

ESOL

ESOL (English as a Second or Other Language) - Nearly 300 students are enrolled in ESOL programs that offer English classes for Speakers of Other Languages on an ongoing basis. In addition, ESOL offers Citizenship classes for immigrants who qualify to become naturalized United States citizens.

Cultural Arts

Gallery Players

The 2009-2010 season marked the 61st season of Gallery Players, and a great one it was! We began the season with the Pulitzer Prize winning *Talley's Folly* by Lanford Wilson. Next up was the holiday show *Capture the Moon*, directed by Laurie Alexander. The season was highlighted with the musical/drama *Company* which received rave reviews from the local press. Gallery Players finished the season with the poignant *The Immigrant*, directed by Lil Strous.

Columbus Jewish Bookfair

JCC Jewish Bookfair continued a history of cultural programming in Columbus with our 2009 / 2010 season. This year's events centered around Jewish Book Month in November, with additional cultural outreach efforts planned monthly in early 2010. Author appearances included both fiction and non-fiction writers of subjects ranging from football to international news, from women's issues to celebrity photography, and from track stars to cartoon rabbis.

Columbus Jewish Film Festival

With the 6 day festival moving to the fall (November 2010), the festival presented two mid-season programs this past year. In November 2009, a sold-out audience enjoyed "Falafel & Film" at the JCC with a screening of the Israeli film *The Little Traitor*. Docs & Bagels in March 2010 presented two documentaries, "Menachem & Fred" and "The Jazz Baroness" at the Gateway Film Center.

Visual Arts

This past October through December, the JCC was proud to present an exhibit of abstract paintings by local artist and long-time JCC member, Stacy Leeman. In April, in partnership with the Columbus Jewish Historical Society, the JCC hosted the exhibit "Legacy 2010: 170 Years of Jewish Life in Central Ohio." Legacy 2010 celebrates Jewish settlement of central Ohio, concentrating on the years between 1838 and 1910, and the many contributions that the earliest families made to the development of the area. The exhibit has drawn hundreds to the JCC during April, May and June.

Fundraising

Gala

This year's 2010 JCC Gala, held March 6, welcomed more than 250 people as they enjoyed a vintage Vegas themed event with two types of entertainment, chaired by Pam Gurwin and Marc Dunn. Guests enjoyed the sultry sounds of a Frank

Sinatra impersonator and then dancing to the Conspiracy Band. Generous friends, community organizations and corporations attended the benefit.

Sports Spectacular

JCC Sports Spectacular continued in 2009 as a two-part event chaired by David Goldstein and Steve Yaffe. OSU Men's Basketball Coach Thad Matta was the keynote speaker. At the awards celebration, Joe Sniderman was presented the Charles Solomon Award, and Amy Schiff Ackerstein, Steve Golden and Meyer Weisman were inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. The next day a golf and tennis outing was held at the Jefferson Country Club in Blacklick, with more than 100 golfers and 30 tennis players participating.

Sports & Fitness

The JCC's Aquatics, Recreation and Fitness Departments continue to evolve and develop new programming and classes for members.

The JCC Aquatics Department offers a variety of swimming lessons for all ages, as well as supplying lessons to the JCC Preschool and Summer Camp. Now in its second year, the JCC's Dynamo Swim Team has gone from 28 swimmers to more than double — 63 this year. Olympic swimmer Vladimir Dolgov, a 1980 bronze medalist, is coaching the year-round competitive swim team. Registered with the United States Swim Association, the team is open for competitively minded swimmers, from novice through high school.

With the new Kinesis studio, the Fitness Department began offering a new kind of exercise designed to liberate training regimens from the two-dimensional constraints of the standard cable and pulley machine. Kinesis equipment is engineered for strength, flexibility and balance-focused workouts, and adds another dimension to the JCC's Personal Training program.

The JCC fitness staff introduced new personal training programs this year, including Golf Specific Programming, Member Fitness Incentive Programs, and Survival Boot Camp. Members now average 57 hours per week in personal training.

The Group Exercise schedule has been updated and the format revised. Several new instructors have joined the staff and helped create exciting new classes this year in the Diamond Family Fitness Center, including Israeli Folk Dance, Hot Yoga and Olympic Fencing. Beginning in July 2009, the JCC became a SilverSneakers® provider. SilverSneakers® programming, designed specifically for Seniors and offered through certain Medicare Plan B providers, has been so successful that we have had to double our fitness class offerings in order to accommodate participants.

For Youth Sports, the JCC conducted classes in Mighty Mite, Youth Fitness, and Tween Girls Fitness, as well as Youth Basketball, a Parent-Child Basketball Tournament, and a High School Basketball League. The JCC also fielded a record 10 youth travel basketball teams for boys and girls.

Adult Sports started for the first time at the New Albany JCC with Fall and Winter Adult Basketball Leagues. Currently at the JCC College Avenue location, there are three year-round adult basketball leagues and an adult softball league in the summer.

Outreach

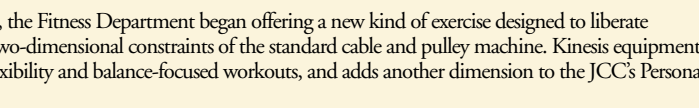
Outreach reinstated the community eNewsletter specific to both Northwest and Northeast Columbus to highlight Jewish community programming. Outreach programs included cultural holiday celebrations, new athletic opportunities, weekend programs for families, and off-site school's-out camps for school-age children, offered in Northeast and Northwest locations. Community residents are happy to have Jewish programming offered in their own neighborhoods, further increasing their accessibility to Jewish involvement.



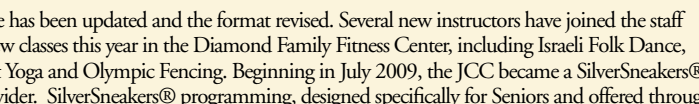
2010 JCC Gala



Olympic swimmer Vladimir Dolgov coaching the year-round competitive swim team.



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jewish community center of greater columbus

2009- 2010 Annual Report



Our Vision Statement

The JCC is a place that nurtures a passion for Jewish learning and living. Through its programs and services, the JCC provides an inviting Jewish Neighborhood and a comfortable place to thrive.
— Adopted by the Executive Committee on March 8, 1994



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It Begins With The Children...

For nearly 100 years, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus has been reaching out to families in Central Ohio to promote the importance of quality early education programs. We've seen firsthand how entire families are positively affected by the experience at the JCC, creating new connections to their faith and the Jewish community.

Early childhood programs offered by the JCC provide hundreds of young minds in three locations throughout the community the opportunity to experience a world-class educational foundation every day. Programs encourage unique opportunities to grow and explore Jewish tradition as a family.

We take great pride in offering an innovative, forward-thinking, age-appropriate curriculum focusing on education and spiritual growth, not just for today – but for years to come.

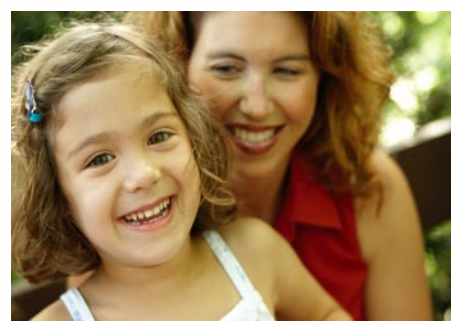
Young Children

The three JCC Preschools and their Early Childhood Parent Committees (ECPC) had the center literally singing and dancing, cooking and reading, creating art and performing mitzvot throughout the year. There was not one week that went by that did not have something exciting going on – for example:

- **JCC College Avenue** had a Pool Party for all the preschool families, Hannukah Family Dinner, Tu B' Shevat Shabbat Dinner, Purim Carnival and Dinner, Gardening Classes, Art Classes, Beginning Hebrew and Learning Jewishly, Ballet Classes, Tot Shabbat with Marc Rossio, and a school-wide concert with Lenny Solomon from the Shlock Rock Band. The ECPC held two very successful fundraisers: "Baby What a Deal" in May, and JCC Arts & Craft Fair in November. Children performed Mitzvot by holding a Food Drive, collecting coats during OSU/Michigan Week, and the Leila Tov project which contributed blankets and pajamas for children in need.
- **The JCC North** celebrated the Week of the Young Child from April 12th-16th and had a week of fun and food! Throughout the week parents and fellow teachers took a moment to say "thank you" to our teachers by dropping a note or small gift in the bags hanging in the hallway. The ECPC then threw a wonderful bagel breakfast for our teachers as another "thank you" for all of the time and effort that the teachers put into the art show and auction.
- The opening of the new **JCC New Albany** facility at The Northeast Jewish Community Campus, had a record enrollment of 170 students! This beautiful new building allows us to provide excellent care for infants through sixth graders in a showcase building that includes a library, a student gymnasium, a dining commons area, a stage for performances and indoor and outdoor play areas designed specifically for each of the age groups! Summer Camp registration is under way with a variety of specialty camps including a Summer Reading Safari!

Kids

The Kaleidoscope after-school program had a successful year with over 50 kids enrolled in the program. For the first time, the program was split into two age-specific groups (K-3rd grade and 4th-6th grades) to better serve its participants. School's Out Days, Winter and Spring Breaks, and Passover Camp brought children together from all over Columbus to participate in daily field trips, swimming and various activities at the JCC. Additionally, a variety of after-school classes were offered to provide children



with an opportunity to build skills and have a great time. Some of the classes offered this year included jewelry making, clay, and hip hop dance.

During the summer of 2009, nearly 700 campers participated in camp programs at four locations: JCC College Avenue, JCC North in Dublin, JCC New Albany and Camp Hoover Family Park. Children from age 2 to 15 spent the summer strengthening their Jewish identity while participating in activities like nature, swimming, sports and games, biking, boating, ropes courses, white water rafting, music and drama, Jewish cultural studies, late-nights, overnights, and day trips. Theater Camp and Horseback Riding Camp both made successful debuts.

Campers had the opportunity to attend concerts by Jewish rocker Rick Recht and the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan. The JCC also offered summer camp experiences for children and adults with special needs ages 3-25 at the JCC College Avenue and at Camp Hoover.

Teens

The **B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)** is a worldwide, youth-led organization dedicated to providing opportunities for Jewish teens in grades 9 through 12. Community service, social and Judaic programs give teens the chance to develop a positive Jewish identity while developing leadership potential. In 2009, Columbus BBYO served 100 teen members at the JCC each week to meet, socialize and plan upcoming programming, including city-wide events for all Jewish teens and regional events. Five Columbus teens were elected to serve on the Regional Board; Elliott Snay, Jake Miller, Rachel Shnayder, Samantha Budin, and Carly Herman.

This past summer, Team Columbus sent 15 athletes to San Antonio, Texas, to participate in the **2009 JCC Maccabi Games** where they competed in boys basketball, soccer, tennis, table tennis, swimming, and girls basketball. In addition, two current Maccabi athletes traveled to Israel to represent Team USA in the 18th World Maccabiah Games. Ari Richman played Juniors tennis and Ryan Cutler was on the Men's junior swim team.

The Jewish Experiences for Teens (JET) program hosted community-wide events for more than 250 teens in the community, including Jamie M. Fox's "MazelTov Cocktail," an Israel programs informational night, Chanukah party at Rule3, and a Purim party at Gameworks, as well as the 4th annual JET Teen Awards night. JET also hosts four culture clubs: Gahanna Lincoln Culture Club, New Albany Culture Club, Northwest Culture Club and, starting last October, Pickerington Culture Club. Each club meets monthly and covers such topics as Jewish holidays and food, and hosts special guests.

This year also saw the first Columbus delegation head to JCC Maccabi ArtsFest in Orange County, California. Teens participated in such art specialties as musical theatre, visual arts and jazz ensemble and worked closely with artists-in-residence to get ready for the final performance that Thursday night, which ended up having an audience of close to 1,000.

Jewish Learning for Adults
Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School continued to provide a unique Jewish education for adults. The Adult Mini-School involves a two-year course of study examining Jewish history, ethics, observance, practice and beliefs. This year the Adult Mini-School will graduate 23 students, and offered graduate classes. Classes meet at JCC New Albany and JCC College Avenue.

Senior Adults

The JCC Senior Adult Department provides services for 500 active seniors, age 60+, throughout the year. Each week programming such as health and wellness discussions and outings. The JCC partners with LifeCare Alliance to provide senior adults with more than 13,000 nutritionally-balanced Kosher meals annually for which the demand rose by 800 meals this year. Ongoing programs include Jewish festival celebrations, bingo, Maj Jongg classes & annual Maj Jongg Tournament, Wii Wednesday Tournament bowling, chair exercise, birthday celebrations, diabetes screenings, flu shots, quarterly Shabbat Dinners and Sunday morning Brunch and entertainment.



Special thanks to our committee chairs and their committee members for their dedication to the JCC.

2009-2010 Committee Chairs

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| Adult Sports <i>Ron Fox</i> | Hall of Fame <i>Brent Meizlish</i> |
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| Gallery Players <i>Lil Strouss</i> | Youth Sports <i>Rick Meizlish</i> |

