Beverly & Lynda Freimark are the newest members of JFS Village, but they have lived in this area for a very long time. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, four-year old Beverly came to America with his mother in September of 1941 to reunite with his father on what was possibly the last ship bringing refugees to America. The ship never made it back to Europe as it sank from an exploded mine before it reached the port. Although Beverly was living in Germany at the time of Kristallnacht, he was too young to remember it; it was many years before he really understood that he was a Holocaust survivor.

A graduate of City College with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, Beverly met Lynda when he came to the area and was introduced by a friend; they have now been married for 53 years. Their son, Fred, and his wife have a 9 year old daughter that they adore. Beverly worked for Scott Paper and DuPont as a research chemist before becoming a realtor; he is a Realtor Emeritus with Berkshire-Hathaway and is proud of his many years of receiving the Sales Person of the Year award.

Lynda attended the Tyler Art School at Temple University and is a lifelong resident of Wilmington. Lynda has been an aerobic exercise instructor at the JCC and other places for years; she started in her 40’s with a desire to “get in shape” and eventually it became a passion for her to help others while staying fit. Lynda and Beverly have traveled extensively and documented this with Beverly’s beautiful photography.

**MAZEL TOV** to JFS Village Volunteer, Paul Simon, on the birth of his grandchildren!

**MAZEL TOV** again to Village Member, Lillian Balick on her 100th Birthday! Thanks to all who helped us celebrate!
Volunteer Spotlight

Prathibha Reddy and her husband Manohar have been volunteering with JFS Village since October of 2016. They decided the most helpful task they could do would be to shop for our members, so each Wednesday they leave their offices and head to Wilmington, where they gather shopping lists from Village members. After they finish shopping, they help put away the groceries and then return to their home in Middletown. They love helping Village members in this way and have come to know their favorite foods – they are learning a lot about American foods!

Prathibha started volunteering as a child in Bangalore, India, where her family volunteered for many years at a school for the blind. She attended North Carolina State University for her Master’s degree and now works for Christiana Care. Manohar is employed at Citi Bank and is from Hyderabad, India. Married in 2012, they were looking for volunteer work and thought helping older adults would be interesting and meaningful. They are very dedicated volunteers and never miss a week; Prathibha and Manohar love helping our members because they believe in giving something back to society and making a difference. As a result of their kindness, they have developed warm relationships with our members who appreciate their help and enjoy their company. Thank you so much Prathibha and Manohar for the special care you provide for our JFS Village members!

Village Updates

Field Trip to Philadelphia Art Museum – Fashion Exhibit
February 27th 3:30-9pm | $30 for Senior Center members
Call the JCC to register: 302-478-5660

Chronic Pain Self-Management Series
The JCC will be running a 6-week series on Tuesdays starting February 5th through March 12th at 10am-12:30pm
Free to Attend, Registration Required. Call 302-478-5660.

Coming Soon

COMING IN APRIL! JFS will begin hosting “Memory Cafés”
These social gatherings will be available for people with memory changes and their caregivers. Meeting Every other week, the Memory Café will be a fun and supportive place where folks can engage with each other in a safe and stimulating environment.
More information to follow. Call Karen if interested: 302-478-9411

The JFS Village
A Membership Community
The JFS Village is a community of support that provides older adults the services they need to enhance quality of life, remain active, and encourage independence.

Volunteer Hours
January 153 hours
Year-to-Date 153 hours

JFS Mission & Vision
To strengthen individuals, families, and the community by providing counseling and support services, based on Jewish values.
Our vision is to use our evolving position as a key social service in Delaware to strengthen the support available to our most underserved populations.