

Nancy Kipnis Honored With Leadership Award

Nancy Kipnis was recently awarded the first Gail Littman Leadership award at a national conference attended by 38 communities participating in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY program. The award memorializes Littman, one of the pioneers of the Jewish community legacy movement whose vision of integrating legacy giving into Jewish communities inspired philanthropist Harold Grinspoon and created a national movement. In her role as assistant vice president for the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC), Nancy serves as coordinator of the successful Create Your Jewish Legacy (CJL) initiative. She accepted the honor on behalf of FCJC and Charlotte's Jewish community.

"Leaving a legacy to support the future of Charlotte's Jewish community is very personal to

Nancy," said Phil Warshauer, FCJC Executive Director. "She grew up in Charlotte and her four boys were raised with the assistance of the organizations that support and promote Jewish life. When you look into her eyes and hear the passion in her voice you truly understand the meaningfulness of her work."

"I have witnessed first-hand her enthusiasm for this work and her commitment to insuring the future of the Charlotte Jewish community," said Arlene D. Schiff, National Director of the LIFE & LEGACY program. "Nancy places great value on building partnerships, thinking strategically, understanding a donor's passion, and giving them the opportunity to fulfill that passion in a way that will be both personally satisfying and have a positive impact on the community." ☆



Left to right: Phil Warshauer, Nancy Kipnis, Harold Grinspoon, Arlene Schiff

Kavod Continues to Expand Its Influence

Kavod is a non-profit organization that photographs Holocaust survivors and supports survivors that are in financial need. Currently it serves survivors in Memphis but is working to expand its program nationwide.

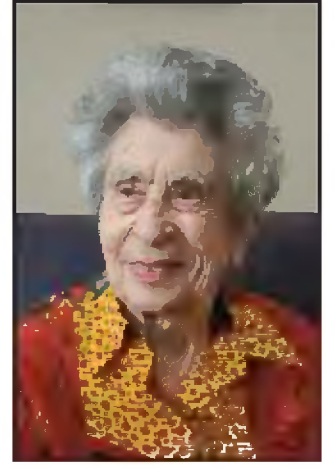
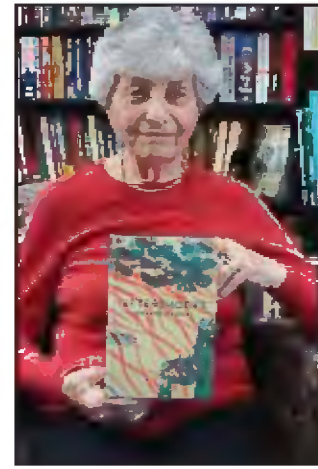
In April, John Pregulman, the founder of Kavod, was here in Charlotte when he photographed six local survivors. Due to space constraints, we were able to publish only four of those photos. We present the other two portraits here.

Since our last story, Kavod has been in DC attending Café Europa, a program provided by the local Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) where survivors come together for a meal and a celebration.

The organization is networking with national Jewish Family Services and Federation representatives as well, in order to create a strategic plan on how to mindfully move into more communities to support survivors.

They will be attending two upcoming conferences: The World Federation of Child Survivors in Los Angeles in November and the Self-Help Conference in December. All this while they complete their paperwork to cement their status as a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Pregulman has put Amy Israel in place as Executive Director of Kavod, though he continues to be the photographer of the beautiful portraits that serve as the organization's linchpin. ☆



Marianne Lieberman, left, and Lore Schifan, two of our community's survivors who were photographed by Kavod in April.

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in the classroom, but provided yet another angle to the school, of which I've enjoyed being a part.

My experience with CJP allowed me to fall in love with Judaism and to proudly become part of the Jewish community. My daughter and I began joining events and services with Temple Beth El and felt right at home. We also participated in Temple Beth El's family Sunday school, Boker b'Yachad, which is for rising kindergarteners. I was sad to see that end and wish it was something we could do every year.

Although CJP has enriched my

life and spirituality, the thing I have appreciated the most was the acceptance. No one cares that I'm not Jewish. No one cares that I'm a single parent. I have been embraced by a community that has shown me what it is to be a mensch and to live by Jewish standards. Our lives will forever be changed because of it. ☆

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