



Making Connections

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Live Generously: It Does A World of Good

We are often asked why the Jewish community is so passionate about the Combined Jewish Appeal—our commitment to the Annual Campaign. The basic concepts of social freedom, individual rights, and economic opportunities are what drive every effort of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and the United Jewish Communities.

Whether we were supplying much needed financial, social, and medical support for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, purchasing an ambulance for Hof Hacarmel, helping a teen attend Jewish summer camp, providing scholarship for Hebrew School children or keeping our promise to the elderly of the Former Soviet Union, Federation continues to be the driving force behind the economic opportunities that change individual Jewish lives.



The theme of LIVE GENEROUSLY has become the American Jewish anthem. The Jewish community consistently rises to the challenge by giving generously of its time, dollars, and unwavering support. We would like to say, "Todah Rabah," Thank you, for the dollars that maintain Jewish life and continuity, meeting the basic needs of our people here in New Hampshire, Israel, and around the world

Campaign

Thanks to the labors and dedication of our donors, our lay leaders Jon Levenstein, Barry Scotch, and Nancy Frankel, and our volunteers, our Federation CJA Campaign raised close to \$530,000. These much needed funds will allow us to assist Jews throughout New Hampshire and meet the needs of many less fortunate Jewish people abroad. We had over 300 new donors to the Campaign. This is a great sign of support from throughout New Hampshire—a vote of confidence from over 300 new donors who believe in the important work we are doing. Plans are already in action for an exciting Campaign next year! In addition to the Annual Campaign, we were able to develop the financial resources for Katrina Relief, the purchase of an ambulance for Hof Hacarmel, the establishment of a Computer Center in Atlit, and a program for Women's Political Involvement in Hof Hacarmel.

Statewide Involvement

Over the last four years the Federation has worked diligently in drawing in all Jews throughout the state. This year has been the first under the banner of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. We think you'll agree that our actions truly reflect our representation and service delivery.

The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival is now showing in three locations: Portsmouth, Manchester, and Nashua.

The Reporter has been carefully revamped to reflect the many opportunities for involvement throughout the state.

The Federation made a significant

financial commitment to bring a Shalich to the state. Talia Greenblatt (see accompanying article) has traversed the state helping to bring Israel to congregations, service groups, and schools. She has taught dance, history, and festival observance; she has read Torah, instructed students in Hebrew, and given commentary; she has been the featured speaker at numerous venues. At each of these events Talia has been a wonderful representative of Israel, the Federation, and the Jewish world. She has been an asset to the entire Jewish community of New Hampshire.

The Israel Experience program is now part of seven congregations. This unique partnership between the synagogues and Federation shows what can be done when we all work together for a common cause.

This year also featured a very special event: The Rabbis Forum. Seven rabbis from throughout New Hampshire gathered together to share their views on such ranging topics as a Woman's right to choose, Death and Dying, differences between the national movements, and interfaith questions. It was a unique opportunity for the NH Jewish community to get a view of the similarities and differences that make each rabbi unique.

Connecting to Israel

Our relationship with Hof Hacarmel and its wonderful people has blossomed from an idea to a wonderful program that resonates through everything we do. Hof Hacarmel Mayor, Carmel Sela began this year by hosting Manchester Mayor, Robert Baines in Caesarea. Mayor Baines hosted Carmel here in New Hampshire in November. Their interchange was fascinating as they discussed issues of police, election, and taxation.



Thirty three individuals took part on the New Hampshire "Chai Mission" to Israel. The group was from all over the state. The group ascended Masada, prayed at the Kotel, toured an absorption center in Tiberias, and received home hospitality in Hof Hacarmel. Those who had not experienced the warmth of the people of Hof Hacarmel became our best ambassadors upon return to New Hampshire.

Our NH-Hof Hacarmel Steering Committee evaluated many programs and provided much needed funding in the Region. One of the highlights of the Mission was a visit to Ein Chud (an Arab Village in the region) where we saw our dollars at work. Much needed funding was provided to help establish a playground in their Preschool. After a sumptuous 20 course lunch, the group met the teachers and children in the Preschool. In addition to the funding,

the group brought a variety of games, balls, and youth supplies. It was a great pleasure to watch their faces as we helped build another bridge of understanding between NH and Israel.

In addition to our commitment to our Sister City, funding was provided for pluralistic programs in Israel including *GRANIT*—a program that provides aid to women before, during, and after divorce; *TALI*—a pluralistic educational initiative provided by Masorti, the Conservative movement in Israel; *Israel Religious Action Center*—the public and legal advocacy arm of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism whose mission is to advance religious freedom, tolerance, social justice and civil liberties.

Connecting to Worldwide Jewry

Over the last year we continued to provide hunger relief, housing subsidies, support for new mothers, student scholarship, programming for disadvantaged youth and welfare relief for Jews throughout the world, especially in the Former Soviet Union. Our funding provided through UJC, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and the Jewish Agency for Israel has made the difference in thousands of lives each day. Your single gift to the Federation is a great statement that "all Jews are responsible for one another."

Connecting to the

Interfaith Community

One of the initiatives of the Federation is to maintain dialogue and rela-



tionships with the non-Jewish community. This year's programs included:

- A joint program with the Diocese of Manchester celebrating the 40th anniversary of Nostra Aetate. Rabbi Rueven Kimmelman joined the joint celebration with Bishop John McCormack.
- The Jewish Christian Interfaith Partnership continues in its 19th year to provide understanding of each others traditions through monthly dialogue.
- The Jewish Catholic Seder is the largest interfaith gathering in the state. Participants look forward to joining together year after year in this very unique event.

Connecting to Each Other

As the central programming agency in New Hampshire JFNH has worked diligently to provide programs and initiatives that connect the New Hampshire Jewish community.

The monthly Luncheon Series provided a great social outlet, wonderful food and access to speakers not ordinarily appearing in NH. Speakers this year included Eric Giesser from AI-PAC, AJC's Larry Lowenthal, and Israel Consul General, Meir Shlomo. To provide greater outreach and opportunity, van service was provided from the Nashua area.

The Community Chanukah Party was an overwhelming success. Over 350 people attended from throughout the state to enjoy latkes, Israeli music, and a magician.



The production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, exceeded everyone's expectations. Harkening back to shows of the 60's, it was a great pleasure to fill the Federation building with children, adults, and seniors. Many commented that it was the best show ever to be on the stage. Over 1,000 people attended three shows over one weekend. This inaugural show is the first of many being planned over the coming years. Thanks to the dedication of Alan Kaplan, Jewish theater is alive in NH, with plans to do three shows next year including one show from old-time Yiddish theater.

What drives Jewish New Hampshire? What keeps our communities vibrant and growing? To answer those questions the Federation has launched a number of bold initiatives in a strategic plan to increase community participation in programming and the Annual Campaign. Our goal is to expand Federation's reach, improve its work, and raise the bar to new levels of donor and volunteer participation. Marketers would call it "building the brand." We prefer to call it what we recognize it to be: building connections, building community.

We recognize and applaud the extraordinary collective enterprise of our Jewish community and its spirit of collaboration. As a community, our accomplishments reflect the efforts and generous support of a dedicated leadership and our legion of volunteers.

We are all connected; we are one big, extended family: whether you live on the Seacoast, in the Lakes Region, in Nashua, Hof Hacarmel, or the former Soviet Union. From generation to generation, our tradition has always been about community. The history of the Federation is as old as the New Hampshire Jewish community itself. Over the years, some of our needs have changed. But one thing has not changed, and that is our responsibility to care for one another.

As Jews in America, and particularly here in New Hampshire, we live in the best of times. In ways that our ancestors never thought possible, we enjoy unbridled freedoms. We have choices. We have influence. We have resources. We are part of a worldwide people. Together, we can do a world of good!



Margy Friedman
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JFNH President



Adam M. Solender
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JFNH ANNUAL BUDGET

Other Beneficiaries, Supported Organizations & Distributions

	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005
REVENUE			
Total Campaign Pledged	531,075	531,074	552,677
Interest Income	6,500	4,000	4,000
Program-Cultural & Community	23,043	22,975	7,213
Program-Preschool	231,200	217,891	171,187
The Reporter	30,950	28,950	29,750
Program-Senior/Community Outreach	1,075	6,368	11,387
Program-Youth	20,300	20,600	19,775
Program-Individual & Family Services	-	4,500	4,500
Campaign-Fundraising	8,000	2,000	-
Program-Community Relations	6,000	6,000	-
Prog-Leadership Dev-Education	788	901	755
Total Revenue	858,931	845,259	801,244
EXPENSES			
Personnel Expense	190,252	175,695	168,755
General & Administrative	31,000	28,575	29,850
Contingency Reserve	7,500	7,500	7,500
Office Equipment	5,080	6,350	4,900
Building	53,344	47,369	38,967
Program-Cultural & Community	36,300	37,314	25,850
Program-Preschool	199,902	165,706	145,017
Program - Preschool Tuition Assistance*	17,500	23,620	24,125
The Reporter	46,447	43,623	45,105
Program-Senior/Community Outreach	6,852	13,690	20,588
Program-Youth	20,628	19,450	19,980
Program-Individual & Family Services*	-	4,500	4,500
Campaign-Fundraising	23,900	26,400	20,000
Program-Community Relations	14,000	14,100	9,450
Program-Leadership Dev-Education	8,800	10,300	9,300
Total Expenses	661,504	624,192	573,887
ALLOCATIONS			
LOCAL/NATIONAL/REGIONAL			
<i>Hillel</i>			
University of NH	1,500	1,500	760
New England College	-	360	360
Franklin Pierce	180	180	180
Keene State	-	300	500
Other Allocations	7,000	7,000	7,000
Camperships	-	-	9
<i>Grants to NH Religious Schools</i>			
BET Religious School, Amherst	6,500	8,750	6,975
EH Religious School, Derry	6,500	7,000	7,000
MJCS/TAY Religious School	22,700	32,000	41,046
TBA Religious School, Nashua	10,000	-	-
TBI Religious School, Laconia	1,000	-	-
TI, Manchester Religious School	2,000	-	-
Youth Leadership Dev	1,000	1,250	1,500
Statewide Teachers Dev Workshop	5,000	-	-
Total Local/National/Regional	63,380	58,340	65,330
ISRAEL/OVERSEAS			
UJC - Overseas	75,000	75,000	128,781
NH-Hof Hacarmel Connection	40,000	40,000	10,000
<i>Israel Pluralism</i>			
Israel Scouts - Curriculum	-	-	1,000
GRANIT -Israel	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sh'dulat Hanasheem B'yisrael	-	-	1,000
TALI Education Fund	1,000	1,000	1,500
Israel Religious Action Center	1,000	1,000	1,000
Shatil	1,000	-	1,000
WUPJ-Camps	1,500	-	1,500
Pluralistic project in Hof Hacarmel	2,000	5,000	-
USCJ-Jerusalem	500	-	-
Israel Experience	2,292	10,642	5,228
birthright Israel	6,150	4,100	4,100
NACOEJ	-	-	918
NH Shaliach/Israel Emissary	9,000	15,000	-
Mission Subsidy Reserve Account	5,000	10,000	5,000
Total Israel Allocations	145,442	162,742	162,027
Budgeted Net	(11,395)	(15)	0

- American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)
- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (Joint)
- Association of Jewish Family & Children Agencies
- Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE)
- Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting (CAMERA)
- Coalition on the Environment & Jewish Life
- Cohen Holocaust Resource Center-Keene
- Dartmouth College Alumni Fund*
- Ein Chud Playground Project, Hof Hacarmel
- Honoring Teen Madrachim Program**
- Jewish Braille Institute of America
- Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- Jewish Educational Service of North America
- Matal Therapeutic Center-Israel
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Foundation*
- North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry
- National Foundation of Jewish Culture
- National Tay-Sachs Association
- National Yiddish Book Center
- New Hampshire Jewish Library
- New Orleans Jewish Family Services-Katrina Relief
- Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
- Sarasota Jewish Federation*
- Saint Anselm College Alumni Fund*
- Temple Adath Yeshurun*
- Temple Adath Yeshurun Religious School *
- Temple B'nai Israel-Diversity Day**
- Temple B'nai Israel-*Voices of a Generation*
- Wellesley College Alumni Fund*

- American Jewish Committee
- Anti-Defamation League-Boston
- Ari Rosenbloom-Israel Study**
- Arielle Kaplan-Israel Study**
- Boston Symphony Orchestra*
- Campus Watch
- Catholic Medical Center*
- Chabad Lubavitch of NH*
- Currier Museum of Art*
- The Derryfield School*
- Hebrew Union College
- Myriam's Dream
- New Israel Fund
- Jewish Agency for Israel
- Pastoral Counseling Services
- Menachem Krinsky-Israel Study**
- Hopkins Alumni Fund*
- Isha L'Isha-Israel
- JDC-Eschel
- Jewish Publication Society
- Jewish Telegraphic Agency
- Jewish Theological Seminary
- Jewish Women's Archive
- Magan David Adom*
- JFNH-Preschool Scholarship**
- JFNH-Shaliach Program**
- JFNH-Theater Program**
- Jocelyn Gordon-Israel Study**
- World Affairs Council*
- Yeshiva University
- New Hampshire Symphony*
- New Horizons Soup Kitchen

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 ** Board Designated Fund Distribution

EFFECTIVE, RESPONSIBLE, EFFICIENT PHILANTHROPY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Each year the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire receives an independent Annual Audit done by Bigelow & Company, of all donations, allocations, and expenditures made for the past year. Highlights from the fiscal year ending 6/3/05 include:

Fundraising Expenses-Reflects what a charity spends to raise money, including printing, publicity, mailing, and staffing costs- \$59, 824 or **7.0%**.

Management and General Expenses-Reflects what percentage of its total budget a charity spends on overhead, administrative staff, and associated costs including depreciation, building, maintenance, telephone, etc. JFNH's total was \$125,839 or **14.83%**.

Program Services-What percent of its total budget a charity spends on the programs and services it exists to deliver was \$663,067 or **78.12%**.



Through their eyes we find our vision



Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Live Generously

JEWISH FEDERATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOUNDATION

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Foundation is dedicated to creating permanent resources to meet the challenges and needs of the New Hampshire Jewish community, connecting yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
Individual and family donors work in partnership with the Foundation to enhance Jewish community life and education.

Fund balances as of 12/31	FY ending 12/31/05	FY ending 12/31/04	FY ending 12/31/03	FY ending 12/31/02
General Trust Fund -Unrestricted	\$871,361	\$832,002	\$741,650	\$654,889
General Trust Fund-Campaign Endowment	\$230,555	\$220,286	\$196,517	\$173,654
General Trust Fund-Temple B'nai Israel	\$64,271			
Managed Trust Funds	\$269,275	\$238,203	\$205,009	\$120,681
Managed Trust Fund-Temple B'nai Israel	\$14,000			
Donor Designated Trust Funds	\$233,768	\$253,267	\$240,908	\$278,686
PACE Funds	<u>\$167,526</u>	<u>\$136,326</u>	<u>\$20,920</u>	<u>\$21,574</u>
	\$1,850,756	\$1,680,084	\$1,405,004	\$1,249,484

JFNH Foundation Funds

	2005	2004	2003
General Trust Funds			
I.A. Brodie Fund	13,214	13,072	12,723
E.M. Chase Fund	234,471	231,968	225,783
General Trust Fund	62,390	60,770	57,517
Ethel & Saul Greenspan Fund	59,922	59,275	57,925
M. A. Kaplan Fund	62,969	62,296	60,635
Louis Miller Family Fund	99,711	98,242	94,611
Hyman Reingold Fund	5,029	4,975	4,843
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum Fund	12,868	12,730	12,390
Max Rovner Fund	27,588	27,293	26,565
Sidney Samuels Fund	30,035	29,857	29,417
Alex Shapiro Fund	8,237	8,149	7,932
HAB Shapiro Family Fund	7,522	7,442	7,244
Harvey Winneg Fund	6,839	6,766	6,585
	630,795	622,835	604,170
Donor Designated Funds			
Etta Berman Educational Fund	7,119	7,305	7,295
Muriel & Edward Broad Preschool Scholarship Fund	13,506	13,699	13,505
Andrew Cohen Scholarship Fund	3,548	3,640	3,635
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	18,366	18,736	17,814
Zelma & Ben Dorson Senior Fund	18,570	16,058	13,314
Jennie & Mandel Eluto Education Fund	6,931	7,101	7,092
Maurice Foster Senior Fund	5,737	5,886	5,878
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund	6,205	6,347	6,070
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	32,552	29,159	28,826
Max Rovner Family Education Fund	26,367	27,053	27,016
Saul Sidore Senior Fund	1,371	1,406	1,404
William R. Silverman Fund	7,544	7,716	7,385
Singer Family Fund	12,409	9,349	6,079
Winneg Family Education Fund	24,986	25,438	25,403
Gary & Irma Wallin Young Leadership Fund	23,734	21,036	13,115
Children's Enrichment & Education Fund	47,974	49,141	49,005
Zvi & Debby Cohen JFNH Film Festival Fund	8,584	8,772	8,411
Solomon Family Fund	10,557	7,578	956
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	6,046		
	282,106	265,420	242,203
Managed Trust Funds			
Building Trust Fund	32,916	40,915	40,933
Individual & Family Services Fund	16,383	20,731	23,009
Board Designated Fund	37,144	40,029	40,502
Campaign Endowment-Managed	165,592	105,802	100,596
	252,035	207,477	205,040
General Managed Funds			
Campaign Endowment Fund	233,609	232,058	228,225
	233,609	232,058	228,225
PACE Trust Funds			
Joan & William Green PACE Fund	21,264	20,826	21,184
Kathleen & Sidney Samuels PACE Fund	42,190	25,753	-
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel PACE Fund	76,526		
	139,980	46,579	21,184
Total Endowment Assets as of 6/30/05	1,538,525	1,374,369	1,300,822

PACE

The CJA, Combined Jewish Appeal Campaign alone cannot secure the future of the Jewish community. Your PACE fund can.

A Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) is a permanent fund of the Federation established in your name. This restricted fund, created to endow your gift to the CJA Federation Annual Campaign, allows your lifelong investment in our community to continue, providing help when and where it is needed - indefinitely.

A PACE fund is not intended to substitute for any part of an annual gift. It is your lasting legacy for the future.

If you make this gift during your lifetime, you receive a charitable income tax deduction. There are a variety of ways to create endowments that do not have to be funded during your lifetime and still provide you with considerable tax benefits. Gifts may be made through testamentary bequests, assignment of insurance policies, assignment of IRA's, and other estate planning techniques.

Currently there are four active PACE Funds as part of the JFNH Endowment including:

Joan & William Green PACE Fund
Charlotte & Theodore Krentzel PACE Fund
Kathleen & Sidney Samuels PACE Fund
Max Rovner PACE Fund

In addition to the active PACE funds, a number of members of the community have made commitments for future PACE funds totaling \$614,967. Those individuals and couples who have provided for the community include:

Michael & Roberta Bornstein
Muriel & Edward Broad
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh
Marga & Joel Friedman
Dorothy Goodstein
Brian Grodman
Susan Grodman
Ruth Levenson Kleinfeld
Andy & Norm Kushner
Sydell & Mort Rosen
Barbara z"l & David Stahl
Frances & Richard Winneg



L'dor V'dor

7th Annual Shem Tov Community Awards

There are three crowns: the crown of learning, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of royalty: but the crown of a good name exceeds them all.

Rabbi Simeon

Mark Aronson **Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia**



Mark Aronson is affiliated with LRG Healthcare. He has given of his time and concern to the Healthlink program which provides medical care to those who cannot afford to pay. Mark and the whole family have been very active in raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy Association.

A physician by day, a parent to six by night, Mark Aronson has served the Lakes Region Jewish community as a religious school educator for twenty years. As a TBI member, Mark has been a volunteer religious school-teacher for twenty years and has tutored many of our Bar and Bat Mitzvah youth. Even while taking a break from Sunday school, Mark continues to tutor.

Married to Leslie Shanker Aronson (a Holderness, NH native), Mark and Leslie moved to Laconia early in their marriage. Here they raised 6 children. His whole family (4 boys, 2 girls) became B'nei Mitzvoth here. Mark has had quite an influence upon many of our young people. Recently, Mark's first grandson Jack, whose parents live in the Midwest, was named at the Temple B'nai Israel sanctuary.

Marty Bender **Temple Beth Jacob, Concord**



Marty volunteers his time and talents at the Franklin Pierce Manse, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, the Webster Public Library, Temple Beth Jacob (where he is a Trustee, chair of the house committee, the Food Drive program, recycling, teaching Hebrew to NH State Prison inmates, and adult education) and his most satisfying and challenging volunteer effort dealing with African refugees.

Marty was born in New York City on March 3, 1951. He graduated from the Bronx H.S. of Science, the University of Buffalo (SUNYAB), and the Franklin Pierce Law Center. Between his BA in Political Science and his law degree he managed several political campaigns, had various political jobs and then spent three years traveling about the United States selling everything from pocket knives to pens for country stores. His law practice started as a VISTA for Texas Legal Aid and became a general practice lawyer in NH. His practice in the end was mostly criminal defense and family law. It ended in 1998 with a stroke and turned him to volunteering. Marty is happily married to Nancy Webster and they have two great kids, Noah and Julia. In his spare time he maintains his goats, his chickens and his garden.

Nancy Jo Chabot **Temple Beth Jacob, Concord**

Nancy Jo serves on the Union for Reform Judaism's Northeast Council of Leaders, is



a Board member of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society and the Concord Area Task Force Against Racism and Intolerance, through which Nancy Jo coordinated Concord's 2005 "Celebrating the Changing Face of Concord" multicultural festival.

At TBJ, Nancy Jo is co-chair of the Membership Outreach Committee, serves on the Fundraising Committee, is Religious School Songleader, and coordinator of TBJ's 2007/8 Centennial Celebration. Nancy Jo is most proud of serving as President of Temple Beth Jacob c.1999-2002.

Nancy Jo Chabot is the youngest of 4 children of Herbert and Aleen Chabot. She was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in the Maryland suburbs. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland (BA, 1984) and SUNY-Binghamton (MA - Anthropology, 1992). She has resided, with her husband Parker Potter, in New Hampshire since 1990. Parker and Nancy Jo are the parents of Sophie Potter, now 4, who was adopted from China in 2002. They live in Contoocook, N.H. Nancy Jo has worked at the New Hampshire Historical Society since 1994; her work involves caring for the historic collections. Parker is a law clerk at the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

Arthur E. Cohen **Ahavas Achim, Keene**



For more than 45 years, Arthur has served the Congregation in a wide range of volunteer positions. He was President for 17 years from 1965 to 1982, served on the

Board in other positions for 12 more years, and still regularly attends its monthly meetings. He chaired the Religious Committee for 16 years, the High Holy Day Committee for 17 years, the Nathan E. Cohen Memorial Lecture Series for 10 years, and the Nominating Committee, which he still chairs, for 20 years. Arthur's crowning achievement was to be the driving force in 1967 in its decision to build a new synagogue. After several years of fundraising, driven by Arthur's unflagging energy and determination, the building was completed in 1973. The beautiful sanctuary, with its wonderful acoustics and lustrous floors, pews, and magnificent beams made from oak trees cut on his property in Swanzey, NH, serves as a testament to Arthur's more than 45 years of dedication and commitment to Congregation Ahavas Achim.

Arthur was born and grew up in Lowell, MA. In 1961, Dr Cohen accepted an appointment at Elliott Community Memorial Hospital (now the Cheshire Medical Center) in Keene where he served for the next 30 years as Staff Urologist. Arthur has maintained his license to practice medicine in NH, and volunteers to assist in the annual Prostate Screening Clinic at the Cheshire Medical Center has served on the hospital's Chaplaincy Committee for the past 12 years, and its Ethics

Committee for the past 6 years. He serves on the Board of the Apple Hill Chamber Players.

Ruth Cohen **Ahavas Achim, Keene**

Ruth has served Congregation Ahavas Achim in a wide range of voluntary positions for more than 45 years. For at least the first half of those years it was the Sisterhood that assumed the primary responsibility for taking care of the synagogue and raising the necessary funds to do so. The dinners, rummage sales, and other fundraising events in which she participated are too numerous to list. Examples of tasks she willingly undertook include organizing a Community Seder, serving on the New Member Welcoming Committee, and lining up member families to provide *Oneg* refreshments, an undertaking that she only recently relinquished after many years. Whatever the task, Ruth could always, and still can, be relied upon to quietly and graciously support Ahavas Achim. After more than 45 years of dedicated service to the Congregation, Ruth still continues to this day to send acknowledgment cards for all donations made to the synagogue, and is always available to give encouragement to younger members of the congregation.

Ruth was born and grew up in Trenton, New Jersey. While at Boston University. Ruth met her future husband Arthur, who was serving his internship at the US Public Health Marine Hospital in Brighton, MA. The same year, they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Ruth taught school. Ruth and Arthur still live in the same house in Keene where they brought up their three sons. Ruth continues to be active in community affairs, and currently serves on the Scholarship Committee of the Keene Woman's Club. In June of this year, Ruth and Arthur will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Helen Honorow and Bill Barry **Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua**



Helen has served on many committees over the years including the Ritual committee, retention arm of the membership committee, Israeli affairs, Tzedakah committee for bar/bat mitzvah students, Rededication committee and the High Holiday committee volunteer for planning and leading children's services. Helen has been intricately involved in outreach for all synagogue families in times of need, and has been involved behind the scenes for any and all celebrations or events held by the synagogue. If there is *any* event, Bill and Helen are there cooking, setting up, cleaning up, organizing and offering support.

Not to be outdone, Bill has served in many capacities over the years as a member of the membership committee and the house committee. He has also served as the Chair of the school committee, on the finance and cemetery committees and as Vice-President on the Board of Directors.

Bill and Helen were the gracious hosts many times to visiting Rabbis during the High Holy Days. Also, years ago, a young Rabbi Finkel came to town and enjoyed their hospitality from Labor Day until Sukkot before acquiring his own apartment. Bill and Helen have always been available as advisors for young families joining the Temple community in Nashua, and have done this with pleasure, making many friends for themselves and for the synagogue in the process.

Bill and Helen are both practicing attorneys in Nashua, and share the Barry and Honorow Law offices on Kinsley Street. They are devoted parents and have two lovely children, Arielle and Will.

Helen contends that she came to Nashua "kicking and screaming" following her wedding to Bill. After living and practicing law in Washington DC, she was shocked and pleasantly surprised to find a vibrant synagogue life here in the sleepy Northeast corner of the country. Bill's roots (his family has been in the Nashua community for four generations) run deep, and it seemed natural for them to settle in Nashua.

Helen got involved right away, and after a few scant weeks was part of the retention committee and coordinating the efforts to send out the first ever mishalach manot baskets from Temple Beth Abraham. Early on, they got involved in a young couples club, and have remained good friends with many of the other couples over the years.

Bill and Helen can be characterized as "go to" people. Whenever there is a need, they have never said no. They are the behind the scenes people who make a difference, yet felt humble and flabbergasted when they found they are being honored. Bill and Helen felt overwhelmed to be included in such sterling company as past Keter Shem Tov recipients, and are truly honored by this award.

Alan Kaplan **Jewish Federation** **of New Hampshire**



Dr. Alan Kaplan has been a whirlwind of activity at the Federation over the past three years. He (and his daughter, Arielle-a former Shem Tov winner) has provided the music accompaniment for the Jewish Catholic Seder. He has single handedly reinvigorated the theater program in the community having Directed and produced *Fiddler on the Roof* this past Fall. Not only putting on the production, Alan diligently worked on improving the Federation facility, upgrading the electric panels, sound, and even painting the stage. He plans on producing three shows in 2006-2007 including *Children of Eden*, *Falsettos*, and *Yiddish Theater*. Alan has provided support to almost every large scale event at the Federation providing sound, light, and effects to our programs. He is often found at the building late into the night hanging lights and wiring sound-typically doing this without recogni-

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tion.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Dr Kaplan maintains a medical practice in Internal Medicine and Cardiology in Manchester. He has been involved in theatre productions throughout New Hampshire for many years. He is married to Emilie Kaplan and has five children. His daughter Arielle will be attending Brandeis University in the fall, and Zach, is a Freshman at Manchester Central High School.

Michael Kasten Temple Adath Yeshurun Manchester



Co-President and First Vice President, Temple Adath Yeshurun (2003-2006); Treasurer, Jewish Federation of Greater Manchester (1998); Chamber of

Commerce Leadership Manchester participant (1997); Intown Manchester Board Member (2004).

Born in Pittsburgh, PA (1963) to Jack and Shirley Kasten. Siblings are Rabbi Nancy Kasten-Stern (Dallas, TX.) and Steven Kasten (Newton, MA.). Moved to Newton, Massachusetts in 1965 where his family settled.

Attended Temple Israel in Boston through confirmation and graduated Newton South High School in 1981. Attended Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota (BSc. Economics, 1985). Played amateur baseball and worked for the City of St. Paul, Minnesota Office of Management and Budget before attending a one-year graduate program at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1987 (MSc. Economics). Worked at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Washington as a Budget and Policy analyst through 1991. Attended Suffolk University Law School from 1991 to 1994.

Michael worked as an attorney at Sheehan Phinney Bass and Green in Manchester, New Hampshire from 1994 through 2004, where he became partner and chair of the corporate transactions group. In 2004, joined Marty Baroff and Paul Alfano at the Law Firm of Alfano, Baroff & Kasten in Bedford, New Hampshire.

Wife is Mary. Children are Samuel (10) and Madeline (7). Both Children attended the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire preschool for the maximum number of years of preschool there and now attend Webster School in Manchester. Mary works as a cardiac ICU nurse at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester.

Sheryl Liberman Congregation Betenu



Sheryl is former Administrative VP and President of Congregation Betenu. She is active on many committees including recent concert fundraiser. She is Betenu's coordinator for the Greater Nashua Interfaith Housing Network, organizes Betenu groups going to Nashua Soup Kitchen, organized sponsorship of a blood drive.

Sheryl is a cofounders of "Traveling Shabbats" (we send a service to nursing homes, etc., places that have a few

Jews who can't make it to a synagogue). Sheryl can always be counted on to volunteer for onegs, calling and visiting the sick, our exchanges with Faith Episcopal Church

A native of Boston, Sheryl has lived in New Hampshire for the past twenty-five years. A Fifth grade teacher at Milford Middle School, Sheryl is married to Larry Liberman and has two children, Craig and Stacey.

The Library Committee Temple Israel, Portsmouth

This committee made up of **Marcia Schertz, Renee Silverman, Barbara Fein, Adina Linden, Sally Mirsky, Estelle Israel, Al Spaen, and Sue & Charlie West** has taken a basic, one-dimensional small-synagogue library and elevated it to the level of a multimedia center. The members have worked tirelessly to increase acquisitions, re-organize the catalog, and make materials easily accessible. This group has, in addition, extended its vision to the implementation of interesting and educational programming for the Seacoast Jewish community at large.

Henry Lipman Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia



Henry has been a Hebrew tutor at TBI's Religious School for nine years, and has worked with many pre-B'nei Mitzvot students to prepare them for becoming B'nei Mitzvot. Until last year, he had no children of his own.

He was President of TBI for 5 consecutive years, during which time he codified Synagogue policies and co-chaired the Classroom Addition Building Project. Henry has served on committees in the Laconia community. He is known to be responsible, sensible, and brilliant. Henry is now an elected member of Laconia's City Council, and is only the 3rd or 4th Jewish person to so serve.

Since 2000 Mr. Lipman has been the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of LRG Healthcare. Mr. Lipman was raised in Peabody, Massachusetts. He lives with his wife, Melissa and daughters Haley and Bessie Margaret, in Laconia, New Hampshire.

Laurie Medrek Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry



Laurie and her family joined Etz Hayim in 1995, after attending a Tashlich service where she was impressed with the warmth and sincerity of the community.

Etz Hayim has been fortunate to have Laurie as its Treasurer for the last ten years. As treasurer, she established a dues structure, long-term planning, budgeting, abatement and collection processes, electronic bookkeeping and credit card merchant capabilities.

Laurie's contributions to Etz Hayim are numerous. She has worked on various committees including Fund Raising, Capital Campaign, established the Scrip program, has been a class parent and has lead the financial arm of our Building committee. Laurie keeps Etz Hayim afloat. Her deep concern for the well being of our community helps everyone on the board stay focused on the basic needs of the community. We have remained financially strong – and therefore capable of taking on new challenges – because of Laurie's guid-

ance.

Born in Boston and raised in Winthrop, Mass. Laurie lives in Londonderry with her husband Ted of CPA Firm Howe, Riley and Howe, sons Michael and Brain and yellow lab Lucky. Laurie has worked in banking throughout her professional life. She is presently a bank consultant/examiner for Chaston Associates of North Andover.

Deb Silverstein Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry



Deb Silverstein and family joined Etz Hayim 1990. Deb has been a member of the Education committee since

1995 and also holds the position of committee treasurer. She has followed her children's progress throughout the program—first as a teacher in Sunday Camp, the as the Tuesday night monitor, then as assistant Hebrew teacher followed by assisting with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. Deb now has returned to her role as assistant Hebrew teacher.

As a member of Etz Hayim's Sisterhood, Deb has organized the Misloach Manot project each Purim. Deb is currently a member of the Board of Directors. She chairs the Health and Ethics Committee. Deb relates being proud to be among the graduates of Etz Hayim's first Torah Trope class.

In her quiet way Deb supports the Etz Hayim community in more ways that can be counted. She visits when people are sick. She offers rides to those who want to attend programs. She attends adult education offerings, services, and public programs. She helps behind the scenes ore often than anyone knows.

Originally from Jericho, New York. Deb along with her husband Ken, and children Amy and Aaron have called New Hampshire home for the past twenty-five years. She works as a paralegal for a law firm on the Seacoast.

David Stahl Jewish Federation of New Hampshire



David Stahl, a native of Manchester, has continued his family's impressive legacy of giving to the community. He has contributed in so many different ways to JFNH. He

was the Chair of the CJA drive in the mid-60's, on the Board of Directors for many years, Treasurer for three years, Vice-President, and President from 1991-1992, Treasurer again for the past few years, a Trustee of the Federation Foundation, and still a very active and reliable worker in the Federation Campaign.

At Temple Adath Yeshurun he was Chairman of the Ritual Committee and Education Committee and was President for two years in the late 80's. For the 100th anniversary of TAY he wrote a history of the Temple and the Jewish community in Manchester and then rewrote part of this for the New Hampshire Historical Society magazine. Part of this history is now in the Encyclopedia Judaica.

David practiced dentistry in Manchester for many years, and was President of the NH Dental Society in Manchester. He was also one of the founders of the NH Symphony and served as its President. He was also the Presi-

dent of the NH World Affairs Council and has served on their Board close to fifty years.

He and his late wife Barbara were one of the original six couples that did the planning that led to creation of the Derryfield School. David is truly a Renaissance man who has enriched our community in so many ways.

Beth Stonebraker Temple Adath Yeshurun Manchester



Beth has served for a number of years on the TAY Sisterhood Board as treasurer and doing membership. On the synagogue board she has been treasurer and secretary.

She has also been involved at the Board level with membership, abatement and trust. Beth started our very successful Amazon fundraiser and continues to steer that process.

Beth has a bachelor's degree from Brown and a master's from UC Berkeley in Computer Science. She worked as a programmer, trainer and curriculum developer until she retired to be a mom. Now she says she works harder and doesn't get paid. Beth lives in Manchester with her husband and two daughters.

Norman and Sheila White Temple Israel, Manchester



The Shem Tov Award this year for Temple Israel goes to a wonderful dedicated couple,

Norman and Sheila White. Temple Israel would not have as solid a foundation if it weren't for the Whites. Sheila and Norman are both the perfect couple behind the scenes. They are always there to help out and can be counted on whether for a leak, a kugel or a minyan.

This year Norman White was in charge of the house committee. He took this position seriously and worked at it diligently. From the furnaces to the windows, to the permits, Norman was there making sure our synagogue was up to code.

Sheila White was the backbone for the kitchen committee. Her overseeing eye did not miss anything that was out of line. Through Sheila's gifted vision, and added touches we were able to experience a more unified feeling in the community.

The White's came to New Hampshire from Massachusetts and they raised their family of two girls here. Their daughter, Wendy, lives in Manchester. Their other daughter, Debbie, and their son-in-law, Ben Mostkoff, and their grandchildren, Ariella, Naiomi, Norah, live in Florida.

Mary Wuellenweber Chabad Lubavitch New Hampshire



Mary has proven to be a vital resource to Chabad Lubavitch over the past years. Mary is always full of ideas, practical advice and has an abundance of experience in many areas.

Mary and her family have assisted in the setting up of the Chanukah Menorah at the State House in Concord for the past few years and really displayed her talents in helping us pull off *Purim in Persia* by reenacting the story of Purim with life size mannequins. Mary is always available when called upon

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and will be assisting at Camp Gan Israel this summer. Mary Wuellenweber truly deserves to be named our Shem Tov – Volunteer awardee.

Born in Detroit, and uprooted to Miami, Mary's earliest recollections are of going to the Sephardic Shul in Miami Beach with her father.

As a teen she was homeroom representative, and president of several clubs, and became involved in the civil rights movement. She married, had four beautiful children, and helped her husband start a large business. Her mother's favorite saying was "no sooner said than done", when asked to volunteer. Mary too could never say "no". Every opportunity presented itself as a mitzvah.

She has organized youth groups, taught arts/Judaica to children is a member of Hadassah, volunteered to be homeroom mother, storybook reader/tutor, and soccer coach, took in teens/rescuing them from drugs, organized 2 Summer RiverFest projects and helped start a daycare.

During the Challenger Explosion Mary was in the V.I.P. stands having gathered donations from corporate giants who paid for Concord student's trip. Four years ago she went to Israel & came back inspired leading her to write poems, inspirational works, children's stories, short films and illustrations.

Stacey Rozen - 2006 Wallin Young Leadership Award Winner



Planning and Allocations Committee needed a chair, Stacey stepped in and guided a very difficult process in a year of change.

Stacey Rozen will be awarded the 2006 Irma & Gary Wallin Young Leadership Award, annually presented to the best and brightest young leader in the New Hampshire Jewish community. Stacey will be honored at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's Annual Meeting.

Stacey has already displayed great leadership in the community having previously chaired Super Sunday, the CJA Woman's Campaign for two years, and chaired this past year's Women's event. Always active in Campaign, Stacey is known as a "go to person" who successfully builds community in everything she does. This year, when the

As part of the award, Stacey will receive an all expenses paid trip to the General Assembly-the United Jewish Communities annual national conference for all federation leadership from throughout the world-to be held this November in Los Angeles, during which both lay and professional leaders will discuss issues of concern for federations as well as for the Jewish community as a whole.

Stacey is the President and owner of Gotkeys Unlimited, Inc, a clothing and uniform business specializing in cheerleading uniforms, resort wear, and personalized clothing.

Stacey is married to Michael Rozen and has two children, Dylan and Samara. Stacey admirably balances business, volunteering, and family.

Irma & Gary Wallin Young Leadership Award Winners

In 1983, Irma and Gary Wallin z"l endowed a gift to create the Young Leadership Award from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. The objective of the award is to recognize that individual of outstanding promise who has shown active interest in and devotion to the Jewish community and Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and to its beneficiary agencies and Israel, to make it possible for young people to acquire greater insight into various areas of Jewish communal endeavor in the wider focus of the total American Jewish scene, and to stimulate and inspire young people toward further and continuous communal interest and activity. The award provides for an all expenses paid trip to the annual General Assembly of the Federations where they are recognized among winners from over 153 communities throughout the United States.

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Thank You, Donors!

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire would like to thank those community members who gave of themselves, whether financially or by volunteering (or both), to continue our community's tradition of tzedakah.

It is especially important in these difficult times, especially when other victims of tragedies need our support, that we continue to aid the Jewish vulnerable, rescue and resettle those oppressed or in need in other lands, and otherwise help guarantee the continuance of our community, here in New Hampshire, in Israel, and throughout the world.

We honor our 2006 Annual Combined Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign donors and volunteers for caring about their fellow Jews, and for recognizing that they are part of our larger Jewish family.

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Shalicha's Report to the New Hampshire Community



For the first time, New Hampshire has its own "Shalicha", emissary from Israel through the Jewish Agency, sponsored by the Combined Jewish Appeal of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. The requirements and job description of the Shaliach or Shalicha, were not yet clear at first, and it seems as though the position has been creating itself throughout the year, based on the needs and requests of the community.

Approaching the end of the first year, it is clear there is a need and appreciation for a Shaliach in the NH community, and that the presence of such a person increases Jewish involvement and Israel awareness.

Outreach, Education and Advocacy for Israel

Following is a list of schools and Universities Talia has visited, mostly speaking about life in Israel, Serving in the IDF, Jewish holidays and the conflict in the Middle East.

- University of New Hampshire
- NH Community Technical College, Laconia
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Pinkerton Academy
- Derryfield School
- Plymouth High School
- New London High School
- Manchester West High School
- Riddle Brook Elementary School
- Merrimack Middle School

Synagogue and Youth

TAY – Activity about Yitzhak Rabin, Chanukah, and Israeli Dancing

TBA – Activities about Israeli Astronaut Ilan Ramon and Israeli society, Purim workshops, speaking and singing at Israeli Street Fair.

TI-Manchester – Torah and Haftorah reading once a month.

TBJ – Activity regarding Hebrew, Israel, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Hazikaron

TI-Portsmouth – Speaking at a sisterhood Luncheon, activity on Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Hazikaron
Ahavas Achim – Speaking about Non Orthodox Spirituality in Israel

Betenu – Speaking about Yom Ha'atzmaut and Zikaron, activity about Israel independence war

Etz Hayim – Activities about Israel, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Zikaron, Purim, Hebrew instruction

B'nai Israel – Speaking about Israel and Tu B'shvat, Israeli dancing.

USY – Shabbaton with the members of USY in Nashua, and discussed issues regarding Israel, Judaism and current events.

UNH Hillel – Talia was invited as a guest speaker to the UNH Hanukkah party, where she spoke about *Tzedek in Israel*. Since then, she is keeping in touch with the Hillel students at UNH and also helped them organize a successful Israeli Culture night on campus.

Southern NH Jewish Men's Club – Featured as the guest speaker.

Peterborough Havurah – featured as a speaker and facilitating discussion.

Hebrew Instruction

Preschool – Talia has been teaching Hebrew at the preschool from age 2 up to kindergarten, mostly in an informal manner, through songs, dances and games.

Post Confirmation class in Derry – Every two weeks several of the post confirmation students at Etz Hayim would come and practice their spoken Hebrew, preparing for Israel Experience!

Interfaith and Non-Jewish groups

Catholic community – Starting at a moving event marking 40 years since Nostra Aetate, Talia met with the Bishop of Manchester and several other key figures in the local Catholic community, and continued this discussion with at the **Jewish-Catholic Se-der** at the Federation. Talia also attended Christmas services in several churches in Manchester.



Evangelical community and Bridges for Peace – Talia was invited as a guest speaker to an Evangelical Bible study group headed by the regional representative of the interfaith organization "Bridges for Peace". Since then, the members of this group have kept in touch with Talia and the Federation, attending many events in the community and supporting Israel!

Other Christian groups – Talia spoke at an independent church/Bible study group in Manchester, where she was also welcomed warmly.

Civic groups – Talia has been speaking at several civic groups (such as Laconia Public Library and Manchester Kiwanis), who had heard about her through local media.

Other events and activities

Services, holidays, Rosh Chodesh, Chabad Events, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs etc. – By attending many different services and social gatherings in NH, Talia was able to



experience the Jewish community to the fullest, and also bring the Israeli perspective to every discussion.

Community-wide Events:

As a Shalicha, Talia brings the "Israeli touch" to every community

event taking place through the Federation. At the welcoming reception for our Hof Hacarmel guests, Talia led the audience in Havdalah and song, and took a leading part in the organizing committees of the community Hanukkah party and Yom Ha'atzmaut event, where she conducted a remembrance ceremony for the fallen Israeli soldiers together with representatives of Hebrew Schools throughout the state.

Israeli movie night – Every month teens from the area gathered to watch and discuss an Israeli movie that was shown at Talia's apartment. Hopefully this activity will grow next year and include more people!

Public Lectures and speakers – By attending lectures as an audience in different settings (libraries, temples, schools), Talia was able to represent Israel as well as the Jewish community on numerous occasions, mostly needed when an anti-Israel view was presented.

Federation Board meetings – by attending the board meetings, Talia was able not only to update board members of her activity, but also to update on current events and the Israeli point of view on various subjects.

Federation Luncheons – Talia was featured as the guest speaker at the luncheon series on two occasions. Once she spoke on in Israel, and the other explained about the Israeli elections and political turmoil just before the elections took place.

NH Young Leadership group – Talia participated in the Young leadership group supported by Federation.

Outreach for Federation

Public speaking – by speaking in many different synagogues and groups, Talia brought out the message of "Living Generously." Since the Shaliach program involves volunteering while sponsored by the community, many people realize through their encounter with the Shalicha that their donation will keep the program going, as well as many other projects.

Distant congregations – Talia has been able to reach some congregations that are not usually able to attend and participate in Federation-related activities due to their physical distance. By coming to them, Talia also brought the Jewish Federation of NH to them, and this created a connection between the different congregations and the Federation.

Individuals – Through Talia's personal connections with many individuals throughout the state, and the wonderful relationships that were created, this also brought many new people involved in the community for the first time.

Israeli population – There is a vibrant Israeli community in New Hampshire! However, many of the Israelis in the area are not involved in "religious" activ-

ity through temples. Israelis found the Shaliach program to be a good way for them to gather as a group and organize social activities. With the help of several people, a mailing list of Israelis was formed, and events for Israelis and Hebrew speakers are starting to take place. A successful Tu B'Shvat sing along led to many offers for the next events. Many new connections were made, and some of the participants have also started to take part in other community events.

Exposure in the media

The Reporter – The Jewish Reporter, which reaches every identified Jewish home in NH for free, has been featuring the Shalicha activities every month. Talia has also been writing and sharing her thought on Holidays, current events and meaningful experiences in the community on the pages of The Reporter.

The Hippo Press – Talia was featured in the Manchester "Hippo" as a guest in the "Q&A" column. Since then, many new contacts reached her through this interview.

WDER – Talia was interviewed on a local Christian Radio station in Derry.

Israeli "Metro News" – Talia was chosen to write about her experience in the NH community in a new daily newspaper distributed for free on the train in Israel. 3 of her columns were already published.

Jewish Agency Newsletters – Talia's experiences were also published in a biweekly news letter sent to all the Emissaries of the Jewish Agency for Israel around the world.

Federation Preschool

Talia has been teaching in the Federation Preschool throughout the year, creating an informal Hebrew environment, a knowledge base and a vocabulary for the kids. Talia has been teaching Hebrew, mainly through song, dance and games, as well as Israel activities and Judaica. Talia has also been a part of Vacation Camps at the Preschool, and will be a counselor at the preschool camp during the summer.

Israel Programs, Trips and Aliyah

Part of the Shaliach's mission is to encourage young Jews to go on Israel programs and assist those who show interest in going to Israel or making Aliyah. Talia has been a source of information and knowledge about Israel programs (mainly MASA – year long programs in Israel) and other contacts in the Jewish Agency or Israeli consulate as needed.

New Hampshire-Hof Hacarmel Connection

As a representative of Israel in NH, Talia is able to communicate with different contacts in Israel regarding various areas of the NH – Hof Carmel connection.

Community events – Talia worked closely with the Education Director in Hof Hacarmel regarding the Yom Hazikaron memorial service commemoration for the fallen soldier of Hof HaCarmel.

Preschool – Talia established contacts with members of the Blue Green Singing Group, two of whom are teachers in the Region. She will be continuing to enhance these relationships over the coming months.

Language – Talia assists both sides in translating letters, e-mails and information back and forth.

Guide to NH Community – When the Hof Carmel representatives arrived in NH, Talia was happy to accompany them and share her experiences of the NH community for them to take back home and spread the word.

Volunteers – Talia helped connect Leah Collier, now volunteering in Kibbutz Sdot Yam, with the right people in Hof HaCarmel, thus creating a new connection that lead to many new ideas and thoughts for the future.



Why the connection?

One and a half years into the friendship with the people of Hof Hacarmel, it behooves us to question both the purpose and the benefits of this relationship thus far. An investment of energy, time and financial resources on the part of many in both communities, requires that there be substantial benefits derived by all.

What is gained by each individual will vary substantially and may in itself not be clear or apparent to the person involved. While many of us have tangible connections through time spent in Israel, a relative living there, a Hebrew school inspired youth, or a Holocaust connection, many of us do not. The country and its people serve as the tangible elements which focus us, (and the rest of the world), on our Jewish views and identity. As Jews in the diaspora, moral, international issues concerning us today are so closely connected with the state of Israel and so inextricably linked to our beliefs, that it is often hard to deny the need to examine the complex issue of one's Jewish identity and how one chooses to manifest it.

While we in the U.S. examine our relationship with Judaism, I see no less of a struggle facing the Israeli

Jew who seeks to make sense of the complex identity as both a Jew *and* an Israeli. It is in this realm that I see much of the essence of our connection. Not only are we both dealing with understanding the society in which each other lives, sharing cultural, educational exchanges, but with each piece of communication, we further develop our understanding of the psyche of the Jew in the light of his experience and his environment.

During this short period thus far, we in this connection, have embarked on many small pathways by which to connect, and have worked hard to provide and to attain an appreciation of one another. The passion with which both parties have embarked on this endeavor never fails to astonish me. There is clearly a bond, the strength of which overrides all of our social, language and other differences, and which connects us in an unspoken fashion which I still struggle to comprehend.

We have visited one another's homes, and admired the natural beauty of each ones environment. We have appreciated the works of art, the talent and accomplishments of one another. Together, we have created a common logo, a tangible and shared symbol of our connection. We have both been overwhelmed by the enormity of warmth of hospitality shown to one another, and we have on several occasions, been able to express with openness, the sheer joy of this intangible bond.

Our network of connections between individuals continues to broaden, helped greatly by the presence of our 'Shalicha' in New Hampshire. Many individu-

als who visit now find that they have a warm and personal link with the people of Israel.

Our funding provided to the region has covered a broad spectrum of needs and causes, and demonstrates our commitment to improving the lives of many. In this way, we state that we recognize the challenges facing Israeli society, and in which we choose to take part. Arab/Jewish understanding, women's empowerment, seniors in need, or individuals with disabilities are all arenas in which we can contribute, but also clearly areas in which we also have much to learn.

Our connection and interaction with the people of Hof Hacarmel on a variety of levels and in innumerable ways, serves to broaden and deepen our appreciation and our understanding of the multitude of cultures which creates the Israel of today. If this connection serves to raise issues and pose questions, then the involvement has proved to be of value. Each of us will approach this unique relationship with our individual perspective.

Together we will reflect on them...



P. Englander
 Pamela Englander
 New Hampshire Chair

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Ein Hod Artists Village

Through monthly features in The Reporter, the NH community learns of the special nature of the Ein Hod Artists Colony. A number of families from NH have made a trip to Ein Hod a part of their time in Israel due to the exposure in The Reporter further developing people to people relationships.

Funding for Pluralistic Education

In Israel, pluralistic education is an anomaly where schools are primarily either religious (meaning Orthodox) or secular. The World Union of Progressive Judaism (Reform) and the Masorti Movement (Conservative) have for many years struggled for recognition in Israel. In the last fifteen years, pluralistic education has taken root in Israel with the "Who is a Jew?" issue. Pluralistic education reflects Diaspora Judaism.

Currently, the Elementary school in Maagan Michael has a program for pluralistic education using a program established by the World Union of Progressive Judaism (Reform) incorporating curricular information based on the TALI (Conservative) education system. This program has been in existence for three years. Last year was the first time that young women proceeded through the program culminating in a Bat Mitzvah at the Leo Baeck Synagogue in Haifa.

The Region would like to expand this program to develop similar educational initiatives in their other regional elementary schools. Funding from New Hampshire provided money for the establishment of curriculum, teacher training, and classroom books and materials.

Empowerment Course to Encourage Women's Political Involvement

The NH Jewish community provided financial support for an empowerment course for equal opportunities for all women to take advantage of their rights. The project encourages women's political involvement to help women overcome social and cultural obstacles to take their rightful place in the centers of power.

The unfortunate reality is that Israeli levels of women's political participation are among the lowest in the Western world. Women's increased political participation will help advance women's rights while also strengthening Israel's democracy.

The course is targeted at women in Atlit and small communities in the Hof HaCarmel. The goal is to get them involved in politics on the level of the Regional Council

Training and Advocacy for Single Parents in Hof Hacarmel



The shocking increase in poverty is not equally spread among all sectors of Israeli society, but instead confined to its weakest, most vulnerable members. This is most clearly illustrated with single parents families, of which an estimated 25% live below the poverty line, while another 30% rely on social support to remain above it

Federation has provided funding for a course to teach single parents how to advocate for themselves. The course equips participants with a set of basic tools on how to mobilize others to raise awareness and advocate for solutions to problems facing single-parents; topics covered include recruiting volunteers, organizing and building a group, designing a work plan, and presenting messages to the media.



Magen David Adom Ambulance for Hof Hacarmel

In Spring 2005, community leader, Bernice Singer, approached the Federation with the desire to purchase an ambulance for Israel (in memory of her late husband, Irving Singer z"l). Mrs. Singer provided a challenge...If the NH Jewish community could raise half of the money needed (\$32,000), she would match that amount for the purchase.

In doing due diligence, it was discovered that there was a significant need for an ambulance in the Hof Hacarmel region (there were none). The nearest ambulances were housed in Haifa (to the North), and Hadera (to the South). Regional leaders told the Sister City Steering Committee about numerous incidents where ambulances took up to 25 minutes in arriving at an emergency call. Clearly there was a great need for the ambulance.

In discussions with Magen David Adom, there was great ambivalence in situating an ambulance in the region. Reasons cited included the need for 24-hour coverage, financial commitment and lack of a dedicated facility for the ambulance. MDA also indicated that they were worried about there being ongoing funds available for gasoline, upkeep, and restocking.

In October of 2005, Regional Council Head, Carmel Sela came to New Hampshire for a "get to know you" tour. During that time there were a number of meetings and phone conversations with MDA HQ in Chicago and in Israel. The result of those meetings was an agreement between NH, Hof Hacarmel and MDA on locating an ambulance at the emergency facilities located outside of the Mercaz Meirav (Meirav Community Center). The Emergency Center already has 24-hour coverage for security and fire and had the room for the vehicle. Additionally, the Regional Council and MDA agreed that a number of individuals from the region (volunteer) would undergo intensive training in driving skills and emergency medicine.

At the Statewide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration the ambulance was brought to New Hampshire before being shipped to Israel, and ultimately Hof Hacarmel. The ambulance will serve the entire region for many years to come.



NH-Hof Hacarmel Logo Contest

New Hampshire and Hof Hacarmel embarked on a sister city partnership in December 2004. The collaboration linked the two areas by working together to promote cultural exchange, education, mutually beneficial business ties and more between our communities.

To further connect the cities a Logo design competition was established. This call for design within both the New Hampshire and Israel communities for this important contest is another way to cooperate and work together to develop the ongoing goals of our special sister city partnership.

Advertisements were posted to the Regional (Israel) website as well as in The Reporter and Hof Hacarmel newspaper. Nineteen individuals from both NH and Hof Hacarmel submitted logos for consideration. A group of individuals in New Hampshire and Israel reviewed each of the submissions and eventually agreed on the top three winners (the grand prize logo has now been adopted by both groups-see above).

Why the connection?

This question has been an issue throughout all Jewish history. History has taught us that whenever the Jewish nation was not united and each Jew went his own way it always ended with a catastrophe. Such happened in the beginning of our biblical time in the book of Genesis when we learn the story about Noah's ark. God gave the Jewish people many warnings and when he saw that his words were not taken seriously he brought the flood on all living creatures except those who were saved by Noah and his family. The first time we hear and read about a "covenant" between two sides is when God promises Noah that he will never take this action again...

God said "I set my rainbow in the cloud over the earth that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

Genesis 9:13-16

After Noah, God chose Abraham to be the father of a people who would be special to God and who would be an example of good behavior and holiness to the rest of the world. God guided the Jewish people through many troubles, and at the time of Moses he gave them a set of rules by which they should live, including the Ten Commandments. This was the beginning of Judaism as a structured religion. The Jews, under God's guidance became a powerful people with kings such as Saul, David, and Solomon, who built the first great temple. But again around 920 BCE, the kingdom fell apart, and the Jewish people split into groups. This was the time of the prophets. Around 600 BCE the temple was destroyed, and the Jewish leadership was killed. Many Jews were sent into exile in Babylon. Although the Jews were soon allowed to

return home, many stayed in exile, beginning the Jewish tradition of the Diaspora—living away from Israel.

These are only two examples from the beginning of the Jewish history and until today whenever the Jewish nation is not united and strong there will always be a shadow above our heads challenging our existence..

Our partnership that is only a year and a half old is our continuation of the connection of the Jewish people and our "covenant" to our ancestors. The big difference between our current partnership and the historical partnerships is that ours is based upon a mutual desire for a people to people relationship. Since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, we the Israelis reach out to our brothers and sisters abroad to keep our connection and our Jewish identity. When the opportunity to connect with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire occurred we knew that this is a once in a lifetime chance to make friends with people like us, who live in a place similar to ours in Hof Hacarmel and that are willing to take us into their life.

We the people of Hof Hacarmel are thankful for your friendship and for everything that you have done for us: For the fact that we know that we have friends that we can always call upon, for the fact that we can strengthen our Jewish identity together and perform different community projects for the welfare of both our communities.

In the Bible the phrase "covenant" is mentioned in 300 different occasions. If the writers of the Bible were rewriting the Bible today I am sure that our "covenant" will be the one to look at and the one that is so successful that can not be matched by anyone of the 300 mentioned in the Bible.

Last April Ehud Manor who was one of Israel's best known prolific songwriter, poet, translator and radio and TV personality passed away. One of his many songs is called "Halevay" or "If Only"



*If only - from a cloud, a rainbow will
come down over us.
If only - this world can be fixed!
If only the day will spring up out of the raging storm.
If only the gift will not be lost forever.
If only the desert will sprout grass.
If only we'll yet sit under the shade of the fig tree
If only we won't suffer and
each man will love his brother.
If only the gates of Eden will again open.
If only east and west will mix together,
If only we will renew our days
here as in ancient times.
If only nation will no longer lift sword against nation.
If only we won't abandon the path of hope.
If only man will be compassionate till evening.
If only there's one chance for love.*

I believe that if we keep our partnership as strong as it is today we can be a major factor in giving life to this song, together we can build something that will be used by our children in the future and that tool will help them become friends and partners for life.

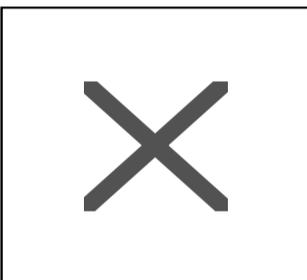


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MATAL



Matal Hof Hacarmel is an educational therapeutic center that was established in 1990 by the Board of Education and Hof Hacarmel Regional Council. Matal consists of a multi discipline team of experts that deal with comprehensive diagnostic

and therapy of children with special needs. Treated children's age vary from 4-12. Matal incorporates a team of experts from both therapy and education disciplines that conducts a close relation with Education Department in Hof Hacarmel in order to advance children and assist in their integration within nursery schools and schools. The goal of the therapy in Matal is to enable children to utilize their capabilities to the fullest in the everyday life and in their current educational environment.

At Matal there are approximately 90 – 120 children receiving treatment at a given time. Funding from the Federation Combined Jewish Appeal provides the essential funding to allow many families to partake in the program.



Ein Chud Mischakiya

The Regional Council of Hof Hacarmel incorporated the Arab Village of Ein Chud in 2004. As part of joining the Region, Ein Chud has equal representation on the Regional Council (each village, Moshavim, and Kibbutzim have one seat on the Council). As part of this commitment to the village, the region has put in a new road to the village (to alleviate isolation), has built a structure for the establishment of a primary

education program.

New Hampshire, as part of its commitment to equality and pluralism provided funds for the building of a Kindergarten playground.

2006 Chai Mission to Israel

In March, 2006, thirty-three supporters of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire traveled to Israel on the Chai Mission to Israel. An integral part of the Mission was time spent in the Hof Hacarmel Region.

The time in Hof Hacarmel began at the Atlit Senior Center. Waiting for the Mission group was Head of Region Carmel Sela, Israel NH-Hof Hacarmel Connection Chair, Oren Kanter, Tvika Harary, Efrat Goldberg and representatives of JDC-Eschel. The group was ushered into the building to see the new computer center for Seniors. Carmel Sela unveiled a plaque attesting to the partnership in building the center.

The Mission group went from the Senior Center to the Atlit Maapilim Camp where Tviaka Harary told the story of the "illegal immigrants" journey to Eretz Israel. Tvika was one of the prime movers in recreating this camp and assuring that one of the most important and moving stories of the creation of Israel will forever be remembered.

The group then went to lunch in the village of Ein Chud where they learned about the history of the creation of this Arab village and had the opportunity to visit the Preschool where the teachers and students presented the group with letters of thanks.

The next stop was at the Artists Colony of Ein Hod. Different artists took small groups around the colony and gave a glimpse of life in this very special village.

The final stop of the night was "Home Hospitality." Volunteers from throughout the region met our bus and met new friends. Two people from New Hampshire were paired up with two people from Hof Hacarmel. The NH groups each went home for dinner, coffee, and a glimpse of Kibbutz/Moshav life. When the group returned to Mercas Meirav everyone on the Mission glowed with stories about their newly made friendships.

The evening ended when our group joined 600 Hof Hacarmel residents in Israeli dancing. Our group was honored when we were brought into the center of the

dance for a special Hora.

Our Mission group returned to the Region a day later to spend time at Maagan Michael, the largest Kibbutz in Israel, a trip to Makura Ranch, and finally, a visit to the famous ruins of Caesarea.

The memories of the warmth and hospitality from our friends in Hof Hacarmel will last for a lifetime.



Blue and Green Group Entertains New Hampshire

In November of 2005, Carmel Sela traveled to New Hampshire to experience our hospitality and to get to know our Jewish community. At the end of the visit he stated, "Our singing group must come here to entertain the NH Jewish community." From that gem of an idea, ten residents of Hof Hacarmel traveled to New Hampshire as the featured entertainment for our Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel Independence Day celebration.

The group spent four days in New Hampshire being hosted in different homes, meeting people, entertaining wherever they were, and fortifying the foundation of our relationship: people to people.

Reaching out to Hof Hacarmel Soldiers

In another partnership with the Region, the Federation provided funding for the purchase of a present for each new IDF recruit. Last year we helped purchase a toiletry kit for each new recruit. Accompanying each present was a letter from a Hebrew School student here in New Hampshire. Students from Temple Adath Yeshurun, Temple Beth Abraham, Temple Beth Jacob, Etz Hayim Synagogue, and Congregation Betenu participated in the project.

It is hoped that by redesigning the letters (with a tear off response card) there will be even more responses from soldiers to New Hampshire children.

Most schools used the program as part of their instruction on life in Israel and military service.

Together, this is what we do.

Bring people together.

Make connections.

As the primary instrument of Jewish philanthropy and volunteerism in NH, the Jewish Federation seeks to translate Jewish values into social action that provides for the health, welfare, educational, spiritual and cultural needs of the Jewish people through the world.



The JDC-Eshel program in Atlit, Hof Hacarmel, *Computers For All Ages* teaches older people to use computers, providing training, and guidance through the use of senior volunteers, and developing a network of communication among elderly people. The high tech awareness and capability, greatly improves the image of the elderly and helps fight the problem of loneliness and isolation, thus improving their quality of life.

New Hampshire Jewish Federation in partnership with Hof Hacarmel helped launch a Computer Center in Atlit. Thirty-three members of the New Hampshire Community Chai Mission took part in the inauguration ceremony in March, 2006. There have been over 400 seniors who have taken part in the teaching and training at the Atlit Community Computer Center in the first 60 days.

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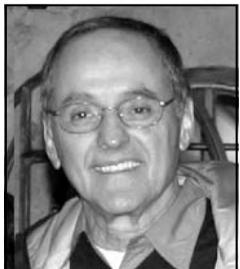
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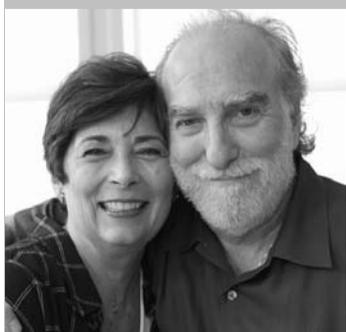
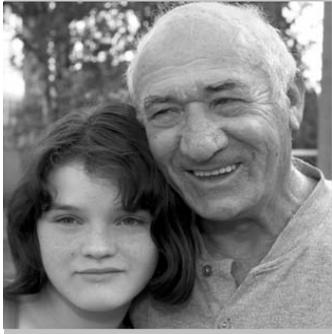
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Offering hope.

Throughout our history, the Jewish people have always been sustained by our unique and seemingly limitless capacity for hope. Even in our darkest hours--when others may have been overwhelmed by pessimism and doubt--hope has served as a beacon, guiding us from one trying moment to the next. It is no wonder that the title and theme of the national anthem of our homeland is *Hatikvah*--The Hope.

Finding solutions.

Likewise, as Jews, we are bound by a creed of collective responsibility--responsibility for taking care of ourselves, and, just as importantly, for taking care of those unable to care for themselves. We fulfill this responsibility by identifying opportunities, by meeting challenges, by overcoming obstacles--by finding solutions. Only then are we able to carry out our divine mandate to perform the *mitzvah* of *Tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Federation.

Just as the obligations of the individual and the community are both intertwined and interdependent on one another in Jewish life, so are the concepts of offering hope and finding solutions. Our hope continues to be buoyed by the fervent belief that solutions can and will be found--and our pursuit of effective solutions is driven by our conviction that things can and will get better.

That is the essence of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Offering hope.

Finding solutions.

Making connections.

And making a difference in Jewish lives.



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