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JEFFREY SELDEN

-Managing Partner of Marcia Selden Catering -Former Board Member, Event Committee Member, Active Volunteer for Pink Aid -President of Full Court Peace

WLM: Marcia Selden is one of the most popular caterers around NYC. Yet you exude a wonderful sense of humor and charm. We all know catering is a stressful business, so how do you manage to keep it light-hearted?

JS: "I get along with everyone and nothing seems to bother me. My wife says I am 'unflappable.' It's ingrained in my personality to be calm and cool; and translates to the team I work with and my client interactions."

WLM: You worked with Elton John as his butler while at the St. Regis Hotel, and you were Julia Child's teaching assistant while attending BU. Please divulge a story about each of them.

JS: "My favorite part of working with Elton was unpacking and organizing the dozens of suitcases of clothing and eyeglasses that he had for his tours! I got to see his clothing and costumes before everyone else which I found so cool. He also kickstarted my love of eyeglasses and gave me a pair of his which I still have. Imagine having a pair of Elton John's glasses?!

"For Julia – working with her directly and her husband Paul was a treasure. One of my funniest moments with her was her training me on how to present a roasted goose. Feel free to stop me at a cocktail party and ask about 'the crotch of the goose.'" marciaselden.com