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## *Tribute Journal*

*A Night of Music, Magic and Giving*  
*Saturday, April 30, 2022*

*Dedicated to Jerry Wayne,  
former Valley JCC Executive Director*

*Honoring:*  
*Today's Montessori - "Make a Difference Award"*  
*Ron Galperin - "Community Engagement Award"*  
*Bradlee Foerschner - "Community Partner Award"*

*Hosted by entertainer Michael B. Levin*  
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# Galathon 2022

Galathon 2022 hosted by the Valley Jewish Community Center celebrated a night of Music, Magic, and Giving! It was an evening dedicated to Jerry Wayne, former Valley JCC Executive Director, and emphasized our distinguished Honorees each of whom have dedicated their life in service to our community and have been a positive influence in the growth and development of our children.

The Illustrious Honorees receiving awards:

Make a Difference Award: To the teachers and staff of Today's Montessori Pre-School

Community Engagement Award: Ron Galperin, Los Angeles City Controller

Community Partner Award: Bradlee Foerschner, Executive Director at the Village at NorthRidge

The evening's entertainment was highlighted by the wonderful Michael B. Levin, singer and comedian, who emceed the festivities along with magician, Lou Serrano who dazzled the audience with his craft. Ilene Tatro directed the Galathon throughout the evening and encouraged viewers to give support to the success and future of the Center.

The evening began with Valley JCC Executive Director Jeff Rubin speaking about our current programs and addressing our goals in the coming months. He thanked the committee and all who support the Center hoping this is just the beginning of better things to come.

Galathon 2022 would not have been a success without the dedicated leadership of Stephanie DuCaine. She had an outstanding committee of volunteers who helped make the Galathon a success: Donna Haas, Susan Menkes, Elaine Fox, Deborah DuVal, Andy and Phyllis Levy (welcome aboard!), Michael and Wendy Fishman (dynamic duo), and Ilene Tatro (technician). The following staff spent countless hours to ensure it was a "triumph": Lois Julien (great marketing), Ellen Cohen (thanks Howard for lending her to us), and Jeff Rubin, Executive Director (great leadership and patience).

Don't forget to shop at our Valley JCC Store for some fantastic buys. We continue to reach out to our greater family in the community for support and membership to help our Center grow and thrive for years to come!

Thank you for supporting the Center and hope to see you at our many events throughout the year.

**Jack Bloom**  
**Committee Member**



## President's Message



The Galathon 2022 was a success! It was also a wonderful tribute to Jerry Wayne, on the anniversary of his passing. Thank you to all who contributed to our largest fundraiser of the year by purchasing a ticket, zooming in on the Gala itself, making a donation, being a sponsor, and/or buying an ad in this online Tribute Journal.

A lot has happened since the 2021 Gala. We were able to hire Jeff Rubin as our new Executive Director. Although he's been on-board just since September 2021, Jeff has done much to help Valley Jewish Community Center re-enter the Community in a meaningful and impressive way.

Jeff has already secured a large grant for the purpose of providing far enhanced security for our first-rate preschool, Today's Montessori. Jeff has established, set up, and organized the Wayne Adult Basketball League where we already have 56 teams, and we're in the process of establishing the Wayne Youth Basketball Program, which includes a Basketball Summer Camp. Of course, The Wayne League was formed and named in tribute to our former Executive Director, Jerry Wayne.

At the Galathon 2022, we honored some truly fantastic people: *"The Valley JCC Make A Difference Award"* went to the teachers and administrators at our wonderful preschool, Today's Montessori. What a trying year with testing and masking and all the Pandemic protocols. They kept our great school open and all the children safe. What an amazing effort!

We also honored Ron Galperin, the esteemed Los Angeles City Controller, with *"The Valley JCC Community Engagement Award"* for his incredible devotion to public service to the Jewish Community, as well as to the entire community of Los Angeles.

Last, but not least, we honored Bradlee Foerschner with *"The Valley JCC Community Partner Award"*. Bradlee is the Executive Director of The Village at NorthRidge, one of our most valued partners.

The Maccabi Sports Program is back under the capable leadership of our Board Member, Shay Diamant. He and the coaches are taking a group of about 30 athletes to the Maccabi Games in San Diego. We're all cheering them on to victory and to a wonderful summer Maccabi experience.

Our professional staff at Valley JCC has grown too. Jeff Rubin, Executive Director extraordinaire, is building a team to lead us out of the pandemic and into the future. In addition to Ellen Cohen, who continues to be an amazing Program Director and staff of our Fundraising Committee; Chereen Peretti, our preschool Administrator, along with her staff of dedicated teachers at Today's Montessori; and Rick Lupert, our talented webmaster; we recently hired two more staff: Lois Julien, our marketing and social media guru; and Jason Moser, supervising our Wayne League sports programs.

Finally, a big thank you and kudos to the hardworking, dedicated Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, Stephanie DuCaine, her co-chair, Jack Bloom; and all the Committee members who worked so diligently to make Galathon 2022 happen. Also, thank you to our Board of Directors who have helped in numerous ways over the past year to ensure the continued existence of our JCC.

Actually, ALL of the things that go on at the Center happen because of the work, participation, and devotion of our member volunteers. We benefit from each and every one of you to help sustain our Center and to be able to serve our Community. Please continue your memberships, join in our programs and classes, and check out our website with our "Online Boutique."

**Ollie Haas, VJCC President**

### Executive Director's Message

I would like to thank you for all the support and generosity you provide to such an amazing organization. Thank you to our amazing fundraising Committee for making this and so many other programs happen throughout the year. Thank you to our generous donors and sponsors and thank you to the Board of Directors for your guidance and support and for having the faith and trust in me to move the JCC forward as your Executive Director.



I have been fortunate to have spent my entire career in public service and come to you after being in local city government for the past 25 years. I care deeply about Community and making a difference. I bring with me the same desire and passion to build upon the progress of those before me and expand upon our partnerships, programming, and community.

I look forward to creating a well-rounded organization that is all inclusive and provides something for everyone from tots to seniors.

It all starts with our amazing state licensed Today's Montessori preschool which is led by Chereen Peretti and her amazing and dedicated team. Our program allows each child to grow and reach their fullest potential and creates the foundation for their future education success.



To expand upon our active adult programming, we have partnered not only with our local assisted living communities but with the JCC Alliance programs to keep you engaged and involved. We are now in discussions with several Temples for the utilization of facilities for programs and possible partnerships. Through both zoom and in-person programming we will continue to add programs in all interest areas. We want to hear from you, so let us know how we can serve you best. Thank you to our Program Director Ellen Cohen and our Marketing and Program Coordinator Lois Julien for all your hard work. And to Rick Lupert for keeping our website and social media pages updated along with creating all those amazing program flyers and keeping our community in the know.

Our newly created Wayne League basketball program tipped off its inaugural adult season in February with 56 teams playing on Thursdays and Sundays at de Toledo High School and A.E. Wright Middle School. Summer league signups are now underway. Our year-round leagues are led by Sports Coordinator Jason Moser who has done an outstanding job in a short time getting the Wayne League off the ground. His focus now turns to youth basketball leagues and camps. We are partnering with Ben Yeger of Eclipse Basketball to provide camps in Calabasas and Sherman Oaks this summer. Jason hopes to see you on the basketball courts.

Maccabi is back after being shuttered the past two years due to the pandemic. This year's summer games for teens takes place in San Diego. Valley JCC will be represented in boys' soccer, girls' basketball, golf, swimming, and tennis. A special thank you to our Delegation Head Shay Diamant for your amazing work and dedication to our youth and all our coaches.

We want to hear from you, please get involved, stay involved, tell your family and friends, and help us create community.

Thank You  
**Jeff Rubin**



Congratulations to our honorees  
and thank you to Jeff,  
Ellen, Lois, Rick, Jason and all of  
our staff at  
Today's Montessori for all you've  
done and continue to  
do for our Center.

*A special remembrance to Jerry -  
you are greatly missed.*



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## **Make A Difference Award Today's Montessori**



Chereen Peretti, long time Director of Operations at Today's Montessori, and teachers Sandy Trigo, Nessy Ruiz, Malourie Abrenica, Ayelet Jori, Isabel Sod, Hollis Elkins, Natalie Yosef, Elva Martinez, and Tamara Ohana

Tasked with guiding pre-school children through a day of learning and discovery, they have adapted to the the many changes and restrictions created by the pandemic these past two years. Offering a balanced curriculum that includes performing arts, language, and creative art programs, they have achieved great success.

Experiencing daily programs in both English and Hebrew, our teachers provide the tools to develop a life-long passion for learning, to care about the environment, and to become strong, compassionate and moral citizens.

## **Community Engagement Award Los Angeles Controller Ron Galperin**



Ron Galperin is the 19th Controller of the City of Los Angeles, elected in 2013 and again in 2017. He serves as the watchdog for taxpayers at City Hall, making sure public dollars are spent efficiently and effectively. He is also the paymaster, auditor and chief accounting officer for the City of Los Angeles. Galperin oversees a team that conducts independent audits, manages the City's payroll and spending, reports on the City's finances, pursues fraud and waste, and works to create a more transparent, accountable and modern city for residents.

Galperin launched ControlPanel LA, the City's first open data portal, in 2013. It features details on the goods and services Los Angeles buys, along with information on assets and liabilities, employee compensation, operating indicators and much more. Because of his efforts, L.A. has been named the "No. 1 Digital City" by the U.S. City Open Data Census three years in a row. Government Technology Magazine put Controller Galperin on its list of the "Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers." In 2019, Galperin received the Tyler Public Sector Excellence Award.

Prior to his election, Galperin built a reputation outside City Hall as a leading voice for government reform. He is the first Neighborhood Council member elected to citywide office in Los Angeles. During his Neighborhood Council tenure, Galperin was known as an advocate for quality of life improvements and responsible neighborhood planning. He also developed and taught "L.A. City Government 101" to community activists throughout the city, and served as a budget advocate.

Galperin has long promoted cutting government waste and looked for ways to help businesses create jobs. As chair of the Los Angeles Commission on Revenue Efficiency, he worked to develop new revenue sources and budget savings to deliver more services to residents and businesses. He also presided over the City's Quality and Productivity Commission.

Galperin has more than 20 years of experience as an attorney and small business owner. He earned his law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles after graduating from Washington University in St. Louis. He lives in West Los Angeles with his husband, Rabbi Zachary Shapiro and his twin daughters.

### **Community Partner Award**

#### **The Village at NorthRidge, Bradlee Foerschner, Executive Director**



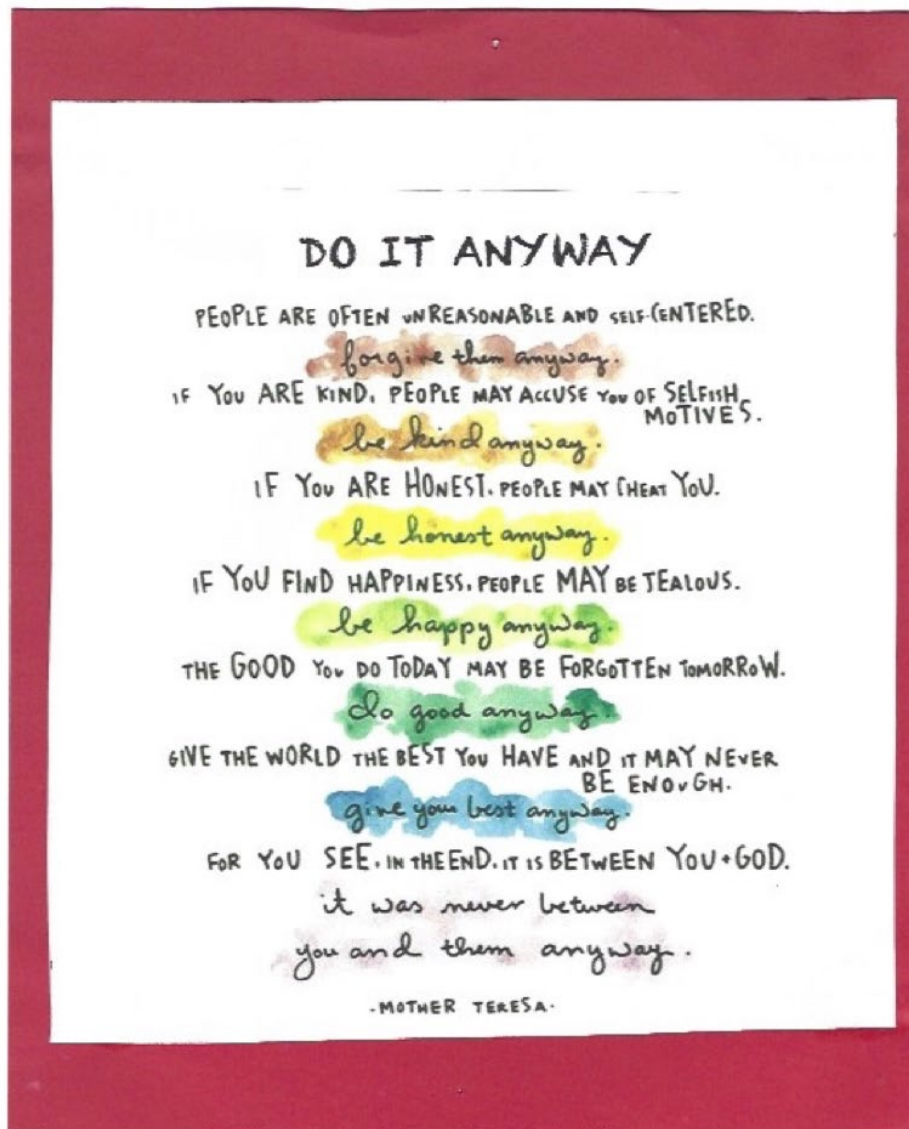
Bradlee Foerschner is an Executive Director who specializes in senior living and is currently the acting Executive Director at The Village at NorthRidge, a Senior Resource Group community since January of 2020. Bradlee's passion for the senior living space stems from her early years acting as the primary caregiver for her grandmother, Marybelle. Throughout the years her career evolved, leading to roles including Memory Care Director, Director of Operations, Assistant Administrator and eventually Executive Director. In addition to being a state licensed Executive Director, Bradlee was also one of the first people nationwide to receive the Certified Director of Assisted Living credentialing through the Assisted Living Foundation of America. In addition to her certifications, she was also named as the 2021 California Assisted Living Association (CALA) Outstanding Executive Director of the Year. Bradlee and her team at The Village at NorthRidge find it an honor to create meaningful partnerships within the community in the San Fernando Valley. The partnership established between The Village at NorthRidge and The Valley Jewish Community Center is one that brings value and meaning to both organizations. The Village at NorthRidge looks forward to growth and continued partnership with the programs offered through the Valley Jewish Community Center.

## A TRIBUTE FROM OLIVER AND DONNA HAAS

Jerry Mark Wayne was an inspiration to many of us, his friends and family. Always striving to be a positive person, he cared deeply for the Valley JCC. He especially cared for the people in his life who helped him work toward the goal of enabling our Center community to grow. He toiled long and hard to ensure that outcome.

Jerry particularly wanted the people he loved and cared for to succeed and to thrive. On this, the one year anniversary of his passing, he is and will continue to be lovingly remembered, greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

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Thank you to our Board of Directors for your leadership.

Thank you to our Members and the community for supporting VJCC.

Each of you make a difference!

*Elaine Fox*

“You have no idea what your legacy will be because your legacy is every life you touch.”

~ **Maya Angelou**

In loving memory of Jerry Wayne, who led with vision, passion, creativity, respect and joy.

You have left a living legacy by touching each of us deeply, and inspiring each of us to pursue the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam.

May your legacy continue,

May the Jewish community be strengthened in your honor and

May your memory forever be a blessing.

**Jan Silver and Fred Fisher**



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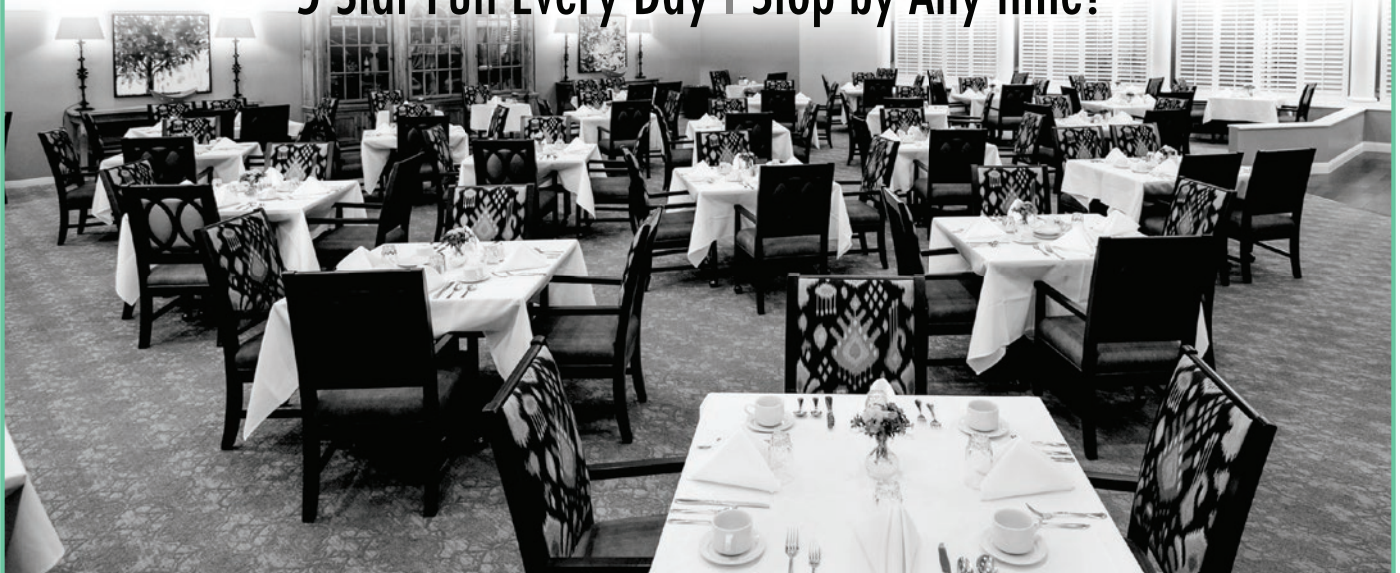


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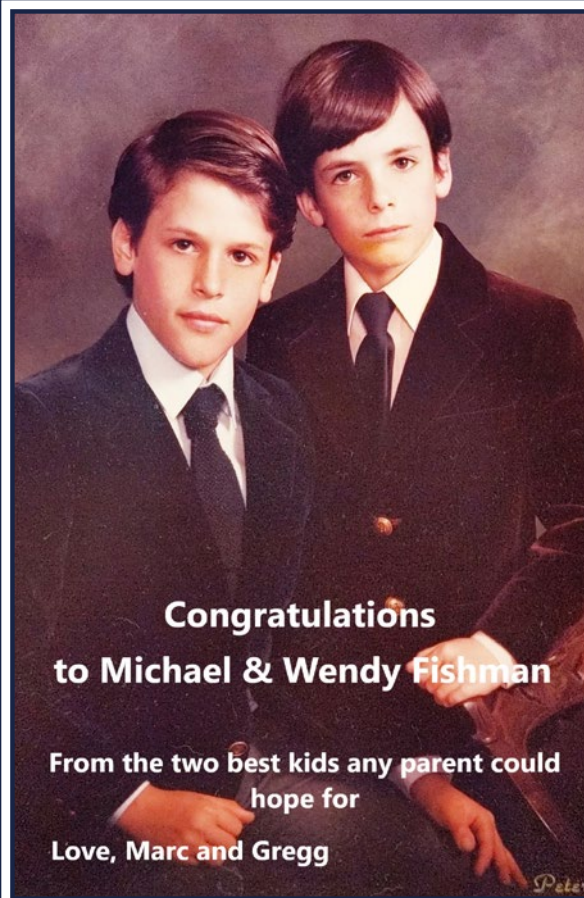
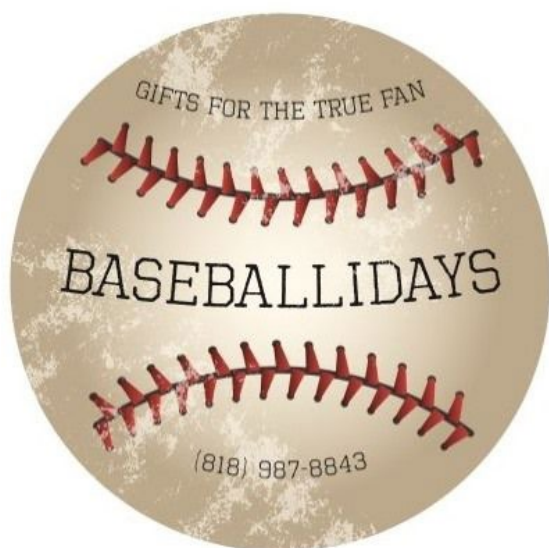


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A special Thank You to Elaine  
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