



*The Officers and
Board of Governors of the
Savannah Jewish Federation*

*Invite you to attend
The 71st Annual Meeting
of the Federation
Wednesday, September 10th
7:00pm
Jewish Educational Alliance*

Pursuant to Article VI, Section I, C, the Nominating Committee puts forth the following slate for consideration at the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Meeting to be held on September 10, 2014:

Officers

Steve Greenberg – President
Sherry Dolgoff – President Elect
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Margie Levy – Treasurer
Jeff Lasky – Immediate Past President
Linda Zoller – Past President
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Scott Center
Skye Cossio
Daniel Eichholz
Susan Jaffie
Harvey Lebos
Jack Levine

Nominated for a 2-year term ending 2016

Lynn Berkowitz
Edwin Byck
Morris Geffen
Benjamin Karpf
Mark Konter
Stacey Schlafstein
Larry Zaslavsky

Nominated for a 1-year term ending 2015

Charlotte Black
Ron Robbins

Continuing a 2-year term ending 2015

Matthew Allan
Steve Berwitz

Committee Members

Jeff Lasky, Chair
Matthew Allan
Skye Cossio

Sherry Dolgoff
Joel Greenberg
Harvey Lebos

Michael Konter
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LASTING LEGACIES

In honor of her work and to perpetuate her memory...

Ashley White Samuels moved to Savannah in 1995. She'd met her husband, Scott, at the University of Georgia and they had briefly lived in Augusta. Together they returned to his hometown to make a life and raise a family.

Once settled in Savannah, Ashley and Scott became active in Jewish communal life. They both served on committees and on the Board of Directors of the JEA (Scott eventually became President). Ashley soon developed a real passion for children's programming and for a number of years chaired the Children's Committee where she worked tirelessly to fulfill one of the JEA's missions of instilling strong Jewish identities in the community's children. She chaired Kids' Day two consecutive years. Everyone who worked with her on the committee and its various projects recognized, admired and was infected by her commitment and enthusiasm to her endeavors.

"She always knew the JEA was a special place for me growing up and she always wanted the same for our kids and any other kids who wanted to be at the JEA," Scott Samuels said. "When our kids were younger she was always involved with the Children's Committee and wanting to do things that enhanced the programming at the JEA."

Scott talked about what the JEA means to his own children: "The JEA was and still is a place of comfort for Allison; she calls it her 'happy place' right now. It was always a place where my kids could go and be comfortable and feel safe and feel like it was theirs. My kids took ownership of the JEA because they knew how important it was to have a place like the JEA, with programming for kids."

Ashley was a fiercely devoted mother to Jared and Allison and wife to Scott; a kind and warm friend, a hard-working professional and perhaps most visible of all, the ultimate Georgia Bulldogs fan. She died this past December 31st after a long and brave battle with ovarian cancer.

In June 2014 Scott established the *Ashley Samuels Children's & Youth Activity Fund* with the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah. It is a desig-



Ashley and Scott Samuels

nated fund whose annual income will be used to support children's programming at the JEA.

When asked why he chose to set up this particular fund, Scott said, "When Ashley died, I knew this was what I had to do – it was a no-brainer. I could have set up something for cancer, or women's cancer or something else, but I knew this was more important to her, being able to provide for kids' programming."

"When Jared was born and we set up our wills, never thinking we would use them at this stage in our lives, we had always planned that we would have a fund set up for children's programming because of how important the JEA had been to me growing up and how important it was to our kids in their development."

He went on to say, "Ashley always felt the JEA was a special place. Even through rough times in the community, she knew how important the JEA was because it was the symbol of Judaism in Savannah."

"Ashley always felt like this was her home. Once she moved here, everyone accepted her as part of the Savannah community. Ashley always felt at home and comfortable here and always wanted good things for Savannah and the Savannah Jewish community."

Create a Fund

A designated fund can benefit a specific purpose dear to your family or the community at large. Funds can be created and activated now or established with a bequest or other financial instrument. To discuss establishing a Lasting Legacy for your family with a fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, contact Adam Solender at (912) 355-8111 or adam@savj.org.



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