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## **The JCC Names Masters Swim Team Program to Honor the Legacy of Jimmy Goldman z”l**

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that it will name its Masters Swim Team Program in memory of James “Jimmy” Goldman z”l. His legacy will be remembered with every swimmer’s stroke as the Jimmy Goldman Masters Swim Team Program.

Goldman was the lead architect of the JCC’s flagship Irene Kaufmann Building in Squirrel Hill, and aquatics center designer at both the JCC South Hills and Emma Kaufmann Camp. Jimmy’s expertise, enthusiasm and genuine loving kindness shaped generations of adult swimmers at the JCC. A JCC “lifer,” Goldman co-founded the Masters Swim Team program that began at the JCC’s Henry Kaufmann Family Park in Monroeville with the legendary JCC swim team coach, Al Rose.

Through a multitude of individual contributions from family and friends of Jimmy, the JCC will utilize the donated funds to support needed renovations to the pool at the Monroeville Family Park, where JCC Masters swimmers train during the summer months. The Jimmy Goldman Masters Swim Team Program will begin meeting at the Family Park pool beginning May 28, with the renovation project currently scheduled for this fall.

Richard Goldman, Jimmy’s brother, commented, *“The Goldman family is thrilled that Jimmy’s legacy will be forever linked to his love for the JCC and his desire that individuals of all ages will share Jimmy’s passion for swimming.”*

Susie Goldman, Jimmy’s wife added, *“Born under the astrological sign, Pisces, it is no wonder that Jimmy took to the water at an early age. He competed in high school and college and then took an active role in Masters swimming. If he saw you in the JCC pool and if you could swim two lengths, he assured you that you would love swimming for the JCC Masters swimming program. Our family is so pleased that the program will now bear his name.”*

*“There’s no question that Jimmy was a special individual,”* said Brian Schreiber, JCC President and CEO. *“Jimmy really made his mark with so many people in life, in the JCC community and especially our aquatics community and his accomplishments within our physical infrastructure at all four JCC facilities, Squirrel Hill, South Hills, Family Park, and the most recent Wolf Family Aquatics Center at Emma Kaufmann Camp.”*

The aquatics renovations are aligned with a \$2.046 million RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project) state grant awarded to the JCC. This dollar-for-dollar matching grant will support physical improvements at the Monroeville Family Park, which also is the site of the JCC’s largest summer program day camp program. The day camp is committed to increasing its impact to serve a more neurodivergent school age child population throughout Allegheny County. The impact of the site redevelopment will be transformative in terms of the JCC’s ability to create a more inclusive day camp environment and for larger community development opportunities.

Schreiber added, *"We are approaching 50% of the way towards the match that supports the redevelopment of the Monroeville Family Park facility that Jimmy truly loved."*

The JCC's Aquatics Program is one of the agency's most heavily utilized programs. Consistent with the Agency's mission, aquatics serves the life span – from Water Babies beginning at six months of age to Silver Splash and Arthritis classes that routinely serve older adults well into their 90s. Current activities include 12 distinct learn to swim programs for all ages and eight swim team programs. Instructional swimming is a staple of JCC day camps. JCC pools remain an important "center within a Center" for a diverse population ranging from Olympic athletes to recent immigrants from Ukraine that mirrors the heritage of the JCC's roots as the Irene Kaufmann Settlement and Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association to the modern institution it is today. Those interested in joining the Jimmy Goldman Masters Swim Team Program can contact JCC Aquatics Director, Carla Hartley at [chartley@jccpgh.org](mailto:chartley@jccpgh.org).

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