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2016
Annual Report

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus
Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
   Rachel Lichten,
   Annual Meeting Chair

2. Ha Motzi
   Lisa Newmark,
   Immediate Past President

3. Host Remarks
   Rachel Lichten

4. Executive Director
   Carol Folkerth

5. Joel Dinkin Staff Award
   Linda Porter

6. JCC President of the Board of Trustees
   Ben Zacks

7. Special Recognition Presentation
   Fred Bowditch,
   Homeland Security Liaison for Franklin County Commissioners

8. Rabbi Nathan & Sylvia Gaynor Jewish Cultural Award
   Legends of Gallery Players
   Fred Luper, Chair
   Presented by Rena Vesler

9. Helen Nutis Volunteer of the Year Award
   Marikate Leavens and Yaffa Gewirtz,
   Kaleidoscope Parent Committee Co-Chairs
   Presented by Jodi Karmia

10. Shehecheyanu Teacher of Year Award
    Tifaney George,
    JCC New Albany
    Presented by Rebecca Kastan Lipnick

11. Nominating Committee Report
    Lisa Newmark

12. Concluding Remarks
    Rachel Lichten

Year after year, in every corner of our JCC, we strive to raise the bar. We build upon a legacy of strength as we chart the future of our community, setting records along the way.

July 24-29 our JCC will once again host the JCC Maccabi Games - as hundreds of Jewish teen athletes from around the world descend upon Columbus for a week of community and competition.

In the spirit of The Games, we recognize department records set over the past year. Kudos to the many volunteers and professionals behind these achievements!

the “records”

Member Services
MOST NEW MEMBERSHIPS IN ONE DAY: 53, Black Friday Promotion November 27, 2015

Children, Youth, Teens & Camping
Kaleidoscope
LARGEST ENROLLMENT: 115 Kids
BUSIEST SNOW DAY SEASON: 3 Days, 50 Kids Each
BEST PROGRAM GROWTH - KIDS NIGHT OUT: From 7 to 25 Kids

BBYO/TEENS
MOST MEMBERS IN THE KIO REGION: 174
LARGEST 8th GRADE INCOMING CLASS: 28
WORLDWIDE LEADERSHIP: Aliyah BBG Led the Int’l BBYO Recruitment Challenge for 2 Full Weeks
MOST IPHONE CHARGERS LEFT BEHIND AT CONVENTIONS: 7
MOST TEXT MESSAGES SENT: Too Many to Count
Summer Camp
MOST RAIN DAYS IN ONE SUMMER: 27
FIRST GRINSPOON FOUNDATION GRANT: $35,000
MOST TENNIS SHOES RETIRED IN ONE SUMMER BY HALLE AND KALEY: 6 Pairs
MOST IMPRESSIVE STAFF CONSUMPTION OF SNACK BAR FOOD: Infinity Pounds of French Fries

Rec & Wellness
LARGEST MACCABI DELEGATION: 130 Athletes
MOST BACKBOARD SHATTERINGS IN ONE YEAR: 2
RECORD NUMBER OF SOFTBALL TEAMS: 9
GREATEST NUMBER OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA PARTICIPANTS FOR THE JZONE SLAM DUNK CONTEST: 44

Fitness
MOST FITNESS VISITORS IN ONE DAY: 591
RECORD NUMBER OF PERSONAL TRAINING SESSIONS IN ONE MONTH: 864, March 2016

Marketing
MOST SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS IN ONE YEAR: 316

Early Childhood Education
MOST EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATIONS ACROSS ALL THREE SITES: 421
LARGEST TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 453
BIGGEST GRADUATING PRE-K CLASS: 103

Gallery Players
MOST THEATRE ROUNDTABLE AWARDS NOMINATIONS IN A SINGLE SEASON: 19
MOST THEATRE ROUNDTABLE AWARDS RECEIVED FOR A SINGLE SHOW: 5 for “Brighton Beach Memoirs”

Human Resources
GREATEST NUMBER OF CHANGES IN SHORTEST PERIOD OF TIME: ACA, HRIS, and Health Insurance in First 4 Months of 2016

Business Office
MOST ONLINE PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS DURING AN EIGHT-MONTH PERIOD: 393
LARGEST REPRESENTATION IN ISRAEL FROM ONE DEPARTMENT: 5 Staff from the Business Office

J-Reach
LARGEST TURNOUT FOR ‘HANUKAH AT WILDLIGHTS AT THE COLUMBUS ZOO’: 200 People
BEST-ATTENDED PUBLIC SPACE PROGRAM: 60 People for Passover Columbus at Costco Easton
BEST-ATTENDED DOWNTOWN PROGRAM: 50 People at ‘Sukkot At The Commons’

Food Services & Catering
RECORD NUMBER OF PIZZAS BAKED IN A SINGLE DAY (WITHOUT A PIZZA OVEN): 90
BEST-ATTENDED CATERED LUNCH FOR LEADERS OF MULTIPLE FAITHS AND CIVIL SERVICE: 300 Rabbis, Priests, Police/Fire Chiefs, etc.
This award, established in honor of former JCC Executive Director Joel Dinkin, offers support for a professional development grant to an outstanding JCC staff member. Candidates are nominated by JCC employees and members. Winners have served the JCC for a year or more, are supportive of their colleagues, are committed to learning and professional growth, extend him/her self to provide exceptional help/service to a member or members, and show exceptional commitment to the mission of the JCC.

“"I just love to work," says Linda, and it shows. As Housekeeping Supervisor since 2010, Linda cleans and maintains the Women’s Health Center and several other areas of the JCC. However, anyone who knows Linda knows that she does much more than that.

“Her work ethic is amazing,” said one of her nominations. “I don’t think there is a staircase, closet, desk or corner that doesn’t see the handiwork of Linda. We should all strive to have a little of Linda Porter in us.”

After thirty years working at the Ohio State University Hospital, Linda knew she wanted her next job to be one that didn’t involve computers, but did involve great people. Six years later, Linda often says that the JCC Members are her favorite part of her job. She knows all of the members by name and goes out of her way to help them. This personal touch exemplifies the values of the Joel Dinkin Staff Award and the JCC. Linda always has a smile, thinks of others, and makes the JCC a happy place to be.

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In Memoriam

Joyce Garver Keller

For over 25 years Joyce worked on behalf of the Jewish community advocating for our causes, our facilities and our programs, leveraging hundreds of thousands of dollars for JCC critical services such as vans to serve the elderly and two capital campaigns.

Allison Goldberg Senser

The list of Ali’s JCC involvement and achievements was extensive; New Albany ECPC Chairperson, JCC Board of Trustees, 2016 JCC Maccabi Games Steering Committee and Fundraising Chairperson, and Shem Tov Leadership Award recipient.

Dr. Sidney F. Miller

Sid was actively involved at the Columbus JCC, serving on the Board, chairing the Aquatics Committee and serving on the Columbus Jewish Film Festival, Gala, and JCC Maccabi Games committees. Sid served on the national Board of the JCC Association of North America.

William A. Goldman

Bill’s spirit and passion embraced the Jewish community. He devoted countless hours serving on the Board of the JCC, including a term as President from 1980-1983.
JCC Staff Directory

JCC EXECUTIVE STAFF
Carol Folkerth, Executive Director
Mike Klapper, Assistant Executive Director
Louise Young, Chief Financial Officer
Karen V. Bokor, Development Officer
Melanie Butter, Program Director

JCC EXECUTIVE STAFF
Matan Gutwaks, Catering & Rentals Coordinator
Toney Robertson, Executive Chef
Concepcion Deypalubos, Kitchen Assistant
Tova Hauser, Mashgiah

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
Mike Levison, Director
Josh Klynn, Graphic Designer
Meghan Tubbs, Copywriter

MEMBER SERVICES
Linda Starr, Director
Jan Kazee, Front Desk Receptionist
Janet Mittman, Billing
Amy Pallay, Hospitality Coordinator
Janet Schwarz, Administrative Assistant

REC & WELLNESS
Jeanna Brownlee, Director; Maccabi Games Director
Josh Goldstein, Sports Coordinator; Maccabi Games Director
David Holstein, Aquatics Director
Anthony Valenti, Youth Sports Specialist

THE ARTS/OUTREACH
Cheryl Dritz, Bookfair Coordinator
Yale Glinter, Outreach Coordinator
Jared Saltman, Gallery Players Managing & Artistic Director
Emily Schuss, Jewish Film Festival Coordinator

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Nikki Henry, Director
Shara Reiss, Early Intervention Specialist

JCC COLLEGE AVENUE
Taryn Terwilliger, Assistant Director
Erica Amabile, Office Manager
Angie Cooper, Fitness Babysitting Coordinator
Leslie Rosen, Infant Toddler Supervisor

JCC NEW ALBANY
Sheri Gittins, Site Director
Becca Foskuhl, Program Coordinator

JCC NORTH
Ellen Kozberg, Site Director

FACILITIES
Chris E. Teaford, Maintenance Supervisor
Cynthia Boone, Housekeeping
Matt Music, Maintenance
Robert Nowlin, Housekeeping
Gary Orr, Bus Driver
Linda Porter, Housekeeping Supervisor
Jerry Raymond, Bus Driver
Victor Small, Maintenance
Roosevelt Tatum, Housekeeping Supervisor

FITNESS
Jason Goggins, Director
Beth McCullough, Assistant Director
Carlie Snyder, Group Exercise Coordinator

FOOD SERVICES, CATERING & SPECIAL EVENTS
Matan Gutwaks, Catering & Rentals Coordinator
Toney Robertson, Executive Chef
Concepcion Deypalubos, Kitchen Assistant
Tova Hauser, Mashgiah

JCC Staff Milestones

45 YEARS
Mimi Chenfeld, Teacher - Dance/Movement

25 YEARS
Roosevelt Tatum, Housekeeping Supervisor

15 YEARS
Christine A. Eisenstein, Substitute Teacher
Carey A. Herzberg, ECE Teacher
Lisa M. Keller, ECE Teacher
Marsha F. Polster, Teacher - Judaics
Toney Robertson, Executive Chef
Barry N. Starr, IT Administrator
Chris E. Teaford, Maintenance Supervisor
Louise M. Young, Finance Director

10 YEARS
Pamela M. Bredemeier, Aquatics Fitness Instructor
Melanie F. Butter, Program Director
Concepcion Deypalubos, Kitchen Assistant

5 YEARS
Amanda Carberry, Lifeguard
Lisa Evans, Group Exercise Instructor
Andrea Hodge, ECE Teacher
Nicole Hunter, Substitute Teacher
Kathleen Keller, ECE Teacher
Faina Merkulovich, ECE Teacher
Mark Moscardino, Teen Department Coordinator
Michelle Ornstein, Group Exercise Instructor
Sam Rosenthal, ECE Teacher
Carmen Salin, Substitute Teacher
Ciara Williams, ECE Teacher

Congratulations
JCC Staff!
As parents in the JCC Kaleidoscope after school program, Yaffa Gewirtz (above left) and Marikate Leavens (above right) saw a need and created the Kaleidoscope Parent Committee and the Kaleidoscope Fund. Through their dedication, hard work and love of the program, they have provided Kaleidoscope with additional funds through the Kid-A-Thon and parent fundraisers. The Kid-A-Thon allows kids to do fun, physical activities such as jump rope, basketball, track and hula hoops – all to benefit the program.

Yaffa and Marikate’s success has also enhanced programming. Visits by the Columbus Zoo and the BUG MAN, family dinners together and holiday programs, all are a result of their amazing commitment to the kids and to our JCC community.

It should be no surprise that with outstanding parent support and the excellent staff, the JCC Kaleidoscope program is experiencing record enrollment and serves as a model of afterschool programming.

Helen Nutis Volunteer Mitzvah Award
MARIKATE LEAVENS AND YAFFA GEWIRTZ KALEIDOSCOPE PARENT COMMITTEE

The Helen Nutis Volunteer Mitzvah Award was established by long-time JCC volunteer, Helen Nutis, to recognize the outstanding volunteer contributions of individuals or groups at the JCC.

Fred Bowditch retired from the Columbus Police Department in December 2010 after 36 years of service.

He retired as a Lieutenant and his last assignment was the development, implementation, and supervision of the Terrorism Early Warning Unit - now the Counter Terrorism Unit.

Previous assignments included Patrol Business, Strategic Response Bureau (which he also formed) and the Organized Crime Bureau, and Identification Unit - where he developed the Automated Fingerprint System.

Upon his retirement, Fred was hired as a Homeland Security Consultant to the Franklin County Commissioners. He also runs the annual National Homeland Security Conference.

Fred and his wife of 41 years - Joan - live in northwest Columbus. They have two children and two grandchildren. In his spare time (not much of that) he enjoys reading and golf.
The Rabbi Nathan & Sylvia Gaynor Jewish Cultural Award

LEGENDS OF GALLERY PLAYERS
FRED LUPER, CHAIR; JOAN FISHEL, GALLERY PLAYERS CHAIR; ANCA GALRON, CAROL LUPER, AND RENA VESLER

This award recognizes excellence in Jewish programming. The Gaynor family created the award to honor unique, innovative and outstanding Jewish cultural and educational programming at the JCC.

This spring marked the beginning of a new tradition at the JCC. On April 7, over 200 people attended Legends of Gallery Players to celebrate six honorees who gave so much of their time and talents to Gallery Players productions over the past 67 years. The evening of music and memories was made possible by the tireless efforts of the Legends Planning Committee, Fred Luper, Chair; Joan Fishel, Gallery Players Chair; Anca Galron, Carol Luper, and Rena Vesler.

The program began with a cocktail and caviar preview party. After, there was a theatrical production which featured the accomplishments of each honoree. The story of Gallery Players was told through pictures, narration, quotes from the honorees, and, of course, musical theatre. The casts of Guys & Dolls, Fiddler on the Roof and Damn Yankees performed a selection of songs from each show.

“With a long and storied history like that of Gallery Players, it’s important to honor the people that both established and continue to create the thriving theatre we have today,” says Jared Saltman, Gallery Players Artistic Director.

Shehecheyanu Award
TIFANEY GEORGE
NEW ALBANY PRESCHOOL

This award was developed by the Holly and Brad Kastan family to show appreciation for JCC teachers, recognize outstanding leadership in Early Childhood Education and raise the level of recognition for this important field.

The JCC Shehecheyanu Early Childhood Teacher of the Year Award goes to Tifaney George, of JCC New Albany.

Tifaney is the Lead Teacher in the “Mars” Classroom. This fall will be her fourth year teaching four year olds at the JCC’s Early Childhood Education program.

The enthusiastic nominations for Tifaney described her as dedicated, sweet, and nurturing.

“She has created an environment that is safe and inviting, that teaches patience and tolerance to four year olds,” said one nomination. Another parent wrote, “The children in Ms. Tifaney’s class are drawn to her sweet demeanor and my family feels fortunate to have her as our teacher.”

New Albany Preschool Site Director Sheri Gittins notes, “Tifaney is that special teacher that parents admire and children love. She immerses her children in both cognitive and Judaic activities. Simply put, Tifaney is a star and children are better for having shared the year with her.”

LEGENDS honored on April 7, 2016, (top row, left to right) Marvin Bonowitz, Irene Braverman, Florence Zacks Melton z”l, (bottom row, left to right) Harold Eisenstein z”l, Lil Strouss z”l, and Bea Roth z”l.

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

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Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Expenses
Total Expenses = $9,486,229

- Wages and Benefits: 65.2%
- Program Expenses: 17.6%
- Operating Expenses: 7.9%
- Occupancy Expenses: 9.2%

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Income
Total Income = $9,488,211

- Federation: 6.0%
- Membership Dues: 18.9%
- Program Fees: 60.9%
- Contributions & Grants: 6.9%
- Other Income: 7.3%
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- **Samuel Summer**
  - Incorporating President
  - 1951 - 1952
- **I.W. Garek**
  - President During Construction
  - 1955 - 1956
- **Dr. E.J. Gordon**
  - Honorary President for Life
  - 1959 - 1960
- **Edward Schlesinger**
  - 1951 - 1952
- **David Goldsmith**
  - 1953 - 1954
- **Abe I. Yenkin**
  - 1955 - 1956
- **Herman Katz**
  - 1957 - 1958
- **Joseph Zox**
  - 1959 - 1960

### 1961 - 1979

- **Richard Abel**
  - 1961 - 1962
- **Howard Schoenbaum**
  - 1963 - 1964
- **Leon Friedman**
  - 1965 - 1966
- **Myer Mellman**
  - 1967 - 1968
- **Dr. James Tannenbaum**
  - 1975 - 1979

### 1980 - 1999

- **William A. Goldman**
  - 1980 - 1983
- **Michael Talis**
  - 1983 - 1985
- **Dr. Al Tyroler**
  - 1985 - 1987
- **David Milenthal**
  - 1987 - 1989
- **Ruth Ann Blank**
  - 1989 - 1991
- **Ted Fisher**
  - 1991 - 1993
- **Carole Genshaft**
  - 1993 - 1995
- **Geri Ellman**
  - 1995 - 1997
- **Michael J. Canter**
  - 1997 - 1999

### 1999 - 2015

- **Louis J. Chodosh**
  - 1999 - 2001
- **Jeffrey A. Coopersmith**
  - 2001 - 2003
- **Heidi Levey**
  - 2003 - 2005
- **Lee Abraham**
  - 2005 - 2007
- **Jeff Meyer**
  - 2007 - 2009
- **Marc Fishel**
  - 2009 - 2011
- **Joe Sniderman**
  - 2011 - 2013
- **Lisa Newmark**
  - 2013 - 2015

**Deceased**
Are you a part of the 2016 JCC Maccabi Games®?

JULY 24-29, 2016

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus is preparing to host the JCC Maccabi Games for the fifth time. The Games are one of the largest annual gatherings of Jewish teens in the world. The week of competition is enriched by a wide array of cultural and social activities, encompassing the entire community.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN TEAM COLUMBUS

For more information and to register
visit columbusjccmaccabi.org or call (614) 559-6274

Several sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals with varying levels of recognition and outreach.

Jewish teens age 12-16 are encouraged to take part in basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming, golf, table tennis, baseball, volleyball, and as star reporters.

Adult representatives are needed to provide assistance with chaperoning, food service, marketing, and the organization and running of events.

Jewish families are urged to open their homes to at least two visiting athletes and provide a bed/air mattress for each athlete.

Be a part of your community - register as a volunteer
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