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OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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# 2015/5775 Annual Report

## *Remember When...*



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# Year in Review

The past year has been a year of planning and looking toward the future for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, looking ahead as we think about how to best serve Jewish communities across the state. As many community members are no doubt aware, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire has decided to sell our building in Manchester and will likely relocate to new offices in the Manchester area by July 1.

## Expanding Leadership and Planning for the Future

JFNH spent considerable time this year discussing the long-term plans and goals of the organization, including how to attract new board members and better engage with lay leaders in the community. We are happy to report that through the leadership of past JFNH president Bob Selig as committee chair, the nominations committee of the board has identified a number of individuals who will be joining the JFNH board in June, and we're excited to add their voices, vision, and insights to the inner workings of the Federation. Board member Steve Soreff has also played a pivotal role in convening a strategic planning committee, which has taken on the task of looking at current Federation programming, evaluating the efficacy of our current initiatives, and identifying areas for potential improvement and expansion of our work.

A number of board members, led by treasurer Jeffrey Crocker and Barry Scotch, spent the last year revising the JFNH by-laws to bring them up to date and make them easier to use. Over the course of many months, the committee examined by-laws of Jewish Federations around the country as well as various other nonprofit organizations for inspiration and guidance. In the end, the committee produced a new set of proposed by-laws that more accurately reflect the values JFNH stands for, clearly elucidate the mission of the organization, and are designed to help move the Federation into the future.

This year, we were also saddened by the loss of Bud Baron, a long-time JFNH board member, community leader, and all-around mensch.

## Israel and World Jewry

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire continued to receive regular updates from both the Jewish Federations of North America, the national organization that JFNH belongs to, and the Jewish Council on Public Affairs, the national umbrella organization for Jewish Community Relations Councils across the country. These two organizations served as an excellent source of support and information during last summer's war between Israel and Hamas, providing accurate, timely updates as events progressed. We are very pleased to report that during this time of crisis the New Hampshire Jewish community answered the call for help and donated thousands of dollars in desperately needed funds to support everyday Israelis whose lives were upended by this conflict. During the war the Federation also hosted an Israel solidarity event, which drew attendees from across the state and featured Israeli consul Ronit Nudelman Perl as the keynote speaker.

## Helping Those in Need

JFNH has long served as an important source of assistance to those in need, providing help to individuals and families who would otherwise go without some of the most important basic necessities of life, including food, access to social services, and heating fuel. Mel Spierer, the JFNH social worker, has continued to provide expert service to many individuals and families over the course of the last year and has also been instrumental in advocating for elderly Jews living in the state who have little or no family to support them, as they try to navigate their way through long-term care options. This year Mel has also worked with a local Holocaust survivor in an effort to obtain important benefits.

## Cultural and Community Programming

Our annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival was once again a great success, thanks to the tireless efforts of film festival co-chairs, volunteers, and staff. Led by co-chairs Linda Gerson and Pat Kalik, an energized group of volunteers screened films, found sponsors, and helped the entire process run smoothly. The opening gala, which was held at Seresc in Bedford, was very well attended, and

featured a screening of the film *Little White Lies*, followed by a question and answer session with the documentary's producer and star, Lacey Schwartz. This year's selection of films also included the highly popular gastro-documentary *Deli Man*, shown at the wrap party, an event that quickly sold out.

We were also very happy to partner with the Boston Jewish Music Festival, Temple Adath Yeshurun of Manchester, and Temple Beth Abraham of Nashua to create a "mini" New Hampshire Jewish music festival. The collaborative series featured a "sneak preview" performance and information session about the festival at the Federation building in late December of 2014, as well as performances in Nashua and Manchester this past March. Looking ahead, the Boston Jewish Music Festival director has indicated he would be very happy to continue this partnership with the New Hampshire Jewish community, and we're excited to keep this collaboration going.

We also saw a noticeable increase over last year in the number of kids interested in both Jewish summer camp and Israel experience programs. As she has for many years now, our tireless camp and Israel grant volunteer coordinator Nancy Frankel put in many hours reviewing applications, coordinating logistics, and speaking with families. As a result of her hard work, the Federation will provide a number of kids with the opportunity to forge lasting friendships and develop their Jewish identity at summer camps and in Israel this year.

In addition, the very first Annebelle and Arnold Cohen Campership was granted. This campership is a new, needs-based financial aid program that helps make it possible for Jewish children from New Hampshire to attend one of several camps run by the Elie and Bessie Cohen Camps. Established at the initiative of Cohen Camps president Jonathan Cohen in 2014, the camperships are an important way to honor the legacy of Annebelle and Arnold Cohen, major leaders in both the NH Jewish community and the world of Jewish camping.

## Annual Campaign and Fundraising

As has been the case for many nonprofits across the country, the Jewish Federation of

New Hampshire saw an overall decline in the amount of money raised during our annual campaign this past year. This is likely attributable to a number of different factors, including shifting demographics as many of our larger donors continue to leave the community and young adults do not seem to be moving into the community in great numbers. This being said, we are extremely grateful for the support we have been getting from the community, with donors from across New Hampshire stepping up and making gifts to the annual campaign as well as throughout the year.

## Anti-Semitism in New Hampshire

Fortunately we do not see a great deal of anti-Semitism happening in New Hampshire, and when incidents do occur the Federation works closely with community partners to address the issue. In the past year, there was one incident of anti-Semitic graffiti in the central part of the state, which was addressed by the Federation in coordination with the New England office of the Anti-Defamation League. We continue to work with the ADL, synagogues, law enforcement, and community leaders across the state to make it clear that such incidents cannot be ignored. One of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal in the fight against anti-Semitism is education, and the Federation has continued to work for greater understanding and dialogue across religious and ethnic lines in the state.

## Volunteers

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire could not do the work it does without a tireless core of volunteers who lend their time and expertise on a wide range of Federation projects. Our annual film festival is perhaps one of the best examples of the importance of our volunteers, who do everything from helping select which films to show to finding new corporate sponsors and greeting attendees at events. We also have many wonderful volunteers who stepped up to help with the annual campaign, making phone calls and telling our supporters how much we appreciate them and what a difference their gifts make.

Daniel Cohen, President

Daniel E. Levenson, Executive Director

# Board of Directors 2014-2015

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## Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board of Directors 2014-2015

President .....	Dan Cohen
Past President .....	Lou Schwartz
VP Administration .....	Barry Scotch
VP Public Relations .....	Linda Gerson
VP Human Resources .....	Judy Wolff
Secretary .....	Jay Madnick
VP Finance .....	Jeffrey Crocker
Assistant Treasurer .....	Robert Feldmann
Assistant Secretary .....	Pat Kalik

### **1-Year Term**

Roberta Brayer  
Elsa Conrad  
Bob Jolton  
Davida Rubin-Baker  
Steve Soreff

### **3 Yrs Ending 2015**

Judith Jolton  
Alan Kaplan

### **3 Yrs Ending 2016**

Debbie De Passe  
JoAnn Meyers  
David Salzberg

## **Community Representatives**

Rabbi Levi Krinsky: Chabad Lubavitch of NH  
Rabbi Peter S. Levy, Steve Soreff: Etz Hayim Synagogue  
Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, Alan Kaplan: Temple Adath Yeshurun  
Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett, Lisa Bonneau: Temple Beth Abraham  
Rabbi Robin Nafshi, Alan Gaby: Temple Beth Jacob  
Rebekah Goldman, Sheryl Liberman: Congregation Betenu  
Rabbi Amy Loewenthal, David Butler: Congregation Ahavas Achim  
Marsha Ostroff: Temple B'nai Israel  
Rabbi Eric Cohen, Stephen Saulten: Temple Israel  
Stephen Borofsky: Temple Meyer David  
Rabbi Edward Boraz, Richard Abel: Upper Valley Jewish Community

# Budget Overview

## JFNH AUDITED OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Operating Income/Expense	Jul 2013 - Jun 2014	Jul 2012 - Jun 2013
<b>Income</b>		
Campaign Revenue	337,488	378,515
Corporate Sponsorship	250	1,750
Preschool Occupancy Revenue	14,826	14,826
Interest Income	226	421
General Office Donation	-	135
Preschool Revenue	211,060	187,758
The Reporter Revenue	35,226	38,802
Cultural/Community Revenue	42,560	38,854
Campaign-Fundraising Revenue	-	6,326
Community Relations Revenue	-	3,602
Individual & Family Services Revenue	7,885	11,696
Senior/Community Outreach Revenue	4,285	2,261
Leadership Dev-Educ Revenue	1,120	3,445
Youth Programming Revenue	3,654	5,537
Israel Experience Revenue	4,755	4,632
Campership Program Revenue	4,017	4,194
Shaliach Program Revenue	-	2,000
Sister City Revenue	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	667,351	704,754
<b>Expense</b>		
Federation Office	255,448 *	243,892
Preschool Expenses	195,338	186,766
The Reporter Expenses	41,176	41,453
Cultural/Community Expenses	42,154	68,894
Campaign-Fundraising Expenses	38,764	55,908
Community Relations Expenses	3,412	6,413
Ind. & Family Services Expenses	7,964	11,697
Senior/Community Outreach Expenses	4,905	2,590
Leadership Dev-Educ Expenses	4,598	13,648
Youth Programming Expenses	10,612	10,823
Israel Experience Expenses	12,000	8,650
Campership Program Expenses	12,000	13,500
Shaliach Program Expenses	(59)	31,683
Sister City Expenses	-	139
<b>Allocation Expenses</b>		
<b>Local/Regional/National</b>	30,320	35,850
Israel/Overseas	23,820	24,032
<b>Total Allocation Expenses</b>	54,140	59,882
Contingency Reserve	-	5,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	682,451	760,939
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	\$(15,099)	\$(56,185)
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Campaign Endowment Fund	54,000	35,025
Previous Years Surplus	-	-
<b>Net Other Income</b>	54,000	35,025
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$38,901</b>	<b>\$(21,160)</b>

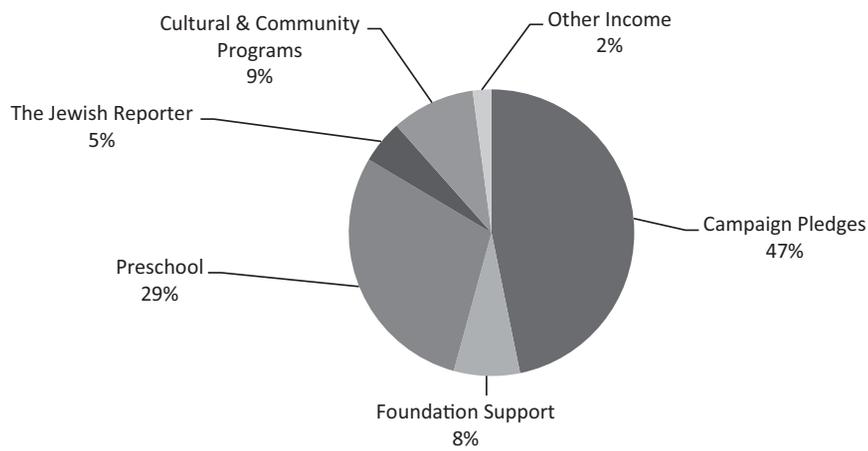
\* Increase in Insurance, Utilities, Audit, and Pledge write-off expenses

***In 2012-2013, an additional \$4,317 was collected and distributed to the Israel Terror Relief Fund.***

# 2013-2014 Revenue & Expense

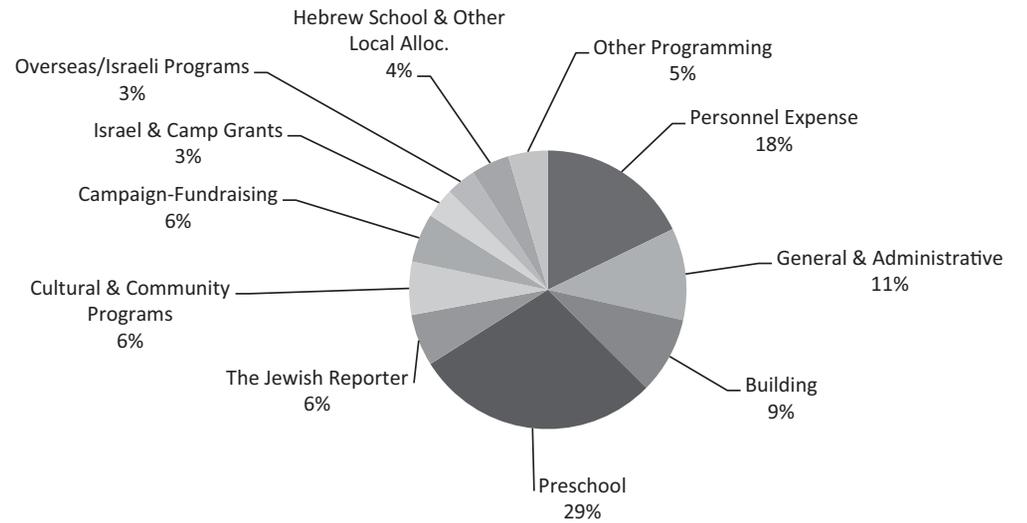
## JFNH ANNUAL BUDGET

### JFNH Revenue 2013-2014



### Revenue Chart

### JFNH Expense 2013-2014



### Expense Chart

Campaign Pledges	337,488
Foundation Support	54,000
Preschool	211,060
The Jewish Reporter	35,226
Cultural & Community Programs	68,275
Other Income	15,302
	<b>\$721,351</b>

Personnel Expense	121,646
General & Administrative	72,892
Building	60,910
Preschool	195,338
The Jewish Reporter	41,176
Cultural & Community Programs	42,154
Campaign-Fundraising	38,764
Israel & Camp Grants	24,000
Overseas/Israeli Programs	23,820
Hebrew School & Other Local Alloc.	30,320
Other Programming	31,431

**\$682,451**

## Mission Statement

“The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire promotes Jewish continuity by enhancing and expanding a connected and vibrant Jewish community in New Hampshire, Israel, and around the world.”

# Foundation Report

<b>General Trust Funds</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
I.A. Brodie Fund	25,259	22,385	20,016
E.M. Chase Fund	448,247	397,248	355,206
General Trust Fund	45,970	37,163	29,903
Ethel & Saul Greenspan Fund	133,770	119,885	108,439
M. A. Kaplan Fund	93,985	80,289	68,998
Louis Miller Family Fund	250,623	220,687	196,009
Hyman Reingold Fund	8,109	7,015	6,113
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum Fund	21,783	18,983	16,675
Max Rovner Fund	54,833	48,832	43,886
Sidney Samuels Fund	46,839	43,215	40,228
Alex Shapiro Fund	15,884	14,092	12,616
HAB Shapiro Family Fund	14,510	12,874	11,526
Harvey Winneg Fund	14,388	12,901	11,673
	<b>1,174,200</b>	<b>1,035,569</b>	<b>921,288</b>
<b>Donor Designated Funds</b>			
Etta Berman Educational Fund	9,552	8,743	8,228
Muriel & Edward Broad Preschool Scholarship Fund	17,948	16,386	15,499
Andrew Cohen Scholarship Fund	5,210	4,776	4,500
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	24,585	22,511	21,213
Zelma & Ben Dorson Senior Fund	30,738	28,100	26,305
Jennie & Mandel Eluto Education Fund	9,152	8,426	7,979
Maurice Foster Senior Fund	7,067	6,472	6,104
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund	7,598	6,969	6,575
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	51,112	46,827	43,936
Saul Sidore Senior Fund	1,820	1,663	1,562
William R. Silverman Fund	9,155	8,410	7,946
Singer Family Fund	17,718	16,276	15,402
Winneg Family Education Fund	30,158	27,800	26,263
Gary & Irma Wallin Young Leadership Fund	30,327	26,822	25,348
Zvi & Debby Cohen JFGM Film Festival Fund	9,987	9,450	8,976
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	9,046	8,149	7,697
Irving & Bernice Singer Teen Israel Experience Fund	122,589	112,385	106,394
Kushner-Tumen Fund	9,919	7,259	6,606
<b>Philanthropic Funds:</b>			
Children's Enrichment & Education Fund	56,401	52,002	49,344
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Tribute Fund	73,179	66,128	61,833
Solomon Family Fund	16,086	14,258	13,240
Krentzel, Muskat & Forgosh Family Philanthropic	46,032	60,934	75,696
	<b>595,379</b>	<b>560,746</b>	<b>546,646</b>
<b>Campaign Endowment Fund</b>	622,227	651,787	650,658
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<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	189,206	215,972	214,330
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<b>PACE Trust Funds</b>			
Joan & William Green Pace Fund	25,872	23,743	22,275
Sidney Samuels Pace Fund	54,805	50,491	47,548
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Pace Fund	105,724	97,440	91,795
Max Rovner Pace Fund	31,386	29,437	28,146
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh Pace Fund	31,246	27,862	25,385
Muriel & Edward Broad Pace Fund	5,128	2,652	2,150
Dorothy Goodstein Pace Fund	16,520	15,334	14,537
Barbara & David Stahl Pace Fund	49,221	31,989	29,454
Goldstein Pace Fund	12,036	11,126	10,130
Saul & Ethel Greenspan Pace Fund	12,035	11,125	10,130
Ovid & Laura Slavin Pace Fund	59,599	54,057	-
Morton & Sydell Rosen Pace Fund	33,030	-	-
	<b>436,602</b>	<b>355,256</b>	<b>281,550</b>
<b>Custodial Trust Funds</b>			
Temple B'Nai Israel of Laconia	148,832	127,389	112,531
Temple Beth Abraham	-	-	323,783
	<b>148,832</b>	<b>127,389</b>	<b>436,314</b>
<b>TOTAL JFNH FOUNDATION FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$3,166,446</b>	<b>\$2,946,719</b>	<b>\$3,050,786</b>

# 2014-2015 Campaign Honor Roll

## MEN'S DIVISION

### \$10,000+

Gary Singer, Jeffrey Singer, Robert Singer,  
and Michael Sydney

### \$5,000+

Richard and Janet Cohen  
Gary and Rochelle Lindner  
Dan Muskat  
Irwin Muskat  
Stephen and Lillian Singer

### \$3,500+

Edward Broad  
Al Sandler and Sarah Finne-Sandler

### \$2,500+

Barry Scotch

### \$1,800+

Iyamoro Baker and Davida Rubin-Baker  
Howard Brodsky  
Daniel and Tiffany Cohen  
Luis and Pamela Englander  
Louis Fink and Pamela Grich  
Bernard Gasser  
Jeffrey and Shirley Ginn  
Robert A. Greene and Susan Presberg-  
Greene  
George and Sally Newman  
Marc Rubenson  
Robert and Joyce Selig  
Steven Shulman

### \$1,250+

Walter and Eleanor Angoff  
Steven and Jane Cohen  
Robert and Debra Feins  
Samuel and Miriam Goldman  
Michael Goldsmith  
Jay and Sue Niederman  
Milton and Edith Novak  
Michael Rosenblum

### \$700+

Michael and Roberta Bornstein  
Steven and Karen Cohen  
Gregory and Deborah De Passe  
Robert and Marcia Feldmann  
David and Davi-Linda Friedman  
David and Michelle Goldman  
Harold and Merle Hochman  
Richard and Nancy Kudler  
Mark and Julie Le Doux

Alan and Joan Reische  
Raymond Saidel  
Michael and Sheila Satzow  
Louis Schwartz  
Rabbi Joshua Segal  
Norman and Sue Stahl  
Robert Stahl z"l  
Adam and Catherine Tanzer  
Abner Taub and Liliane Szyner  
Saul and Bernyce Taube  
Richard and Fran Winneg  
Anonymous

### \$365+

Richard Abel and Roberta Berner  
Bernard and Elaine Brody  
William and Carol Cohen  
Martin and Ann Fabian  
Robert and Marsha Feder  
Alan and Beth Gaby  
David and Marsha Gintzler  
Alex Granok and April Shaw  
Mark and Kathleen Gross  
Jim and Missy Haas and family  
Philip and Carolyn Hollman  
Henry Lipman  
Jay Madnick  
Jeff Oxman  
Sol and Linda Rockenmacher  
David Salzberg and Elissa Barr  
Joel and Elaine Silberberg  
Lewis and Miriam Silverman  
Kenneth Solinsky  
Stephen Soreff and Peggy Tucker  
Melvin and Rachel Spierer  
Rabbi Jon and Laurie Spira-Savett  
Barry and Audrey Steinberg  
Howard and Ann Suls  
Mark and Susan Zankel  
Gerald and Nancy Zidle

### \$250+

Michael and Michele Bank  
The Baroff Family  
Elliott Berry and J. C. Harvey  
Rabbi Edward and Shari Boraz  
Bruce and Nancy Dorner  
Mark and Susan Edelstein  
Richard Friedman  
Samuel and Ellen Gold  
Alan and Rebecca Green  
David and Barbara Green  
Daniel Guttman and Lisa Ferrisi  
John and Elizabeth Halper  
Michael and Ruth Harris

Jeffrey and Evelyn Kantor  
David and Sandra Kochman  
Bernard and Bernice Kramer  
Marc and Dominique Lapin  
Rabbi Peter Levy and Amy Dattner-Levy  
Mark and Cheryl Liebling  
Thomas and Judy Oxman  
David and Elaine Penchansky  
Eric and Heidi Pound  
Thomas and Vivian Prunier  
Stephen Rosenberg  
Gary and Merryll Rosenfeld  
David Rosenzweig  
Lawrence and Robin Rubin  
Alan and Eleanor Rudnick  
Lawrence and Michele Gaier Rush  
David, Vera, Jacob and Jonah Sacks  
Steven Scudder and Donna Palley  
David and Lisa Shechter  
Eliot Sirkin  
William Siroty  
Daniel and Debbie-Ann Sklar  
Gary and Carol Sobelson  
Fred and Brenda Spin  
Ray and Nancy Widrew

### \$100+

Jeffrey and Phyllis Adams  
Mark and Leslie Aronson  
Alexander Asch and Rabbi Jennifer Marx  
Asch  
William Barry III  
Daniel and Diane Becker  
Leonard and Rita Benjamin  
Marc and Ellen Benson  
Stephen and Janice Berger  
Robert and Toby Bersak  
Paul and Elaine Bieber  
Stephen Blatt and Faith Minard  
Steven and Pam Blotcky  
Ray and Lori Boelig  
Richard and Lisa Bonneau  
Steven and Amy Borne  
Stephen and Linda Borofsky  
Kevin and Cheryl Boyarsky  
Charles Broad  
Sanders and Rowena Burstein  
Marc and Agnes Cabot  
Bill and Marilyn Cavanaugh  
Michael and Lisa Claire  
Arthur Cohen  
Thomas Cooper and Rhonda Frisch Cooper  
Jeffrey and Martha Crocker  
Carl and Judith Crosley  
David and Anita Deifik

Steven Dolman and Donna Lenz-Dolman  
Robert Dorf and Debra Margolis  
Richard and Bayle Drubel  
John Echternach and Judith Englander  
Robert and Michelle Eifenbein  
The Ellner-Lamarche Family  
Leonard Epstein and Diane Clark-Epstein  
Michael and Debby Fedder  
Lewis Feldstein  
Lorne and Nona Fienberg  
Rick and Harriet Fingerth  
Barry and Mandy Frank  
Jacob Freedman  
Lee Freedman z"l and Roberta Freedman  
Bennett Freeman  
Alan and Nancy Friedberg  
Roger and Kathryn Frieden  
Joel and Margy Friedman  
Haywood and Carol Gelman  
Charles and Beverly Gerson  
Timothy and Katy Gibney  
Jim and Yvonne Gillen  
Ronald and E. Sandra Goldberg  
Stephen and Sherry Goldberg  
Mark and Naomi Goldman  
David Goldstein  
William and Jane Goodman  
Gary and Lynn Goodnough  
Joshua Gordon and Lisa Shapiro  
Donald and Carol Gorelick  
David and Gabriele Green  
Ernest and Loretta Greenberg  
Harris and Avis Greenstone  
Harold and Charlotte Gross  
Daniel and Kasia Welin Grossman  
Brook Haberman  
Carter Hale and Susan Zlotnick-Hale  
Denis and Sheryl Hammond  
Scott and Pam Hausler  
Howard and Robin Helrich  
Lee Hill and Ellen Groh  
Ed and Stacey Hilston  
Jay and Marjorie Hodes  
Burton and Suzanne Hyman  
Floyd and Hope Inman  
Michael and Beverly Kahn  
Aaron and Deborah Kaplan  
Donald and Nancy Kaplan  
Michael Kasten  
Malcolm and Selena Katz  
H. Jerome and Lois Keisler  
Newton and Arlene Kershaw  
Newton Kershaw III  
Ira and Elaine Kinsler  
David and Esther Kosofsky

# 2014-2015 Campaign Honor Roll

Rabbi Levi and Shternie Krinsky  
Bruce Labitt and Elinor Schwartz  
Alex Leibowitz  
Barry and Bonnie Leshin  
Eugene Lesser and Jennifer Starr  
Jeffrey and Serena Levine  
Mark and Lynda Levine  
Stephen and Mary Ann Levine  
Dion and Lisa Lewis  
Stephan Lewy  
Martin and Jean Lorrey  
Jeff Meyers and Amy Ignatius  
Robert Moses and Gena Cohen-Moses  
Robert and Lisa Orenberg  
Craig and Stacey Oshkello  
David and Fredda Osman  
Richard and Kieu Osofsky  
Eliot and Leslie Paisner  
Steven and Susan Paris  
Jerry and Peg Penberg  
Barry and Dorothy Perlow  
Todd Poret and Sidney Mitchell  
Edward and Rose Pound  
Andrew and Margaret Prolman  
David and Susan Richman  
Dennis Richmond  
Daniel and Ellen Rockmore  
Ken and Jodi Roos  
Arthur and Maureen Rosen  
Fred Rosenblum  
Steven and Karen Rothstein  
Ralph Rudnick  
Barry and Debra Sack  
Sanford and Rivka Sadja  
Jack and Olivia Saunders  
Christopher and Alyse Savage  
Alan and Laurie Schechter  
Robert Schertzer and Laura Rosenthal  
John and Jill Schiffman  
Michael Schloss  
Robert and Elizabeth Segal  
Enrique and Sharon Sernik  
Mark and Nancie Severs  
Albert and Sonia Shamash  
Richard Shapiro  
Richard and Dorothy Sherman  
Stuart and Amy Sherman  
Steven and Fran Short  
Rob Silver  
Jeff and Ann Silverstein  
David and Rebecca Sky  
Noel and Trish Spear  
Keith Spiro and Adrienne Baum  
Robert and Carol Sternberg  
Howard and Leanne Swartz

Ernest and Pamela Swersky  
Maynard and Laura Thomson  
Andru Volinsky  
Gary and Maureen Wasserman  
Peter and Karen Wasserman  
Robert Weisman  
Kenneth Wilner  
Robert Wofchuck  
Michael Yellin and Debra Garlin  
Steven and Judy Zeichner  
Anonymous (4)

**\$1 - \$99**

Seth and Karen Aframe  
Douglas and Jane Allen  
Eliot and Regina Andler  
Yeshayahu and Chantal Artsy  
Bernard and Elaine Ash  
Martin and Debra Baker  
John Baymore and Mary Kindman  
Martin Bender and Nancy Webster  
Bruce and Becky Berk  
Paul and Alyse Bettinger  
Henry and Pat Biagi  
Harvey and Elaine Bloom  
Thomas and Aura Blouin  
Mort Blumenthal  
Jeffrey and Wendy Boxer  
The Bratter-Gronblom Family  
Gary and Barbara Broom  
Albee Budnitz and Vivian Rowe  
James and Cynthia Burrows  
Andrew and Deborah Cohen  
Rabbi Eric Cohen  
Gary and Bonnie Cohen  
Larry Cohen  
Stewart and Claudine Cohen  
David Conley  
Chris and Sharon Curole  
Yehuda and Amy Daskal  
Mark and Sandy Dickens  
Scott and Colleen Dickman  
Mark and Callista Epstein  
Paul and Sue Etkind  
Alan and Tina Fishow  
Kevin and Susan Frewert  
Joel and Melody Funk  
Edward and Patricia Galarneau  
Mark and Melissa Gallagher  
Ben and Laura Garber  
Kevin and Kelly Garnick  
Paul and Barbara Garnick  
Mathew Gatzke and Sandra Crystall  
Daniel and Linda Gerson  
Roye and Elaine Ginsberg

Michael and Judith Glick  
Leon Goldstein and Ronnie Goldstein z"l  
David and Dorothy Goldstone  
Marc and Louise Gomes-Casseres  
Mark and Elaine Granoff  
Louis and Ann Greenberg  
Elliott and Pam Greenblott  
Scott and Tammy Gross  
Bryan and Johanna Halperin  
Ed and Jane Harrington  
Matthew and Ellen Harrington  
Steven Heifetz  
Alan and Marilyn Hoffman  
Andrew and Nancy Jaffe  
Stanley Juda  
Jay and Cheryl Kahn  
Alan Kaplan  
Jack Karp and Judy Felsen  
Robert Katz  
Jon Kelly  
George and Cheryl Kessler  
Harry H. Kimball  
Marc and Wendy Kolopsky  
Edward and Aida Koocher  
Rabbi Ira L. Korinow  
Randy and Carmen Kosow  
Herbert and Marion Kummel  
Seth and Sandie Leonard  
Saul and Gloria Levenson  
Donald and Heidi Levi  
Matthew and Kathy Levin  
Eli and Aimee Levy  
Melvin and Marilyn Lezberg  
Larry and Sheryl Liberman  
Joe and Karen Lukeman  
James and Carol Lurie  
Richard and Deborah Lutsk  
Aaron Madnick  
Ralph Medina  
Stephen Meltzer  
Ross and Amy Moldoff  
Shaun and Stacey Moore  
Joel and Fran Naidus  
Daniel and Jessica Palmer  
Barrie and Barbara Ann Paster  
James and Ellen Prendergast  
Howard and Rosalyn Price  
Eric Ratinoff and Nicole Leapley  
Rob and Janie Redman  
Sidney and Eileen Regen  
David Riese and Eva Bak  
Richard Rosenberg and Linda Cohn-Rosenberg  
Leon and Sandra Rosenblum  
Samuel and Esther Rosenzweig

Martin and Debra Rothberg  
Joel and Lisa Rothenberg  
Jack Ruderman and Amy Messer  
Leonard and Mariane Ruvinsky  
Jerald Sandler  
Paul and Rosalind Sandler  
Robert Sawyer  
Howard and Susan Schiff  
Dennis and Kerry Schneider  
Michael and Sandra Schneider  
Steven Schwartz and Paula Leonard Schwartz  
Leonard Seidenberg  
Gary and Susan Seidner  
Donald and Sandy Shapiro  
Paul and Marion Shapiro  
Harvey Shepard and Kathy Brownback  
Steven and Kathleen Sher  
Paul and Susan Sherr  
Barry and Claire Siegel  
Lewis and Debrah Snapper  
Robert Spiegelman and Truda Bloom  
Arthur Stern  
Richard and Doreen Stonner  
Samuel and Betty Tobias  
Howard Tocman  
David Toub and Phyllis Shapiro  
Robert and Gina Vega  
Robert and Sheila Vinikoor  
Lenny and Elyse Wasserman  
John and Dina Weber  
Bruce and Carol Wechsler  
Stephen and Patricia Weiner  
Thomas and Barbara Wesolowski  
Ken and Gayle Wolfe  
Ted Yegerman  
Jay and Ruth Zax  
Anonymous

## WOMEN'S DIVISION

### \$5,000+

Lee Forgosh  
Charlotte Krentzel  
Margery Muskat  
Bernice Singer

### \$2,500+

Eileen Beckhardt Freedman and Ben Freedman

### \$1,800+

Rabbi Beth D. Davidson  
Patricia Kalik

# 2014-2015 Campaign Honor Roll

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## \$1,250+

Nancy Frankel and Mary Atwell  
Fran Gordon  
Ruth Kleinfeld  
Beth Ann Salzman  
Shirley Shapero  
Stephanie Wolf-Rosenblum

## \$700+

Louise Allard  
Muriel Broad  
Rachel Davidson  
Marilyn Flynn  
Ellen Gordon

## \$365+

Laurie and Ted Medrek  
Nancy Moore  
Barbara Scotch  
Deborah Stone  
Honey Weiss

## \$250+

Helen Arnold  
Paula Chessin Clayman  
Elsa Conrad  
Carolyn Gordon and David Webb  
Rochelle Heit  
Susan and Mark Israel  
Rabbi Robin and Cantor Shira Nafshi  
Sydell Rosen  
Cathy-Lynn Locke Schwartz  
Roberta Silberberg  
Joanne Taube

## \$100+

Kathy Brodsky  
Barbara Brown  
Nancy Jo Chabot  
Pamela and Jay Cohen  
Claire and Jack Fabian  
Linda Feinberg  
Arlene Levy Fishbein  
Stephanie Flynn  
Ann and Stephen Foster  
Jeanne Gerard  
Miriam Gitterman  
Amy Goldstein  
Susan Grodman  
Evelyn Hammerman  
Hilary Ryder and Matthew Henken  
Helen Honorow  
Brenda Johnston  
Sheryl Rich Kern  
Anne Licciardello

Doris Marks  
Claire Metzger  
Zee Morse  
Ellen Musinsky  
Anat Myers  
Jill Pelunis  
Debora and Michael Pignatelli  
Carol Pressman  
Rhoda Rudnick  
Stella Scheckter  
Sylvia Schwartz  
Frances Shapiro  
Judith Shapiro  
Hillary Silver  
Susan Smith  
Rebecca Snider  
Jessica Stern  
Jane Taylor  
Diane Toth  
Peggy Weisman  
Corri Wilson  
Judith and Martin Wolff

## \$1 - \$99

Esther Deborah Aber  
Sarita Abrahams  
Karen Alper  
Deborah Bailin  
Paula Blank  
Roslyn Block  
Jane Boyer  
Roberta Brayer  
Renee Brenner  
Thelma Brudner  
Jean Buck  
Harriet Cannon  
Nancy Cantor  
Janet Cerniglia  
Barbara Choquette  
Ellen and Alan Cohen  
Donna Craig  
Allison Doyle  
Mildred Eisman  
Judy Eliasberg  
Gail Ellis  
Barbara Feinberg  
Ellen Fineberg  
Rachel Fischer  
Susan Frankel  
Marilyn Frederick  
Deborah Freedman  
Elenore Freedman  
Blanche Friedman  
Sylvia Friedmann  
Shirley Garrett

Carol Gold  
Eileen Golden  
Judith Goldsmith  
Ruth Granoff  
Marilyn Greenspan  
Marlene Grossman  
Mrs. Richard Horowitz  
Sharon and Clark Johnson  
Carol Kaplan  
Andrea Waxler Kaplan and Elliott Kaplan  
Lillian Koocher  
Dorothy Krasner  
Hilda E. Landsman  
Inge Lee  
Lisa Leonard  
Barbara Kevebsib  
Leatrice Levy  
Melanie Ludwig  
Rhonda Madnick  
Sandra McCurdy  
JoAnn Meyers  
Irene Nagler  
Alma O'Grady  
Barbara Brandano Olson  
Shelly Osborne  
Deni Oven  
Linda Peck  
Barbara Pine  
Michele Plotkin  
Eleanor Porter  
Patricia Quinn  
Elaine Rabinovitz  
Noa Rembiszewski-Levy  
Lyra Riabov  
Michele Richmond  
Inna Rivilis  
Judith Rogers  
Irina Rombe  
Janet Samuels  
Brenda Schadick  
Carol Schapira  
Jennifer Seamans  
Thelma Seidenberg  
Carol Settino  
Esta Shriber  
Dorothy Silber  
Lesley Stein  
Madelyn Taube  
Cheryl and Noel Weinstein  
Betty Wolfe  
Kyra R. Zorn-Hikmate  
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Joan and William Green PACE Fund  
The Greenspan Foundation  
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Manchester Community Theatre Players  
Monday Morning Mahjongg Group  
Max Rovner PACE Fund  
Sidney Samuel PACE Fund  
Ovid Slavin PACE Fund  
Barbara and David Stahl PACE Fund  
United Way - Manchester

## Tributes

In honor of Barbara Brown  
Vicky and Reid Drucker

In honor of Miriam Edlin  
Ellen Stern and family

In honor of the Film Festival Committee  
Jennifer O'Keefe

In honor of Dr. Jeffrey Forgosh  
Stephen Rosenberg

In honor of Judith Jolton  
Saul and Gloria Levenson

In memory of Bud Baron  
Michael Rosenblum and Stephanie  
Wolf-Rosenblum

In memory of Charlotte Kapiloff  
Michael and Tricia Kapiloff

In memory of Larry White  
Marcia White

# 2015/5775 Irma and Gary Wallin Young Leadership Award

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This award is given to a young adult who has shown a significant commitment to the Federation and to the New Hampshire Jewish Community. The award recipient receives an expenses paid trip to the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly.

## **Debbie DePasse**

Debbie DePasse was raised in New Hampshire, was a member of Temple Beth Abraham while growing up, and is currently a member of Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry. She attended the University of Rochester, graduating with a degree in biology in 1993. Since then, she has worked researching new medicines and medical devices for pharmaceutical companies. In 2007, she started DePasse Clinical Research Consulting, followed by DePasse Consulting Group.

After several years of living in Brookline, MA, and a brief period in Europe, Debbie returned to Londonderry, NH, with her husband, Greg. They have three children: Rebecca (age 10), Ben (age 7), and Sophia (age 5).

Debbie found her connection to the Jewish community in New Hampshire through the JFNH Preschool, which all three of her children have attended. She has had at least one child in the school every year since 2007, and this will continue until June of 2016! The warmth and caring environment from the staff and their devotion to the children have made this an obvious choice for the DePasse family.

Debbie's involvement began with the JFNH Preschool Committee, first as a parent, helping with programming and fundraising, and then serving on the JFNH Board of Directors in 2009. Since that time, she has actively participated in the Super Sunday fundraising campaign every year and has enjoyed volunteering her time on several committees, most recently working on the NH Jewish Film Festival, Planning and Allocation Committee, and Preschool Committee, as well as attending JFNH programming whenever possible.

Debbie feels that JFNH has given her a sense of belonging within the Jewish community of New Hampshire. At a time when she was unaffiliated to a synagogue, JFNH was able to provide her with an important connection to Jewish culture in New Hampshire. Debbie plans to continue volunteering her time with JFNH in the years to come and is thankful for having been given the opportunity to do so.



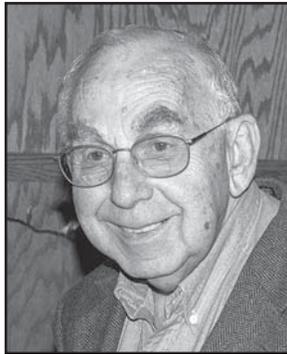
**Debbie DePasse**

# 2015/5775 Shem Tov Award Recipients

The Shem Tov (good name) awards were created by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire to recognize volunteers from organizations across New Hampshire who have provided outstanding service to the Jewish community. The recipients below were nominated by their respective organizations.

## Sheldon “Bud” Baron z”l - Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

If anyone deserves a second Shem Tov Award, it is Bud Baron. Bud was previously recognized as a long-overdue Temple Adath Yeshurun recipient in 2013. He truly deserves an award as a Jewish Federation nominee, because he was a tireless and committed member of the entire Jewish community. At one time or another he was a member of the boards of Temple Israel, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood, and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. He was a long-serving member of the TAY Ritual Committee and a stalwart leader of Seniors Forever Young.



Bud Baron

If a volunteer was needed for an occasion or event or program, Bud was there. TAY Brotherhood Chanukah Candle Fundraiser, substitute for leading a Friday night service, setting up and serving at Deli Night, attending the Temple Israel morning minyan, volunteering at a Federation event. . . . You name it and you could count on Bud.

Rabbi Krinsky wrote, “Buddy seemed to be everyone’s close friend. People like Buddy are hard to replace.” He was such a positive promoter of our entire Jewish community. We will miss his smile and his “How’re ya doing.”

Bud’s is a wonderful legacy of someone who helped to bring people together to support our Jewish institutions, with time, energy and, above all, respect for each other.

## Elaine and Paul Bieber - Congregation Ahavas Achim

Elaine and Paul moved to Fitzwilliam, NH, in 2006 upon retiring from their jobs on Long Island (NY). Elaine’s family lived in Vermont and Massachusetts, so the Keene area was a natural middle point. Joining Congregation Ahavas Achim in Keene was just about the first thing they did after unpacking the moving van.



Elaine and Paul Bieber

They believe that being members of a Jewish community is important. They immediately made new friends and rapidly became involved with the synagogue.

Paul was the president of a 750-family temple in New York, which gave him strong experiences in nonprofit management. He joined the board of Ahavas Achim and one year later was elected treasurer and helped create the policy of not charging members for High Holiday tickets, which increased attendance.

Paul was elected president in 2009, serving until 2014, and he loved it 99% of the time. He most enjoyed the B’Nai Mitzvahs, where he was tasked with giving a short speech complimenting and kidding the students as well as their families.

In a small community, many tasks fall to the president. Paul especially enjoyed the annual Purim festival, where, acting as Haman, he caught wet sponges with his face.

Elaine is the chair of the Caring Committee, bringing food, compassion, and friendship to families in need. She is always baking for the Oneg Shabbat, pot luck dinners, and special occasions. Elaine is also the co-chair of the community Seder.

## Lee Hill - Temple Adath Yeshurun

Lee Hill and his wife, Ellen Groh, live in Hollis, NH, with their sons, Aaron and Joshua. Aaron became Bar Mitzvah in 2013 and attends TAY’s Hebrew High, and Josh is in the TAY religious school in the 6th grade. They have been members of TAY for 10 years. While serving on the TAY Board of Directors, Lee has chaired the Cemetery, Nominating, Personnel, and Technology Committees. In past years, he has served as TAY’s president, 2nd vice president, and secretary. He currently chairs TAY’s Finance Committee.



Lee Hill

Lee is an electrical engineering consultant and the Founding Partner of SILENT Solutions LLC, a business he started in Silicon Valley in 1992. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and has served as an instructor at Oxford University (England) and University of California-Berkeley Extension. In past years, he has served on the board of directors of his international professional association and of the office park where his business is located in Amherst, NH. He holds a master of science in electrical engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology Electromagnetic Compatibility Laboratory. At work, he is involved in the design and troubleshooting of new electronic products as well as teaching professional classes to engineers throughout the United States and overseas.

Lee is an avid dad, runner, soccer player, motorcyclist, ham radio operator, ping pong player, Red Sox fan, and spicy food lover. He also speaks Spanish and American Sign Language. He grew up in Bloomfield, CT, and since then has lived in New York, California, Missouri, Massachusetts, and now New Hampshire since 1996.

## Jonathan and Glenna Lee - Temple B’nai Israel

When you’re a small congregation north of Concord, NH, a new person joining the temple is always a happy occasion. When the new member is a family of four, and mom and dad are under 40, it is very exciting. And when that family jumps in and takes on major responsibilities at the temple, that is a *simcha* (joyous occasion).



Jonathan and Glenna Lee

Jonathan and Glenna Lee moved from Larchmont, NY, to Meredith, NH, with their two daughters, Sarina (now 4) and Annika (now 7), in time for Rosh Hashanah 2013. From the beginning, they were involved in temple life.

Jonathan is an orthopaedic physician with Advanced Orthopaedic Specialists. He graduated from Brown University and received his medical degree from Alpert School of Medicine in Providence, RI, completing his residency at Columbia University Hospital. In addition to his busy orthopaedic practice he is the father of two young children and plays violin with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra.

When there was an unexpected vacancy on the board in October of 2013, Jonathan immediately offered to fill in. Despite his busy schedule, he is at every meeting. In April 2013, our Rabbi announced she would be leaving in June. Without any hesitation Jonathan offered to chair the Rabbi Search Committee. He spent countless hours posting our position, reading resumes, talking to candidates, conducting interviews, and entertaining the candidates when

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they were here. His enthusiasm, and willingness to work toward the goals of TBI is truly the definition of a *mensch!*

Glenna received her BA from Haverford College and her MA from the William Davidson School of Education at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Despite having a two and five year old to care for and a new home and community to adjust to, from the moment she arrived Glenna became involved with the temple religious school. When it became clear there would be no director for the religious school for 2014-2015, Glenna stepped up and volunteered to take on the position. In addition to her vast knowledge of Judaism, Glenna is very creative, quilting and baking incredible delicacies. Her creativity overflows into her curriculum for the religious school. This year she designed a learning environment where the children are actively involved in different aspects of Judaism. With her amazing ideas, the religious school is nothing like the Hebrew school of earlier days. All are looking forward to next year's adventure!

Not only has she reached out to the temple youth, but with her charismatic personality and enthusiasm she has gotten many members who had never considered teaching before involved in religious school. It's hard to say no to Glenna! When thinking about where TBI was at this time last year, with no rabbi and no director for the religious school, and the Lees arriving just at the right time, the word that comes to mind is *bashert*. It was meant to be! Thank you, Jonathan and Glenna -- you are both *shem tov!*

## Sue Niederman - Temple Adath Yeshurun

With the exception of a few years in New Jersey just after her marriage, Susan has been a member of Temple Adath Yeshurun since her parents moved to New Hampshire in 1953. She has followed in her parents' footsteps as a longtime volunteer for the temple.

Shortly after she and her husband, Jay, moved back to New Hampshire in 1975, she became active in temple activities, serving on the temple board as membership chair and as co-vice president of the temple sisterhood. Once her children were in school full time, Susan went back to work as a speech pathologist in the public schools and later as a one-on-one assistant to children with special needs. Although this was gratifying, after her children were grown and married and her grandchildren were born, she decided to retire so she could spend more time with them. At about that time, she began chairing the TAY Cemetery Committee. Years ago, her father, George Younger, held the same position. She remembers her father answering the same types of calls that she now receives from funeral homes and family members when they needed information about the cemetery. In addition, Susan also co-chaired a successful campaign to restore the chapel at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery.



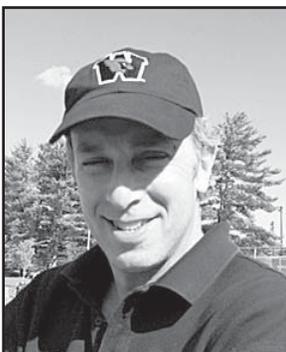
Sue Niederman

## David Ossoff - Temple Beth Jacob

David grew up on the north shore of Boston but has lived in Concord, NH, for the past 30 years. He and his wife, Leslie, have three children: Hannah, 20; Joseph, 17; and Samantha, 12. The kids have all gone through the Concord public schools, and the family has been very involved in sports, theater, and various other community activities.

The Ossoffs have been members of Temple Beth Jacob in Concord for 15 years, with each of the children attending the religious school there. David has had various volunteer roles at the temple, including teaching religious school for 10 years and heading up fundraising for the past six or seven years.

David is the current board president of Community Bridges in Concord, a nonprofit area agency that provides care for people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders. He has been active in other community programs, including helping with youth sports



David Ossoff

teams, volunteering at various theater productions, and helping run the Concord adult volleyball leagues for over 20 years.

In his professional life, David is a partner in Americo LLC, a Pittsfield, NH, company that collects waste vegetable oil from restaurants and cleans it to be sold to biodiesel plants along with several other uses. He also owns and manages several commercial properties.

## Eileen Regen - Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

Eileen has been a member of BHC for 15 years, and she has served as recording secretary since 2004. Born in Cleveland, she received her BS in Education at Ohio and an MA at UMD. She is married to Sid Regen. They have three sons and six grandchildren.

Eileen's work as publicity coordinator has extended BHC's reach well beyond its 50 members. Eileen stretches public interest in all major BHC events by writing articles under her byline for local newspapers. Such publicity has consistently resulted in high attendance.

BHC has, over the past several years, held two major multiday celebrations -- the 90th Anniversary (2010) and a Yiddish Culture Weekend (2012). The publicity for each celebration included designing, creating, and selling advertisement in large program books in addition to writing articles for the local media.

Eileen is the editor of BHC's magazine, *The STAR*, a three-times-a-year publication sent to over 300 subscribers, and BHC's monthly newsletter, sent to 200 subscribers. For each publication, Eileen identifies potential articles, contacts and cajoles authors, designs the layout, ensures final production, and mails the publication out.

As hospitality coordinator, Eileen oversees the maintenance of the kitchen and all the crockery, organizing volunteers and sponsors for both onegs and large potluck gatherings. Eileen produced a special guide for food safety and kitchen organization at BHC.

Eileen is a devoted volunteer for BHC Cares. Since BHC is the only synagogue in the North Country, delivering Sabbath care packages to those in need usually requires driving long distances in the winter.



Eileen Regen

## Richard and Linda Rosenberg - Etz Hayim Synagogue

In 2001, Linda and Richard Rosenberg moved to New Hampshire from Long Island (NY) for Rich to take a position as a sales engineer. There were two criteria in choosing a home. First, a good educational system for their two children, Matthew, now 22, and Alyssa, 21; and second, a synagogue where they would feel at home. They were so warmly welcomed by Etz Hayim members, they knew they had found their spiritual home. Linda began working as a clinical social worker at a group private mental health practice, and Rich settled into his new position.



Richard and Linda Rosenberg

When first at Etz Hayim, Linda joined the Education Committee and at times served as a class parent. Linda, Rich, and their children began helping and selling at the Yard. Linda assisted Laura Aronson in running Harvest Moon, the fall fund raiser. Richard served on the Rabbi Search Committee, resulting in the hiring of Rabbi Peter Levy. Linda, under the guidance of Larry Blecher and Carol Smolenski, has sung in vocal groups that entertain our congregants.

The Rosenbergs' most consistent contribution has been to be active in Elijah's Table, a free monthly dinner offered to the Derry community, since it began almost three years ago. Rich often assists with the set-up, serving, and breakdown, or whatever needs to be done. Linda cooks, serves, cleans tables, or just makes the diners feel comfortable. When the coordinators are away, the couple can be counted on to step in to assist with organization.

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## Michael Rosenblum - Temple Beth Abraham

Temple Beth Abraham is honored to announce the very deserving recipient of our Keter Shem Tov Award, Michael Rosenblum. He has been past president, past treasurer (many terms), member of multiple committees, and still volunteers his time on the Finance and Fundraising Committee. He is a local resident who helps with a minyan whenever needed. He has been very involved with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

Michael has a passion for flying, and he volunteers for Angel Flight, which is a nonprofit charitable organization of pilots that arrange free air transportation for any medically related need and is financially supported primarily by pilots who fly the missions (by donating the use of their airplanes and operating expenses) and by contributions from individuals, service clubs, social and religious group, and corporations. Temple Beth Abraham will honor Michael on June 27 with a special Kiddush.



Michael Rosenblum

## Jill and John Schiffman - Upper Valley Jewish Community

Jill grew up in Manchester, NH, older daughter of Ethel and Saul Greenspan, who were well-known community leaders in the Jewish and larger communities. John is from Long Island (NY) and Miami, FL, and came to the Upper Valley to attend Dartmouth College. He met and married Jill, and in 1967 they moved to Hanover, where they raised their family: daughter, Lynne, and son, Mark, and became proud grandparents of Eva, Will, and Zane.



Jill and John Schiffman

Members of the Upper Valley Jewish Community (UVJC) since its inception, Jill has served on its board of trustees, as head of the Cemetery Committee for the past 10 years, and on a UVJC committee that has been compiling, through oral interviews, a history of Upper Valley Jewish life.

In Jill's 30-plus years as a psychotherapist and psychologist, she treated hundreds of children, adolescents, and families. As assistant professor of psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School, she taught and supervised Dartmouth undergraduates, DMS medical students, and psychiatric residents. For 31 years she has been the co-organizer of the annual MacNamee Memorial Conference, which has provided continuing education opportunities to some 6,000 attendees and has underwritten reduced-fee clinical services to deserving Upper Valley children, adolescents, and families.

An alumna of Smith College, Jill has been her class's major gifts chair for 30 years, member of Smith's Alumnae Fund Committee, chair of the \$10 million Alumnae Fund, member of the Alumnae Association Board, and president of the NH Smith Club.

Following 40 years of leadership and fundraising roles in many local nonprofits, Jill became a founder of the Women's Fund of NH, a statewide foundation that directs its resources to programs that serve NH women and girls, has a mission of advocacy on behalf of women and girls, and encourages women to become active philanthropists. Jill served on the WFNH Board for 10 years and as its chair for four years.

For four decades, John has volunteered for numerous public and professional boards and organizations in Hanover and the Upper Valley: trustee of Trust Funds, Hanover; treasurer for the predecessor of the UVJC; member, Dresden & Hanover School Board; trustee of Lebanon College, Howe Library, and Lebanon Opera House; and fundraising and alumni activities volunteer for Dartmouth College and Amos Tuck School of Business.

In 2004 John bought the Dartmouth Bookstore, preserving the 100-year-old business from bankruptcy and allowing it to continue today (owned by Barnes & Noble) as the largest retailer on Hanover's Main Street. Currently, he is chairman of the Upper Valley Snow Sports Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, committed to preserving Whaleback Ski area.

John served as treasurer and board member of the Business and Industry Association of NH. He was appointed to the Governor's Commission on Utility Financing, and subsequently served as a director for Public Service Company of New Hampshire, which built the Seabrook nuclear power plant. He was a trustee of Franconia College and is a past president and board member of the NHCPA Society.

Nationally, John has three decades of volunteer service for the American Institute of CPAs, serving on its governing council, chairing many senior committees, and working on designing the first nationally administered peer review program for the CPA profession. He was chairman of the AICPA's Life Insurance Trust, committed to providing financial security for approximately 250,000 CPAs and their families.

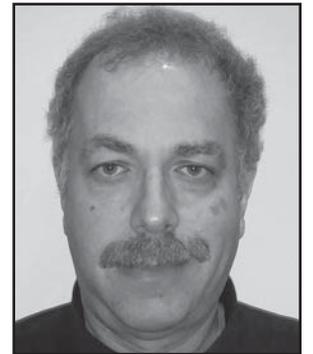
Currently, John is secretary-treasurer of Northern Communities Investment Corporation, a not-for-profit organized to preserve jobs and foster economic development in the six northern counties of New Hampshire and Vermont.

## Michael Schloss - Etz Hayim Synagogue

Mike Schloss was born in Bronx, New York, and grew up as a Red Sox fan in West Orange, NJ. He went on to get his bachelor's degree in computer science at Rensselaer (RPI) in Troy, NY. Mike moved to New England in 1985 and now lives with his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Rachel, in Windham.

Mike has worked as a software engineer for Oracle in Nashua for the past 10 years. Mike has been a member of Etz Hayim Synagogue since 2008 and on the Life Long Learning Education Committee, which he currently co-chairs, since 2009. Mike also supports his daughter's participation in New Hampshire Destination Imagination and serves as an Instant Challenge appraiser at NHDJ tournaments.

When parents, students, teachers, and visitors come to Etz Hayim Synagogue on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, they will always see one of synagogue's most dedicated and valuable volunteers, Mike Schloss. Mike can be seen greeting parents and students, helping in a classroom when needed, setting up chairs or tables, answering questions, or filling in for a teacher. He is a fixture at the synagogue on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The students look up to him and know that if there is ever a problem, they can go to him. He encourages them, congratulates them, and supports their learning.



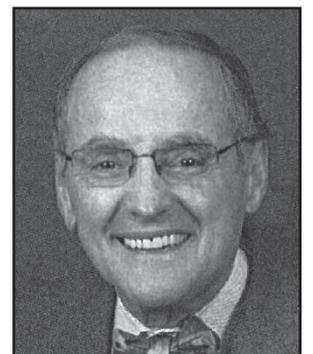
Michael Schloss

## Barry Scotch - Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Barry Scotch and his wife, Barbara (Katz), a third-generation Manchester native, moved to Bedford from New Jersey in 1974 and joined Temple Adath Yeshurun. Barry received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Columbia University, and he is a lawyer with a Manchester law firm.

Soon after arriving in New Hampshire, Barry became active in both TAY and the Jewish Federation. He has served the Jewish Federation of Greater Manchester and the current Jewish Federation of New Hampshire for decades as both a board member and officer. He is the outgoing vice president of administration. Among his activities in that position was the creation of the By Laws Revision Committee, which drafted the document that will be voted upon at the JFNH Annual Meeting. Barry was also the chair of the CJA Campaign in the early 1990s, and he has been a long-time member of the Jewish Federation Foundation, which oversees the investments and allocation of our endowment funds.

Barry's wife, Barbara, has been a beloved and highly respected Judaica teacher in the TAY religious school. They have three children: Adam, of Santa Monica, CA; Matthew, of Temple, AZ; and Molly Budman, of Washington, DC; as well as grandchildren Campbell and Amelia Scotch and Dean Budman.



Barry Scotch

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## David J. Winthrop - Temple Israel

David has been a member of Temple Israel of Manchester from the mid 1960s onward. As a youngster, he was driven down from Laconia for four years to attend *cheder*: first, two times a week, then three times, and finally four times, which included Shabbat services. David had his Bar Mitzvah in 1971 under the tutelage of Rabbi Klein. He also attended Camp Young Judea, in Amherst, for five summers, starting in 1967.

David is the son of the late Temple Israel president, Gerald Winthrop, and his wife, Harriet Winthrop. He is the grandson of lifetime members of Temple Beth Abraham of Nashua, Louis B. and Sarah Kaplan.

A graduate of New Hampton Prep School, David attended New Hampshire Voc Tech College and earned a degree in mechanical design/drafting. Over the years, he worked for numerous companies in the area, including Pope Machinery of Haverhill, MA, a producer of machine tool spindles; O.D. Hopkins of Hopkinton, NH, a manufacturer of large-scale water rides for amusement parks; and Thermal Technology, of Concord, where he was designed industrial furnaces.

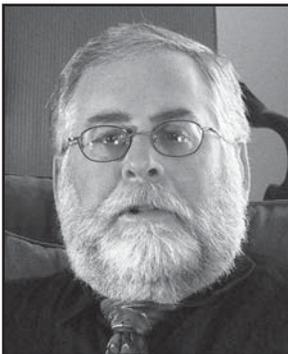
As a member of Temple Israel's Religious Committee, along with functioning as assistant Gabbi to Sandi McCurdy, David has taken the lead role as one of the temple's "Holy Rollers." Overseeing the health and maintenance of the synagogue's Torahs includes setting the scrolls for the weekday morning minyans, Shabbat, and all holidays, as well as rolling the Torah scrolls from beginning to end and back again, allowing them to breath. David helped initiate an ongoing Torah Restoration Project, which is bringing a long-neglected Torah back to a usable kosher condition.

David also continues the weekly rotation of the *yahrzeit* memorial boards. He has become the unofficial Temple photographer, taking pictures for all the special events that happen at Temple Israel, including menorah lighting, Chanukah party, Passover prep, Purim spiel, and more.

As part of the temple's kitchen committee, David helps prepare the Shabbat Kiddush lunches and clean up afterward. He sets up tables and chairs for special events, and he is always willing to give a hand in organizing the kitchen, taking inventory, and keeping the place kosher.

David is living proof that it's not the big projects that make a temple more than just a building, a place of pride and welcoming. It's the little things, like making sure there are fresh batteries in the microphones for the high holidays, repairing the sound system in the social hall, fixing a table or two, cleaning and organizing a corner of the temple that hasn't been touched in eons, or even just changing the books for the high holidays and changing them back afterward. If David isn't capable of doing something that needs to be done, he reports the issue to the board and president. In other words, "He is a pain in the tuchas," pointing out when something is wrong or needs replacement or repair.

David has shown that there is more to being a temple member than just paying your dues. He gets involved and participates. He helps make a minyan, visits the sick in the hospital, and shows up at the cemetery for a funeral of a fellow congregant. These are the little mitzvahs that David performs for his local Jewish community. He has shown himself worthy of being considered a real mensch, and we are so pleased to honor him with this award.



David J. Winthrop

## Howard Zibel - Temple Beth Jacob

Growing up in the heavily Jewish neighborhoods of Dorchester and Mattapan in Boston in the 1950s and 60s, Howard attended Temple Beth Hillel Hebrew School. It was a five-day-a-week Hebrew School (Sunday through Thursday), with the weekday classes being held after regular public school. That experience caused him to start teaching beginning Hebrew to third graders at Temple Beth Jacob in Concord in the fall of 1980. Prior to 1980, Hebrew was not introduced until fourth grade. Eventually beginning Hebrew was introduced to second graders, and Howard stuck with beginning Hebrew until 1995, when he took a four-year sabbatical. He returned to teaching Hebrew in 1999, starting with fourth graders and eventually going back to second grade, where he says he belongs. His second teaching stint of 16 years is now longer than his first of 15. He believes that his teachers at Temple Beth Hillel Hebrew School would be shocked if they knew he had been teaching Hebrew for 31 years, because they kicked him out of Hebrew School for behavior reasons before he could graduate!



Howard Zibel

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