

# MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD:

Gail Meyer Asarch and Dr. James Satovsky

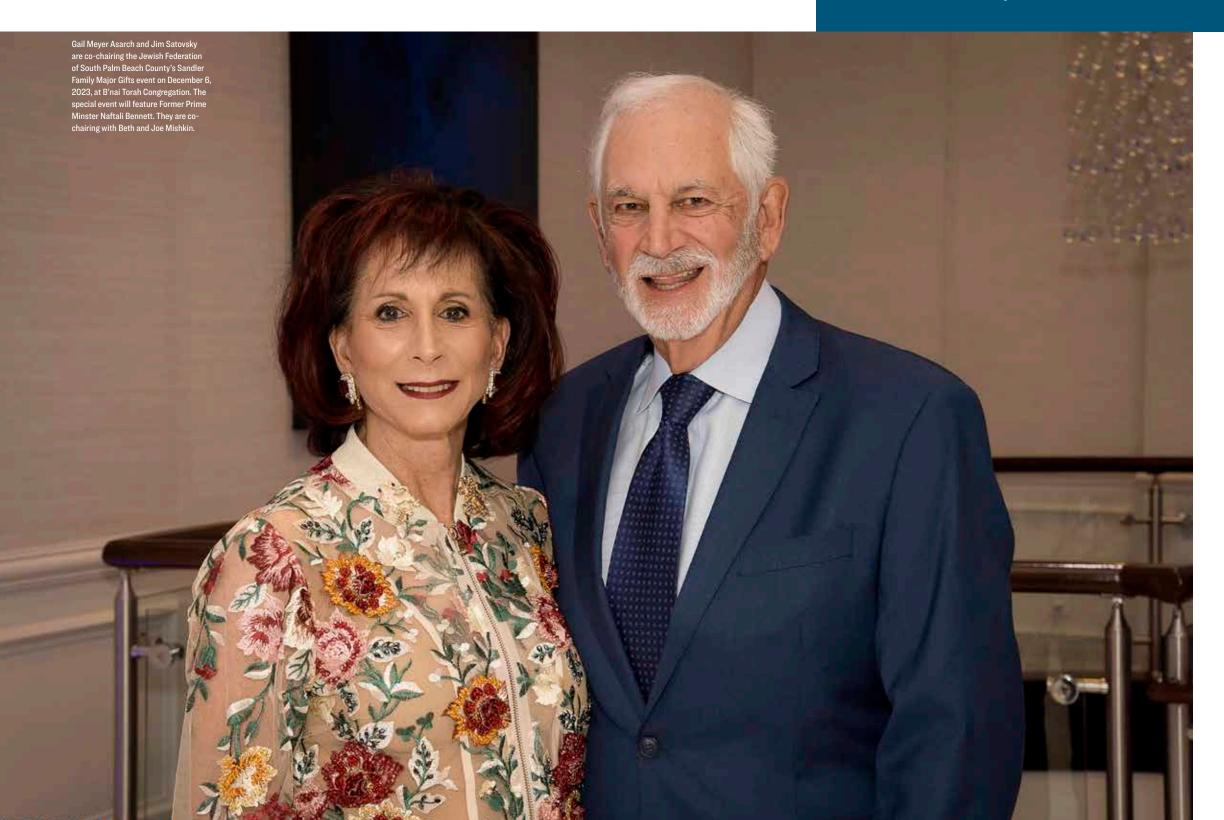
hen St. Andrews
resident Gail Meyer
Asarch celebrated a
milestone birthday, she realized it was
time to do more. Not more traveling,
exercising or reading, but more in
terms of helping others.

Gail felt strongly that it was time to leave a legacy of compassion and caring to those in need, especially within her Jewish community. To achieve that

goal, she and her husband, James (Jim) Satovsky chose to make a \$1 million gift to the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, a charitable organization that has meant the world to them and has changed the world.

The couple selected the Jewish Federation for a reason. Jim has been a long-standing member of the St. Andrews Leadership Council on behalf of the Federation's Annual Campaign, acting as an incredible ambassador and solicitor. Gail has generously given her time and resources to Federation, both as an active Lion of Judah and as a supporter of many Federation beneficiary agencies.

"The Federation played such an important role in helping me become a part of South Florida," Gail said. "I didn't know a soul when I moved here, but Federation gave me something to



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do; it gave me a place to go and be a part of something more important than myself. It has also been a big part of Jimmy's life. So when we decided to do more, we reached out to Federation to help us leave a legacy for others."

Jim's relationship to Federation began in childhood, watching his parents contribute to their Jewish community.

"Growing up in Detroit, we weren't that wealthy," said Jim. "But my parents always gave more than their fair share. My whole life was spent in or around Jewish philanthropy. The prevailing notion is, 'if we don't help ourselves, who is there to help us?' Just as I remember in Detroit, Federation plays a similarly important role in Boca Raton, in directing funds to help local families remain strong, healthy and connected to their Jewish roots."

#### WHAT DOES LEAVING A LEGACY LOOK LIKE?

What does leaving a legacy look like, exactly? For each person, it can mean something different.

In Gail and Jim's case, legacy planning meant talking with Federation professionals about giving a multi-year commitment to the Annual Campaign, as well as leaving a bequest through the Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation.

The couple is already part of Federation's King David Society (\$25,000+ annually per household). Additionally, their \$1 million gift qualifies them to become members of Federation's premier Newman Society and Ketubah Society.

The Ketubah Society recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated a cumulative financial commitment of \$1 million or more to the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. The Newman Society honors exemplary members of the community who have taken the steps to ensure their gift is endowed at the current level and continues forever. Membership to the Newman Society is open to all individuals and couples who create a formalized commitment in support of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach's Annual Campaign of at least \$500,000.

Gail and Jim's increased annual support profoundly impacts the community now and will benefit generations of recipients that look to the Jewish Federation for support. Working through its partner agencies, the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County funds hundreds of programs that aid thousands of people locally, in Israel and around the world. From stocking pantries for food insecure families and providing critical resources to sending Jewish youth to camp and preparing those with special needs for the workforce, Jewish Federation touches countless lives.





**EVERYONE, AT ANY LEVEL, CAN CREATE A MEANINGFUL LEGACY** 

Gail thought of making this gift as a plan to execute in the future. However, Jim reminded her that the future is now, and she is already living in it.

"We can do this," Jim said. "We can make a difference, but we didn't make this decision until Gail was 70 years old. Gail actually didn't even think about it until she turned 70. And as it turns out, it's not that difficult to make a significant gift."

Gail added, "It is my way of saying thank you - to the Jewish Federation and to the Jewish community as a whole - for allowing for me to have such a meaningful life."

Jim hopes that their decision will also be an example for others who are considering leaving their mark on the world.

"Since I've grown older, I've always felt that I have an obligation to give back," Jim said. "I did what I did and I am what I am because of those who gave back. Leaving a legacy is an

expression of my values as an individual."

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### **HOW DOES ONE BEGIN TO LEAVE A** LEGACY?

As Gail Meyer Asarch and Dr. James Satovsky discovered ... "it's not that difficult to make a significant gift."

### How does one begin to leave a legacy?

- Call your philanthropic advisor at the Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation or your estate planning professional to talk about what kind of legacy you would like to leave.
- Visit https/jjcf.planningyourlegacy. org or call 561-852-3120

- Make a bequest in your will or trust.
- Designate the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy.

### **How the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Aids Others**

The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and our partner agencies are committed to honoring the Jewish past, enriching the Jewish present and nurturing the Jewish future by addressing the most critical needs of those living in our Jewish community. We are the backbone of the Jewish philanthropic collective, here, in Israel and around the world. With you, we can... feed the hungry, educate the next generation, inspire Jewish leadership, build bridges with other communities, aid the vulnerable, celebrate our traditions, and ensure the continuation of the Jewish people.

Learn how you can help the world at jewishboca.org or jewishdelray.org.

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### JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY MAJOR GIFTS EVENTS

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### **SANDLER FAMILY MAJOR GIFTS EVENT**

**December 6, 2023** 

Former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett

### B'NAI TORAH CONGREGATION 6:00 PM

Chairs: Gail Meyer Asarch and Dr. James Satovsky and Beth and Joe Mishkin

JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA
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January 21-25, 2024

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