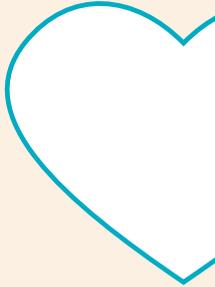




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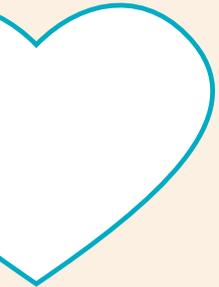


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Shalom Friends and Happy New Year,

While many things have changed in our daily lives over the past two years, our Jewish Community Alliance remains the same safe and supportive community we are known to be in Jacksonville.

We continue to be blessed with the most experienced, creative, dedicated and caring professionals, who create our wonderful enrichment classes, variety of programs, and family-fun events to enhance mind, body and spirit, in people of all ages throughout our beautiful community.

This issue of our Alliance News is my favorite of our JCA publications because it gives our JCA staff members the opportunity to highlight just some of our amazing members who call our JCA their home away from home.

Whether you are here to work out, take an art class, drop off your children at the Michele Block Gan Yeladim Preschool & Kindergarten, enjoy the musicians featured in our Berman Family JCA Concert Series or listen to an author speak at our Cultural Arts Festival events – saying hello when you are in our building and getting to know a little more about each of you is the absolute best part of my job.

As you read this issue of the Alliance News, allow us to introduce some of our most valued JCA members - who join us to be inspired, grow and prosper, in our environment of fun, harmony and friendship.

It is my privilege and pleasure to greet you each day as you enter our facility, and I look forward to getting to know many more of you in 2022.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous year,

Chris  
Membership Director

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## BUILDING OUR JCA

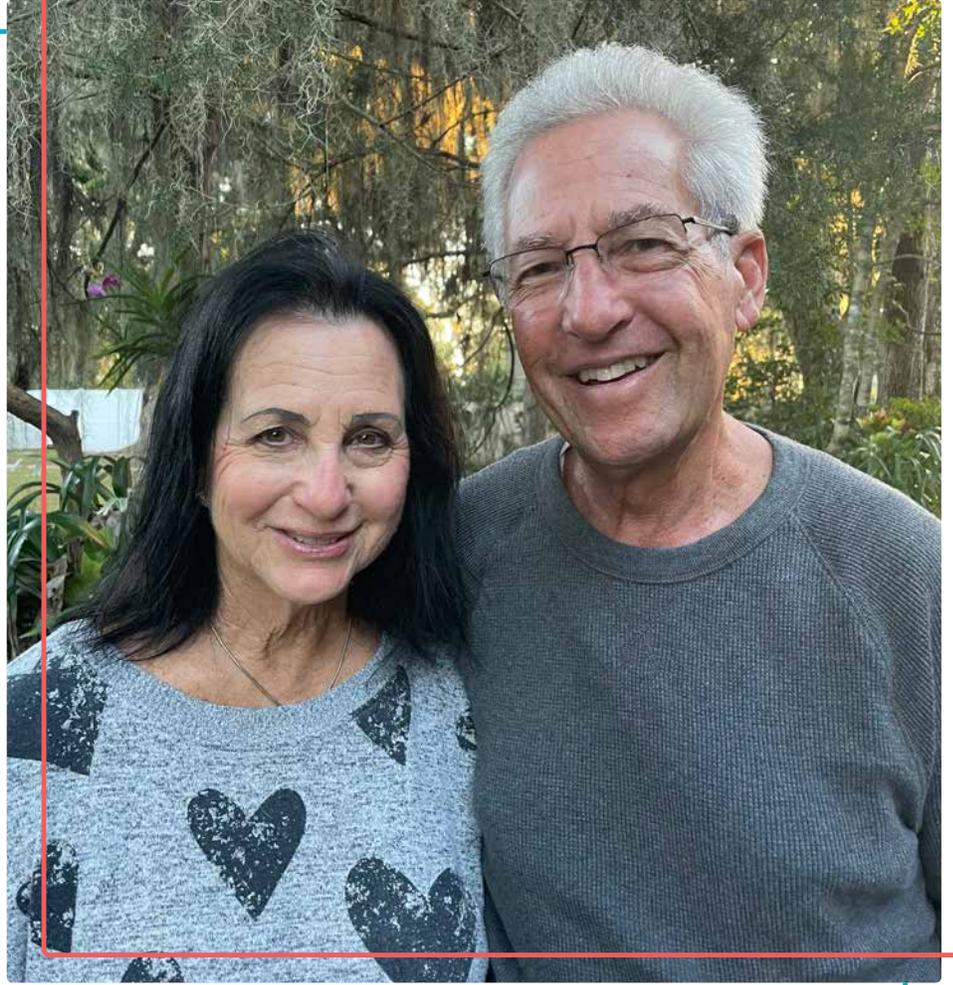
As charter members of our beautiful community, Karen and Philip Adler share an enormous amount of pride and gratitude for all our Jewish Community Alliance has accomplished over the years.

“After moving to Jacksonville in 1974, the first thing we noticed was there was no Jewish Community Center. It was a surprise that a city the size of Jacksonville with a large, diverse Jewish community, didn’t have a common meeting ground for the Jewish community. Our daughters were growing up without the experience of meeting children from all the synagogues,” explains Philip Adler who was raised in Savannah, Georgia, and has fond memories of being an active member of the city’s Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA). “In Savannah, the JEA was established in the 1920s and became the contact for the entire community. The facility brought the Jewish community in Savannah together and that’s what we intended to do for Jacksonville – not just for our Jewish members, but for our entire community.”

In 1988 when Karen and Phillip, along with hundreds of our founding members, joined to help establish our JCA, they embraced a vision to create an attractive place for our community at large. The JCA was designed to be an environment where all people, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, in every generation could prosper and grow.

“We worked to investigate what we wanted the JCA to be and envisioned a facility that would not only bring our Jewish community together but one that would benefit the entire greater Jacksonville area,” says Karen Adler. “I longed for a community like this for my family, the type of community Philip would always tell us about from his childhood. We wanted a place that would have something for everyone, be all-inclusive and exemplify the diversity in our community.”

Since the groundbreaking for our state-of-the-art facility, the Adlers say they have had a front-row seat and the privilege of watching as our JCA progressed to become one of the most successful Jewish Community Centers in the United States.



“There are so many great memories of all of the things that happened within our community over the years because of the JCA, it’s hard to name them all,” says Philip. “In the early years, I served as the chair of the physical education committee here and worked closely with our leaders back then to create the first Jacksonville JCA Maccabi® Games team, which is an accomplishment we were all very proud of.”

As the Jacksonville JCA Team re-emerges to compete in the JCC Maccabi® Games in San Diego this summer, more than 30 years later, the Adlers say they continue to see the impact of what our founding members imagined for our community.

“Thanks to a lot of great people from the bottom to the top, the JCA absolutely matches what we wanted for Jacksonville,” says Philip. “We have a large, diverse, and attractive community. Our facility and the people here at the

JCA are absolutely first class.”

Our Sports and Recreation Director, Rio Robinson, is currently preparing a team of young Jewish athletes from Northeast Florida to compete in the JCC Maccabi Games® and JCC Maccabi Access in San Diego, California, on July 31 – August 5, 2022. With more than 1,500 participants expected, the 2022 San Diego Maccabi Games will feature sports like baseball, basketball, dance, esports, flag football, golf, ice hockey, soccer, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball.

**If your children, ages 13 – 16 by July 31, 2022, are interested in being on the Jacksonville JCA Maccabi Games team, please contact Coach Rio Robinson via email: [rio.robinson@jcajax.org](mailto:rio.robinson@jcajax.org) or phone, (904) 730-2100 ext. 250.**



## TRY NEW THINGS, LEARN NEW THINGS, MEET NEW PEOPLE

You may recognize Whitney Kivin the next time you open the My J app to plan and reserve your time at our JCA. When Whitney and her husband Grant moved to Jacksonville from Orlando six years ago, she never thought she would be on the home screen of our new mobile app or that she would be the chair of our inspiring Cultural Arts Festival. The mother of three says when her family joined the JCA they were simply looking for a sense of community and a place to meet new friends in our big city.

“I started coming to the JCA to meet people. We knew no one when we moved here and Jacksonville is such a big city to try and get to know people,” explains Whitney. “At the JCA it feels like a small town, it is a very close-knit community. This is where our boys, Eli and Max, made some of their first friends. Over the years, our family has participated in almost every type of program offered at the JCA. We found a sense of community and a place where our family always felt welcome.”

Whitney says once at the JCA her family almost instantly found the community of friends they longed for in their new city. In fact, the JCA was such an attractive part of their new community that Whitney’s extended family also decided to move to Jacksonville.

“The JCA creates a unique environment of bringing people together through

shared interests, whether it’s getting to know the ladies in your spin class or meeting other parents with children at JCA performances and sporting events,” explains Whitney. “Even though we are not from Jacksonville, we have had several generations of our family move here to be closer to us and utilize the JCA. Now, our family is enrolled in everything from Sit and Get Fit classes and Mah Jongg for Beginners to the Flag Football league.”

There is so much about the JCA that brings a smile to Whitney’s face, especially seeing her children learn and grow here. Through our Theatre, Sports and Rec, After School and Summer Camp programs, the Kuvins have watched their children flourish on our JCA campus.

“I’ve watched my boys grow up at the JCA. Eli learned to play the piano; we watched him blossom on the stage through Theatre Camp, and Max tears it up on the flag football field,” says Whitney. “I look forward to watching my daughter Naomi, who is not even two yet, do the same. She already loves Shabbat in the lobby!”

While there are plenty of programs and activities for her family to look forward to at the JCA this year, as first-time chair of our Cultural Arts Festival, Whitney says she cannot contain her excitement for the older generations of our community as we prepare for our upcoming festival extension events.

“This January we are excited to partner with the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville for two festival extension events that showcase public art in Jacksonville and will give our



community a behind-the-scenes look at how large art projects happen here. We are also thrilled for the next three author extension events with Author Alison Hammer, Comedian Laraine Newman and Magician Joshua Jay,” says Whitney. “Every year the festival is inspirational, and this year is no different. It always opens my eyes to many books and movies that I may not have read or seen otherwise. Our committee works hard to make sure there is something of interest for all of our members and guests.”

We hope you will join us this season; our Cultural Arts Festival Extension Events are free and open to the entire community thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 11 at 7 pm when the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville joins us at the JCA to share what goes on behind the scenes when it comes to public art projects in our River City. On Sunday, January 16 at 2 pm our community will meet with the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville for a tour of the amazing pieces included in the Art in Public Places project in Downtown Jacksonville. [Registration for these free events is required. Please visit \[jcjax.org\]\(http://jcjax.org\) to reserve your spot.](#)



**Mark your calendars as we welcome these authors to our JCA in February and March!**

**Alison Hammer Streaming at the JCA Little Pieces of Me**  
Tue | Feb 8 | 7pm

**Laraine Newman**  
**May You Live in Interesting Times**  
Tue | Feb 15 | 7pm

**Joshua Jay**  
**How Magicians Think: Misdirection, Deception, and Why Magic Matters**  
Thu | Mar 24 | 7pm



## A PLACE FOR EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING

“The JCA is a place that accepts you, no matter your nationality, faith or ethnicity. It truly is a place for everyone,” says Velma Monteiro-Tribble, the Senior Director for Community Investment at the Florida Blue Foundation, who joined our community in 2017 after spending time at the Brooks Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic located on our Jewish Community Alliance campus.

“When I started coming here, I began to slowly look around and I found the people here to be so friendly – members and staff. I chose the JCA for the community I found here,” says Velma. “There is just a different kind of feeling from people here, so that’s what made me decide to sign up for a membership.” More so, Velma explains as she and so many valued members have found, “The JCA allows everyone to truly be the best they can be and make this community what they want it to be.”

Encouraging everyone to take advantage of the arts, music and variety of classes and programs available at the JCA, Velma says the many free community events that happen here truly enrich her life. “I’ve been exposed to so much art from Jacksonville because of the JCA and I’ve been

introduced to so many new things. Each year I look forward to the seminars, movies and art exhibits that come through the Cultural Arts Festival. Last year it was expansive, had wonderful offerings and very thoughtful selections for everyone to engage.”

Aside from participating in our variety of community events, Velma can be found at the JCA four days a week, completely focused on her health. Velma’s regular weekly fitness routine starts between 6:30 and 7 am and includes two 45-minute workouts with personal trainer, Karen Catalado, and two extensive workouts in the JCA’s indoor pool.

“My wellness journey has been hard but well rewarding. Karen is a great trainer - thoughtful but demands the best from you; she pushes you because she knows you can go beyond the limits you set for yourself,” says Velma. “Using the indoor pool twice a week supplements the program Karen has planned for me on

the machines. I would not be as strong as I am today if not for Karen. My JCA membership and the work I do here is a lifestyle commitment to myself to stay as healthy as I can.”

Personal trainers at the JCA are nationally certified and most have a Bachelor of Science degree or higher, as well as further accreditation in exercise science and related fields. The high-quality professionals in our fitness center support our valued members at the JCA so they can reach their fitness objectives. Personal training ensures member safety while using the JCA’s state-of-the-art fitness equipment. JCA personal trainers provide specialized fitness plans to improve quality of life, increase energy, strength, endurance, balance and flexibility.

**For more information about personal training at the JCA, please call Eiffel Gilyana at (904) 730-2100 ext. 324 or email, [eiffel.gilyana@jcjax.org](mailto:eiffel.gilyana@jcjax.org).**



## THE JCA TO THE RESCUE!

Nothing went the way it was planned when the Sakofs family arrived in Jacksonville after a long trip from New Jersey in the summer of 2019. The home Justin and Rachel Sakofs had rented wasn't ready for its new occupants, there was a flood at the Jacksonville Jewish Center which hindered both Justin's new job at the JJC and plans for their children's care that summer - and on top of all of that, a moving truck with all their life's belongings was due to arrive any day.

"The JCA literally rescued our family when we arrived in Jacksonville," explains Rachel Sakofs. "We needed the kids to be cared for because we were expecting the moving truck and had a lot of things to organize with the house. We received a call from the JCA's Theresa Levy and Donna Jacoby who were in contact with the JJC about our situation. The JCA helped us on a dime and explained that our kids could go to summer camp immediately."

Ever since that phone call, the Sakofs and their children, Amit - 10, Mira - 7, and even Rafi at 19 months old, say the JCA quickly became their family's favorite place to be.

"Rafi is now a Busy Bee at Michele Block Gan Yeladim Preschool and Kindergarten; Amit and Mira participate regularly in the theatre program and recently finished their first season on the JCA soccer league," says Rachel who aside from being a busy mother of three is a speech-language pathologist, literacy specialist and owner of BrainWorks Therapy LLC in Mandarin. "We love that they are safe at the JCA, and our kids love all of the afterschool programs, especially cooking and art classes, Mini-Masterminds, the Makos Swim Team, swimming lessons, piano lessons - you name it, they've done it at the JCA."

The Sakofs children aren't the only family members who have found their niche at the J since moving to Jacksonville. As a Jewish educator, Justin also creates and leads many of



our spirituality programs at the JCA, like Jewish Kayaking and Jewish Yoga. The journeys Justin plans each fall via kayak along Big Pottsburg Creek and the 6 Mile Landing are infused with Jewish spirituality and the practice of finding God in nature. In our upcoming Jewish Yoga programs this January, February and March, Justin and Yogi Evelyn Gaal lead an alternative Shabbat experience to enter nature and discover its beauty while focusing on listening to the body.



"Spirituality is recognizing that we are part of something larger, and as such, it's about listening to our body as we push ourselves to become whole," explains Justin.

"In Jewish Yoga we infuse a practice of physical wellness with Jewish learning all while striving to strengthen our spiritual muscles in our community."

While opportunity brought the Sakofs family to our River City, Rachel and Justin say the quality of life, proximity of programming, Jewish education for their children at Martin J. Gottlieb Day School, diverse culture and amenities like all they've found at the JCA have made them feel right at home.

"The JCA is one place where no one is a stranger and a place of community where everyone is positively noticed," says Rachel. "The fact that we are often greeted by name, by both staff and members alike is one thing that keeps us returning. There's a vibe at the J where everyone that works there is so open, positive, happy - and will take the time out of their schedules to connect. If only there were arms long enough to hug everyone all at once."

**To learn more and register for any of our Jewish and Family programs at the JCA, please call our Jewish Educator Rachel Sandler at (904) 730-2100 ext. 271 or email [rachel.sandler@jcjax.org](mailto:rachel.sandler@jcjax.org).**

## A COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES

Rachel Algee has the fondest childhood memories of growing up as an active member in her local Jewish Community Center in South Florida. So, when Rachel and her college sweetheart from Florida State, Kevin, moved to Jacksonville, the full-time working parents sought the same safe, educational and enriching environment for their young and growing family.

"After we moved here, we found our community at the JCA. We do not have any family in Jacksonville, so the JCA has been amazing for us," explains Rachel Algee. "These last few years have been so tough for so many in our community, but the JCA has continuously gone above and beyond to make our family and all who come here feel safe."

Since they were old enough to do so, the Algee children - Talia, Judah,

Gabby and Simon, have attended our Michele Block Gan Yeladim Preschool and Kindergarten, experienced various JCA youth sports programs, been to Summer Camp and continuously enjoy all our Youth Services department has to offer like our J-Cation Days, After School and Study Central programs.

"The JCA feels like a big family, and that sense of security is especially huge for working parents. Our children go to three different schools, but all four end up at the JCA at the end of the day," says Rachel. "They get to do activities together while they are at the JCA and we know that they are safe. We pick them all up in one place, so I don't have to drive all over Jacksonville for them to experience the variety of activities they are interested in."

Rachel says the reasons her family loves the JCA don't stop at their children's care and safety. In fact, as the co-chair of our upcoming annual fundraiser, Rachel cannot contain her



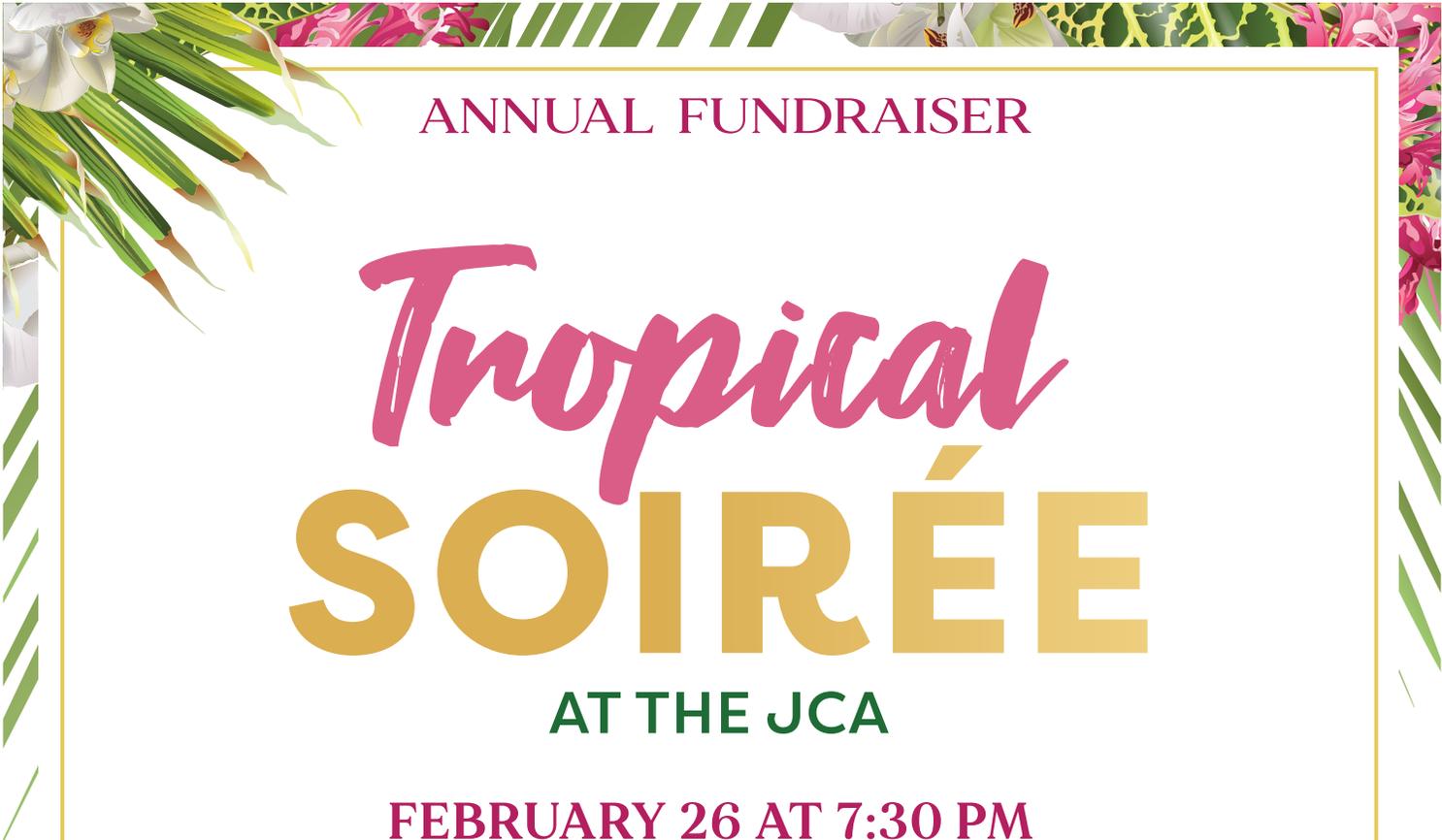
excitement for her favorite event and adult night out at the JCA.

"The annual fundraiser is my favorite event each year. My friends and I call it 'the prom' - we all get dressed up to have a fun adult evening together with our spouses and our JCA community. We are all so excited to have everyone together again," explains Rachel Algee, who has spent the last year collaborating with co-chair Rachel Morgenthal and our wonderful planning committee to orchestrate this year's highly anticipated event.

"This is my first year hosting the fundraiser and we are taking extra care to make sure it is an event that everyone will feel comfortable attending," says Rachel. "Having an adult night to relax, enjoying a great meal, dancing with your friends and doing it all for a great cause! What could be better? I am so excited to see all the people who I haven't been able to see in so long! We cannot forget how important it is and how wonderful it will be to enjoy each other's company again."

**Our Tropical Soirée at the JCA starts at 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 26. Each year, the generosity of our event sponsors allows us to provide scholarships and financial assistance to families throughout Northeast Florida. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, for more details please visit [jcjax.org/soiree](http://jcjax.org/soiree) or contact Ben Marcus at (904) 730-2100 ext. 318 or via email, [ben.marcus@jcjax.org](mailto:ben.marcus@jcjax.org).**





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## FITNESS, ARTS AND CULTURE - THE SPIRIT OF THE J

When Edgar Covil walks into the JCA, our staff members aren't the only people who greet him with a smile. As a JCA Ambassador and 25-year member of our community, Edgar receives a warm and friendly hello from everyone he sees here.

"The hellos happen to me a lot here. Most people know me at the J, and one or two always say hello," laughs Edgar, who had actually just finished greeting six people in our community. "The JCA has a certain spirit to it. When you come in it's just different here – it's a true community that cares about you and really wants to get to know you."

Whether it's inquiring if he will attend the next group fitness class, Dinner Diner Club or if he's planning to be at

the next Walking Club meet-up, Edgar says the greetings he receives from the members of our community is one of the most enjoyable parts of being at the J.

"I tell people all the time to join the JCA because of the variety of offerings and because it is always improving," says Edgar. "Most people think you must be Jewish to come here or that it is just a fitness center, but I like to make sure people know all that goes on here – and that everyone here is welcoming of all people; you don't have to be Jewish. The JCA is for all people and every generation in our community."

When Edgar isn't working up a sweat on the dance floor in our Zumba or Dance Trance classes, he loves to bring his friends to enjoy the free community events offered through our J Institute, like the upcoming Cultural Arts Festival Extension Events and The Berman Family JCA Concert Artist Series.

"I love bringing my friends here to see the featured films, listen to the musicians and hear the variety of authors who speak during the Cultural Arts Festival events every year," says Edgar. "I usually take them on a tour when we are here for the events, and many of them have joined me as a JCA member after they experience what happens here firsthand."

As Edgar continues to enjoy all our JCA offers, he says he does have one wish for his future in our community. When the 31-year Mayo Clinic employee retires, he hopes to land a part-time job at the JCA.

"I have always said that I would love to work here someday. I am already an ambassador, so there are many things I would be interested in doing here," laughs Edgar. "I could help in membership, be Heather Terrill's assistant in the J Institute or even help Sandy Oasis with her classes. There's so much about our community that is appealing and what I believe the rest of the world should strive to be - it is always such a pleasure just to be here."

The JCA J Institute (JI) is a place in Jacksonville for adults of all ages to learn, explore, socialize and grow. Through JI we offer our community a variety of enrichment classes, guest speakers and exceptional entertainment each year. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, our annual Cultural Arts Festival and The Berman Family JCA Concert Series are free and are open to the entire Jacksonville community.

**For more information about JI classes, programs and to register to attend any of our upcoming events, please visit [jcjax.org/ji](http://jcjax.org/ji). For more information about JI classes, please contact Heather Terrill at (904) 730-2100 ext. 265 or email [heather.terrill@jcjax.org](mailto:heather.terrill@jcjax.org).**

### What's a JCA Ambassador?

Our honorary JCA Ambassadors support us by volunteering their time to assist in creating connections and building relationships within our community. Ambassadors assist JCA staff members with open houses, health fairs, youth services, and a variety of other programs offered at the J throughout the year.



## HOW TO MAKE A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES AT THE JCA

Nearly every Friday afternoon you can find our charter member, Dr. Bud Wolfson, and his sons, Jacob, Jared and Alex, on the basketball courts at the JCA.

“Depending on work schedules, we try to play a two-on-two basketball game once or twice a week. It keeps us active, and it is something we look forward to doing together,” explains Bud Wolfson. “The regular games actually started during the pandemic. We used our basketball games to get out of the house, be in a safe place and relieve some of the stress associated with everything in the last two years.”

While the family fitness tradition was rekindled during the pandemic, being together with his children each week at the JCA is something Bud has enjoyed since joining our community in 1989.

“When we moved back to my hometown, the JCA had just opened, and I joined right away. It quickly became the place where our family would grow up,” says Bud. “I coached our sons in the basketball league here and through flag football. My daughter, Allison also played basketball but found her passion in the theatre



programs, which have helped mold her studies and interests as a young adult.”

“The JCA has always been a place we knew we could go for anything. Our kids were able to try everything in one place to find their passions,” says Lisa Wolfson as she recalls the variety of activities and programs her children have experienced in our community through the years. “I went to the Parent and Me classes with all my children; they all took the babysitting courses when they were younger, swam on the Makos Swim Team, theatre, sports leagues, Summer Camp, the list goes on and on.”

Even though their kids are grown and aside from their weekly basketball games, family visits aren’t as frequent as they once were, Lisa and Bud Wolfson say the JCA will always be their home away from home.

“Since the beginning, the JCA gave us a great sense of community. It is a safe place with wonderful staff members who really have become like family. Especially for Bud, when he is not at home or at work, he is at the JCA,” says Lisa. “A building is just a building – it

is the people in it who make everyone feel so connected. We really couldn’t imagine life without the JCA.”

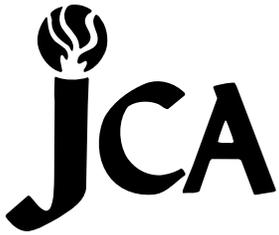
“Playing in the basketball leagues and racquetball at the JCA has been an essential part of my life,” says Bud. “For the exercise, camaraderie, and the friendly competition.”

The JCA is proud to provide a common meeting ground for people of all faiths and enhance the quality of life for all segments of our community in Northeast Florida. We welcome people from every walk of life into our JCA family to prosper and grow with us toward a better tomorrow.

**Read more about the programming available for your family at the JCA. Visit [jcjax.org/program-guide/](http://jcjax.org/program-guide/) to read our Winter Program Guide today.**

**You already belong here. Have you joined us yet? Experience our unique programs, designed to enhance mind, body and spirit, in our environment of fun, harmony and friendship. Visit [jcjax.org/tour](http://jcjax.org/tour) or call (904) 730-2100 ext. 257, to schedule a tour and let us show you around the JCA.**





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**VISION STATEMENT** Our vision is to provide **the** place in the tradition of our heritage where all people come together throughout their lives to enhance body, mind and spirit in an environment of fun, harmony and friendship.



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