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Brian J. Newman Elected President of the Mandell Jewish Community Center

[West Hartford, Conn. August 5, 2009] – Brian J. Newman of West Hartford was recently elected president of the Mandell Jewish Community Center, a multi-faceted wellness, cultural and social service agency serving thousands of families in the Greater Hartford area.

Mr. Newman's 2-year term began in May 2009 at the Center's annual meeting and coincides with one of the most successful years in the 94-year history of the JCC.

"It amazes me when I look at the progress that has been made at the JCC since the start of my relationship here 25 years ago," said Mr. Newman. "The JCC is on an upswing, and I feel privileged to be leading this organization and building on the momentum from the last few years."

Prior to assuming the presidency, Mr. Newman served the agency as Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer and Vice President. A founder of the JCC Poker Ride and the JCC Kids Triathlon, he has served as a member of the Physical Education committee, Finance committee and chaired the Camp committee. He is actively involved in the Greater Hartford community where he serves as a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and as past president and life member of the board of trustees of the Emanuel Synagogue. He is also a member of the tax and legal panel of the Jewish Community Foundation. Pursuing his passion for competitive races, he has been involved in a number of fundraising sports events in Greater Hartford and Milford.

Mr. Newman is partner-in-charge of the tax department at Kostin, Ruffkess & Company, LLC. He received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Central Connecticut State University. He and his wife, Lori are the parents of two children, Rebecca and Harrison.

About the Mandell JCC

From its West Hartford CT hub and satellite branches in Bloomfield, Glastonbury, Simsbury and Windsor, the Mandell Jewish Community Center nurtures and serves thousands of Greater Hartford families and individuals of all ages and stages in life. The Mandell JCC's fitness, wellness and recreation, Jewish arts and culture, camp, early childhood education programs, classes and services are open to all. The Mandell JCC is supported by funds raised by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, a recipient of funding from the Jewish Community Foundation, a beneficiary agency of the United Way and a member of the JCC Association of North America. For more information, contact the Mandell JCC, Zachs Campus, 335 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, CT, 06117, 860-236-4571, www.mandelljcc.org.