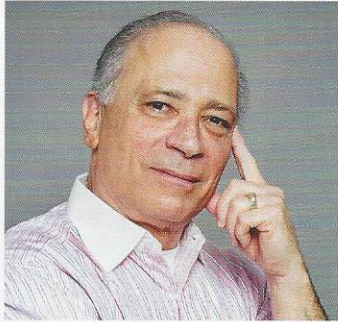


## Volunteer Profile

# Cary Pollack: Connecting Through Music



“One song creates a thousand memories,” says Cary Pollack, a volunteer who shares his amazing voice with residents and staff of the Jewish Home. As he sings, you can see the faces of seniors with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia lighting up with

memories. Some of the seniors even have special songs they perform with Cary as a duet. It is truly magical.

Cary began singing when he was 10 years old. “I studied with Cantor Moshe Koussevitzky in Brooklyn and eventually became a soloist,” he explains. His signature song was the Vimalei, the blessing sung for a bride and groom before they break the glass during their wedding ceremony.

Today, after retiring from a successful career in institutional investment on Wall Street and other ventures,

Cary volunteers his time and shares his talent with people in nursing homes and on hospice care. “When I sing for the residents at the Goldenberg•Ziman Special Care Unit, the engagement, the participation, the smiles and kisses all make it so wonderful,” he says. “I’m lucky to be blessed with the ability to still perform and please people. Yet I’m never sure who gets more out of it – the seniors or me – because I walk out of here on a high. This audience is very special.”

Cary has some help with his performances. His wife, Susan, and their sons, Landon and Shane, come along and interact with the audience. After more than a year of volunteering at the Home, the connection the residents feel with Cary and his family is apparent. One resident explained that Cary’s performances are the joy of his life.

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