

## Schor named 2017 Medical Director of the Year

Dr. Joshua Schor, medical director at Daughters of Israel in West Orange, was named the 2017 Medical Director of the Year by The Society of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine. He was presented with the award during the society's annual conference in Phoenix, Ariz., on March 17.

"Identifying one individual to honor as Medical Director of the Year is challenging. I talk to practitioners every day who are deserving of recognition for their commitment, passion and leadership. Dr. Schor has all of these qualities and more," Christopher Laxton, the society's executive director, said in a press release.

Schor is an active, involved medical director at Daughters of Israel, where he has served in that role since 2001. In 2014, he established an interdisciplinary wound-care team, which put into place new protocols and equipment, as well as creating a liaison with an external wound specialist who visits once each week. As result, the facility's wound numbers showed improvement, and staff has seen dramatic improvement in the healing of complex wounds.

According to Susan Grosser, executive director of Daughters of Israel, "Dr. Schor is an integral part of our team and helps keep our home running. He is also one of the most caring human beings one will come across, and it is evident in his treatment of our residents, staff and family members. I am extremely fortunate to be able to work with someone of his caliber. He is simply one of the most wonderful people in this world."

Under Schor's leadership, Daughters of Israel participates in a training course to reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections. As a result, the center has achieved a zero-percent CAUTI rate. Recently, he started a program called "Caring Conversations" through a New Jersey Council for the Humanities grant that brings staff together to talk and share around a variety of issues to promote teamwork, communication and job satisfaction. Schor presented a session about this program at the conference.

Anticipating the growing need for quality post-acute care, Schor played a leadership role in creating a separate Rehab Center at Daughters of Israel, which opened in 2009.

"Post-acute has changed dramatically," Schor said in the release. "Our post-acute patients sometimes have 'routine' issues like joint replacements but often have more complex issues like advanced cancer taking expensive biologic and chemotherapy agents. We have to care for these patients expertly and humanely to minimize them being readmitted to the hospital while addressing prognoses realistically with families."

A longtime member of The Society of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, which has nearly 5,000 members, Schor currently serves on the membership committee and is past president of the New Jer-



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Dr. Paul Katz, left, chairman of The Society of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Foundation, presents Dr. Joshua Schor, medical director at Daughters of Israel, with a plaque naming him the 2017 Medical Director of the Year.

sey Medical Directors Association. He is an enthusiastic educator and often presents in-service programs for staff and educational presentations to a variety of groups. Schor is the author of the book, "The Nursing Home Guide: A Doctor Reveals What You Need to Know About Long-Term Care," and also serves as a consultant senior medical director for Optum Complex Care, a geriatric division of UnitedHealth Group.

The Medical Director of the Year Award, established in 2007, recognizes those individuals whose vision, passion, leadership and commitment succeed in taking patient care in the facilities they serve as medical directors to exceptional levels of quality, excellence and innovation.



Barbara Heins

## Heins retires from Green Hill after 35 years

West Orange resident Barbara Heins, an administrative assistant who has been an integral member of the Green Hill family for more than 35 years, retired March 31. Heins began her career at the age of 16 in office management working for companies such as Continental Insurance and Blue Cross. She joined the Green Hill team in 1981 and quickly rose to the position of administrative assistant to the executive

director and president.

In 2014 Heins was honored by the Green Hill Board of Trustees with the Lincoln Ames Award, given to an outstanding individual who is instrumental in helping Green Hill achieve its mission to serve the elders of the Green Hill community with respect and self-determination, in a safe, healthy and engaging environment while promoting "culture change," and elder care for senior citizens across the state of New Jersey. Heins exemplified the spirit of Lincoln Ames and the mission of Green Hill.

At the award presentation, former Green Hill Executive Director Toni Lynn Davis, who worked with Heins for decades, said: "Barbara is very dedicated to Green Hill, the first one to arrive at the office in the morning and one of the last to leave at night. Barbara is extremely hardworking and always willing to help others."

Davis also called her "a hugely generous person with her time and resources."

"We are proud of Barbara's contributions and dedication to Green Hill and we thank her for the joy she has brought to the staff, residents and families each day," current Executive Director Donna Lazartic said in a press release.

Trustees, staff and residents gathered for a celebratory reception in Heins' honor March 31, when Chairwoman Lori Braender presented her with a special gift and resolution of thanks, unanimously passed by the board.

## WOHS to hold 10th annual Senior Citizen Prom

The 10th annual West Orange High School Senior Citizen Prom will be held at West Orange High School, 51 Conforti Ave., on Wednesday, April 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Tarnoff Cafeteria.

The event is free to all senior citizens in