

Accolades

■ **Rabbi Samantha Kahn** participated in **The Clergy Leadership Incubator (CLI)**, a two-year program to support and encourage rabbis serving congregations in the areas of innovative thinking, change management and institutional transformation.



Samantha Kahn

Rabbi Sid Schwarz, CLI Project Director, stated "your selection represents our assessment that you are among the most talented rabbis in the field." As part of her work with the CLI Fellowship program, Rabbi Kahn wrote a vision statement that included in part, "I strive to transform Jewish values into meaningful existence by connecting with people wherever and wherever they are on their life's journey – and offering traditions, values and community to enrich their voyage."

CLI Fellows are supported by both a member of the CLI national mentor team and by a peer. Key elements of the program include: two-year syllabus with monthly readings; monthly participation in a Community of Practice of rabbinic peers; monthly consultation with a rabbinic mentor; three retreats; coaching and training from nationally prominent practitioners.

■ **Maia Morrison**, a Broker-Associate in the **RE/MAX Platinum Realty** Venice office, has received the **2020 "Seven Star" Certificate of Excellence in Real Estate** from Broker-Agent Advisor.



Maia Morrison

A longtime Venice area resident, Morrison has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Venice Area Board of Realtors (VABR), where she served as a past President, six years as Treasurer, and on numerous committees. She was awarded VABR Realtor of the Year in 1988 and 2015.

Her certifications and designations include Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager (CRB), Short Sales and Foreclosure Resource (SFR) and Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES).

Morrison can be reached at (941) 266-2049 at RE/MAX Platinum Realty's Venice office at 307 West Venice Avenue, Venice.

■ **Muninder "MJ" Singh** has joined **MAX Platinum Realty** as a Realtor in the Lakewood Ranch office.



Muninder Singh

A Florida resident since 1996, Singh has a background in the medical and business industries along with expertise

in trading stocks and futures.

Born in Chandigarh, India, and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, she has resided in Lakewood Ranch since 2001. The Lakewood Ranch office is located at 8215 Nature's Way. Singh can be reached at (941) 807-1918.

■ **Ana Varone** of leading luxury Gulf Coast brokerage **Michael Saunders & Company** was recently awarded the **Graduate, REALTOR Institute (GRI) designation, Seller Representative Specialist (SRS) designation, Real Estate Negotiations Expert (RENE) designation, and Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) designation.**

Varone is based out of the Michael Saunders & Company Siesta Key office at 5100 Ocean Blvd. She can be reached at 941-504-8083.

■ **The Florida Public Relations Association's Central West Coast Chapter** has announced that **Elise Ramer**, APR has earned her **Certified Public Relations Counselor (CPRC)** credential.



Elise Ramer

Ramer, MBA, APR, CPRC, is the Senior Director of Public Relations for Premier Sotheby's International Realty and oversees public relations efforts for the company's 40 offices and 1,400 associates throughout Florida and North Carolina.

Ramer's public relations career spans almost 20 years and her scope of experience includes commercial construction, consumer electronics, food and beverage, home services, luxury brands, residential and commercial real estate. She earned her accreditation in public relations (APR) in 2019. Ramer has been an FPRA member since 2008 and is a past president of the Central West Coast chapter and served five consecutive terms as the chapter's Director of Image Awards.

The Central West Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association meets monthly for professional development luncheons and networking. Visit www.cwcfpra.com for more information.

Appointments

■ At the **Sarasota County Sheriff's Dept.**, Corrections Deputy **Jennifer Shaddix-Barker** was promoted to **Corrections Sergeant**. Shaddix-Barker was hired by the sheriff's office as a booking technician in 2007. Over the course of her career, Shaddix-Barker has been nominated for Employee of the Month nine separate times. In 2017, she was also nominated for Courts and Corrections Deputy of the Year.

Corrections Deputy **Stephanie Knapke** was promoted to the rank of **Corrections Sergeant**. She was hired by the sheriff's office as a booking technician in 2010 and earned her certification in 2016. She was nominated for Courts and Corrections Employee of the Month in February 2019.



From left: Corrections Sergeants **Stephanie Knapke** and **Jennifer Shaddix-Baker**, Emergency Operations Manager **Jared Winch**, Emergency Operations Supervisor **Cindy Bresse**, and Sheriff **Tom Knight**.

Communication Operator I **Cindy Bresse** was promoted to **Emergency Operations Supervisor**. Bresse joined the Sheriff's Office in 2014 as a Communications Operator III. After successfully completing her training, Bresse moved on to become a Communications Operator II, and eventually a Communications Operator I.

Emergency Operations Supervisor **Jared Winch** was promoted to **Emergency Operations Manager**. Winch joined the sheriff's office in 2004 as a Communications Operator III. After one year, he was upgraded to a Communications Operator II. In 2010, he was promoted to Emergency Operations Shift Supervisor and in 2014.

■ **Michael Saunders & Company** has added **Jill Kawecki** to its Bradenton office. Jill grew up in a handful of towns along the NJ/NY border, including Oakland NJ, Warwick NY, Tuxedo Park NY, and Bedford NY. Wanting to escape winters up north, Jill moved to Bradenton in 2017. Jill can be reached at 914-629-0516.

■ **Tanya Orr**, Regional Development Director for the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties**, was selected for the **Leadership North Port Class of 2020-2021** by the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce.

Orr joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties in 2017 as the organization's Community Engagement Manager and transitioned into the role as Regional Development Director in 2019.

She will join 16 other local professionals to examine how leadership in the historical, geographical, educational, economic, government and cultural segments work together to perpetuate and advance the North Port community.

■ **La Musica International Chamber Music Festival** has announced that **Joan L. Sussman** is its new executive director. Sussman is



Joan L. Sussman

an arts marketing professional with multi-discipline experience, extensive knowledge of the performing arts, and a successful fundraising record.

Sally Faron, president of La Musica, stated, "Our friends at The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln

Center recommended we speak with Joan Sussman. WuHan and David Finckel have worked with her for many years in their annual residency at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in upper New York State. Bruno Giuranna, Derek Han and I find Joan's abilities and experience in the performing arts fit our needs perfectly and we welcome her with great pleasure."

Most recently,

Sussman held the position of house manager for Opera Saratoga and The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. She was the vice president of marketing for Orlando Ballet, vice president of marketing and public relations for Charlotte Symphony, director of marketing for The Phoenix Symphony, and director of marketing and public relations for New Haven Symphony Orchestra.

La Musica's 35th festival season will take place in April. For more information, visit LaMusicaFestival.org.

■ **All Faiths Food Bank** has announced its 2021 board of directors. **The 2021 officers are:** **Ben Hanan**, chair; **Paul Cantor**, treasurer; **Patricia Courtois**, secretary; and **Nelle Miller**, immediate past chair. **Members are:** **Tom Bernstein**, **Tomas Deverian**, **Dennis Doughty**, **Lisa Keverian-Press**, **Barton Lowther**, **Keith Monda**, **Hal Munter**, **Neal Vorchheimer** and **Elton White**.



All Faiths Food Bank Chair of the Board Ben Hanan (left) and new All Faiths Food Bank Board Member Lisa Keverian-Press

New to the board this year is Keverian-Press, a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER who serves as a Senior Investment Consultant for Baird. For more, visit allfaithsfoodbank.org or call 941-379-6333.

Board News

■ **Hershorin Schiff Community Day School** has announced its **2020-2021 board of trustees**. Co-chairs of the board are **Mitch Blumenthal** and **Rachel Saltzberg**, **Robert Landman** is Treasurer, and **Stacey Edelman** is Secretary. Trustees are **David Chessler**, **Andrew Cohen**, **Gregory Farrington**, **Ph.D.**, **Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald**, **Rabbi Elaine Glickman**, **Wilma Hamilton**, **Dr. Wendy Katz**, **Lillian Lincoln Lambert**, and **Betty Rosenthal**. **Richard Hershorin** is a Lifetime Member.

New to the board this year is **Barbara Rodkin**. Barbara and her husband, **Gary**, became



Community Day School Head of School Dan Ceaser (left) with board Co-Chairs Rachel Saltzberg and Mitch Blumenthal

visionary donors to Community Day School's "Owning Our Future" campaign, in support of the move to its new campus for the 2021-2022 school year as well as annual needs over the coming five years. Rodkin worked with children and their families in both clinical and educational settings in the many cities she and her family have lived. The Rodkins contribute significantly to Rutgers as well as support causes including Feeding America and its local affiliate, All Faiths Food Bank, the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Foundation, and the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic.

For more about Community Day School, visit communityday.org or call 941-552-2770.

■ There's a new slate of **officers and directors on the board of The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee**. As of January 1, 2021, new members include **Mary Collier**, **Julie Wright Halbert**, **Jaime Marco** and **Aaron Ruben**. **Anne Spindel** was re-elected as a director. Board promotions include **Bruce Udell** who will now serve as president-elect and will continue their Board service in 2021 include: **Barbara Ackerman**, **Alan Ades**, **Tom Bernstein**, **Ian Black**, **Randon Carvel**, **David Chaifetz**, **Leonard Drexler**, **Lauren Fineman**, **Roz Goldberg**, **Mary Greenspon**, **Lewis Hanan**, **Stacy Hanan**, **Bob Israeloff**, **David Millstone**, **Michelle Mitchell**, **Joel Morganroth**, **Michael Ritter**, **Wayne Ruben**, **Alan Silverglat**, **Lois Stulberg**, **Peter Wells**, **Patti Wertheimer**, **Merrill Wynne** and **Larry Zaslavsky**.

Those officers and directors who have been previously elected and will continue their Board service in 2021 include: **Barbara Ackerman**, **Alan Ades**, **Tom Bernstein**, **Ian Black**, **Randon Carvel**, **David Chaifetz**, **Leonard Drexler**, **Lauren Fineman**, **Roz Goldberg**, **Mary Greenspon**, **Lewis Hanan**, **Stacy Hanan**, **Bob Israeloff**, **David Millstone**, **Michelle Mitchell**, **Joel Morganroth**, **Michael Ritter**, **Wayne Ruben**, **Alan Silverglat**, **Lois Stulberg**, **Peter Wells**, **Patti Wertheimer**, **Merrill Wynne** and **Larry Zaslavsky**.

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