

THE ANNUAL JULIUS ROSENWALD MEMORIAL AWARD

Honoring the memory of Julius Rosenwald, who did so much for Chicago's Jewish community and its institutions, this award is presented each year to the individual selected as the one who has achieved most in the advancement of the purposes of the Jewish Federation and the welfare of the Jewish community. The Award was established in 1962.

Eric (Rickey) Rothner



Eric (Rickey) Rothner was born, raised, and educated in Chicago. He was one of the first five students of what is today known as Arie Crown Hebrew Day School, attended and graduated from Ida Crown Jewish Academy, and received a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Theological College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Roosevelt University.

As the Executive of his own Chicago area company for many years, Rickey not only has accomplished great success in his own business endeavors but has been able to share his expertise and experience to mentor and/or partner with young entrepreneurs who not only have become successful in business but have been inspired by Rickey in their commitment to the charitable needs of the Jewish community of Chicago and beyond.

Rickey's wonderful parents, Nathan and Shirley Rothner a"h, instilled in the family a deep love of Yiddishkeit and of one's fellow Jew as well as a strong desire to help and support individuals and organizations within the Jewish community. Over the past many decades, along with the encouragement

and vision of his late wife, Gale a"h, Rickey takes pride in their involvement in the success of countless organizations across ideological or religious spectrums. He has served on many organizational boards; supported many synagogues, yeshivas, and day schools; and helped countless individuals navigate their lives financially and personally.

As his own parents inspired him, Rickey hopes to continue to inspire his own children and grandchildren in their acts of lovingkindness and their devotion to Judaism, Torah, the State of Israel, and the Jewish people.

Having recently celebrated his 80th birthday, Rickey continues to take delight in his deep appreciation and vast knowledge of the history of Chicagoland Jewry, Rabbis, and institutions. His large collection of manuscripts, letters, books, etc. documenting the rich history of the local Jewish community is a source of personal pleasure that also serves as a resource for historians.

With endless gratitude to the Almighty for such a blessed life, Rickey looks forward to working on more and more projects to increase lovingkindness, unity, and shalom among the Jewish people.

THE DAVIS, GIDWITZ & GLASSER YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

Each year, we honor those young leaders who represent an ideal of dedication and service to the Jewish community with the Chicago Jewish community's Young Leadership Award. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding communal service and devotion to the causes which comprise the Jewish Federation. This is made possible through funds established by Esther P. and Abram D. Davis, Emily and Joseph L. Gidwitz, and Beatrice D. and Morris Glasser.

Jordan Goodman



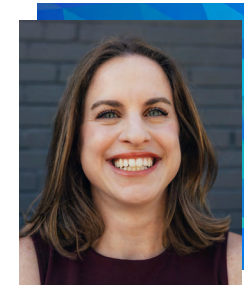
Jordan Goodman is an entrepreneur and philanthropist with a deep commitment to the Jewish community. In addition to serving on the Boards of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago and the Covenant Foundation, Jordan Chairs the Jewish and Israel Giving Committee of Crown Family Philanthropies. He is a founding Co-Chair of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Next

Generation Associate Board and was previously appointed by President Obama to serve as a Board Member on the Museum's Council.

Professionally, Jordan is an art advisor and co-owner/operator of CasterlineGoodman Gallery, an art gallery and advisory firm focusing on post-war and contemporary art. He also co-founded Pillar Booth, a design, manufacturing, and distribution firm focusing on creating products to enhance privacy and productivity in open spaces.

Jordan grew up in Highland Park, IL and graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a BA in Architecture and a minor in Furniture Design. He currently lives in Glencoe, IL with his wife Danielle and their three children.

Rebecca Lederhausen Kanter



Rebecca Lederhausen Kanter's journey with JUF began as a Lewis Summer Intern following her junior year at Northwestern University. After working in New York and attending law school in Chicago, she reconnected with JUF through CJE SeniorLife as an Associate Board member. Her involvement in JUF deepened as she participated in YLD events and eventually chaired JPN's Young Lawyers Group. In 2020, Rebecca was

honored as one of *Jewish Chicago – The JUF Magazine* and YLD's 36 under 36.

Currently, Rebecca is in her third year of the Jewish Federations of North America's National Young Leadership Cabinet. Inspired by the 2023 annual Cabinet retreat, she has since collaborated both with her sister and her fellow Cabinet Chevre to strengthen connections among Jewish women in the western suburbs and separately among working Jewish mothers in the city.

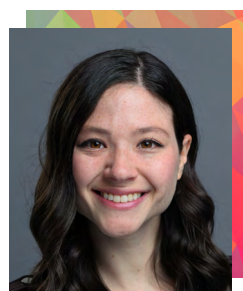
Professionally, Rebecca is a corporate attorney at Much Shelist, P.C., where she focuses on mergers and acquisitions, business counseling, family office matters, and equity offerings. She represents private equity firms, privately held companies, and family offices, and she also Co-Chairs the Associates Committee at her firm.

Rebecca grew up in Sweden and later in the western suburbs of Chicago, where she now resides with her husband Jason and their children Eleanor, Olivia, and Harrison.

THE SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Named for the man who led the Jewish Federation of Chicago as its chief executive officer from 1930 until 1966, this award was inaugurated in 1987. The Award is presented each year at this time to a young person under 40 who has served with professional distinction in a Jewish communal agency in the metropolitan Chicago area for a period of one to five years. It recognizes and sustains the qualities of dedication and devotion to the Jewish community and the Jewish people, which marked Samuel A. Goldsmith's outstanding career. The award provides a cash grant to help defray expenses for participation in a continuing education program, which will advance and enhance the awardee's professional career and skills and/or enrich his or her Jewish knowledge.

Alex Fuchsman



Missions Director at JUF

Alexandra (Alex) Fuchsman began her JUF career when she joined the Planning and Allocations department as their Commissions Coordinator in 2018. She then went on to serve the Health and Human Services Commission as the Senior Planning Associate. In this role, she assisted in the annual allocations process to affiliated agencies in this space, and convened working groups

pertaining to disability services, supports for refugees, and person-centered trauma-informed interventions for Holocaust survivors and older adults with a history of trauma in our community. After deepening her understanding of JUF's impact locally and abroad, Alex started her next chapter as JUF's Missions Director. Three months into her tenure, October 7 took place and what it meant to travel through a Jewish lens took on unprecedented weight. She has been honored to facilitate Missions to Israel during this moment in time.

While at JUF, Alex has Co-Chaired the mental health-focused Employee Resource Group, JUF Cares. Since launching two years ago, Alex has played a role in the creation of new internal resources, events and learning opportunities, and served as a thought partner in exploring how JUF can continue to support the mental health of its staff.

Alex earned her Bachelor of Science in Human Development from Virginia Tech and completed a dual-Master's degree program in Social Work and Public Administration at Ohio State University. In between her undergraduate and graduate studies, she lived in Ashdod, Israel while participating in Masa's Israel Teaching Fellows program. She was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio.

Sam Savin



Licensed Clinical Social Worker at JCC Chicago

Sam Savin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at JCC Chicago. With over a decade of experience in pediatric and educational settings, Sam specializes in addressing behavioral and emotional challenges in youth. In 2022, Sam founded the JCC Teen Mental Health Committee to raise awareness and combat stigma surrounding mental health in teens. Under her leadership,

the committee launched a teen mental health webpage, curated wellness kits for teens, and organized a wellness fair to promote local mental health resources to teens and families. In collaboration with other mental health organizations, Sam and the JCC Teen Mental Health Committee spearheaded Circle UP, a community art project that brings together creativity and advocacy aimed at destigmatizing mental health issues through positive words and images.

Beyond her work with teens, Sam provides invaluable support at JCC Chicago Early Childhood at Am Shalom in Glencoe and Bernard Weinger JCC in Northbrook, where she is a resource for staff and families. Sam's involvement extends to new and expectant mothers as well by leading and providing guidance to the JNew Moms Group. Sam also plays a pivotal role in JCC Chicago's nine Apache Day Camp and Sunrise locations, overseeing the hiring of social workers and special education teachers for the Community Care Team. These teams address the social-emotional needs of campers and staff, ensuring a safe and successful experience for all. Her dedication to the Community Care summer program has nearly doubled the allotted staff across the nine locations.

Sam holds a Master's degree in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from DePaul University. She lives in Highland Park with her husband and two daughters.