

**Poem for and about Jim Roddey (NCCJ Award Dinner 2001)
by Elsie Hillman**

Jim Roddey's the man of the hour
With a lot of Chutzpah and power
He taxes and spends
Ties up loose ends
And ends up in an assessment shower!

When Jim first came to Pittsburgh town
"twas asked, "who is this clown?"
He's here, he's there, he's everywhere
He talks, he laughs, he listens
He's a people person, easy to know
Whose spirits seem to glisten

He's helped hundreds of children, the elderly too
He's done everything but sweep the zoo!
From health and welfare . . . education and fun
He has done something fine for everyone!

So tonight's award from the NCCJ
Salutes a lifetime of giving to others
May your commitment stay strong and your life be long
With love from Islamic, Christian and Jewish sisters and brothers!