

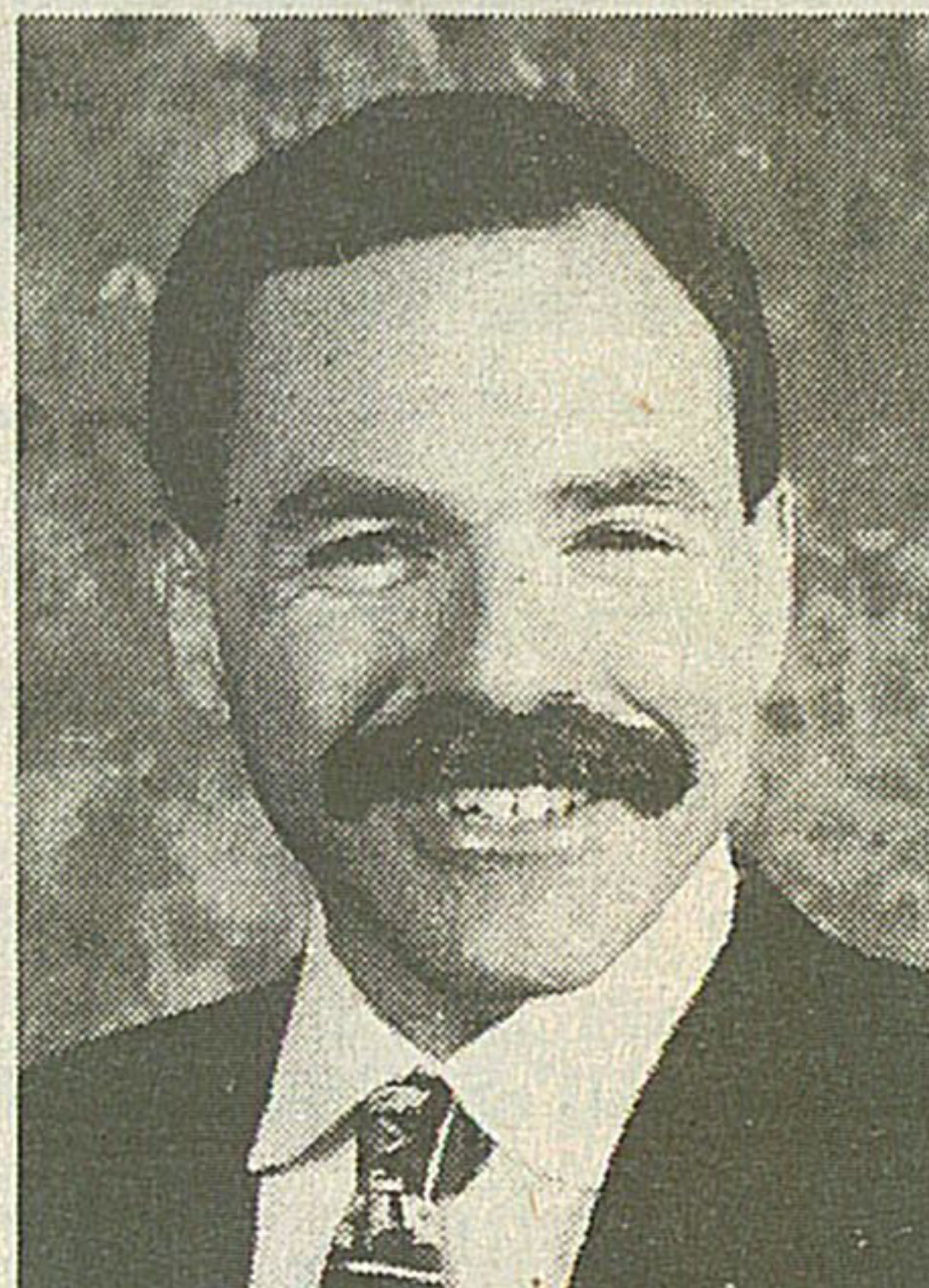
Kalson leads JRS expansion

David Kalson assumes the presidency of Jewish Residential Services (JRS), a term that lasts two years, as the agency enters a period of growth. A partner at the law firm Cohen and Grigsby, P.C., Kalson comes to this position after serving on the JRS board of directors for three years. During two of these years, he held the position of vice president and sat on the agency's executive committee.

Kalson is a past board member of Planned Parenthood and Western Pennsylvanians United For Choice. He served on an ad hoc committee which restructured the WQED board of directors and has been a member of the UJA National Young

Leadership Cabinet. In addition to his position at JRS, Kalson is a member of the board of directors of the United Jewish Federation and sits on the board of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation.

"As a JRS board member, I have seen first-hand the profound impact JRS has on our clients, their families and the larger community. The experience of working with a smaller, more intimate agency is constantly gratifying. We get to see small steps turn into steady strides — and new ideas turn into exciting and innovative advances. I look forward to serving in this leadership position as JRS implements its planned expansion," states Kalson.



DAVID KALSON
JRS 'profound impact.'

Over the next two years, JRS will greatly increase the number of people it serves with two new programs. The first project is a new residential facility in Squirrel Hill for adults with mild develop-

mental and cognitive disabilities.

"We were thrilled to have received a much coveted HUD grant, in conjunction with ACTION Housing, Inc., for this project," Kalson comments. The grant covers much of the purchase, renovation and rehabilitation of an apartment building on Munhall Road.

The new facility will have 12 individual apartments and a common area, which will enable residents to attend formal and informal group activities. The opening is projected for Fall 1998.

"I am particularly excited about how we are positioning the agency to deliver critical services in the managed care era," adds Kalson. JRS is currently in the pilot stage of a second new project, an Activity Center for adults with serious and persistent mental illness. Ultimately, JRS plans to expand this project to a full-time center with dedicated space.

Based on the "Clubhouse" model, this program will address issues of long-term support, social isolation and employment. JRS is developing this project in collaboration with JF&CS.

In addition to these new programs JRS operates the Leonard Staisey House and a scattered site Supported Housing Program. Both serve adults with a history of mental illness.

"There is little question that JRS has blossomed from the group of caring families and professionals who fought to give it birth into a full-fledged member of the body of Jewish communal agencies," concludes Kalson.

David Kalson is married to Susan Friedberg Kalson. They have three children, Will, Hannah and Rachel.

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