JCC ANNUAL MEETING
“100 Wonderful Years”
JCC’S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION WINS MELVIN SIMON
“TIKKUN OLAM” AWARD FOR ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (June 18, 2014) The JCC’s annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Arthur M. Glick JCC earlier this month. The evening’s theme, “100 Wonderful Years,” was inspired by the JCC’s centennial and recognition of its founding in 1914. In his address, newly-elected President Les Morris, public relations professional for Simon, reminded the audience that “the JCC is akin to a department store...Just as department stores function as ‘anchors’ of regional shopping centers, this JCC functions as an anchor for the Indianapolis Jewish community and many neighborhoods on the city’s northwest side. Just as you can shop for every room in your house at Macy’s, you can feed all of your human needs – intellectual, physical, emotional, cultural, and even spiritual – within the 160,000 square feet at 6701
Hoover Road.” Morris went on to say that in spite of the pressures of competition in the business of fitness, preschool, summer camps and adult education, ”[the JCC is] thriving...due to its incredible talents, creativity, and dedication of its highly-trained professional staff and the guidance of its board of directors.”

On June 11, 2014, at the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, the JCC’s parent agency, the JCC received the prestigious Melvin Simon Tikkun Olam (“repairing the world”) Award for its Earth Day Community Celebration. This award recognizes unique, special projects that enhance the entire community. At the 3rd annual event last April, co-title sponsored by Indianapolis Power & Light Company and Citizens Energy Group, over 2,800 people were kept creatively engaged and had learning opportunities from over 50 community partners who presented 61 interactive activities on topics related to Earth Day and the environment.

JCC Board Nominations and Elections
Elected Officers for a One (1) Year Term
Les Morris, President (Simon)
Lynn Lambuth, Vice President (Sigma Theta Tau International)
Mark Sniderman, Vice President (Sniderman & Nguyen, LLP)
Rick Weiss, Vice President (retired)
Amy Essley, Vice President (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

Elected to the Board for a Three (3) Year Term
Sharyl Border, (Rehabilitation Hospital of Indianapolis)
Susan Haskell, (Washington Township Schools)
Lynn Levy, (Architect)
Brian Modiano, (Indiana Health Information Exchange)
Les Morris, (Simon)
Lou Profeta, M.D., (St. Vincent Emergency Medicine)

It was also an evening of awards and recognition.
Ivan M. Chalfie Award (34th Annual Award)
Presented by Ivan Chalfie
Recipient: Carolyn Leeds, retired fundraiser, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis
The recipient of the Chalfie Award has made a significant contribution to the community in promoting a healthy Jewish family life and has a commendable record of community support.

Wolf / Birnbaum Jewish Community Teen Leadership Award
Presented by Don Fogle, Life Board Member and Lenard and Deborah Birnbaum
Recipient: Jordan Herman
Annual award to an outstanding senior high school student for service, participation and leadership in the community.

Marks Levy Award
Presented by Barbara and Lynn Levy
Recipient: Aaron Atlas
Annual award to JCC staff person for excellence in service and commitment to the JCC mission.

The JCC is a beneficiary agency of the United Way of Central Indiana and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, and an affiliate member of the JCC Association of North America.