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OFJCC Honors Marcia and John Goldman at its Annual Fundraiser Gala and Auction

Palo Alto, CA, January 9, 2014 - The Oshman Family JCC (OFJCC) will honor Bay Area philanthropists and community leaders Marcia and John Goldman at its annual Gala and Auction on Sunday, February 9, 2014 from 5:30-9:00 PM at the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life in Palo Alto.

Nearly 400 patrons gather annually to make this the premier fundraising gala of the year, providing vitally needed funds for financial assistance to many of the OFJCC's preschool, daycare, day camp, Hebrew school families and our array of senior services. Proceeds also enable innovating and expanding OFJCC programs.

The John and Marcia Goldman Foundation has been making grants in the community for 14 years in the areas of arts and culture, research and services for autism and autoimmune disorders, and support for underserved and at-risk youth. Marcia and John have led a number of nonprofit organization boards, including Theatreworks, San Francisco Symphony, and the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

The Goldmans have been lead donors to the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life and generous supporters of the Oshman Family JCC and the Marcia & John Goldman Teen Center, a safe place for teens to find friendship, explore their Jewish identities and grow as leaders.

The theme of the evening is connections. The OFJCC builds community every day, connecting thousands of people and acting as an incubator for new expressions of Jewish identity. The JCC's inclusive, warm and innovative Jewish community helps individuals develop meaningful relationships. The evening program includes a silent auction and raffle, dinner and dancing.

"One hundred percent of the money raised goes to OFJCC programs and financial assistance," said Gala Co-Host Susan Saal. "Bidding generously on items is a fun and easy way to contribute to the vitality of the OFJCC community."

Reservations for the gala are \$275 per person. Limited-edition \$100-a-ticket-raffle tickets also go on sale late January. The grand prize is a Stephen Silver Fine Jewelry package and other prizes include passes to an exclusive red carpet event, box tickets for a Giants game and a Las Vegas vacation package.

Corporate sponsors of the Oshman Family JCC Gala and Auction include Stephen Silver Fine Jewelry, Berman & Gladstone Skin Institute, Jewish Community Federation, Koret Foundation, Steve Silver's Beach Blanket Babylon, HighCom Security Services, Taube Philanthropies, Too Caterers and Levinson Benefits Group Insurance Services, LLC.

For more information about the Gala and Auction or to purchase tickets, please visit www.paloaltojcc.org/gala.



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About the Oshman Family JCC

The Oshman Family Jewish Community Center (OFJCC) on the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life serves the South Peninsula through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs. The OFJCC is a multi-generational Jewish neighborhood where all are welcome and which fosters new personal and community connections through rich and rewarding experiences. The OFJCC provides a common ground for Jewish institutions, other local groups, organizations and individuals to work, learn and play together for the betterment of the whole community. The OFJCC's registered trademark is Live Fully®. For more information, visit www.paloaltojcc.org or call (650) 223-8700.

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