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CJSN Opens Second Group Home

The Council For Jews With Special Needs celebrated the opening of Keshet House, its second Jewish group home for adults with disabilities, on May 31. Fifty guests attended the open house.

The residents are Rob Lustiger, 20, who has autism and will complete his final year at Chaparral High School next May; Andy Stodola, 23, who has developmental disabilities and attends the Gompers Program; and David Szpaizman, 25, who has mobility impairments and attends the STARS Program in Scottsdale. Gompers and STARS are adult day programs.

The three-bedroom home was purchased with donations from the residents' extended families and friends, according to CJSN. Renovations were made to accommodate a wheelchair, and a trained residential staff is provided through federal and state funds. At the dedication, Rabbi Mari Chernow of Temple Chai hung a mezuzah made of Jerusalem stone, a gift from the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix. CJSN is a local partner of the federation.

CJSN opened its first group home, the Shalom House, in 2001, and it houses three residents. A third residence, the Simcha House, for an adult man and two adult women who have a variety of disabilities, will be dedicated later this summer.

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