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Upcoming Events

Annual Events

Purim Carnival | Sunday, March 16
Spring Gala | Wednesday, March 19
Israel Festival | Sunday, May 18
Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition | Thursday, May 22
Golf and Tennis Tournament | Monday, June 9

Music

POLINGER ARTISTS OF EXCELLENCE CONCERT SERIES
Sundays, March 9, April 6 and May 18

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22

Israeli Jazz Guitarist Yotam Silberstein and Friends | Thursday, June 12

Goldman Art Gallery

Encaustic Paintings by Rinat Goren | Through March 19
"Better Treasures" Art Sale | March 30-April 13
"A Lifetime of Perspective: Art by Older Adults" | May 12-June 1

Norma Lee and Morton FUNGER to be Honored at Spring Gala

Wednesday, March 19

The JCCGW is pleased to honor Norma Lee and Morton FUNGER with the Benjamin Ourisman Memorial Award for Civic Achievement at the Center's Spring Gala. The Ourisman Award has been presented for more than 50 years to those individuals whose efforts and achievements have improved life in our community. The Fungers join an illustrious group of philanthropists and humanitarians who have previously received this award.



Norma Lee and Morton FUNGER

The Fungers have been prominent figures in the Washington, D.C. political and public service arena for more than three decades.

They are known and respected for their dedication and leadership in a wide array of civic, cultural and Jewish communal causes.

The JCCGW Gala is chaired by Tracy Bloom Schwartz and Alan Schwartz. In addition to honoring Norma Lee and Morton FUNGER, the evening will feature cocktails, dinner and entertainment. For more information, please contact Jodi Shulimson at 301.348.3769 or jshulimson@jccgw.org.

Winter 2014

Making a Splash!



Seymour and Sheila Herman

We are delighted to announce a new and extraordinary gift from Seymour (Sy) and Sheila Herman to help fund a number of significant upgrades and renovations to the Center's indoor pool complex.

The JCCGW's plans include an extensive renovation for a state-of-the-art indoor aquatics complex that the Hermans have generously agreed to name through a major gift to the Center. The new complex will house the aquatics center, previously dedicated by Jack and Ina Kay, and the indoor pool, dedicated in memory of Isadore Gudelsky. In recognition of this visionary gift, the renovated center will become the Herman Indoor Aquatics Complex.

The aquatics area has been a special passion to the Hermans. While working at IBM in the 1970s, Sy routinely spent his lunch hour swimming laps at the JCCGW indoor pool, an activity that he is convinced has contributed to his good health and has added years to his life. In 1993, Sy and Sheila established the *Seymour and Sheila Herman Aquatic Fitness Endowment Fund* to help support aquatic fitness programs at the JCCGW in perpetuity.

"Having the opportunity to name the indoor aquatics complex feels like I have come full circle from when I started swimming at the JCCGW indoor pool some 40 years ago on my lunch hour," Sy explains. "It feels like a finishing touch to something that has been an important part of my life."

Six years ago, when costs for the aquatic fitness program were rising, Sy and Sheila chose to sponsor the *Sy and Sheila Herman Aquatic Fitness Program for 2007-2008*. This additional support enabled the JCCGW to offer free aquatics classes to members.

"There is such warmth, vitality and energy here," Sheila says with a smile. "It's especially fun to be at the Center on Friday mornings

with *challah* being sold, and adorable preschoolers singing songs to welcome *Shabbat*."

The Hermans have been active JCCGW members since the Center opened in Rockville in 1969. At that time, they lived in Silver Spring with their daughters, Robyn and Janyse.

"With all of the activities that our daughters participated in at the JCC, we practically lived there," Sheila recalls. In fact, one of the reasons the Hermans moved to Rockville in the early 1970s was because the JCCGW was such a focal point of so many of their family activities.

In addition to their extensive support of aquatics programs, the Hermans and their family have volunteered their time, served on the board, and participated in many programs over the years.

Janyse Weisz, Sy and Sheila's daughter, has chaired the annual book festival. Janyse's husband, Bernie Weisz, has served for more than 20 years in various capacities, including a term as president of the JCCGW Board of Directors. Bernie had a key role in creating the Sports Hall of Fame Dinner of Champions, an annual event that raises funds to support programs for individuals with special needs. Sy and Sheila's daughter Robyn Collins has also served on the Board of Directors.

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The Herman family's ongoing, generous support has had a profound impact on many individuals in our community who may otherwise not have had the means to participate. We are deeply appreciative that Sy and Sheila have chosen the Center as a significant priority in their philanthropic activities and planning.

The Hermans feel fortunate to be able to give back to a place that has done so much for them and has been an important part of their lives. Sy says, "The breadth of activities the Center offers for individuals of all ages is extensive, and it's all accomplished within a framework of Jewish traditions and values. The JCCGW is a great community, and it just keeps getting better."

As we splash into the next century of service to our community, we sincerely thank Sy and Sheila for their vision and generosity.

A Photographic Retrospective

Your Support Makes a Meaningful Difference

With your support, the JCCGW is able to continue to provide high quality programs and services that are so valued by so many in our community. Your generosity makes a profound impact on the lives of those we serve.



Arthur & Anita Polott and Heather & Andrew Sachs co-chaired the JCCGW's 22nd Annual Dinner of Champions on November 23, 2013, an event that raises funds to support the Camp JCC program for children and young adults with special needs.



At the Dinner of Champions, The Honorable Jeffrey Z. Slavin (middle), philanthropist and mayor of the Town of Somerset, received the Irene and Abe Pollin Humanitarian Award. He is shown with his parents, Doris and Sanford Slavin, major sponsors of the event.



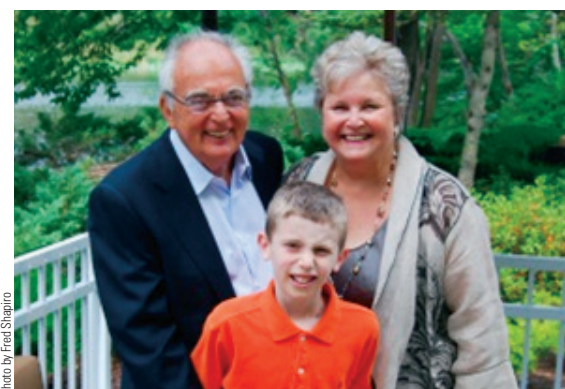
Dale Singer and Laura Levangard chaired The Lessans Family Annual Book Festival held November 8-17, 2013. Among the distinguished authors who appeared were Elinor Lipman, New York Times best-selling author; Marvin Kalb, former chief diplomatic correspondent for CBS and NBC News and award-winning journalist; and Elliott Abrams, top national security officer during the Reagan and George W. Bush administrations.



The JCCGW is deeply grateful to Drs. Stuart and Ellen Lessans for naming the book festival in honor of their children, Matthew and Faye, and in loving memory of Dr. Stuart Lessans' parents, Sara and Samuel J. Lessans. Pictured are Dr. Stuart Lessans; Faye Lessans; Dr. Ellen Lessans; author Alan L. Wurtzel; Matthew Lessans; and Alan Wurtzel's wife, Irene Wurtzel.



Lawyer and author Alan Dershowitz (second from right) was featured at The Lessans Family Annual Book Festival patrons event. He is shown with, from left, Bradley Stillman, JCCGW president; Abbe Lowell, co-sponsor of the event; and Michael Feinstein, JCCGW chief executive officer.



Robert and Marcia Karp's grandson, Jason Milobsky, is a camper in the Camp JCC special needs and inclusion program. (Robert, Jason and Marcia are shown above.) When Robert and Marcia held a celebration in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, they encouraged guests to contribute to the special needs and inclusion program in lieu of gifts.



Josh Towbin and Rachel Toran, shown at their wedding in September 2013, both worked at Camp JCC as inclusion counselors before and throughout their college years. The program held such a special place in their hearts that they made it a part of their wedding by contributing to the JCCGW special needs and inclusion program in lieu of favors for their guests.




As part of his bar mitzvah project, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School student Josh Myers (right) visited the JCCGW preschool weekly to read books to the children. Following his bar mitzvah, Josh made a donation to the preschool from his bar mitzvah money. He is shown presenting his gift to JCCGW Preschool Director Ora Cohen Rosenfeld and JCCGW Chief Executive Officer Michael Feinstein.

Corporate Giving


How the JCCGW and Corporations Are Building Community Together!

Funding from corporations supports valuable work being done at the JCCGW. From our youngest to our most senior members and guests, these grants make a significant impact on our ability to achieve our mission and provide critical programs and services to all who walk through our doors. The JCCGW is pleased to announce two recent corporate gifts.

Target Partners with the JCCGW to Benefit Children

 The JCCGW is the proud recipient of a Target grant for \$2,000 in support of Story Time Morning, a celebration of children's literature through song and movement, at the Bender Dosik Parenting Center.

3M Supports Inclusion at the JCCGW

 Thank you to 3M and Rami Kandel for supporting the Camp JCC Inclusion Program for Children with Special Needs with a grant of \$3,000.

Our strongest connection with an organization is often through you — our supporters! If there is a local or national organization with which you believe we should connect, please contact Tasha Museles, Chief Development Officer, at 301.348.3815 or tmuseles@jccgw.org.

Why We Fundraise

Ever wonder how we do what we do — offer so many programs for our community?

Well, part of the answer is that we must raise funds because the Center is so much more than a preschool, camp and fitness center.

- We are a community center that offers scholarships to preschool and camp families in need;
- We are a community center that provides services and support for children and adults with special needs;
- We are a community center that offers arts and culture programs for the entire community;
- We are a community center that serves kosher meals, along with exercise and wellness programs and referral services to seniors;
- We are a community center that makes space available to other community groups at little or no cost.

We are a community benefit agency and to provide the benefits that we do, raising funds is a vital part of continuing quality programming.

For more information about our financials, please contact Tasha Museles, Chief Development Officer, at tmuseles@jccgw.org or 301.348.3815.

Did you know? Last year, we raised:

\$132,981 to provide membership and program scholarships for those in need.	\$384,331 to support programs and services for individuals with special needs.	\$381,684 to support programs and services for seniors.	\$219,935 to support cultural arts programs.
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