



Featured artist Elyse Shapiro Frissee in front of her art piece with attendee Robyn Lewis



Detroit Federation Shinsholim with attendees Jordan and Michal Nodel



Alan Nachman and Marlene Rosenberg



Featured artist Ilene Kahan in front of her art piece



Attendees Sue Kaufman and Ellen Sherman

## ORT and the City Fundraiser Raises \$180,000

**O**RT America's 2024 ORT and the City fundraiser was a huge success on May 9 in Ferndale. This year's event generated nearly \$180,000 and brought in more than 300 attendees to celebrate art, culture and community while promoting ORT's mission of impacting lives through education.

The evening consisted of dinner served via a variety of specialty food trucks, signature cocktails, whiskey tasting, Bombshell Treat Bar and an art auction featuring original works created by 41 Detroit and Detroit-connected artists, individually selected and sponsored by local art collectors and enthusiasts. Participating artists were asked to create a piece reflecting the theme "Let Your Light Shine."

Event co-chairs Elizabeth Anne Belkin, Marisa Ruby and Jodi Trivax were supported by a

dynamic planning committee who are passionate about both the arts and promoting ORT.

Huntington Bank served as this year's presenting sponsor. Other event sponsors included Kenwal, Taft, Elizabeth Anne Belkin, Deb and Steve Rosenthal, the Torgow Family, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Iron Ridge, Wallside Windows, Nicole and Bubba Urdan, Saks Fifth Avenue, Detroit City Distillery and Duo Fine Art Services.

Proceeds from this year's event will help provide critical mental health services to ORT students in Israel, Ukraine and other parts of the world who are experiencing the trauma of war, the persistent fear of violence and the unknown, and historic levels of antisemitism. 🕊

To learn more about the event or about ORT's work, contact Nicole Miller, director of ORT America Michigan Region, at (248) 723-8860 or nmiller@ortamerica.org.



Some of the residents and models in the Hechtman and Fleischman Residence Spring Fashion Show

## Meer, Hechtman, and Fleischman Residence Models Rock the Runway

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**F**ashion Week in New York, Milan and Paris had some stiff competition in West Bloomfield at the annual Spring Fashion Shows held recently on Jewish Senior Life's West Bloomfield campus.

On April 2, residents and guests enjoyed front row seats as stylish Meer Apartment supermodels rocked the runway sporting the season's latest looks. The outfits were selected from the spring collection at the Meer Boutique onsite. Models Henrietta Weinberg, June Rubenstein, Susan Weiner, Sophie Klisman, Marcia Tanzman, Jean Lutren, Margaret Pathak, Audrey Demak, Elizabeth Silver, Edith Blumer, Ada Bandalene, Debbie Warner, Ron Rosansky,

Malka Braunstein, Sima Webberman, Shirley Moscow, Lorraine Sallen, Ruthie Katz and others all shared the spotlight. On April 10, residents, guests, and even Bella, Fleischman Residence's longtime Labrador retriever greeter, gathered in the lobby of Fleischman Residence for another annual JSL Spring Fashion Show. The resident runway participants donned pastels, florals, and sparkly sequined ensembles as they smiled and waved to the adoring audience. The models from Hechtman Apartments were Ruthe Levy, Diane Posar, Maureen Entin, Adele Nodler, Marilyn Weiss, Harriett Henthaller, Millie Mintz, Idelle Colish, and Roz Rogers, and the Fleischman Residence models included

Ruth Goldstein and Marilyn Dizik.

Makeup artist and Meer resident Sharon Eaton made up the glamorous models before they sashayed down the runway. Jewish Senior Life's Beth Robinson emceed both events. The Meer Boutique and Sharon's Boutique in Fleischman Residence are operated by the nonprofit's volunteer arm, FRIENDS of Jewish Senior Life, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults by engaging JSL residents and members of the community. The net proceeds support the social, cultural, educational and spiritual programming for Jewish Senior Life residents as well as improvements at JSL's Fleischman Residence. 🕊



Meer resident Henrietta Weinberg



Meer residents and models Sophie Klisman, Jean Lutren, Edith Blumer, Shirley Moscow



Jewish Senior Life's Beth Robinson emceed both fashion shows



Fleischman Residence resident Marilyn Weiss