



*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" - Helen Keller*

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### Surviving a Pandemic One Tile at a Time by Victor Levy

Before the pandemic, I was under the impression that simple board games were a thing of the past. It appeared that we were moving at such a fast pace with technology and social media that all the previous ways that we used to entertain ourselves were beginning to fade away. Remember Monopoly, Scrabble and Checkers?



But in the time of the pandemic, something changed. While quarantined at home with my wife and boys for many hours on end, out of boredom our family has returned to board games. Specifically, one board game above all others has become central in our evening board game ritual, it is the challenging game of Rummikub (according to the official instructions in our Pressman set it is pronounced Rummy-cube).



Suzanne, Victor, Benjamin and Lewis

The game has been around for decades and originated in Israel. If you are not familiar with it, here is a quick overview: It is a color-coded tile game, fundamentally based on the card game of gin rummy, the goal of which is to dispose of all of your tiles while picking regularly from tiles scattered throughout the table called "the pool." The game is fast and is a good workout for the brain as there are many moves that you can make by working with the played tiles to create straights of the same color, or three of a kind or four of kind sets of the same number. There are two jokers that circulate that can be used to give players an edge. The more you play, naturally, the better you get and the more sophisticated become the moves.

I remember playing it quite a bit when I was a teenager, but what has been great is experiencing this game with our sons. It has become almost a regular activity after dinner to take out the set and play a few rounds. It is fun and social, not to mention the non-stop snacking that accompanies our play. On the box, the official title of the game reads - "The Original Rummikub Brings People Together Classic" - and I think this is true.



Our son, Lewis, has recently been so influenced by the game that he wrote his college essay about Rummikub, answering a personal essay question to describe himself, with this first line - "Everything you need to know about me can be understood through the game of Rummikub." It was really an interesting read.

Overall, Rummikub is just one more development in the saga of our Levy family home life during the time of the pandemic. My hope is that everyone finds a game that they can play with their family and enjoy. Board games are a wonderful way to be social and also have some fun while at home.

## The Wild Kingdom by Judith Trojnar, Client Service Manager



Judith and Dhoruba

One of my favorite television shows growing up was Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom with Marlin Perkins. I love animals and pursued my college studies in Animal Science and pre-veterinary medicine. I have been a regular member of the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown for decades and have watched the zoo grow and improve over the years. I started volunteering there when the zoo re-opened in July. I enjoy talking to the people and watching the children's reactions to the animals. Watching the big cats in the Trail of the Jaguar exhibit is always amazing. But my favorite assignment so far has been the giraffe feeding. The zoo has three male giraffes, Dhoruba, Gerald, and Mokolo. I feed them in between group feedings so they stay at the deck feeding area. It is a wonderful opportunity to be up close and personal with these beautiful, gentle animals. I also found out the giraffes love to watch baseball whenever a game is playing on the field across the street from the zoo.



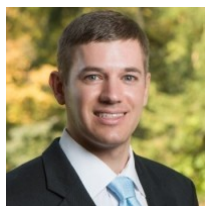
Luna the jaguar,  
born at Elmwood Park Zoo 1/24/2017

I encourage everyone to come out for an enjoyable day and support the zoo. It participates in many programs and initiatives to help save wildlife. Visit the website [www.elmwoodparkzoo.org](http://www.elmwoodparkzoo.org) for more information and schedule of events.

**Fun fact:** The bald eagles, Noah and Reggie, from the Elmwood Park Zoo are the official public ambassadors for the Philadelphia Eagles and can be seen at many of their home games.



## Meet Our Newest Financial Advisor, Ryan Hogg



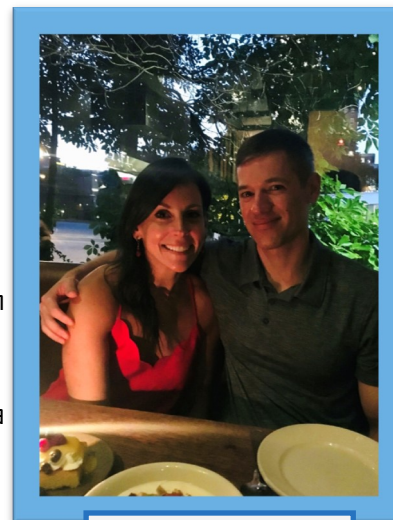
The Levy Wealth Management Group is proud to introduce Ryan Hogg. Ryan joined our firm recently as an LWMG Financial Advisor. The Levy Light asked Ryan to share a little about himself:

**What will you be doing at Levy Wealth Management Group?** I joined the firm as an Investment Analyst. My primary responsibilities will include: portfolio management oversight and trading, research and manager due diligence, and participation in the Investment Committee. I spent the first portion of my career in several investment-related positions at JPMorgan after graduating from the University of Delaware in 2006. Most recently I was a Portfolio Manager at Legacy Advisors, which is a larger RIA in the Philadelphia area.

**Where did you grow up?** I am from Lancaster, PA originally and typically get asked if I am Amish when people learn that fact (I'm not). It is a great place to grow up, but I have been living downtown in Philly for over 10 years now. Ultimately I discovered I prefer the city even though I grew up in the country, where my parent's neighborhood was literally surrounded by farms/cornfields.

**We hear you're into sports, what is your favorite Philadelphia team and why?** I love all Philly sports teams, but my favorite has always been the Flyers – rough timing given their recent playoff elimination. I played hockey growing up and personally think it's the best live sport (when you could actually attend sporting events). I've been living in the city for Eagles and Phillies championships, so I'm perpetually hoping that next year the Flyers will bring home a Stanley Cup.

**Is there someone special in your life?** My girlfriend, Talia, and I have been together for almost two years. We were introduced through a mutual friend and both live in the Fairmount section of the city. She works for the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and might be an even bigger Flyers fan than I am.



Ryan with his girlfriend, Talia





## Leon Levy Honored with Painting at Congregation Mikveh Israel

By REA BOCHNER  
Voice Staff

Leon L. Levy is a name synonymous with communal philanthropy, especially at Congregation Mikveh Israel, where he served as the president for 30 years. In honor of his lifetime of membership and service to the synagogue, Levy's children, Suzanne and Gary, Victor and Suzanne, and David and Jaimi dedicated a painting of their father to the synagogue in a ceremony that took place via Zoom on July 21.



Leon, Fran and family outside Mikveh Israel

Mikveh Israel, a Sephardic Orthodox synagogue, has been Levy's spiritual home since his birth in Philadelphia. "I've been there since I was in a crib," he said. The son of a Turkish father and a Greek mother who were married at Mikveh Israel, the primary language spoken in Levy's home was Ladino, the Judeo-Spanish language that is the heritage of families of the Sephardic tradition and was central to the culture of the synagogue. "We are a minority within a minority," said Levy. "That's my background, culture, and sense of the stomach." Levy's family was poor and working class, which, he said, gave him pride in being "able to help contribute financially, spiritually, and emotionally" after he became the founder of Leon L. Levy and Associates, an insurance firm.

A former resident of Cherry Hill, Levy is a longtime supporter of the South Jersey Jewish community and continued to be so after moving back to Philadelphia. "I think my support of South Jersey is important because so many have come to South Jersey and left and took the support with them. I chose not to; I chose to continue." A past president of Jewish Senior Housing & Healthcare Service and the Jewish Community Foundation, Levy has been an active supporter of Politz Day School and founded the South Jersey Chapter of the Lupus Foundation.

As the president of Mikveh Israel, Levy was tasked "to lead an Orthodox synagogue in a non-orthodox time," he said. From 1981-2011, Jewish organizations across the country faced challenges that threatened their stability, but Levy utilized his management skills "to keep the organization alive and even thriving."

Despite his contributions, Levy is quick to laugh off the formality of his recent honor. "At my synagogue, they have a whole room full of portraits of dead people, so my children dedicated a semi-comatose person, their father, in a painting," he said.

Joking aside, "I have a lifetime of affection for Mikveh Israel," said Levy. "Anything I can do for them, I will. I'm a lifetime member, and I've had the pleasure of serving them."

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### Leon Fun Fact:

Leon had occasion to eat in the Jefferson Hospital cafeteria recently. He raved about each of the meals he had there and told us he has always been a big fan of cafeteria style dining. When asked why he enjoys that type of dining so much, he said: "It's quick, it's good and it's cheap!"



*“The sun never quits shining. Sometimes,  
clouds just get in the way.”*



*-Unknown*



## My Favorite Toy by Leon L. Levy



334,600 miles – this is a magic number. As you may remember, I have previously written about my favorite toy, which is my 1988 560 SEC Mercedes Benz. It is not only a toy, but it is a part of me. Basically, it still rides wonderfully and it is such a beauty.

Over the past several months, things have been occurring with my car that I cannot explain. I recently had the car towed to the dealership because it would not start. My friend and service rep, Tom, at Cherry Hill Mercedes said the car needed a new starter, but installing a new starter in my car is not an easy task. The part was ordered, but trying to find a mechanic who knows how to work on such an old car is a huge challenge, but Tom finally located a mechanic who said he could do this, and he did. For a while the car worked well, but then one very hot and humid day when my wife and I were taking a drive, I double parked so that I could run into CVS for a few supplies. I had left the car running with the AC on, and when I got back to the car it had overheated and would not start. So, once again, it had to be towed to Cherry Hill Mercedes. I left the car there over a weekend and when I spoke to Tom, he said he would get a qualified mechanic to check it out. Well, after a week, nobody had looked at the car and Tom called me to apologize and to tell me that they could not help me in this situation and, in fact, could no longer take care of my car because they didn't have a mechanic or the tools to service a car that is older than most of their mechanics.

Tom gave me a recommendation of an auto mechanic shop in Pennsauken by the name of Elite Service. I called there and spoke to the service manager who assured me that they could help me. They picked up my car and told me they knew what to do. They said I needed another fuel pump and once they got that, they could proceed. After another week, Elite came back with a fuel pump, a couple of lines, put freon into my air conditioner, and since then, the car has been doing remarkably well. I enjoy seeing the speedometer go up each time I take a drive. I hope I can witness the milestone of 350,000 miles. My hope is not to have to buy another car but that I can keep this car going as long as I am able to go.

I just thought I would fill you in on the ongoing story of my Mercedes. If you ever want to come and take a ride with me, I would be delighted to accommodate.

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We the staff of Levy Organization believe:

- *Clients Matter Most*
- *Teamwork is Essential*
- *Ongoing Knowledge Drives Success*
- *In Proactive Actions*
- *In Responding Urgently*
- *Accuracy is Critical*

### Quarterly Update:

#### Upcoming Birthdays

- ◆ October 14—Donna
- ◆ October 22—Judith
- ◆ November 12—Betty
- ◆ November 22—Josh

#### Milestones

- ◆ Advisory team attended LPL Financial Focus 2020 (virtual)
- ◆ Jason completed Needs Analysis module for CFP
- ◆ Advisory team completed CE Modules in Anti Money Laundering, Client Privacy and Phishing

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