

SAVENOR'S MARKET



Jack Savenor, a Lithuanian Jew, arrived in the U.S. with his parents, Abraham and Dora, in 1935 when he was 13 and settled on Bellingham Street in Chelsea. He attended Chelsea High School, where he was vice president of the senior class and master of ceremonies at his class's 60th reunion. From the time Jack was seventeen, he, his parents, and his siblings, Joseph and Zelda, ran Savenor's Market, a gourmet butcher shop and specialty grocery store in Cambridge that became a local landmark for its quality products and service. He developed the meat department into a place where customers could expect the finest meats, the most personal attention, and the funniest jokes.

Jack counted the likes of John Kenneth Galbraith and Julia Child as his friends and clients, among others. He appeared many times with Julia Child on her early cooking shows and was the source of much of her knowledge of meats. Jack was also an early supporter of the food "scene" in Boston, helping new chefs with their cuisine. Once frequented by Rockefellers, Kennedys, and Schlesingers, the high-end grocery retailer's brand recognition reached a pinnacle with the help of America's first celebrity chef, Julia Child. A loyal Savenor's Market customer long before she became a household name, she continued to source all of the meats for The French Chef at Savenor's throughout her popular PBS show's eleven-year run.

