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KAVOD, Ensuring Dignity for Holocaust Survivors

With John Pregulman and Amy Israel Pregulman

Thursday, June 18

7:00-8:00pm

Kavod is the Hebrew word for dignity, honor, and respect. How fitting that KAVOD is the name of this non-profit dedicated to helping those Holocaust Survivors who are living in poverty in a dignified, honorable, and respectful way. KAVOD's mission is to provide emergency aid to Holocaust Survivors in need. KAVOD partners with Jewish Family Service organizations around the country to raise money to provide gift cards so these senior adults can purchase necessities and ensure their needs are met. Join us to learn more about KAVOD's important work around the country to help these survivors and keep their stories alive. For more information visit <https://kavodensuringdignity.com/>.

John Pregulman is the President and Co-Founder of KAVOD, a Memphis and Denver-based organization supporting Holocaust survivors in need, which he founded with his wife, Amy. The Holocaust Legacy Photography Project, for which he has met and taken over 1100 photos of Holocaust Survivors across the world, led Amy and John to creating KAVOD. As a former professional photographer in New York City in the 1980's, John found his passion for taking photographs of survivors and has been doing so since 2012.

After his time in New York, he returned to Chattanooga to join the family steel business, Siskin Steel and Supply Company. The company was sold in 1996, and John was named President/COO until leaving the company in 2005. He is currently the managing partner of Robmer Partners, a real estate company he created with his father. Mr. Pregulman also serves his family by heading the family office as the Chief Investment Officer as well as a Consultant for Steel Companies across North America. John has four children ranging in ages from 31 to 12.

Amy Israel Pregulman serves as the Executive Director and Co-Founder of KAVOD. Amy runs all aspects of KAVOD and has been spearheading KAVOD SHEF Initiative.

Prior to KAVOD, Amy was the Director of Cultural Arts at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC) where she developed the Cultural Arts Department. Under her leadership, she developed and implemented the Jewish Literary and Cultural Arts Festival; the International Jewish Film Festival; the first Health and Wellness Expo; and established and branded the patrons of the Arts Program. Amy was also the curator for the Shainberg Gallery as well as developed the Campus for Holistic Learning. Prior to the MJCC, Amy was the Director of Community Engagement at Opera Memphis. Amy completed her Masters in Strategic Planning and Leadership with a certificate in Nonprofit Management at the University of Memphis in 2017. Amy is a native Memphian and has two boys ages 23 and 20.