

MARTY LAMONOFF



Volunteers Steve Rosenberg, Julie Sherman, Herm Minkoff, and Marty Lamonoff



Barry Stein, Lori Weitzman, and Marty

Marty Lamonoff has been involved at JFS, the JCC, The Jewish Home, and Chisuk Emuna among other organizations. Marty has been a very dedicated and passionate volunteer for Jewish Family Service since 2001. But his desire to help people started at the age of 18 when he became a blood donor, something to which he remained committed until he was in his sixties. He was one of the first members of Chevra Kadisha, one of the greatest mitzvot that we can perform.

When Marty first became involved in the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program, he was helping as a packer and also delivered meals to the recipients. His skills from being the owner of a printing business eventually became a gift to JFS. Marty quickly figured out a better way to organize the system that was being used for packing meals. With his talents, he offered to print labels for each client receiving meals and totally revamped the system that is still in use today. It made everything run much smoother and helped the people packing the meals, as well as the kitchen staff preparing the food for the clients. Marty was always very generous with his time, even taking extra time to make changes on the schedules in the Meals on Wheels room at The Jewish Home.

Because of his dedication to KMOW, he became the head volunteer for training any new packers. He even started incorporating the weather report for each meal delivery so that the

clients knew what the date was and the season. He printed all of these materials at no charge and seemed to find so much enjoyment out of helping with this program. This is the kind of person Marty Lamonoff is, a loyal, trustworthy, hardworking, caring individual. When asked what

inspires him, Marty stated "it feels good helping people. I have always enjoyed doing things for others." He feels that the most rewarding part of his experiences is working with the programs offered and helping the people in need.



Marty with Deb Chernicoff (daughter) and Sam Lamonoff (son)

Marty was also a volunteer for the Two's Company program, providing transportation to individuals in need of help such as grocery shopping and running errands. He even assisted one of his clients with her banking. He continued helping this person, even after she was no longer living at home, for a number of years. Marty is hopeful that by his volunteering over the years, he could make a significant impact on others to volunteer as well. "If people see what they can do, and that they are helping, they would do it."

The future of JFS is very important to Marty. He has a personal connection by seeing how programs offered in Senior Links can help families. His own sister-in-law was in need of services many years.