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Sid Jacobson JCC Opens “In the Deep” Photography Exhibition

The latest in its hallways is from the eye of Daniel Weiss

East Hills, NY – On Sunday, February 26th, Sid Jacobson JCC – the only full-service JCC on Long Island’s North Shore – held an opening of “In the Deep,” a photography exhibit by Daniel Weiss as part of the center’s continuing commitment to showcasing artists and photographers throughout its hallways.

The event was attended by members of SJJCC and other interested parties. The temporary exhibit is only the latest in a string of artists’ visions brought to life within the walls of the JCC.

“Having Daniel’s ‘In the Deep’ series line our walls brings the outside in,” **said Jaime Teich, Vice President of Brand Strategy and Communications, Sid Jacobson JCC.** “Each image is reminiscent of life – the ups, downs, chaos, and calm – all aspects tied to how SJJCC fulfills our mission. We are all about connection, so to have this exhibit connect on a fundamental level and to a main feature of our facility – our indoor pool – is just the extra splash we were hoping to make!”

“I grew up going to a local YMHA and spent many hours swimming there as part of a youth swim team,” **said Weiss.** “To have my images centered around the water hanging at Sid Jacobson JCC feels as if life is coming full circle. I am honored that they have chosen to grant a show of this very personal work of mine.”

Born out of the early days of the pandemic, Weiss’ reconnection with nature coincided with his two sons’ newfound passion for surfing. He had heard a “big swell” was coming, and while unsure what that meant, he grabbed his camera and headed to the beach. Immediately struck by mountains moving toward the shoreline as the sun rose, coloring the waves with those early morning hues, Weiss spent the next hour happily snapping pictures.

Standing on the shoreline was not enough. Two days later, he returned with a wetsuit, fins, and a waterproof camera, swimming out where the waves were breaking. There was something incredibly organic about encountering, up close, the very thing that had him completely immersed.

While his aim was to capture each wave's uniqueness that day, the passion did not wane as the summer turned to fall and fall to winter, swimming out to photograph the waves. In the deep of the ocean, Daniel found a sense of peace and connection during a time of isolation and worldwide anxiety.

Sid Jacobson JCC will host two upcoming programs with Weiss in the near future: an underwater photo session and a shoreline photography workshop. For more information, please visit: sjjcc.org/artspace.

About Daniel Weiss

Daniel Weiss came to photography after a 10-year stint as a professional actor, a lifetime of competitive swimming, and a class gifted to him by his wife for his 30th birthday. In years since the Brooklyn native has worked with clients big and small yet never forgets the thrill of capturing his first "real picture." Apparent in every exposure, Weiss' art represents deeply held convictions that have defined his life: chase your passions and find wonder in it all.

To purchase a photograph, contact the SJJCC Front Desk at (516) 484-1545.

Twenty percent of sales go to the JCC.

About Sid Jacobson JCC

[Sid Jacobson JCC](http://www.sjjcc.org), the only full-service JCC on Long Island's North Shore, provides a full range of cutting-edge recreational, health, fitness, educational, cultural arts, and social services programs to East Hills and the surrounding community. Sid Jacobson JCC promotes Jewish identity and provides a comprehensive program based on Jewish values, traditions, heritage, and culture and is committed to enriching the lives of all individuals and families in its community.

Sid Jacobson JCC is a beneficiary agency of the UJA Federation of New York.

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