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Shalom Friends,

The excitement in the air is palpable as we watch the Building Our Future Together transformation happen before our eyes. It is not just the children in our halls who are captivated by all that is changing on campus. Myself, my colleagues, and valued members alike, cannot help but stop and see the excavators at work during this exciting time in JCA history.

The way we strive to remain a place where everyone is welcome to enhance mind, body, and spirit, ranked us as the friendliest, most engaged, frequently visited Jewish Community Center with the highest customer satisfaction rating in North America in the last year – and I would be remiss if I did not give credit to the vision of our founder, David A. Stein.

If it is to be, it is up to me. Does this train of thought have a caboose? Ready, fire, aim! His memory will always be a blessing and David’s legacy lives on through the *Davidisms* that still echo in our heads. David was not only devoted to his wife, Linda, his family, and friends – he was devoted to this agency. David knew that people would come here to improve their lives and his commitment to fostering unity, cultural enrichment, and support within the community are what makes the JCA the incredible place it is today.

As we work toward a bigger, better JCA to serve our community for decades into the future, I am honored to reflect on all we experienced in the last year. We laughed and cried together, made memories, and enjoyed countless times on our campus as a community. Our JCA is one of the most unique places in Jacksonville because we are truly a melting pot of culture. Walking through campus on any given day, members can be heard speaking English, French, Spanish, Japanese, Portuguese, Armenian, Russian, Amharic, and of course, Hebrew.

What many people learn when they come here is that we all have so much in common. When we are experiencing an author visit with the Jewish Book Council, watching a PAC performance in the Bessie Setzer Frisch Auditorium, bettering our bodies in the Fitness Center, or gathering to learn about the issues facing our city, we embrace the differences of the person next to us.

I hope you enjoy the stories included in this issue of our Alliance News. This is by far our favorite publication of the year because it gives a snapshot of the amazing people who come here and why we strive daily to make the JCA better than yesterday.

Wishing you a year full of peace and prosperity,

Chris Turner
Membership Director

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Hop in, fasten your seatbelts and join us for a night where, *the future is what you make it.* Hey McFly, wear your favorite movie garb; we are going *Jax to the Future!*

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A Game Changer

By Beth Milograno Berry,
Communications & PR Specialist

“I knew the JCA would be an exciting addition to our community. I recall taking a hard hat tour of our facility, led by Thelma Nied before the JCA opened. I had no idea of the extent in which it would be a game-changer for our city.” Founding JCA member and a current member of our Finance Committee, Andy Cantor explains that he has the fondest memories of the times he shared on our campus through the years and values those he continues to make. “For me, the JCA provides an opportunity to do what I love, explore new activities, develop friendships, and witness how our campus is a driving force in providing so much benefit to so many people.”

Andy can often be found on our campus enjoying our clay courts with his best friends, working out with his trainer, Clint Neale, and (do not tell anyone) we caught Andy in action on the new pickleball courts recently too.

“It is difficult to pinpoint a favorite memory, but I know I certainly have long-lasting ones,” laughs Andy. “I typically play tennis four to six times weekly and treasure the play and camaraderie. I have made some great friendships along the way. Yes, I even played pickleball when the new courts

opened – I do not love it as I love tennis, but it is a fun game. I have a feeling I might get some other tennis players on the pickleball courts too.”

Touting our JCA as the most impressive exercise facility, with the best tennis courts and community center in the River City, Andy says he cannot wait to see changes happening throughout campus as we continue Building Our Future Together.

“As impressive as our campus is now, I am sure it will become even more fantastic in the months ahead. I encourage all members to read through the programs available to grasp all that happens on and off campus. It is hard to imagine a recreational or cultural interest the JCA does not meet,” explains Andy.

While it is hard for Andy to pick a favorite memory through the years he does know his favorite time and day to be here - walking through campus on any given Sunday.

“You can see families here for theatre production on Sundays, an adult or youth basketball game, racquetball doubles, yoga class, aqua aerobics,

four or five doubles tennis matches, cardio tennis, pickleball – all going on simultaneously. Sunday is truly an experience at the JCA in and of itself,” says Andy. “Being involved in our community is rewarding, it means you are surrounded by smart people who work hard and are incredibly generous with their time and financial support. What I believe makes the JCA so unique and special is the staff members. Whether it is the greeter at our front desk, the maintenance staff, the physical trainers, the tennis pros, or the administrative staff, employees here are passionate about what they do and strive to make the JCA even better than it already is.”



Every Brick Counts! We are Building Our Future Together. To date, we raised more than \$14.85 million in funding to upgrade, enhance, and renovate our beautiful campus. Please visit jcjax.org/campaign to learn more about how you can be part of this exciting time in JCA history. If you have questions or would like to give a gift to the Building Our Future Together campaign, please email our Development Director Kendall Sisisky Valliere at kendall.valliere@jcjax.org.



Tuesdays at the J

By Beth Milograno Berry,
Communications & PR Specialist

“We came for a tour during school-wide Shabbat. It was such a beautiful experience to see the entire school community together,” recalls Amanda McKnight. “I remember thinking during that tour, ‘my children will grow and thrive here,’ and that is exactly what is happening.”

Like so many parents with young children who find our Jewish Community Alliance, Amanda and Charlie McKnight are familiar with the ins and outs of the scheduling and planning required to take on the weekday hustle.

“We came here looking for junior kindergarten for Harper Mae and we were ready for a new preschool routine for our son, Declan,” explains Amanda. “When we got here, we realized all that happens for every age group and what was available for me and Charlie too. We became members immediately and spent the summer of 2023 swimming at the JCA.”

Soon after, Harper Mae and Declan found their space in our Michele Block Gan Yeladim Preschool & Kindergarten, and the entire family discovered how they could inspire and enrich their own lives on our campus.

“We are here every day, multiple times a day, but Tuesdays are the busiest as far as activities. After I drop the kids off, I take pottery class at 10 am, then I regroup to work in the garden with Harper Mae’s Kindergarten class. Declan



has cooking class on Tuesdays, and Harper goes to Taekwondo with Master Freddy,” as Amanda recants all their Tuesday activities, the McKnight family list continues throughout the week with visits to the Fitness Center, swim lessons for both children, theatre practice and productions, and more time in our gardens. Yes, we have two gardens now!

“Other than the actual garden outside, the kindergarten class and I started a hydroponic gardening system in the preschool hallway. We call it, ‘The Tower of Growth.’ Emily Gonzales donated the system to the school, and we figured out how to set it up and get things growing,” Amanda laughs. “Then we figured out what happens if a good citizen changes the timing light by mistake. Yes, there were some failures, but it is looking better now. The children are doing an incredible job. The hydroponic system is a learning process, for all involved.”

Not the first family to call the JCA their home away from home, the McKnight family knew they were in for something great when they first set foot on campus but never imagined the many ways our programs, classes, and amenities would fulfill their minds, bodies, and spirits.

“The best part is that on most days I get to see it happen and be here with the kids to experience it all too. When we are at work, we know the children are safe here and surrounded by the best people,” says Amanda. “We shout JCA praises everywhere we go to all our friends and family. We are in a place that is truly a gateway to creativity for all ages; pottery will keep me at the JCA forever. Our only regrets are that school here does not go past Kindergarten and that we did not find this place sooner.”

Every activity and experience in our school is based on a unique variety of learning and draws from the best practices of NAEYC, Reggio Emilia, Montessori, Creative Curriculum, the Sheva Lenses, Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative (JECEI) Jewish Lenses, and more. From gardening, cooking, and the arts, preschool and kindergarten classes in our school are hands-on so each student can reach their full potential in scientific discovery, problem-solving, and critical thinking.

To learn more about the possibilities available for your children at Michele Block Gan Yeladim Preschool & Kindergarten, please visit jcajax.org/early-childhood/preschool-kindergarten/ and email ganyeladim@jcajax.org to schedule a tour of our school.

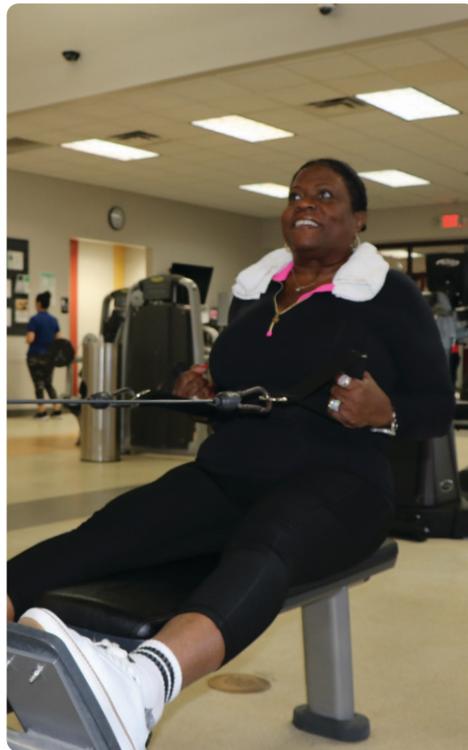




improve my health. She gifted me the opportunity to come here and it changed my life,” says Paulette who continues to make progress every day. “When I first started, I would see people working out who were older than me, but in better shape than I was in. That was a wakeup call and a reminder that I am doing the right thing for my health, especially as the years go on.”

It could even be said that she is aging backwards; Paulette easily looks 10 years younger than she does in the current photo on her driver’s license. Through friendship, comradery, and plenty of laughs, Paulette says she is in the best shape of her life.

“My son, Tony, is in the military so when his family comes to town, he always comes to the JCA with me. He went to high school with Grant Helm, a personal trainer here, so the JCA is a small, but wonderful world in Jacksonville. We laugh together when we are all in the fitness center, but we also watch out for each other and check on each other if we do miss a day here or there - it is like family.” explains Paulette.



“The commitment to exercise really does pay off. I feel so good inside! When I climb the stairs, I am not out of breath and my body always feels better when I am exercising. It makes me proud to think about how far I have come and this all started with yoga class and a simple bike ride.” Paulette says now, it is a privilege to pay Mary’s gift forward – and among her favorite things to do is sharing the JCA and the special things that happen here with the precious people in her life.

“I tell everyone who does not already know about this place that they will love the JCA. The culture at the JCA truly embraces you and makes you feel at home. It is a special feeling to be a part of something that is bigger than you – that is how the JCA and the people here make me feel.”

Do you know friends and family members who would benefit from the services we offer the community? Tell the people you love about the JCA, and when they become new members with us, we will send YOU a thank you! When our members refer a friend to the JCA they can earn free dues and a cash bonus.

Visit jcajax.org/join for more details and start referring the JCA to your friends today!

An Early Bird Catches the JCA Spirit

By Beth Milograno Berry,
Communications & PR Specialist

If you want to catch Paulette Williams doing all she loves at the JCA, you must be here when we open on weekdays at 5:30 am. Paulette spends her time in the Fitness Center among a group of fun-loving early birds, focused on keeping each other on track to improve their health.

“That crew in the morning, there are about ten of us, and they let you know if you miss a day,” laughs Paulette Williams who joined our community eight years ago to get in better shape. “We all act like siblings when we work out, we are like family. The banter and laughter help to keep us all on track; I look forward to my early-morning workouts and seeing my friends.”

From riding the bike to climbing the stair master and improving her arm and core strength along the way, Paulette’s dedication has brought her weight down more than 50 pounds since she began her fitness journey.

“My friend Mary McElroy recommended the JCA for the fitness center because I wanted to



“I grew up going to the Boro Park Y and worked at the Bensonhurst J, both in Brooklyn, New York, as a lifeguard in high school. I was familiar with what happens at Jewish community centers and how special they are to the people who go there,” says Suzie. “I was thrilled to be moving to a place where my children would have those options, and I knew the JCA would become a big part of our lives.”

With their earliest experiences in our youth sports programs, watching their children take the stage in PAC Productions, and most recently cheering from afar while DJ played basketball at the JCC Maccabi Games in Houston, Texas, Suzie says, the JCA feels like home.



Everything and Everyone You Need will be Here

By Beth Milograno Berry,
Communications & PR Specialist

“I was six months pregnant with my daughter, Brooklyn, and my son, DJ, wasn’t even three years old, when my husband, Ben, accepted a job at Action News in Jacksonville,” Suzie Becker laughs as she remembers how proud she was of her husband but the news came with a lot of nerves. “This meant we were moving from our lives and everything we knew in South Florida, and again, I was pregnant and I had a toddler at home.”

Recalling all the motions and emotions she went through ten years ago to prepare her growing family for the new adventure, Suzie says she has the fondest memory of learning about the Jewish Community Alliance in Jacksonville.

“By connecting with the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida, I spoke with Isabel ‘Izzy’ Balotin who oversaw Shalom Jacksonville at the time. I will never forget what she said, Izzy told me, ‘You must come to the J when you get here. Everything and everyone you need will be here.’ Which is exactly what happened,” says Suzie who joined the JCA almost immediately and hit the ground running to discover all her family could do on our campus.



“I sort of compare coming to the JCA as a “staycation” and you get to watch your kids grow up, embrace the culture here, and become amazing people along the way,” explains Suzie. “My husband and son come here every Sunday to shoot hoops because they love that time together and DJ is getting ready for the next Maccabi Games in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. My daughter and I love art; walking

through the Vandroff Art Gallery to see all the beautiful artistic creations on display is on our extensive list of things we love about the JCA.”

A proud supporter and advocate, Suzie says she cannot *kvell* enough about the memorable Jewish programs, experiences, and family celebrations that happen in our city because of the JCA.

“I am a huge advocate of the Together Against Hate initiative and cannot say enough about what the JCA and YMCA are doing to bring light to issues in our city. My family was part of the first-ever Racing Against Hate 5K Run/Walk last year and we look forward to taking a stance against hate with our community once again,” says Suzie who shared the Together Against Hate narrative on her podcast, Schmooze with Suze, in 2022. “We believe in what the JCA does and the incredible ways this agency is able to help our neighbors. I really align with the culture, values, and global citizenship that the JCA represents, and I am proud to be part of it.”

The 2025 Racing Against Hate 5K Run/Walk happens at the Winston Family YMCA at 1 pm on February 23. As our mission with the First Coast YMCA continues, our goal is to build a more inclusive Northeast Florida. Join us to be part of this important initiative.

Visit [Facebook.com/TogetherAgainstHateJacksonville](https://www.facebook.com/TogetherAgainstHateJacksonville) for more information and scan the QR code to register for the 5K.



Serving up Aces!

By Beth Milograno Berry, Communications & PR Specialist

Whether Carrie Frank is focused during practice or in the heat of a match, after just a few minutes on our clay courts, the size of Carrie's smile tells you that she is in her favorite place, with some of her favorite people, playing her favorite game. Unlike many of our members, who experience the JCA for the first time because of their children, Carrie chose the JCA for herself to nurture her passion from her high school days.

"We started coming to the JCA because I wanted to play tennis again. I played in high school but after graduation, I didn't have much opportunity to pick it back up. Even though I had not played in more than 20 years, I wanted to give it another try after seeing the signs for the tennis courts at the JCA," explains Carrie Frank who joined our community in 2019 to get back to the sport she loves.

"Tennis is fun! It is kind of a sneaky way of tricking your body to enjoy exercise. Even though it can be a demanding mental and physical workout, tennis is a great exercise for the body and mind. I played on Har-Tru® clay courts at the JCA for the first time and was amazed, I had no idea such a magical playing surface existed – and that it is so much better playing on a softer surface with less friction when making lateral movements," says Carrie, who can be found on our courts anywhere from three to five days a week. "I am hopeful that I will be able to continue playing tennis at the JCA for many decades to come. Tennis requires a significant amount of mental focus and resiliency, and it helps me tackle some of the other challenges in my life."

Not long after rediscovering her tennis skills and realizing her love for clay playing surfaces, Carrie learned about all the other things her family could do in our community and when she wanted to take time to focus on her tennis game, her kids could come along too.

"I really appreciated having Kid Kare available when my children were younger. Even though now they are old enough to go to the JCA on their own, my daughter still enjoys stopping by Kid Kare to say hello to her favorite caregivers who always made her feel loved and welcome," explains Carrie who says upgrading her membership to include her husband, Neil and their children, Tucker, Adam,

and Julia, gave her family an outlet for new experiences and a place to discover their passions too.

"We are so fortunate to have the JCA so close to our home. In addition to playing tennis, my children love coming to the J to play basketball, racquetball, swim laps, or work out in the gym. My husband and son work out together here, my daughter participated in two musical theatre productions and is currently taking weekly swim lessons," says Carrie. "The JCA provides so many amazing services to our community and at an incredible value. I am always telling people it is the best deal in town."

Tennis is an expensive sport and the JCA is one of the few public, community-based facilities with affordable access to tennis. I love all that is available to families here from the fitness center and group fitness classes for kids to pottery and theatre - everything is available at very affordable price points for families."



Our JCA offers a variety of tennis clinics, mixers, and lessons for players of all ages. All JCA clinics are segmented into six-week and 12-week sessions. Valued members can schedule private, semi-private and doubles lessons at any time on the My J app or by contacting our Tennis Pro Lucas Ramos Campos by phone, (904) 730-2100 ext. 317 or email, lucas.ramoscamos@jcjax.org.

Tennis scholarships are available for children to participate in our JCA tennis programs. Thanks to the Serve Love Endowment Fund, our JCA and The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida can provide financial support to children wanting to learn tennis. Please email kendall.valliere@jcjax.org to apply, for more information, or if you have questions about your specific situation.



“After we got into a routine that put us at or near the JCA several times a day, nearly every day of the week, we decided to move to this side of town to be closer,” Katie explains how our programs supported their family since their first day on campus. “When I was pregnant with Jacob, now in Junior Kindergarten, I took prenatal Yoga, and we did family Yoga. Thanks to James’ athletic abilities we do swimming, flag football, soccer, the list goes on and on. So, moving across Jacksonville and closer to our new routine was an obvious step.”

Originally from the Northeast, Khary and Katie also rely on the JCA as the safest place where their children can be together in one space. Having limited family options in town to help with all that goes with being working parents of two young boys - the Gaynor family also formed an invaluable JCA support network.

“We do not have family members who live close enough to come help us on days when we have crazy schedules or changes, or if I am traveling for work. We are thankful to have close friendships here who are on the list to help if there are any emergencies with the boys,” says Katie. “We also have Evan and his amazing team in Youth Services. Whether it is for the after-school program, camp, or if James is here for Parents Night Out, the JCA gives us peace of mind knowing this is a safe environment for our children where they can thrive.”

Making Moves for the JCA

By Beth Milograno Berry,
Communications & PR Specialist

Although their stories vary on how they discovered our community eight years ago, Katie DeSimone and Khary Gaynor agree that the journey began with a need for better day care and preschool options. They also acknowledge that it did not take long to realize joining the JCA meant they would be part of something wonderful in Jacksonville.

“When we came for our tour, it was obvious this was where we wanted James to be in school and what we wanted for our family. We were looking for a family environment where we could spend time together instead of bringing James to a daycare that resembled a baby prison,” explains Katie DeSimone. “Every day care option around us was very corporate and sterile looking, not somewhere a baby could be a baby.”

“We also agree that the Algee family was among the many reasons we heard about the JCA,” says Khary Gaynor. “We have so many friends and colleagues who bragged about everything they did here – as families, for their children, and what they experienced as adults too.”

Not long after they toured the JCA and our Michele Block Gan Yeladim Preschool & Kindergarten, the Gaynor family became members and began their experiences in our community.



After School, J-Cation Days, JCamp and our JCA enrichment classes for children all happen under the leadership of our Youth Services Director Evan McInnis. For questions about the classes scheduled in 2025, to register, or for information and availability in our After School programs, please email evan.mcinnis@jcjax.org. To learn more about our youth sports programs for children ages 3 - 14, please email our PE and Sports Coordinator Alex Minardi at alex.minardi@jcjax.org.



Use it or Lose it!

By Beth Milograno Berry,
Communications & PR Specialist

“If you don’t use it, you are going to lose it, and as we get older that phrase rings so true,” Sharon Beaghan explains why she makes her health and wellness a daily priority. “When I first moved here, I would walk a mile each day to stay active and be persistent because I know as the years go on, I must stay on top of my health. It is not just your body that you keep in check as you age, your mind and attitude must stay in check too, and the JCA helps you do that.”

Moving away from an active lifestyle living on a horse farm in Michigan, Sharon knew she needed to do something in her new city to stay on track and quickly found the JCA. A member of our community since 2021, Sharon can often be found exercising on our campus while enhancing her mind, body and spirit.

“I spent about a year or so observing the trainers before I asked Lynnell Grimes to be my trainer,” explains Sharon. “She helps me fight against gravity with the core exercises and the routine she

set up for me. I always feel safe while working out; I trust Lynnell because when we are training, she knows how to challenge me but is also aware of my limits. I tore my meniscus and must be very careful with that knee.”

Whether working with her trainer, accomplishing an independent fitness routine, or enjoying the unique programs we offer every season, Sharon touts our campus for keeping her young and getting every generation of her family moving.



“My whole family comes to the JCA, my daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Leif Rush, and I have two teenage grandsons. My 16-year-old grandson, Leo, works out and does personal training with Jimmy Normeus and my 13-year-old, Isaac, loves coming here to play racquetball and basketball with friends,” Sharon says more than physical activities she does to stay fit; she loves her experiences in Yiddish class and the programs we host to celebrate Jewish heritage. “There is such a wide variety of things to be involved with here for every generation in town, plus we know that my grandsons are in a safe environment when they come here.”

A true supporter of everything we offer on campus and throughout Jacksonville, Sharon laughs and says the only thing she loves more than the JCA is her 10-year-old chocolate lab, Lola, “The JCA is a cosmopolitan place in Jacksonville where all ethnicities and all religions can be together. This is not just a gym; it is a welcoming and wonderful cultural center in our community for all ages.”



Our JCA’s certified personal trainers give members individualized workouts and training sessions to support fitness and wellness goals. Working with a trainer on a specialized fitness plan helps our members improve their quality of life, energy, strength, endurance, balance, flexibility, sleep schedules, and much more. Personal trainers at the JCA act as coaches, mentors and motivators. Visit jcajax.org/fitness-wellness/personal-training/ for more details about our highly certified team of trainers at the JCA. As Sharon would say, “Use it or lose it,” it is never too late to start a better health and wellness path!



BERMAN FAMILY JCA CONCERT SERIES

The Jewish Community Alliance is proud to announce our featured artists in 2025 - Oliver Neubauer, Ziggy and Miles, and Chaeyoung Park. These extraordinary musicians perform in concert halls around the world and will soon take the stage in our Bessie Setzer Frisch Auditorium.

Please scan the QR code to visit jcajax.org/concert-series for more details and mark your calendars to join us. The Berman Family JCA Concert Series is free and open to the entire community thanks to the generosity of the Berman family.



Sun, Feb 16 | 3 pm

Oliver Neubauer, *Violin*

Praised for his uniquely beautiful playing and mature artistry, violinist Oliver Neubauer is quickly establishing himself as one of the most exciting young artists of his time.

First Prize Winner of the 2023 YCA Susan Wadsworth International Auditions and recipient of performance prizes from the Buffalo Chamber Music Society, Sunday Musicale (NJ), and the Stissing Center, Oliver is a YCA Jacobs Fellow and is managed worldwide by Young Concert Artists.



Sun, Mar 30 | 3 pm

Ziggy and Miles, *Guitar Duo*

“Australian guitarist brothers making history.” - The Age

Ziggy and Miles are two of their home country’s finest young musicians forging international careers. Their performances are known for their, “deeply considered musicianship, immaculate care and superlative technique.” - 5MBS

Winners of the 2023 YCA Susan Wadsworth International Auditions, the brothers are the first guitar duo and second guitarists to receive this prestigious award.



Sun, Apr 6 | 3 pm

Chaeyoung Park, *Piano*

Chaeyoung Park, First Prize Winner of the 2022 YCA Susan Wadsworth International Auditions and Finalist in the 2023 Rubinstein Piano Competition, is celebrated for her deeply expressive playing, praised as a pianist who, “does not play a single note without thought or feeling.” - New York Concert Review

Chaeyoung's diverse repertoire spans from French Baroque to contemporary works by composers like Unsuk Chin.



Scan to visit jcajax.org/concert-series for more details about the Berman Family JCA Concert Series. Save your seat today!





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