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FALL 2020

## Menorah Manor Earns Top Awards from LeadingAge Florida & FADONA



**LeadingAge Florida Caregiver of the Year**  
 We salute **Catrina Jenkins-McTier**, a CNA at Menorah Manor for 20 years, and this year's Caregiver of the Year!

“Catrina is a role model for every employee at Menorah Manor,” comments Rob Goldstein, chief executive officer. “She treats each resident like they were family. Her work ethic is so admirable.”



**Caregiver of the Year**  
**Catrina Jenkins-McTier**

**LeadingAge Florida Innovation of the Year**  
 Awarded to Menorah Manor's unique end-of-life **Neshama Program**, honored as a model of excellence, innovation and best practices.

## FADONA 2020 Florida Directors of Nursing Association Awards



CONGRATULATIONS to **Hubba Abbas, LPN** and **Sharline Hill, CNA** for receiving Awards of Excellence from the Florida Association of Directors of Nursing (FADONA). Hubba (pictured on the left) has worked at Menorah Manor since 2013 and is a team player who serves as an excellent example to all, treating everyone with honor, dignity and respect. She says, “I truly care about the people I take care of; I am proud to work for Menorah Manor.”

**Sharline Hill, CNA**, (on the right) has been on the Menorah Manor team for almost 10 years and does whatever needs to be done with a positive attitude. She works extremely well with new employees and makes them feel welcome. “I feel blessed and grateful to work at Menorah Manor,” Sharline said. “I am part of a great team, providing love, kindness and compassion to our residents.”

# FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ROB GOLDSTEIN

Dear Friends and Families,

When we received a State mandate in March to prohibit visitors onto our campus due to COVID-19, little did we know that the pandemic would still be affecting us today in such a significant way.

So many months have passed, and the challenges of managing our nursing center have been innumerable. One thing that has remained constant is the dedication of our staff. They are the “front line” workers, and their love for our residents has continued to shine through, even during these very difficult times. Everyone has come together for one common goal - to provide the best possible care for our residents, in a safe environment.

We look forward to welcoming families onto our campus soon. In the meantime, we have been able to allow safe, socially distanced family visitations. Visits at Toby Weinman are held outside, socially distanced. In the nursing center, the resident is inside (in the beauty shop, now ‘closed for business’ due to the pandemic) and the family members sit outside on the patio; they communicate via a hands-free telephone. The smiles and tears during these visits are genuine, and we all look forward to the day when families and residents are able to hug each other once again.

Another positive development is that we have begun to bring residents downstairs again, for small group activities. The only way this can be done, while observing social distancing, is by limiting the number of residents to a maximum of five. The residents are brought into the gift and coffee shop to browse and perhaps do some shopping. They are then taken to the patio/garden area outside of the Adult Day Center (closed due to the pandemic), where they are able to be six feet apart, to enjoy fresh air and an activity. There are fans set up, and there is a refreshment cart with snacks and cold drinks. We hope to be able to continue this regularly, so that everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

I hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy during this stressful time!

Rob Goldstein, Chief Executive Officer



Speaking with families on a Zoom Family Support call.



Serving dinner with Vinh Ly, our Kitchen Manager, for Employee Appreciation Day!

# “OB-LA-DI, OB-LA-DA”... LIFE GOES ON AT MENORAH MANOR

## What Menorah Manor is Doing

Rigorous health and cleanliness standards throughout our campus  
Regular COVID testing of all employees and residents  
Masks & sanitizer for employees to take home  
Each week a special meal is served for Employee Appreciation  
Zoom Support Group for families  
Daily COVID-19 updates on our website  
A dedicated COVID-19 Hotline



## What Residents are Doing

Full schedule of socially distanced activities  
Zoom/Skype/FaceTime online visits  
Safe socially-distanced visits with family  
Streaming “live” entertainment, lectures, music etc.  
Online religious services and in-person visits with **Rabbi Aaron Lever**  
Once a week Q & A with CEO **Rob Goldstein**  
Individual Therapeutic Recreation activities  
Socializing in small groups



## What You Can Do to Help

Send cheerful cards and letters to residents  
Support our MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN  
Stay healthy!  
Support our Employee Fund to say “THANKS” to our dedicated staff!



# WHO'S...#BEHINDTHEMASK



Say hello to **Lissey Donaldson**, a dedicated caregiver who really loves her residents! A team member since 2016, Lissey is our Director of Resident Services at Toby Weinman Assisted Living Residence.



Meet **Mikie Legault-Dolmanet**, Director of Rehabilitation. Mikie leads our rehabilitation department and ensures that every rehab client receives the best care possible.



Here's LPN **Nathalie Nicor**, who lets us know that "there's always a smile behind my mask!"



Meet **Kelsey Ewing**, our energetic enthusiastic Physical Therapy Assistant. Kelsey works hard to help residents make progress and succeed.



The newest member of our Lasher Family Rehabilitation Center, meet Speech and Language Pathologist **David Drehs**, whose specialty is helping correct residents' swallowing and vocalizing issues.



Meet another Menorah Manor healthcare hero, **Corenthia Johnson**. A beautiful smile is behind her mask as Corenthia begins her shift as CNA on the 3rd floor.



Who do you call when something needs to be fixed? Meet **Wayne Roach**, director of maintenance since 2017.



A longtime dedicated member of the Menorah Manor team, meet **Beverly Wimberly**, LPN nurse manager. Though her beautiful smile may be hidden, Beverly's joyful presence shines through her smiling eyes and brightens each day for our residents and staff!



Here's **Mike Soronen**, our Director of Dining Services, Housekeeping, and Laundry. It's a good thing Mike has broad shoulders to carry so much responsibility! And there's a broad smile as well.

# SAFE FAMILY VISITS

At the Samson Nursing Center, a hands-free audio communications system has been installed on the patio for residents and their visitors to speak.

But joyful smiles and many enthusiastic air-kisses are freely exchanged through the glass!



At Toby Weinman, residents and families can stay safely distanced with outside visits on the covered porch.



## CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS!

**Happy 65th Anniversary  
Lorraine and Bob Odea**

Congratulations to Lorraine and Bob Odea on their 65th Anniversary! Lorraine lives in the nursing center and Bob lives at Toby Weinman Assisted Living Residence.

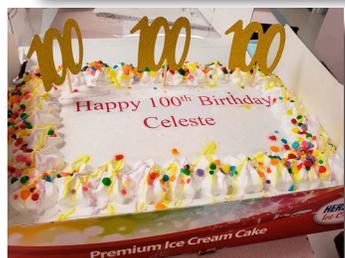


## Happy 100th Birthday Celeste Elizabeth Taylor Conn!



The beautiful centenarian, a Menorah Manor resident since 2014, wore a congratulatory sash and well-deserved crown to accessorize festive party attire for Zoom celebrations with family members coast-to-coast. Born in Memphis, Tennessee at the beginning of the “roaring twenties,” and always a high-achiever, she graduated Southwestern at Memphis University with a major in math and a minor in music. Active in campus life, Mrs. Conn served in many club and student leadership positions, earning an entry in *Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities*. A woman of strong faith and service, Mrs. Conn remains an integral member of her church community at St Alban’s Episcopal Church, St Pete Beach.

Just before college graduation, Mrs. Conn married the love of her life, John Curd Conn. When John finished his Army Air Corp service, he focused on his family and a thriving dental practice. The couple raised 4 children, moving to St. Petersburg in 1964. John passed away in 1978, but this birthday celebrant continues to appreciate all of life’s joys, especially spending time with her devoted family, now grown to include eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Well done Mrs. Conn!



Birthday visitors (above) included several generations with daughter Celeste Tingler (above, third from left), two grandchildren; Cheryl LaFrance (left) and John Tingler (right), and great-grandson Camden LaFrance!

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