

Outgoing President Remarks  
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When I first accepted the position of President of the Savannah Jewish Federation, I thought I was as prepared as anyone could be to handle the job of President. I has been President of the JEA so I thought it would be a cake walk in comparison. Although it is true, it is much easier than JEA President, I think what I didn't understand was the impact the Savannah Jewish Federation has on our community, and the impact it has on the individuals who need our help.

I have spent the last two years seeing our community in a much different light. I think we sometimes take for granted the impact the annual Savannah Jewish Campaign has on individuals and the community. The Annual Campaign is how we do what we do. The good work we do everyday is something that everyone of us can be proud of.

The last two years have been difficult due to Covid -19, but we have been able to keep our community moving forward.

We have seen a dramatic rise in Anti-Semitism in our country and the Federation Board has committed significant community resources and is partnering with the Secure Community Network (SCN) to provide the personnel and resources we need to protect our community. There is no more important role than to provide for the safety of our people. You will be hearing more about this tonight from Adam and from Linda.

There are so many people to thank for helping me, encouraging me, and pushing me. First thank you to Linda for agreeing to serve as the next President. I know of no one more capable to handle the challenges of being President. Thank you to Aaron Levy for always saying yes to whatever I asked him to do. Thank you to Edwin Byck, Allan Ratner, Jeffrey Lasky, Michelle Allan, David Forman, David Eichholz and Stephen Hollander for helping me when I needed your advice as members of my executive committee. Thank you to Adam and Jamie for all the work you do for this community. And thanks go to my wife, Jodi, who has supported me in every endeavor.

And lastly, I thank each and every contributor to the Annual Campaign because with you, we have the resources to do the good work in our community, for Jews in need around the world and in Israel.

So, as I end my speech, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Savannah Jewish Federation.

THANK YOU!!