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JEWISH FEDERATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Intimate reception for dedicated philanthropists honors community leader William A. Meyer

Monday, March 4 — Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach

Nearly 350 of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's most dedicated leaders and philanthropists gathered to celebrate the collective impact of the Jewish community and to recognize notable community leader and visionary, William A. Meyer, for his longstanding commitment to Jewish life, education and the arts. The event, Celebrating Philanthropy, featured a performance by Broadway singer Mandy Gonzalez. Julie and Peter Cummings, Sydell Miller, Susan Shulman Pertnoy and Ron Pertnoy served as event chairs.

A prolific example of a social change agent, Meyer was recognized for his longstanding commitment to several vital causes including Jewish education and quality of life services through his involvement with the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County; mentorship to high school students through Palm Beach Philanthropy Tank; and arts and culture as the former chair and steadfast supporter of the Kravis Center.

Along with his wife, Denise, who passed away in 2018, Meyer also was one of the founding members of Temple Judea in Palm Beach Gardens, and helped create the grant-funding organization, Quantum Foundation. He has also provided instrumental leadership over the years to Federation's Investment Committee, Jewish Community Foundation, Arthur I. Meyer Preparatory

School and more.

"Bill's devotion to so many vital issues is inspiring," shared Ron Pertnoy, event co-chair. "He always steps-up to play a leadership role to address the causes that are most dear to his heart, and this investment of himself has made the Palm Beaches a vibrant place to live for so many people."

Mark Levy, a past president of the Federation, presented Meyer with the Jeanne Levy Community Leadership Award, Federation's highest leadership honor that recognizes community members who exemplify a spirit of collaboration, giving and leadership. The award is named in honor of Levy's mother Jeanne, a pioneer of the local community.

"I am truly honored to receive the Jeanne Levy Award, named after the Matriarch of a family that has given so much to our local Jewish community and Israel," shared Meyer. "My parents, Arthur and Sydelle, taught me the true meaning of philanthropy. I hope I have helped to make the Jewish world a little bit better."

In addition to celebrating the guest of honor, event guests were reminded of Federation's impactful work of strengthening Jewish life locally and around the world and were among the first to hear research findings from Federation's expansive Community Study of the Jewish community. For more about Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, visit jewishpalmbeach.org.



Alan Silverman and Tammy Gould
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Cindy and Allan Schlossberg



Eileen Berman and Jay Bauer



Ellen and Irwin Levy



Mandy Gonzalez with Ron and Susan Pertnoy



Lisa Zwig Gerstein and Ira Gerstein



Paula Newmark and Joel Yudenfreund



Peter and Julie Cummings



Stacey Levy and William A. Meyer