



## COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION

*First Course Stations  
Sushi, Avocado, Mediterranean and Antipasto*

### WELCOME

*Dan C. Steiner  
President, Board of Directors  
Jewish Community Center*

### HAMOTZI

*Jerry Wische  
Abigail Wische Rappaport*

*Delmonico Salad*

### PRESENTATION OF HONOREES

*Patti M. Steiner  
2010 Ball Chair*

### DINNER

*Turban of Sole stuffed with spinach and queso blanco  
Wild white rice and marinated grilled vegetables*

*Centerpiece cupcakes with vanilla bean ice cream*

### LATE NIGHT FUN....

*Candy Bar  
Silent Auction  
Dancing 'til Midnight  
to the music of  
Kelly Dean & the Houston Funk Factory*

*Dietary laws observed*



Whew! We are finally here. Although these last few months of planning, meeting and arranging have been hectic, they have also been amongst my most fulfilling. It is truly an honor to be entrusted with a task that affects so many young families and their children. As some of you have heard me say, as a pediatrician I really thought I had a reasonably accurate picture of which organizations in town were serving our population, and certainly I knew that the JCC was among this group. However, I really had no idea the magnitude of service provided. When I started looking at the programs and the populations they serve, I was so

impressed by what is accomplished day in and day out by the dedicated teams of teachers, specialists, coaches and therapists.

At the same time, I became very nervous that this would be the first year that families in need were turned away. Because of the recent economic challenges, the demand for aid is higher than ever. ALL of you here have done what YOU can do to guard against this threat to our families, and I am so grateful.

Tonight's Honorees, Immy Papadopoulos and Joanne and Donald Brodsky, have lent their names and reputations to this event, and as a result of their work and that of their Honorary Chairs, the Irvin Kaplan Children' Scholarship Fund will again receive greatly needed funds.

This event and the results it will ensure would not have been possible without a small but dedicated group of volunteers who have worked extremely hard to make this evening a success. Although they are all listed later in this program, three women deserve special mention: the auction chairs. Erica Levit, Marci Rosenberg and Suzan Samuels have successfully combined forces to assemble the amazing items you have all seen in the foyer. I so appreciate all of their efforts over the past months. I am also very grateful to Emuna Carmel who has generously donated her time and considerable talent with ALL the graphic design needs for this year's ball.

Melissa Gordon, Sara Talisman and Cynthia Whittington, all full-time staff members at the JCC, have truly demonstrated what is meant by "above and beyond." Each year they have to suffer a new Ball Chair and her specific style and ideas, and still keep the plans moving along. To all of them, my sincerest thank you.

So finally, I hope you enjoy your evening of food, drink and shopping. By doing so, you will indeed continue the tradition of "Brightening Lives for 20 Years."

Patti M. Steiner, 2010 Ball Chair



## Honoree



### IMOGEN S. PAPADOPOULOS

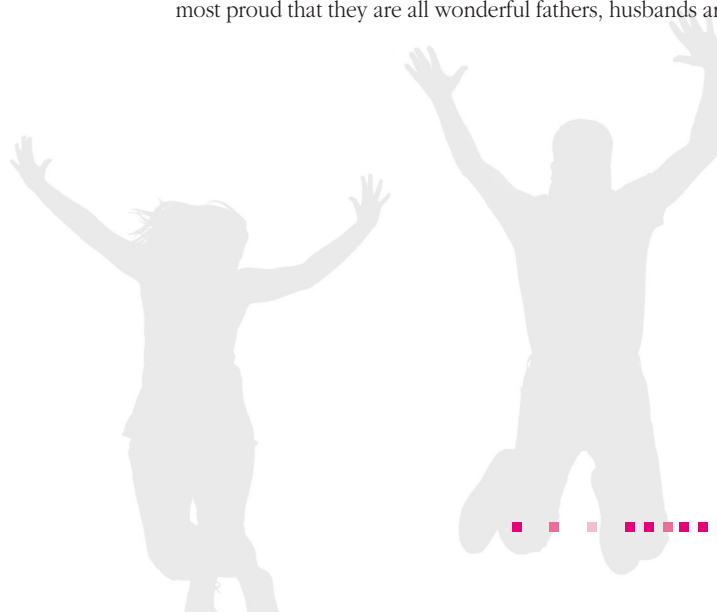


Imogen ("Immy") S. Papadopoulos has always been passionate about helping children. After rearing four boys—Nick, Steve, Greg and Phil—she continued working to help children and families. With a master's degree in counseling and guidance, she attended law school at the South Texas College of Law at the age of 51.

Immy has received numerous honors and awards for her work to aid children and families and has held many leadership positions. Board certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, she is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and past president of the Houston Bar Association-Family Law Section for which she received the Houston Bar Association's President's Award. Other prestigious honors include the Board Leadership Award presented by the Child Welfare League of America, Outstanding Citizen Award and a Proclamation from the Harris County Commissioner's Court with an acknowledgement by President Ronald Reagan and the SAVVY award as an outstanding Harris County volunteer in the area of abused and neglected children.

She sees her most important accomplishment as still practicing law at the age of 80 and taking on new projects as she sits on the State Council that oversees Adult Protective Services and Child Care Licensing.

Immy is a very proud parent and grandparent and loves spending time with her family. She has two granddaughters and five grandsons ages 15 to 23. Her son Steve is a neurosurgeon in Phoenix; Greg is the CTO and Executive Vice President of Sun Microsystems; Phil is a director at the University of California San Diego Super Computer Center; and Nick (deceased) had a PhD from Harvard in Decision and Control Theory and Economics. According to Immy, she is most proud that they are all wonderful fathers, husbands and community contributors.



## Honorary Chair

CATHERINE CLARK MOSBACHER



Catherine Clark Mosbacher is one of the Honorary Chairs for Immy Papadopoulos. She is an attorney and serves as President of the Center for Houston's Future, a nonprofit organization whose vision is to advance the Houston region as one of the top 10 global communities in which to live and work. The Center focuses on three critical areas: leadership, regional strategic planning and collaboration.

She is also the Founder of BEAR—BE A Resource for CPS Kids—an organization that provides help and hope to abused and neglected children, where she currently sits on the Advisory Board.

In 2005, she was appointed Chair of the Joint City/County Commission on Children by Houston Mayor Bill White and Harris County Judge Robert Eckels. She is a past Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Law Center and served for 10 years on the Board of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, including as Chair.

Catherine serves as a Board member on the Center for Public Policy Priorities (Austin) as well as the Greater Texas Community Partners Advisory Board (Dallas). She has been honored by organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Houston and the Harris County Foster Parents Association. In 1997, Catherine was an Honoree at the JCC Children's Scholarship Ball.

She has been published in *The Fort Worth Star Telegram*, *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Houston Chronicle* and has been active in numerous community organizations.

"I met Immy almost 30 years ago, in the 1980s. I was new to Houston, and I would see her at various civic and political events," Catherine said. "I was impressed with her ability to articulate her well-informed position on any issue, her passion about our community and her activism—her willingness to actually do something about a problem and not just talk about it. I had the opportunity to work with her as a child advocate in many organizations over the years. Immy has been a friend, mentor and second mother to me. I respect her incredible intellect, insight and integrity. We are all blessed to have her as part of our hometown."

## Honorary Chairs

SUSIE AND THE HONORABLE ALVIN ZIMMERMAN



Susie and the Honorable Alvin Zimmerman are Honorary Chairs for Immy Papadopoulos. Long-time friends of Immy, Susie and Alvin have worked with her in collaborative efforts on children's issues.

Alvin is Chairman of the Board of Zimmerman, Axelrad, Meyer, Stern & Wise, P.C. He has received numerous awards for his work in family law and is included in *The Best Lawyers in America* and has been named one of *H Magazine's* Best Lawyers in Houston. He is one of the most active mediators in Harris County, Texas, and his mediation experience includes business, health law, construction, commercial, tort, employment, intellectual property and family law cases.

Alvin is the former Vice Chair of the Houston Bar Foundation and is a former Board member of the Houston Symphony Orchestra. He currently serves on the University of Houston Foundation and Law Foundation, as well as the State Bar of Texas ADR Section Council. In May 2000, he received the Anti-Defamation League's Karen Susman Jurisprudence Award, which is presented annually to the attorney whose legal career has exemplified outstanding service to the community and the profession. For the last seven years, Alvin has been a selectee of *Texas Monthly's* "Outstanding Family Lawyers in Texas."

Susie was a middle school teacher in the Houston Independent School District for 13 years. While she has since served on the Board of the Holocaust Museum and the Anti-Defamation League, her passion for children's issues remains strong. Upon recently touring the JCC preschool, Susie commented on how happy the environment was and also on the impressive work of the STARS program—a program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Native Houstonians, Susie and Alvin have been married since 1965. They have two children who practice law at Zimmerman, Axelrad, Meyer, Stern & Wise P.C., and two young grandchildren.

Susie and Alvin expressed great delight in Immy being honored at this year's JCC Children's Scholarship Ball. In their own words, "Immy is someone to emulate. She is a person who has devoted her professional career fighting for children's rights."



## Honorees

### JOANNE AND DONALD BRODSKY



Joanne and Donald Brodsky share a connection to the Jewish Community Center that spans their lifetimes, from the campus on Hermann Drive to Bertha Alyce.

Donald's path was instinctive, as he followed the example set by his mother, Ruth Brodsky, whose lifetime of volunteer service and leadership were honored when she received this award at the Children's Scholarship Ball in 1994. Donald graduated from Duke University in 1970 and the University of Texas Law School in 1973, where he was a member of the Texas Law Review. He served as managing partner of the Houston office of his law firm between 1992 and 1999, and led its nationwide corporate and securities practice between 2004 and 2007. He is currently the senior securities partner in the Houston office of the national law firm Baker & Hostetler. He has been recognized in the Best Lawyers in America, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, Texas Super Lawyers-Securities & Corporate Finance, and Corporate Counsel - Best Lawyers M&A and Securities Law.

Donald was president of the JCC when the first Children's Scholarship Ball was held 20 years ago, was president of the American Jewish Committee's Houston Chapter, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. He is presently Vice Chair and a member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America in New York—the umbrella organization supporting the educational, recreational, social and cultural programs of Jewish community centers and camps across North America, and the sponsor of the Jewish Chaplaincy in the U.S. Armed Forces since the beginning of the 20th century.

His community service began as a teenager, editing the team column for the Jewish Herald Voice and chairing the Teen Board, which provided programming for teens in the 1960s.

Joanne Fishbein Brodsky holds two undergraduate degrees, one from Boston University and the other from the University of Texas, along with an MBA from City University, Washington. As a Registered Nurse who specialized in epidemiology, Joanne led both a nursing health care agency and a medical research foundation as executive director. She has served on the Boards of the JCC, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston Achievement Place, ORT, the American Jewish Committee and ServeHouston, and is currently a trustee of the Freed Foundation. Her volunteer activities have included presidencies of the Old Braeswood Civic Club and the West University chapter of ORT, and as Chair of the Senior Docents of the Museum of Fine Arts, where she was the winner of the Docent Council Award in 1986-87.

She has also taught anti-victimization classes for children as part of the Mental Health Association's "WHO" project. Joanne arranged the seed funding that launched the American Jewish Committee's "Women of Achievement" project and then co-led that project for over 10 years.

In her spare time, she produced and directed several short films for cable television, including co-producing the film "This is our Home, It's not for Sale," which won first place in the 1988 Houston Film Festival.

One of her consuming passions has been working for Houston's social and political health. She has been elected to the Harris County Democratic Executive Committee for more than 30 years, and has been responsible for grassroots community politics in one of Houston's oldest and smallest precincts.

Joanne not only learned to dance, swim and play tennis at the JCC, but she spent her high school years at the JCC athletic fields, winning the best sportsmanship trophy in 1967, and played basketball there well into her 50s. As an adult, she has served on almost every committee possible. In particular, she co-chaired the Art Committee/Deutscher Art Gallery, which curated the first Jewish Women Artists Exhibit. She also co-chaired the 15th, 16th and 17th Annual Book Fairs, and the JCC's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Joanne received the United Way Agency Award in 1984.

Joanne and Donald have been married over 36 years, and are inordinately proud of their children, Harris (MD), Charles (JD) and Lela Alexis (law student), who have also grown up at the JCC, first learning then volunteering as teachers in dance, tennis and sports.



## Honorary Chairs

### BARBARA AND J. VICTOR SAMUELS



Barbara and J. Victor Samuels are the Honorary Chairs for Joanne and Donald Brodsky. Both are graduates of Brandeis University with master's degrees from Reed College. Vic is a successful entrepreneur who has started or owned 25 businesses throughout his adult career. He has a wide variety of volunteer involvement and is currently President of the Harris County Children's Protective Services Foundation and Houston A+ Challenge, Treasurer and member of the Board of the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, and is a Director of the Jewish Community Foundation of Houston.

In the past, Vic has been active on multiple committees and boards including the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, Interfaith Ministries of Houston, Houston Achievement Place and Congregation Emanu El. He is also a past president of the Houston JCC. A recipient of numerous awards, Vic was an Honoree at the 1994 Children's Scholarship Ball, a 1996 David White Award recipient and was an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2007.

For Dr. Barbara ("Bobbi") Samuels, children have been a constant theme throughout her career. A former high school English teacher, Bobbi is a retired professor of reading, language arts and literature for children and young adults at the University of Houston Clear Lake School of Education where she taught for 20 years. During that time, she co-edited two books aimed at middle school instruction: *Your Reading: An Annotated Booklist for Middle School and Junior High 1995-96* and *Into Focus: Understanding and Creating Middle School Readers*. Bobbi has written numerous book chapters and articles for teachers at various grade levels on reading and writing in the classroom and has mentored teachers in their development.

She has been active in community organizations and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the JCC, the Houston Children's Museum, the Houston Zoo and the Collaborative for Children. Bobbi also is on the Advisory Board of several other community agencies and has been recognized with the Savvy Award, the AJC Helene Susman Award and was an Honoree for Houston Achievement Place.

Together, Bobbi and Vic have three married children—Benjamin and Marci, Joshua and Cheryl, and Jeremy and Suzan—and in their spare time enjoy playing with their seven young grandchildren.

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## Silent Auction

You are about to embark on a fun and worthwhile endeavor! As you know, this year we had the added excitement of going online! The online bids closed on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 11:59 p.m., with an added option to assign a “proxy bidder” for tonight’s live event. For questions regarding changes this may have caused, please refer to rules 2 and 3.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Bidders affix personalized bid labels over “Cover Me” boxes that correspond to a preset dollar amount. The price appearing next to your bid label constitutes the price you are committing to pay for the item in case no higher bid is made. Bid sheets featuring a “Buy it Now” option can be won without contest by (1) affixing a bid label in the designated slot; and (2) giving the bid sheet to an Auction Official.
2. Some items start at a higher minimum bid due to action received during on-line bidding. This will be designated by a sticker labeled “Online Bid.” If you bid for this item on line at the current highest marked price, the item is still yours until somebody outbids you. You don’t need to do anything to confirm.
3. The online auction had the option of assigning “proxy bidders” for the live event. This opportunity may or may not have been utilized. As such, there may be staff or volunteer “proxies” ensuring their assigned bidder is represented. Any bid stickers affixed by said “proxies” are deemed legitimate and should be treated as such.
4. The highest properly placed bid at closing time constitutes the winning bid. A JCC Auction Official will mark winning bids. In the event of a dispute, the JCC Auction Official, whose decision will be final, will determine the winning bid.
5. Package or item details are listed on the bid sheet. Every effort has been made to accurately describe the items to be auctioned. It is the bidder’s responsibility to read all specifications and limitations carefully.
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10. Payment may be made with cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express. Payment in full the night of event is expected and all items are available to be taken home the evening of the event unless otherwise noted on the bid sheet. Any item purchased but not picked up within 60 days from date of auction will be placed back in the silent auction the following year or used for other fundraising efforts benefiting children at the JCC.

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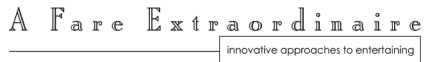
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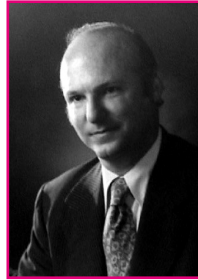
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# 20th Annual Children's Scholarship Ball



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In a city with outstanding examples of vision and commitment, Irvin Kaplan stands as one of the greatest public servants the Houston Jewish community ever produced. He was an outstanding teacher and leader; a dynamic and driven individual devoted to helping people in need. In his life, Irvin impacted every segment of the Jewish community and the community at large.

After his death in 1993, a group of past presidents of the Jewish Community Center raised funds to establish the Irvin Kaplan Children's Scholarship Fund, in his memory.

The Irvin Kaplan Children's Scholarship Fund provides financial aid for children of all races and religions to participate in infant care, preschool, day care, after school care, enrichment programs and summer day camp. The JCC is committed to the needs of the family and provides accredited childcare programs for hundreds of Houston youth. The proceeds of the Children's Scholarship Ball will assure that no family in need of financial assistance is turned away.

We hope you have a fabulous evening.

