Representatives Council Annual General Meeting and Dinner. **Jim Johnston** (left), Treasurer of MARC, and **Elgi Johnston** (middle), both former recipients of the award, made the presentation. The award is given annually to a person who's made an outstanding contribution to the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

# Goodbye, dear friend

by Minnie Ross, Manager, Media and Communications

The Reena family lost a good friend recently when **Ralph Snow** passed away on Thur. Mar. 23, 2000.

From Reena's beginnings, Ralph was deeply committed to helping us in our efforts to integrate people with developmental disabilities into the community. He served on many committees dealing with many aspects of the organization before eventually joining the Board of Directors. He served as Vice-Chair of the Board, and fulfilled his term with compassion and integrity.

Beyond Reena and the Toronto Jewish community, Ralph was a generous and consistent supporter of organizations throughout Canada and Israel. A lover of arts and letters, he was as much sought after for his wisdom and wit as for his financial support.

Ralph will be sorely missed, but the memory of his many good deeds and kindnesses lives on in the hearts and minds of those who came to know and respect him. ❧

# Congratulations



Batay Reena Chair, **Harold Seidel** (left), presents the Reena Foundation award to **Jessica Zybala**, a social work student at Humber College. The award was established in 1997 to recognize a student who's shown "excellence and respect in supporting people with complex needs."

# Regina Avenue home re-opens for youth in transition

by James Sejjengo, Residential Supervisor

In response to the ever-growing need to support young adults who are developmentally challenged or dually diagnosed, Reena re-opened its group home on Regina Avenue last November. The house is capable of accommodating up to six clients.

The young adults who will live in the Regina home are, for the most part, at a turning point, because they soon face ineligibility for school funding within the framework of the children's support service. They range in age from 19 to 21 years. Three youths at the home came from the Toronto Transitional Age Youth

and one from York Region Transitional Age Youth. To date, three of the four residents have already moved into their new home. Two will finish school this June. As well, a 28-year-old male from within Reena has moved into the Regina Avenue home. At the end of June we expect the last youth to move in, bringing the total number of clients to five.

Reena and the families of these clients work in partnership to address the varying and challenging complexities of their children's needs in several ways. For example, one client visits with his family every other weekend while another visits

one weekend a month. Such visits mean that Reena is able to reduce staffing costs or offer respite/support elsewhere in the system. Worthy of mention are the regular and fun family visits to the group home. Families have also contributed to furnishing the house.

Staff at this location are Reena's vanguards of transitional youth age support and have worked very hard to re-establish the Regina location into Reena's portfolio of beautiful homes, which emphasize clients' life-skills learning, individuality and quality support. 🌟

## Reena client on Vision TV

by Arlene Margolese, Manager,  
Volunteer Services and  
Judaic Programming

Anita Lipman, a Reena client in the Supported Independent Living Program, is the star of an upcoming broadcast of Vision TV's human affairs program, *Skylight*, on **Thur. Apr. 27, 2000**, at 7 p.m., and repeated at 10.30 p.m.

The episode relates to the importance of rituals in the lives of special-needs people. Anita speaks about her life, her work and the great joy she experienced when she recently celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* at the age of 40.

Anita learned flower-arranging skills at Creations by Reena, the flower store on Bathurst Street that some of you may remember. You'll be delighted to know that she uses these skills at Snow Florist, where she's been a valuable staff member for 20 years. 🌟

## A Purim donation

by Moshe Fleising, Student at Mir Yeshiva, Jerusalem

The Jewish holidays of *Purim* and *Passover* comprise a season filled with joy and thanks to G-d. The Talmud says: "He who enters the Hebrew month of *Adar*, increases his joy and happiness."

The commentators say that joy increases from the beginning of the month of *Adar* through to the end of the month of *Nisan* — the month of *Passover* — because of the miracles that took place on these holidays.

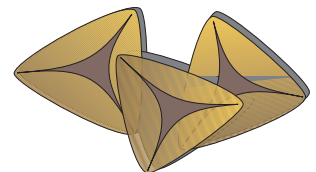
In addition to our joy, we also remember those in greater need than ourselves. We give and collect charity during *Purim* and *Passover*, in recognition of the fact that G-d helped and saved the Jewish nation when it was in need. Thus, giving charity

has become a central aspect of these holidays.

With this in mind, we'd like to recognize the efforts of seven young men, all yeshiva students, who collected contributions for Reena during the recent holiday of *Purim*. Traditionally, people wear disguises on *Purim*, and these young men were attired in the costumes of cartoon characters. They invited themselves to several *Purim seudabs* (festive meals) where they enthusiastically collected more than \$4,000 in a single day! Thank you to: Avishai Bernstein, Yitzi Fried, Avram Lauterpacht, Gaby Leventhal, Levy Michael, Ari Rabinowitz and Shmuel Wise. 🌟

### Purim generosity

Special thanks to the members of Club Aviva of Na'amat Canada for their generous gift of *shalach monot* baskets that they sent to Reena's group homes.



# The Book of Integrity: Heroes of a Photographer

by Minnie Ross, Manager, Media and Communications

“Have you booked a photographer yet?” That’s the first question we ask when Reena plans an event. And the answer is always, “Yes, Barry is coming.”

Barry Shainbaum is a Toronto-based freelance photographer and a graduate of Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto, where he completed a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in 1979.

Nowadays, Barry is travelling around the world photographing subjects for his book, *The Book of Integrity: Heroes of a Photographer*, written by Shannon Fitzgerald. This book brings together a visual collection of people who have inspired millions worldwide with their compassion, integrity and often incredible bravery in the face of great

adversity. Great leaders, grassroots individuals and ‘everyday’ faces are linked only by their incredible activism. Each story is truly unique. The book emphasizes how *everyone* has the potential to make a difference.

In spite of his travels, Barry keeps in touch with Reena and plans his itinerary to make sure he’s available when we need his services. As he says, “Reena clients have a special place in my heart.”

This book will make a wonderful gift, for any age and any occasion. More importantly, it endures as an inspiring reference to the decades leading up to the most significant period of our time, the millennium. What happened then, shapes our future now. 🌱

# Working in the community

by Rob Scott, Resource Supervisor

In June 1999, Mark Ross of Supreme Foods approached Reena to find out if any Reena clients could help Supreme Foods with packaging and labeling jobs. We asked Mark if we could have some time and test products to assess a suitable team of clients with the necessary skills. Within three weeks, a team of five clients had been trained and were onsite at Supreme Foods performing their new jobs.

Like any new program, there were some initial growing pains, but with support, patience and understanding from all staff at Supreme Foods, the program flourished and has enjoyed a 300 per cent increase in productivity, with the Reena client team gaining valuable new skills.

Fridays have now taken on a new meaning to these five clients, as all the money they earn goes directly to them. In some cases, these are the first regular paycheques they’ve earned. The sense of self-esteem and pride these clients have gained is the true payoff of Reena’s partnership with Supreme Foods.

Supreme Foods shows that, through community partnerships, our clients can successfully move from a sheltered environment to community-based employment.

Thank you to Supreme Foods for providing such a valuable growth experience for our clients. 🌱

## If it takes a miracle . . . it takes Reena

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please join us at Reena Foundation’s Spring Telethons, in support of our incredible programs and services. With your help, we’ll reach our fundraising goals for 2000!

June 11:	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	June 12 – 14:	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	June 18 – 20:	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.		

Help us in our fundraising endeavours by simply giving a few hours of your time and be a part of the fun! Meals will be served! Bring the whole family!

Please contact the Foundation office for more information and to register.

Telephone: (905) 763-8254, ext. 3034      E-mail: [foundation@reena.org](mailto:foundation@reena.org)

The Board of Directors of Batay Reena and Alex Eisen, Chair, Reena ElderHomes Project

invite you to attend the opening of

**the Al and Faye Mintz Reena ElderHome**

236 Crestwood Road, Thornhill

**Sun. June 25, 2000, at 11 a.m.**

RSVP (905) 889-6484

# Honorial/Memorial cards . . . a meaningful way to say you care

What better way to say *mazel tov* on the celebration of a *simcha* than with a Reena Foundation Honorial card? Memorial cards are also available to convey condolences to family or friends on the loss of a loved one. If you wish to make a contribution, please call Reena Foundation (905) 763-8254, ext. 3033. Honorial/Memorial cards are available from \$10 each.

We thank the following people for their generous contributions, received between February 1, 2000 and April 30, 2000. Our sincere apologies for any errors or omissions. Please call the Foundation so we can correct our records immediately.

## **BAR/BAT MITZVAH**

MIRIAM ENNIS  
Lori Scheim & Reena Teen Club  
MICHELLE GORDON  
Karen, Neil, Sabina & Daniel Propper  
CAROL LYNN GROSSMAN  
Betty Naftolin  
GAIL GROSSMAN  
Beverly Bowman  
Mary Ann Bowman  
GABRIEL KUGELMASS  
Lori Scheim & Reena Teen Club  
The Smagala Family  
MINDY HILLARY PERLMUTTER  
Jay Winkler & Family  
JARED ROSENSTOCK  
Miriam Ennis  
ADINA MEIRA SCHEIM  
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am  
Congregation  
Sybil & Jack Graham  
Molly, David & Cheryl Kelman  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Klarman  
Sharon Lustig  
Dr. & Mrs. Ray Shugar  
Elaine & Frank Simkevitz

## **BAR MITZVAH OF GRANDCHILD**

ENID & HAROLD MUCHNICK  
Gloria & Dave Friedman

## **BIRTHDAY**

ETHEL ABRAMOWITZ  
Joy Manne  
Helen & Reuben Shilling  
DAVE AMSEL  
Ruth Vellis & Mayna Fabry  
NORMAN APPEL  
Esther & Aikey Caplan  
BERNARD AWERBUCK  
John Awerbuck  
AREI BIERSTOCK  
Esther Axmith  
HAROLD COHEN  
Marion & Bernie Cass  
IRVING COOPER  
Lillian Samuels  
SUSAN GOLDBERG  
Diane, Michael, Howie, Russell, Eric, David  
& Daniel Yanofsky  
CEIL HARRIS  
Rose Duviner  
MERVIN LASS  
Carolyn & Leo Goodman  
FANNY LAUFER  
Molly, David & Cheryl Kelman  
SHARI LAUFER  
Ann Shour  
HARRY LEWIN  
Jane & Robert Elvin  
BERNICE LINDER  
SAUL LINDER  
Muriel & Arthur Schwartz & Family  
ELLY REISMAN  
Edwin Rose  
Hilda Rose  
DAVID SEFTON  
Nanci & Philip Turk  
HOWARD SHUSTER  
Ronnie & Billy Shuster & Family  
LEO SOLOMON  
Ruth & David Solomon

## **SAMUEL SPIVAK**

Gloria & Richard Cole  
ADELE STEIN  
Simmie & Lou Civil & Family  
Molly & David Kelman

## **CHANUKAH GREETINGS**

SYD WAHL  
Charis & David Wahl

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRANDPARENTS**

MR. & MRS. EMIL BIENSTOCK  
Eleanor & Jack Mintz  
MR. & MRS. HY BURSTEIN  
Gloria & Dave Friedman  
TOBY & SAUL FELDBERG  
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Helen Greenbaum  
TONI SILBERMAN & SAM FILER  
Sandy Keshen, Staff & Clients of Reena  
DR. & MRS. ARCHIE RICHMOND  
Esther & Harold Mecklinger  
JUDY & IRWIN TEPERMAN  
Rose & Hyman Kopytowski  
FRAN WALDERMAN  
Gloria & Dave Friedman  
Ettie & Dave Lerner

## **IN APPRECIATION**

BARRY CORBIN  
Ontario Association of Financial Planners  
MARY DILLON  
Elway Parents  
STAFF AT 60 FRASERWOOD  
Marcia Ceresne  
LINDA STEMPEL  
SHIRLEY STEMPEL  
JOAN TURNER  
Boards of Directors\*  
Sandy Keshen & Reena Staff

## **IN HONOUR**

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Music for Pasover  
Holy Blossom Temple  
1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto  
7.30 p.m.

**Sun. June 25, 2000**

Opening of the  
Al and Faye Mintz Reena ElderHome  
236 Crestwood Road, Thornhill  
11 a.m.

**Tue. June 27, 2000**

Annual General Meeting Toby and  
Henry Battle Developmental Centre  
927 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill  
7 p.m.

**Thur. Aug. 31, 2000**

The Sheryl Latinsky Memorial  
Golf Tournament  
Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club  
Time t. b. a.

**Every Thursday**

Bingo (proceeds to Reena Foundation)  
Flemingdon Park Plaza  
747 Don Mills Road, Unit 31,  
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Matinee: 12.30 p.m.  
Evening: 7 p.m.

## A special thank you

by Maureen Ander, Resource Supervisor


We recently bought a custom-made wall unit and a videocassette recorder for 17 Whittaker Crescent in North York, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Byng Harris, a parent of one of the residents.

In making this donation, Mrs. Harris has reaffirmed her commitment to help improve the quality of life for her son and his housemates. Her generosity reflects her keen understanding of how important giving is, especially since govern-

ment support of our agency is dwindling.

On behalf of all the clients and staff at 17 Whittaker, I wish to thank Mrs. Harris for her kindness.

Reena would also like to thank Gilda and Leonard Whyne, Martin Karp and Helen Barris, who contributed to the purchase of two Hoyer Lifts for use in the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre.

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