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2025 Annual Event



Newsletter Summer 2025

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From the Chair

Over the past year it has become clear to me that words have power. We trust words when we know that they are said from the heart. Think of the many ways you can say “How are you?” to someone. Your intention, tone and actions can turn a social nicety to a blessing.

And I have to wonder if all our words can be blessings. Consider the Eden language we use here. Shalom Park is not a facility; it is a home. We do not have patients or residents; we have Elders who call this their home, who live not on floors but in neighborhoods. Each of these words is actually a blessing.

We all have the power to use our words as blessings or curses, to parrot current trends, or to assure that our words come from a place of compassion and integrity. I am grateful that this is built into the culture of Shalom Park.

It has been my joy and privilege to share these articles with you over the past three years. It is my hope that over the past three years you have found meaning in my words, my thoughts, and the reflections from my heart. ●

—Elisa Robyn, Immediate Past Chair

Front cover, clockwise from top left: Lifetime Trustee Essie Perlmutter with Immediate Past Chair/Honoree Elisa Robyn; Board Chair Lynn Geller with President & CEO Marc Penner; Board Trustee Andy Heins with Director of Advancement Rhonda Morrison; Kristi Atkinson with Board Trustee Jason Alderson and husband Jeremy Frenkel

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Elisa Robyn



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From the CEO

The month of May felt like a big family reunion for our organization as we socialized and connected with so many of Shalom Park's friends, donors, volunteers, and business partners at two very special events.

On May 7, we proudly hosted Essie Perlmutter's art exhibit in honor of her 90th birthday. Over 300 guests filled our Community Room and Wellness Center and enjoyed Essie's magnificent paintings and sculptures. The excitement and energy throughout the event included Essie's speech, during which she shared her artistic journey and her commitment to the Elders of Shalom Park. Donations made in honor of Essie benefited Shalom Park's Capital Campaign.

May felt like a big family reunion.

On May 14, the Shalom Park family gathered at Temple Emanuel for our Annual Appreciation Event. Elisa Robyn, Shalom Park's first female board chair, was honored and recognized as a Woman of Valor. In addition, Essie Perlmutter and six female employees who have been with Shalom Park for twenty-five or more years were also honored and recognized that evening for their dedication, compassion, and commitment to our organization. The event provided such a meaningful opportunity to spend time with our donors, trustees, volunteers, and friends of Shalom Park. Everyone's generous support of the event is so greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. As always, please feel free to stop by, take a tour, visit our Elders and Care Partners, and enjoy the energy and warmth of Shalom Park. ●

—Marc Penner, Shalom Park President and CEO

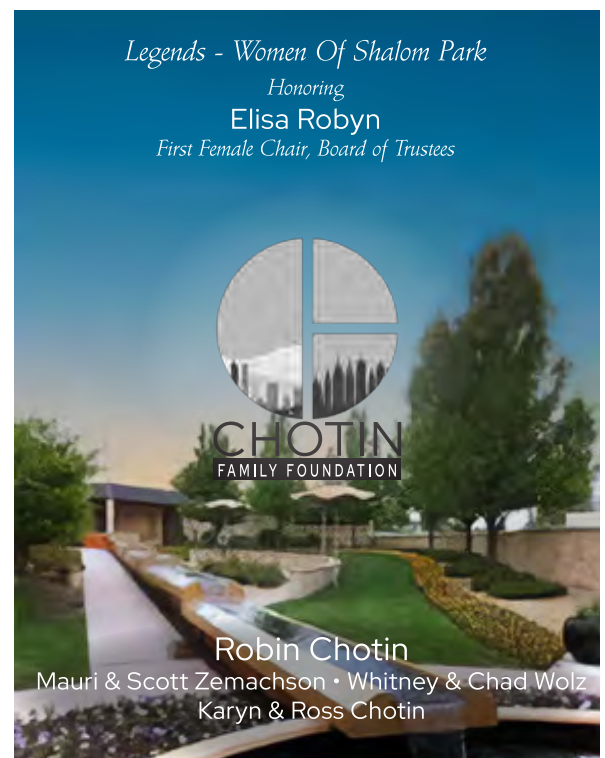


Marc Penner addresses the crowd at the Annual Event

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Happenings at Shalom Park

Shalom Park celebrated National Nursing Home Week with themed celebrations and activities, including Western Day and a Hawaiian Luau. ●

Western Day



Elder Dr. Martin



Elder Carolyn

Hawaiian Luau



Elder Doyle



Elder Ray



Elder Sue



Elder Stuart

Board Trustees Show Their Support for the Elders of Shalom Park

The final day of National Nursing Home Week featured a fabulous hayride generously sponsored by Board Trustee Fran Simon and Anna Simon. ●

Executive Director and COO Mindy Moskowitz with Elder Karen



Fran Simon, Elders Esperanza and Kathy, and Care Partner Tiffany

Seeds of Joy

Our Seeds of Joy program brought color, connection, and learning to Shalom Park. Elders and Board members joined hands (and green thumbs) to plant vibrant flowers in pots, brightening our outdoor spaces with beauty and care. With guidance from our wonderful partners at Ekar Farm, participants also explored the basics of gardening in our Seeds of Joy class. The laughter, learning, and blooming blossoms truly made it a joyful and meaningful experience for all. Thank you to everyone who helped sow seeds of both flowers and friendship! ●



Board Trustee Jason Alderson and Elder Sharon



Alyssa with Ekar Farm and Elders Susan, Cynthia, and Kathy joined by volunteer Johanna



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Purim and Passover at Shalom Park

This spring, Shalom Park was filled with warmth, laughter, and celebration as we marked two beloved Jewish holidays — Passover and Purim — in meaningful and memorable ways. These are the moments that remind us how vibrant and loving our community truly is. ●

Executive Director and
COO Mindy Moskowitz
leads the Passover Seder



Purim songs with Shalom Park Rabbi Birdie Becker

National Nursing Home Week's African Experience

African Experience was a vibrant celebration of community, compassion, and culture honoring the rich heritage of our diverse staff, many of whom hail from countries across the African continent. African Experience gave Elders, Care Partners, and families a joyful window into the cultures that make our community so special. ●



Care Partner Awetash and Dr. Martin



Care Partners Kolala, Hirut, Macy, Awetash and Bella

Happenings at Shalom Park

Pride Shines Bright

Shalom Park was filled with color, music, and joy during our festive Pride Celebration! Elders, Care Partners, family members, and volunteers came together for our very own Pride Parade, celebrating love, identity, and inclusion. Pride is deeply important at Shalom Park, and this joyful event reflected our commitment to honoring the diversity and dignity of every person in our community. ●



Pride Parade with Elders and Care Partners

Care Partner Dan'Yale



Mother's Day and Father's Day Celebrated



Elder Monica with daughter Ursula



Elder Judith with son Jason



Care Partner Tiffany presenting Elder David with a Father's Day gift



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Joyous Times at Shalom Park: *The Rose and Julius Pluss Sports Lounge*



Shalom Park Care Partner Gina, President and CEO Marc Penner, Elders Karen, Michael and Sharon, Care Partner Annie and Elder Margaret

The new Rose and Julius Pluss Sports Lounge at Shalom Park includes blackjack, cornhole, magnetic darts, indoor basketball arcade, large-screen TVs, poker table, Skee-Ball, shuffleboard, and framed sports collectors jerseys. ●

*Care Partner Annie,
Elder Margaret*



Elder Michael