

# JACOBS FAMILY

## Building a Legacy of Care

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS ON THE HELZBERG CAMPUS



### A Family Connection

Our family's ties to Village Shalom stretch back more than 50 years. My father, Dr. Bela Gondos, moved here the week Village Shalom opened in 2000 and lived here until 2003. A strong Jewish environment was so important to him that he chose Assisted Living—even though he didn't require that level of care—so he could participate fully in Jewish life and programming. He especially enjoyed educational programs led by Alan Edelman and took daily walks and swims well into his late nineties. (Dr. Bela Gondos is picture with Este, a good friend and fellow resident.)

My mother-in-law, Rae Goldman Jacobs, spent her final year of life (1973–74) at the Jewish Geriatric Center near 78th and Holmes. Intelligent, engaged, and grateful for the volunteers who brightened her days, she appreciated the warmth of the Village Shalom community.



### The Importance of a Jewish Community

Though I did not grow up in Kansas City, both my father and mother-in-law found in Village Shalom and its predecessor an instant Jewish community that reaffirmed their Jewishness. Their experiences capture why having a Jewish senior living community is so meaningful.



### Lasting Impact

After decades of family connection, I am now a resident myself and continue to benefit from the thriving community, fitness facilities, and programs. Seeing how far Village Shalom has come—from my mother-in-law's time to today—deepens my appreciation for this special place.

**Relatives at Village Shalom:** Dr. Bela Gondos, z'l – Assisted Living, 2000–2003, Rae Goldman Jacobs, z'l – Jewish Geriatric Center, 1973–1974, Judy Jacobs – Current Resident

*“At Village Shalom, and its predecessor, my parents found an instant Jewish community—a community that reaffirmed their Jewishness. Personally, I never considered moving elsewhere.”*

Proud to be part of the story that shaped 25 years on the Helzberg Campus.

