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CEO of Katz JCC Margate, Jack Fox Retires after 35 years of Non-Profit Service throughout the US

The name Jack Fox is nearly synonymous with the JCC movement. He has dedicated 35 years to serving communities in an energetic and selfless manner, working tirelessly to help individuals, the JCCs, the Jewish communities, and the overall communities. Anyone who has been fortunate enough to come into contact with Jack Fox has been better for the experience. On July 31, Jack will retire from the Katz JCC in Margate after 35 years of service to both the JCC here in Margate, NJ and the community centers where he served as Director earlier in his career.

Jack's JCC journey began in 1985 when he became associate executive director of the Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus. In 1990, after five years of service to the Columbus community, he moved up to become director of the Harold & Sylvia Kaplan Jewish Community Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, where he served for six years, until 1996. He briefly branched out from the JCC movement for three years to assume the directorship of the Colorado Association of Family Childcare, but in 1999 he returned to his true calling by assuming the position of CEO at a struggling JCC near Atlantic City, New Jersey. For more than 20 years, since 1999, we at the Milton & Betty Katz Jewish Community Center in Margate City, New Jersey, were lucky enough to have Jack save us from a financial challenge by raising 8 million dollars and reconstructing a brand new JCC. He then spent two decades helping this entire community shine and grow.

Jack Fox is known throughout the breath of JCCA of North America's professional leadership as a consummate professional and a consummate mensch, someone to seek out in a crowd to ask for advice or to share some laughs from days gone by. Over the years, he has been a mentor to many of them including JCC staff throughout the country. Throughout his service he has proven a true friend to the members of our community here in Atlantic County. "To say 'Jack will be missed' is an understatement. Not only our JCC but our entire community is better off because of who he is and what he has accomplished. As sad as we are to see him go, we're happy that he gets to start a new chapter of his life, one where he finally has time to do for himself what he has done for the rest of us for decades," said Katz JCC Board President, Eric Share.

Jack Fox is, of course, well known throughout our local community. The Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties presents the Jack I. Fox community leadership award every year, evidence of his impact on the Jewish community. He is well known throughout the overall community and has the respect and the ear of local politicians, community leaders, and clergy of all faiths. He has led the Katz JCC to provide services to the greater community that most would not have had the vision to attempt or the cleverness and management skills to succeed at. Through a grant, the Katz JCC provides lunches and social programming to seniors at seven of Atlantic County's ten senior nutrition sites. By taking over and

vastly expanding the Atlantic City Marathon when its then-owner was unable to continue it, the JCC brings about 25,000 visitors (runners and their friends and families) to this community three weekends per year in the off-season, when the local businesses need it the most.

A community sendoff will take place on Friday, July 31 at 3:00pm on Jerome Avenue in front of the JCC. Those attending may stand on the sidewalk or in their vehicles to clap and wave at Jack as he leaves the building on his last day. Please wear a facemask and maintain social distancing guidelines when participating.

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