

# BUSINESS BITS

By Erin O'Shinsky

**THE POWER OF POWERS.** Jared Powers, director of Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA) day camps and Shirley Blumenthal Park, has been named the recipient of Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta's (JFGA) 2009 Marilyn Shubin Professional Staff Development Award. As this year's award recipient, Powers will receive reimbursement for up to \$3,500 for professional development, supplemented by an additional \$1,500 from the MJCCA for agency-wide staff training. Powers will participate in the JCC Association's Management Training Program. This year-long program provides specialized training to JCC department heads, program directors, and assistant executive directors.



**Jared Powers**  
(photo courtesy of the MJCCA)

**RABBI BUCKMAN AT GHA.** Rabbi Lee Buckman has been named Greenfield Hebrew Academy's head of school. He will also serve as Judaics principal. Rabbi Buckman founded the Frankel Jewish Academy of Metro Detroit, a Jewish day high school in West Bloomfield, Michigan, and was head of school from 1999-2008. He has Orthodox

smicha from Rabbi Zalman Nechemia Goldberg in Israel, a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. His wife, Rachel, currently teaches Judaics in West Bloomfield; they have four sons: Ilan (20), Yoni (18), and Noam and Avi (15).

**FRANK PROMOTED AT DAVIS.** The Davis Academy has promoted Drew Frank to the position of Lower School principal. Frank has served in various positions at The Davis Academy over the last nine years, including teacher, Lower School assistant principal, and, most recently, as director of Academics and Enrichment. He succeeds Rebecca Hunt, who recently resigned to take on a consulting role with Davis and to pursue the next path in her own career.



**Drew Frank**

**WENGER HONORED.** The American College of Cardiology has awarded the designation of Master, its highest honor, to Nanette K. Wenger, M.D., professor of medicine, cardiology division, Emory University School of Medicine, and chief of cardiology, Grady Memorial Hospital. Thanks to Dr. Wenger's pioneering efforts, it is now known that cardiovascular disease, once considered a "man's disease," is the number one killer of women in



**Dr. Nanette Wenger**

**ENDOWED CHAIR.** Piedmont Hospital has established the Mark Silverman Endowed Chair in Cardiology and Education to honor the beloved physician, who died November 12, 2008. The first distinguished chair at Piedmont, it traces its beginnings to 1993,



**Mark E. Silverman, M.D.**

when Dr. Silverman established the Medical Scholars Fund, to which he, his wife, and others contributed. In 2007, looking toward retirement, Dr. Silverman actively worked with Piedmont Heart Institute, Fuqua Heart Center, and Piedmont Hospital leadership to make the fund of continuing relevance to Piedmont. Until his death, Dr. Silverman worked to ensure that the chair would have great significance.

**RESEARCH LEADER.** Paul W. Spearman, M.D., has been appointed chief research officer for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and vice chair of research in the Department of

Pediatrics, Emory School of Medicine. He has been division director of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Emory since November 2005. Spearman received his M.D. degree from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and completed specialty training at Ohio State University and Columbus Children's Hospital. He was an infectious diseases fellow and instructor in medicine at Washington University in St. Louis before being appointed assistant professor at Vanderbilt University in the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Division.

**CARING FOR KIDS.** Dr. Kevin Rodbell has established Toco Hills Pediatrics, a children's and adolescent medical practice. A father of five, Rodbell learned the importance of being able to access medical care quickly. He also supports parents taking an active role in making medical decisions about their children. Dr. Rodbell has special expertise in allergies, asthma, ADHD, and other significant childhood illnesses. His interest in behavioral and developmental disorders runs from thumb-sucking and bedwetting to autism. Toco Hills Pediatrics is located at 2910 North Druid Hills Road, Suite D. Call 404-321-3771.

**WOMEN'S WEALTH.** Emily Sanders, founder and CEO of Norcross-based Sanders Financial Management, has been named one of the "Top 50 Women in Wealth Management" in the U.S. by *Wealth Manager* magazine. Sanders is dedicated to sharing her financial expertise with emerging affluent women. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in international economics and from New York University with an MBA in accounting. She is a certified public accountant (CPA) and a certified cash manager (CCM).

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Disabilities annual Educator of the Year Award at the 2009 Heart of Gold Awards Event, April 29. She has been with Amit for four years. Robyn Berger, a past Amit honoree and member of Amit's founding board, received the Heart of Gold award.

**HUMANITARIAN AWARD.** Michael A. Morris received the 2009 Georgia Commission on the Holocaust (GCH) Humanitarian Award, presented April 24 in the Chamber of the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia. In honor of Mr. Morris and his commitment to the remembrance and teaching of the Holocaust, GCH is recommending a donation of \$50 or more to its new Michael A. Morris Holocaust Teacher Training Institutes. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to "Georgia Commission on the Holocaust/Michael A. Morris Holocaust Institutes" and sent to The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, 101 East Court Square, Decatur GA 30030.

**NEWS-WORTHY.** The Jewish Family & Career Services e-newsletter, *Your eTools for Living News*, has received the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies' 2008 Kovod Award for Excellence in Electronic Newsletters.

**HONORING LEADERS.** Six members of Greater Atlanta Hadassah have received the 23rd Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. The award pays tribute to members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic. The six recipients are: Diane Fisher, representing the Greater Atlanta Hadassah chapter; Ede Summerfield, representing the chapter's Nes Harim group; Susan Linkwald, representing the chapter's Metulla group; Fran Redisch, representing the chapter's Keturah group; Andrea Feldman, representing the chapter's Eitz Aviv group; and Edith (Edie) Barr, representing the chapter's Mount Scopus group.



**BREAKING GROUND.** On March 20, board members and staff of Visiting Nurse | Hospice Atlanta gathered at the Andrew and

Eula Carlos Hospice Atlanta Center in Buckhead to break ground on a new garden. The garden is donated, in part, by Robert Thiebaut, whose father, Frank, died at the center in 2005. Pictured: (from left) Sheldon Cohen, Board Member Dorothy "Dot" Cohen, CEO Mark Oshneck, Board Member Deborah Liss, and Board of Advisors Member Elizabeth J. Levine



**Eleven-year-old Asher Newman (left) threw out the first pitch at a recent Gwinnett Braves game in honor of Autism Awareness, on behalf of Autism Speaks and the Amit Program. Asher, son of Susan and Dr. Randy Newman of Atlanta, is a student at The Davis Academy.**



**This year's Jewish National Fund Tribute Breakfast, April 29, honored Holocaust survivors. Pictured: (from left) Gregg Cohen, JNF general campaign chair; Ronnie Porat, JNF Israel Emissary to Atlanta, and Steve Sutton**



**At the Jewish National Fund Tribute Breakfast, Ronnie Porat (right), JNF Israel Emissary to Atlanta, presents the Lifetime Achievement Award honoring Mr. Ben Hirsch. Adina Hirsch received the award on behalf of her father.**