



2017/5777 ANNUAL REPORT



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Year in Review

By Jeff Crocker, Board Chair

For the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, the past year was busy and productive. Our federation in New Hampshire is one of 151 member federations and 300 independent communities that make up the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Jewish federations are charitable organizations designed to bring together in one place the organizational resources and volunteers needed in order to provide and support a variety of programs and initiatives of interest to the Jewish community.

Among the North American federations, JFNH is unique in that it aims to serve a Jewish population living throughout the entire state. Aside from our synagogues, temples, and chavurot, New Hampshire has virtually no formal Jewish institutions save for JFNH. There is no Jewish Community Center (JCC), no Jewish senior center, no Jewish family services, and, except for the Jewish preschool operated by JFNH in Manchester, there are no Jewish day schools. JFNH therefore bears an enormous responsibility to create opportunities for New Hampshire's Jews to connect with Jewish life in New Hampshire.

During the past year, JFNH's statewide activities included the following:

- We produced The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, our most popular and ambitious event, which completed its ninth year with its greatest success to date.
- We provided social service assistance and support for individuals and families in need of food and housing throughout New Hampshire.
- We continued to operate our Jewish community preschool in Manchester, where children from two to five years of age can receive a quality education in a Jewish atmosphere.

- We funded and administered the PJ Library program, which provides free Jewish books and music to children six months to eight years of age and offers family programming throughout the year.
- We continued our Israeli educator-in-residence program, which featured Udi Goren and was very well received throughout the state.
- We added a significant endowed fund, the Nathan and Jennie Brindis Fund, which supports Jewish Federation of New Hampshire youth projects such as Israel Experience trips and camperships.
- We awarded grants to several New Hampshire Jewish communities for programming, including a grant to support a workshop in the Upper Valley last fall for Hebrew School educators from around the state and a grant to fund an event in Portsmouth featuring a professor of Jewish and Israel studies to speak about current events in Israel.
- We proudly cosponsored the Maccabeats Chanukah concert in Manchester, and we were a promotional sponsor of NH4Israel's 5K race to raise money for medical equipment for Hadassah Medical Center in Israel.
- We awarded grants that subsidized the cost to send 18 New Hampshire children to Jewish camps for the first time, and to help send three New Hampshire teens and young adults on structured trips to Israel.
- We provided financial support to our state's synagogues to help operate their religious schools.

Our commitment to reach out to the entirety of New Hampshire's Jewish population in a variety of ways is stronger than ever. Contemplating the year ahead, I am excited about the special promise it holds in store. Our Israeli Emissary, Noam Wolf,

has arrived in New Hampshire and is settled in. Noam will spend at least the next year living here and engaging the members of our Jewish communities in every region of our state, with a special focus on our children, teens, and young adults in a range of Jewish cultural, educational, and social activities. The restoration of this program represents a significant milestone for JFNH and the New Hampshire Jewish community.

This year will mark the tenth anniversary of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, a testament to the popularity and significance of this wonderful event that brings our state's Jewish population together in significant numbers to enjoy Jewish-themed films in multiple venues.

We will continue our efforts to have a positive impact in our local communities as convener, funder, supporter, and sponsor of local Jewish events and programs tailored for specific communities' needs and designed to increase Jewish awareness, knowledge, and pride. We will continue to review and expand our existing grant program to increase its effectiveness and impact. We will seek out opportunities to produce and support more educational and cultural programming for our Jewish population throughout the Granite State. We will continue to strengthen our ties with synagogues and temples around the state. We also will continue to increase opportunities for social, educational, and cultural engagement of unaffiliated and non-religious Jews in our NH Jewish community.

Federation's International Impact

Jewish federations also remain an effective means of mobilizing and enabling state and local Jewish communities to respond effectively to international crises and natural disasters. It has been reported that over the

last several years, federation emergency campaigns, which included our own Israel Emergency Fund, raised \$55 million for Israel following its 2014 war in Gaza, \$5.2 million for Ukrainian Jews, and \$1 million for French Jewish security. Through JFNA and its partners, charitable support from Jewish federations throughout the country, including our own JFNH, funds programs in 70 countries, including disaster relief aid, security to protect Jewish sites in Europe against anti-Semitic attacks, and programs to restore and rebuild vibrant Jewish life in former Iron Curtain countries, Cuba, Latin America, Northern Africa, and Asia. In Israel, our support also contributes to antipoverty programs that reach over 800,000 young children and at-risk youth.

However, when we look at the results of JFNH's annual fundraising campaign over the past few years, we observe a steady downward trend, not inconsistent with New Hampshire's statewide charitable giving pattern. JFNH needs your support now more than ever in order to fulfill its mission and meet its commitment to promote Jewish continuity and life for all Jews in New Hampshire by serving and supporting a vibrant Jewish community, and by fostering connections to Israel and world Jewry. Our mission is ambitious and important, and it cannot be accomplished by relying upon the income earned on our investments alone.

We can only do these things with your continuing support, for which we are grateful. Thank you to our wonderful supporters, staff, board and committee members, volunteers, and donors. We are inspired to move forward in the year ahead focused on our goals, and we are prepared to continue building a statewide Jewish community of engagement, bound together by common history, culture, ethnicity, and purpose.

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.”



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Financial Statements

Operating Income/Expense	Reviewed Jul 2015 - June 2016	Reviewed Jul 2014 - June 2015
Income		
Campaign Revenue	213,357.28	243,727.23
General Fund Donations	10.47	24.00
Preschool Occupancy Revenue	0.00	14,826.00
Interest Income	143.85	214.10
General Office Donation	0.00	40.00
Program-Preschool Revenue	196,266.62	203,224.99
The Reporter Revenues	27,137.38	28,952.70
Cultural/Community Revenue	47,843.00	43,203.04
Bob Jolton Festival Event	250.00	0.00
Campaign Fundraising Revenue	91.69	0.00
Community Relations Revenue	1,321.00	0.00
Individual & Family Services Re	75.00	8,437.37
Senior/Community Outreach Rev	3,261.00	1,529.68
Leadership Dev-Educ Revenue	0.00	983.00
Youth Programming Revenue	2,942.00	2,956.00
Israel Experience Revenue	5,436.00	1,800.00
Campership Program Revenue	2,803.00	2,677.00
Total Income	500,938.29	552,595.11
Gross Profit	500,938.29	552,595.11
Total Expense	598,787.71	673,287.22
Net Ordinary Income	(97,849.42)	(120,692.11)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Campaign Endowment Fund	233,609.01	76,035.99
Use Israel Mission Trip Savings		0.00
Foundation Transfers	(793,278.00)	13,000.00
Restricted Donation		0.00
Israel Emergency Donations		18,979.00
Gain on Sale of Asset		913,481.86
Total Other Income	(559,668.99)	1,021,496.85
Other Expense		
Restriction Satisfied	0.00	1,100.00
Israel Emergency Expenses	0.00	18,979.00
Allocation Exp. Adjustment	13,000.00	(6,150.00)
Depreciation Expense	11,350.38	20,415.68
Other Building Expenses	0.00	13,000.00
TAY Preschool Renovation Exp	0.00	1,930.00
Moving Expenses	13,289.86	15,396.05
Sale of Assets	0.00	59,705.00
Total Other Expense	37,640.24	124,375.73
Net Other Income	(597,309.23)	897,121.12
Net Income	(695,158.65)	776,429.01

Foundation Funds

General Trust Funds	2016	2015	2014
I.A. Brodie Fund	24,800	25,335	25,259
E.M. Chase Fund	440,121	449,603	448,247
General Trust Fund	991,263	46,109	45,970
Ethel & Saul Greenspan Fund	131,345	134,175	133,770
M. A. Kaplan Fund	92,282	94,269	93,985
Louis Miller Family Fund	246,080	251,382	250,623
Hyman Reingold Fund	7,961	8,134	8,109
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum Fund	21,389	21,849	21,783
Max Rovner Fund	53,840	55,000	54,833
Sidney Samuels Fund	45,990	46,980	46,839
Alex Shapiro Fund	15,596	15,932	15,884
HAB Shapiro Family Fund	14,247	14,554	14,510
Harvey Winneg Fund	14,127	14,431	14,388
	2,099,041	1,177,753	1,174,200
Donor Designated Funds			
Etta Berman Educational Fund	8,746	9,243	9,552
Muriel & Edward Broad Preschool Scholarship Fund	16,443	17,375	17,948
Andrew Cohen Scholarship Fund	4,770	5,041	5,210
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	22,509	23,786	24,585
Zelma & Ben Dorson Senior Fund	29,588	30,696	30,738
Jennie & Mandel Eluto Education Fund	8,375	8,852	9,152
Maurice Foster Senior Fund	6,576	6,945	7,067
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund	6,955	7,351	7,598
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	46,801	49,455	51,112
Saul Sidore Senior Fund	1,686	1,781	1,820
William R. Silverman Fund	8,379	8,856	9,155
Singer Family Fund	16,489	17,417	17,718
Winneg Family Education Fund	28,660	30,249	30,158
Gary & Irma Wallin Young Leadership Fund	30,044	30,517	30,327
Zvi & Debby Cohen JFGM Film Festival Fund	9,121	9,649	9,987
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	8,495	8,932	9,046
Irving & Bernice Singer Teen Israel Experience Fund	115,344	121,773	122,589
Stahl Cemetery Fund	108,654	-	-
Kushner-Tumen Fund	11,069	11,235	9,919
Philanthropic Funds:			
Children's Enrichment & Education Fund	51,602	54,545	56,401
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Tribute Fund	67,086	70,860	73,179
Solomon Family Fund	15,883	16,134	16,086
Krentzel, Muskat & Forgosh Family Philanthropic	5,468	25,817	46,032
	628,743	566,509	595,379
Campaign Endowment Fund	297,894	474,062	622,227
	297,894	474,062	622,227
Capital Reserve Fund	-	176,761	189,206
	189,206	215,972	214,330
PACE Trust Funds			
Joan & William Green Pace Fund	23,672	25,017	25,872
Sidney Samuels Pace Fund	50,127	52,982	54,805
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Pace Fund	96,695	102,203	105,724
Max Rovner Pace Fund	28,656	30,309	31,386
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh Pace Fund	29,730	31,340	31,246
Muriel & Edward Broad Pace Fund	8,111	6,532	5,128
Dorothy Goodstein Pace Fund	15,098	15,963	16,520
Barbara & David Stahl Pace Fund	45,922	48,140	49,221
Goldstein Pace Fund	11,016	11,640	12,036
Saul & Ethel Greenspan Pace Fund	11,016	11,639	12,035
Ovid & Laura Slavin Pace Fund	54,422	57,578	59,599
Morton & Sydell Rosen Pace Fund	32,616	33,130	33,030
	407,081	426,473	436,602
Custodial Trust Funds			
Temple B'Nai Israel of Laconia	146,966	149,281	148,832
Temple Beth Abraham	-	-	-
	146,966	149,281	148,832
TOTAL JFNH FOUNDATION FUNDS:	\$3,579,725	\$2,970,838	\$3,166,446

2016-2017 Campaign Honor Roll

Gifts received by June 30, 2017

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Eliana and Gillian Rosen in honor of our
Mimi and Pop. We love you so much!
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honor of Susan Israel's many years as
curator of the NH Federation Film Festival
for the UVJC
Gary and Ellen Stern in memory of George
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2017/5777 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.

Sara Leslie Arnold – Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Sara Leslie Arnold is a life-long member of Temple Israel Portsmouth. Sara attended Hebrew School at Temple Israel and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in our community. She and her husband Ian also have entrusted the Jewish education of her children to our school. Her five-year-old daughter Cleo has grown up in the temple, and her son Anakin recently celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on our bimah.

Sara has served our synagogue in many capacities, including teaching in our school, but her most outstanding achievement has been our library. Sara, who is a professional librarian, devoted her considerable skill to making the library at Temple Israel one of the finest of its kind anywhere in the country. Sara spent countless hours and days reorganizing and cataloging our entire collection, rearranging our physical layout, and establishing our special collections section, which houses venerable and valuable tomes dealing with Jewish thought and teaching. Our library is now a point of pride for our congregation, and it is widely used by members of all ages.



Sara Leslie Arnold

Jared Aronson – Temple B'nai Israel

Jared was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at a very young age. DMD is a disease that slowly destroys muscle function throughout the body. Over the years, Jared has lost most of his muscle strength but has always found creative ways to overcome his limitations.

He is mostly known as an artist, having owned a T-shirt business for over 10 years. All of the many designs were drawn exclusively by Jared. At first, they were drawn the old-fashioned way, with pen and paper. Now, without the use of his arms, all of his art is done using his mouth and a custom computer mouse he built from scratch.

Rhino buttons were another device designed out of necessity. Being a switch user himself, he was disappointed with the design and functionality of the available buttons on the market. At first, the switches would work great, but over a short amount of time, the switches began to fail. They would start to stick, which is very dangerous and a little scary when you rely on them for complete wheelchair control. They would need to be taken apart and cleaned often to try to reduce sticking. That would work, but only as a temporary fix. After several experiences of out of control driving, he knew a better solution needed to be found.

Jared started prototyping buttons using a 3D printer and his knowledge as an electronics tinkerer. For about two years, he experimented with different designs and electronic components. The design needed to replicate the feather light sensitivity of the micro light switches without the sticking. They also needed to be compact and sleek looking. Many failed attempts led to a product that Jared was happy to stand behind. Rhino buttons are the best solution for a quality, nice-looking switch that won't stick.

Jared's family has been members of Temple B'nai Israel for many years, and he became Bar Mitzvah at TBI in 1983. His contributions to TBI range from designing our letterhead, pamphlets, promotional T-shirts, and aprons for our annual Jewish Food Festival and fundraising booklets, to stepping up to serve as our web master when we found ourselves with a sudden opening. His wit frequently lightens the mood at board meetings (though he has successfully avoided serving on the Board so far) and adult education sessions.



Jared Aronson

Steven Blotcky – Congregation Betenu

Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Steve went to college at MIT, where he was the president of the Debate Society and member of the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. While working at his first job, he met his wife Pamela, from Dracut, Massachusetts.

They have lived in New Hampshire for the past 38 years, and they are the parents of two children, Benjamin and Hani. Steve was employed as a software engineer for several different companies, including Digital Equipment Corporation, and most recently worked for the Mitre Corporation in computer security. Steve has fibromyalgia and has been on disability leave of absence for the past 17 years.

Steve has been an active member of Congregation Betenu for the past 33 years. He has taught religious school at grade levels ranging from 2nd to 7th grade. He has served on the Building Search Committee and has been the Long-Range Planning Chairman. Steve currently serves as trustee on the Congregation Betenu Board.



Steven Blotcky

Cathi Cherry-Liston – Temple Israel, Dover

Cathi grew up at Temple Israel Dover and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with Rabbi Rothstein. Back then, her mother and the other Jewish ladies ran the temple, the annual bazaar, Sisterhood, Hadassah, Onegs, and the Passover Seder, which they cooked in the temple kitchen. (The smell of the matzo ball soup still lingers in her memory.) As a teenager, she and her sister, Mindy, rode horses around and through Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover. One of those sections is now Temple Israel Dover's cemetery, which Cathi administers on behalf of the temple.

Tradition runs through Cathi's veins, heart, and soul. For Cathi, it is the eternal light that sometimes glows bright but can dim if not cared for. She has now become one of "those ladies" who is trying to keep the light glowing. Cathi's "tradition" has led her to be on the Board for many, many years in various positions. She is currently filling the dual role of Recording and Corresponding Secretary. Cathi also chairs the Cemetery Committee and the Oneg Committee and is active on the Membership Committee as well as in Sisterhood. She has also been Chair of the Ritual Committee.

The bottom line, and the primary reason Cathi was nominated for this award, is that she is the person who is always available to assist in whatever capacity is required—if someone has a question or needs something, the answer is "Talk to Cathi!"

Cathi graduated from Lesley College and has been a special education teacher for 35 years. She is married, with two sons, and enjoys knitting, gardening, and retirement. Cathi grew up in Dover and now lives in Strafford, NH.



Cathi Cherry-Liston

Joan Forscher – Temple Beth Jacob

Joan Forscher, Assistant Treasurer of Temple Beth Jacob, is also active with Sisterhood and the Religious Practice, Dues, Caring Community, and Budget Committees. She has co-written alternative Shabbat services led by Sisterhood members and the TBJ T'filah Band Jammers, has led services during the Rabbi's absence, and coordinated the community Seder. Joan enjoys creating publicity materials for various temple events, which she continues to do remotely for her Hadassah chapter in New Jersey. In addition, as Records Administrator, she maintains the 1,000-record database for that exceptionally large chapter.

As a full-time volunteer in New Jersey while her children were young, she helped extensively with New American resettlement and several programs to combat hunger and homelessness. Joan was the editor of four nonprofits' bulletins, wrote a women's Haggadah, and compiled one in Russian. She restructured Federation's Super Sunday process and served on municipal committees and numerous boards, including NCJW, the JCC, her temple, the town-wide PTA, and the ACLU-NJ.

After earning three masters degrees and working in a variety of professions, in 2003 Joan decided to become a CPA and then applied her life experience to the interesting work of forensic accounting.

Joan and her husband, Gerry Ramage, also active at TBJ, retired to New Hampshire 10 years ago, choosing Concord after checking out Temple Beth Jacob one Erev Shabbat. Now they feel, even as an interfaith couple, that the TBJ community is truly their home in New Hampshire.



Joan Forscher

Lesley Gauthier – Temple Beth Jacob

Lesley Gauthier lives in Webster with her dog, cat, and husband, Rick. She has been a member of Temple Beth Jacob in Concord for 14 years. Within that time, she has actively served on the board and several committees, including House and Fundraising. She also has been a substitute teacher in the religious school. However, most dear to her heart is the volunteer work she does to help individuals at TBJ as well as in the surrounding community.

Lesley is involved with the Temple's Caring Community cooking committee, providing meals to members in need, and she volunteers regularly at Concord's local soup kitchen. She has also served on the board of Family Promise of Greater Concord, a program where several faith communities work together to help homeless families regain their independence. Her duties on that board included chairing the Fundraising Committee, putting the program on the path to raising the funds to get it up and running.

She is currently a Family Promise coordinator at TBJ, where she assigns tasks to volunteers and ensures the safety and comfort of the families we are helping.

Lesley's involvement at TBJ does not stop with committee work. Her time there also includes singing with the choir and performing in the annual Purimshpiel, when she also takes on the role of dance captain.

When Lesley is not at TBJ, she stays active by traveling, hiking, biking, and snowshoeing. Her greatest pleasures include being surrounded by nature and spending time with her family and friends.



Lesley Gauthier

Dorothy Gilbert Goldstone – Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

The Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (BHC) is proud to nominate Dorothy Gilbert Goldstone for the 2017 Shem Tov Award.

In 2014, Dorothy, using her background as a writer, producer, and television executive, turned a sporadic Jewish film series into the highly respected White Mountain Jewish Film Festival (WMJFF). Dorothy organized a film review committee to select the films, and she involved volunteers and sponsors to hang posters in businesses, man the box office, and organize the pre-theater receptions with the speakers. Because of her vision of making the WMJFF a Jewish community experience, WMJFF has become a destination with each film, drawing close to 100 people. Even better, WMJFF has drawn secular Jews to BHC.

Dorothy's husband, David, introduced her to BHC in 2004. Her commitment to BHC and enhancing Jewish community life began with a substantial donation to create the Abraham Goldstone Library in honor of her in-laws. From 2012 to 2015 Dorothy mentored the Jewish In Me Writing Workshop, which resumes this fall. Her volunteering makes BHC welcoming to congregants and visitors alike. Most recently, she was appointed to the BHC Board.

Dorothy was born in Brooklyn, NY, and graduated from Radcliffe College, Harvard University, B.A. Cum Laude, '71. From 1975 until 1992, Dorothy worked in the entertainment business, including NBC and Children's Television Workshop. At ABC, she won the Writers Guild Award for One Life to Live. Dorothy has also taught at Adelphi University and Tisch School of the Arts, NYU.



Dorothy Gilbert Goldstone

Jane Goodman – Temple Beth Abraham

Jane Goodman is a respected member of Temple Beth Abraham, where she is seen by her peers as a role model for commitment, leadership, and effectiveness. As chair of the School Committee, she helped it transition from a PTA-style committee to a committee that set standards for the temple's religious school. She has passed on her dedication to the temple to her children, who serve as madrichim at the school.

Since she learned to chant Haftarah as an adult, her chanting has become a regular part of TBA's Yom Kippur service. She has served on many temple committees and volunteered at many temple-sponsored events.



Jane Goodman

Ruthie Gordon – Temple Adath Yeshurun

Ruthie Gordon has an infectious smile and boundless energy and at Temple Adath Yeshurun we have been fortunate to be the beneficiary of these wonderful assets. Ruthie wears many hats at our temple, including co-president of our Sisterhood and manager of Sisterhood's Judaica Shop, where her exquisite taste has added so much to beautify our shop. Ruthie has a Master's Degree in Education and is a teacher at the Amherst Preschool in Amherst, NH, and she has graciously shared this passion for education with our temple as chair of our Religious School Committee. Ruthie has also been instrumental in the success of L'Chayim, our annual food festival, which she has co-chaired.

Ruthie and her family have been members of Temple Adath Yeshurun since 1998. She lives in Amherst with her husband, Joel, one Bernese Mountain Dog, and one Alaskan Malamute. She has three wonderful grown children, Jocelyn, Eric, and Elliot, all of whom attended and celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah at our temple. They have a new addition to their family, welcoming Jocelyn's husband Andrew Gordon to their fold this year.



Ruthie Gordon

Lori Hirshfield – Kol Ha Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community

Lori Hirshfield is currently the Director of the Hartford Department of Planning and Development for Hartford, VT. She was born and raised in New Jersey and received a BA from Douglass College, where she was active in Hillel. She received a Master's degree in Community Development from the University of Maryland in Baltimore. She participated in a chavurah and worked in the Washington DC area as a community planner before moving to the Upper Valley in 1996.

Lori has been a member of UVJC since 1997. She has taught first grade Hebrew school for 13 years. Lori has been a great teacher and role model for many children. Lori was on the UVJC Board of Directors from 2009 to 2015. She is active with the UVJC Social Action Committee and the United Valley Interfaith Project. She is very vocal about what is right.

Lori is married, with daughter (23) and son (19). Lori has raised a fantastic family.

Lori has a giant heart; she is caring and empathetic. She is never afraid to take on a challenge. Lori is a woman we are proud to call our friend!



Lori Hirshfield

Judith Jolton – Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

It is no exaggeration to say that New Hampshire's Jewish community has been a priority to Judith Jolton since the day she moved here 37 years ago. Her husband, Robert, had been hired as JFNH's new Executive Director, but Judith's work over the years has also greatly benefited New Hampshire's Jewish community. Through her many years and positions on the Federation's Executive Board, Judith has helped breathe new life into the community by her work in virtually every aspect of it, from heading up last year's annual meeting to chairing this year's Shlichah Committee. For two years, she led JFNH's annual fundraising campaign, bringing in over \$800,000, and



Judith Jolton

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she has reached across oceans and into other Jewish communities to help better our own.

As a member of Temple Adath Yeshurun, Judith has served as president for two years and in several different positions on the Board. For the past several years, Judith has continued a TAY tradition by organizing the city's interfaith Annual Response to Hunger food drive to benefit the New Horizons Food Bank.

Judith's commitment to community goes far beyond the Jewish community. For 10 years she has played a pivotal role fundraising for Manchester Community Health Center-Child Health Services' annual flagship leadership event, Morning Matters. The fundraiser gathers hundreds of community leaders and businesses to improve the health and wellbeing of at-risk children and earned Judith the honor of being named Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of 2017 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (NE Chapter). Judith has also been a key figure in the success of the Webster House children's home as a member of the Board of Directors. She currently sits on the regional board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New Hampshire and is in her 10th year on the Board of Trustees at Manchester's historic Palace Theatre. Her combined efforts had Judith honored in 2016 as one of New Hampshire's Outstanding Women of the Year.

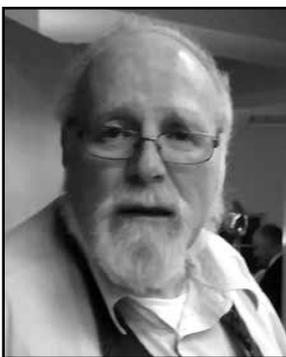
Judith most rewarding jobs are as the mother to her two sons, Jeffrey and Steven, and Nana to her two grand-jewels, Isabel and Bailey, not necessarily in that order.

Stephen Landau – Etz Hayim Synagogue

Stephen Landau's many contributions to Etz Hayim Synagogue—particularly in keeping its physical home in good condition—are almost too numerous to list. Most recently, Stephen and his son-in-law, John Plater, (also nominated for a Shem Tov award) refinished Etz Hayim Synagogue's basement so that the synagogue is now able to lease space to Hartmann Learning Center, thereby improving the synagogue's overall financial health. Stephen has negotiated extremely favorable contracts for heat, snow plowing, landscaping, carpeting, and other services; repaved the parking lot; hung paintings; erected the sukkah; obtained furniture; and arranged and performed all manner of repairs to the synagogue's building.

A true renaissance man, Stephen also organizes an annual Boy Scout Shabbat, periodically assists with Sunday Camp (which is run by his daughter, Sarah Plater), serves on the Board of Directors, and has even dished out food at the synagogue's annual wine tasting. Stephen and his wife, Cynthia, have been members of the synagogue for approximately eight years.

Stephen has held many positions contributing to the public good. He is a retired civil servant; was chairman of the Chester Planning Board; served as a selectman for the Town of Chester; and currently is a Boy Scout leader. His daughter (Sarah Plater) and son-in-law (John) have four children who all attend Etz Hayim Synagogue's Hebrew School.



Stephen Landau

Reva Miller – Temple Adath Yeshurun

One of the most difficult positions in any temple is the sensitive job of dues collection. One has to maintain a delicate balance between the need to keep the temple fiscally sound, while recognizing that not everyone has the ability to contribute equally when it comes to finances. We do not turn anyone away based on ability to pay dues, but we do strive to have our members contribute in a responsible way. For the past few years, we have been blessed to have Reva Miller as Assistant Treasurer, where she has done this job tirelessly and with compassion.

Reva was born and raised in Manchester, NH. After graduating from college in Boston, she joined the Executive Training Program at Jordan Marsh and became an assistant buyer for the company. Reva married Arnold Miller, and after the birth of their first son, Kenneth moved back to Manchester. Her sons, Kenneth and Gary, attended the Manchester Jewish Community School at TAY. Reva, Arnold, and her parents joined TAY in 1978, and she joined Sisterhood. For several years, Reva volunteered on the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Committee at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. She has been on the TAY Board for four years, the last two as Assistant Treasurer. For the last several years, Reva has been the Vice President of a natural foods and healthy lifestyle company working alongside Arnold and her younger son, Gary, founder of the company. Her son Kenneth and his wife Terri have three sons (the younger two are twins), and she is a proud grandmother.



Reva Miller

Lisa Muskat – Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire

Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire is delighted to award Lisa Muskat the Shem Tov Award. With the purchase of a new center, we needed an interior designer/architect to transform the Stark House into the Chabad Center for Jewish Living. Lisa rose to the challenge and has graciously volunteered her time and expertise to make this dream a reality for Chabad. She has brought her knowledge, fine eye, and enthusiasm to this project and has gotten it off the ground. Lisa has listened to our needs and made them fit into the building in a beautiful manner. Her no-problem attitude is contagious, and we look forward to the project's completion shortly. Thank you, Lisa, for all that you do.



Lisa Muskat

Lisa is owner and president of LKM Design, LLC, an architectural design firm specializing in custom residential design and light commercial design.

Currently, Lisa is a member of the Derryfield School parent faculty association and volunteers at Families in Transition. Lisa is also a member of the Palace Theater Advisory Board. For the past 12 years, through her participation organizing the Palace Theater kitchen tour of Bedford and Manchester, she has helped fundraise for the Palace Theater Children's Theater series. Lisa is also a visiting critic at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in the interior design program.

Previously, Lisa served on the Boards of the Visiting Nurse Association, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, and Temple Adath Yeshurun.

Lisa holds a Bachelor of Architecture first professional degree from Syracuse University.

Norri Oberlander – Temple Israel Manchester

Norri Oberlander is the Vice President of North End Properties Inc., owned by her father, Bernard Gasser, who is now retired and sailing. She works hard every day so her father and mother can enjoy the life they deserve and have worked so hard for. Norri was raised to be a "bubbly" business woman; she is the wife of a business teacher, and the mother of two delicious children. She is an active landlady in downtown, Manchester and a proactive landlady for her tenants. She is passionate about downtown Manchester, because she feels that downtown is the sales pitch for all of Manchester. Her family-owned business cares about its tenants and pays close attention to its properties.



Norri Oberlander

Norri was born and raised in Bedford, NH, where she graduated from West High. She then attended Hofstra University in NY, because her parents raised her with a "New York mentality" and she always thought New York was where she belonged! She met her husband in New York and landed her dream job as an event planner, and life was great, but she felt something was missing. She missed the NH foliage, she missed the friendly NH atmosphere, and she missed driving without traffic, but most of all she missed her family and wondered where she would eventually land. Where could her kids get the best education and still be "down to earth"? Where could she get the best bang for her buck in real estate? Where could she still have the urban lifestyle she had always wanted? So she decided to boomerang back to New Hampshire and she says it's the best decision she ever made! She and her family live in Londonderry on a pond with Mother Nature, and she absolutely loves working and playing in downtown Manchester, where she is an active landlady and volunteer.

Norri's roots in Temple Israel go all the way back to her parents, Tonshe and Bernie Gasser. Norri grew up and became Bat Mitzvah in Temple Israel. Norri joined Temple Israel after returning to Manchester and has been a breath of fresh air. She is very active on the temple board, and as membership director, she has been responsible for bringing 18 new young families to the temple.

When Norri gets involved, she is "all in," and her energy is infectious. It gives us great pleasure to nominate Norri for the Shem Tov award.

John Plater – Etz Hayim Synagogue

Last year, John Plater volunteered his considerable carpentry skills and a great deal of his personal time to transforming Etz Hayim Synagogue's basement into beautiful office space, now leased by Hartmann Learning Center, to the betterment of the synagogue's general financial health. He consistently and quietly has assisted the synagogue in other maintenance and improvement projects, and he helps to erect the sukkah every year. John periodically assists his wife, Sarah, in running the synagogue's "Sunday Camp."

John and Sarah have been members of the synagogue for approximately 10n years. They have four children who attend the synagogue's Hebrew School.

John works for Hampshire Fire Protection. He is also a volunteer firefighter in Chester.



John Plater

Howard Rubin – Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Howard Rubin along with his wife, Allison, are long-time members of Temple Israel Portsmouth. Their children received their Jewish education at Temple Israel and celebrated their Bar and Bat Mitzvah on our bimah.

When Howard was recruited to serve as Temple Israel's treasurer four years ago, we had not benefited from professional administrative oversight of our records for many years despite the efforts of a number of volunteers. Jumping into the work from day one, Howard brought his expertise to bear, vastly improving the Temple's financial record keeping. Dedicating himself week after week and month after month, Howard was able to untangle the tangled skein of our computer systems, accounting systems, and auditing systems and place us on a sound financial foundation.

No one has worked harder and made a greater contribution to Temple Israel over the past several years than Howard, and he deserves all of our thanks and gratitude for his outstanding achievement.



Howard Rubin

The Spear Family – Congregation Ahavas Achim

Noel, Trish, Jess, and Abby Spear enjoy the love of community at Congregation Ahavas Achim (CAA) in Keene, NH. Noel, a real estate attorney, grew up at New City Jewish Center in New City, NY, and Trish, a facilities planner, grew up at Vassar Temple in Poughkeepsie, NY. Noel and Trish met at Cornell University and were married in 1994; they welcomed their daughter Jess in 1999 and Abby in 2001 while living in Short Hills, NJ.



The Spear Family

In 2005, Noel relocated to C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc. in Keene, NH. The Spear Family found that CAA became their extended family. Trish, a nine-year member of the Synagogue Board of Trustees, was chair of the Religious School Committee as well as design committee chair for the synagogue renovation and expansion. Noel joined Trish in the renovation and expansion efforts as construction chair. Daughters Jess and Abby grew up at CAA, and both celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah at CAA. Jess volunteered to digitally categorize the synagogue library collection and was a two-year youth representative to the Board. Abby mentored the younger religious school students and joyously linked these students to CAA when she encountered them throughout her activities in Keene. Our community always enjoyed when Jess and Abby shared their musical talents on the flute and alto saxophone. Jess and Abby feel at home at CAA. The Spear Family built on the ruach at CAA and hope you feel it, too!

Mel Spierer – Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Mel Spierer has been the social worker for the Jewish Federation since 1998 and during that time has made himself available to any and all requests for help, whether during the day, in the evening, or on weekends. These requests have come from people and agencies within and beyond our communities. The issues have sometimes been simple and other times been multi-faceted. Service has been provided through evaluation and referral to a range of social services in New Hampshire and other states, along with follow-up. His efforts have involved working with many of our Jewish institutions, while also utilizing many of our local, regional, and national supports.

During the course of his 50-year career, Mel has functioned as a clinician, supervisor, adjunct faculty, lecturer, and administrator who has always had a strong interest in developing and implementing innovative programs and approaches. Highlights include development of a field placement program for training paraprofessional military social work specialists, a field civilian placement structure where graduate students supervised undergraduate students, the first program in New Hampshire for developmentally disabled infants, and a unique team approach to plan for and implement community placement of Laconia State School residents.

Most recently, Mel created, developed, and implemented a program designed to help people with low incomes better afford basic needs while increasing their disposable income. Utilizing only trained volunteers, PocketBook Therapy was a free service that was documented to have served about 1,000 seniors and others, saving them over \$1 million in a combination of personal savings and the value of goods and services.

Mel is a lifelong resident of Manchester who graduated from Central High School and UNH with a degree in history. He holds his MSW from Florida State and served as an Army social work officer. He spent 25 years as an administrator in the field of developmental disabilities and retired with recognition. Currently, Mel also works part time with seniors through the Manchester Housing Authority and is a member of the NH Medical Advisory Committee.

Mel has been a member of Temple Israel and Temple Adath Yeshurun and served on their Boards. He is also a member of Congregation Beth Elohim in Acton, MA where his daughter is their cantor. He has been married to Rachel for 48 fabulous years and has two adult children, Jonathan and Sarra.



Mel Spierer

Robert Wofchuck – Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Rob Wofchuck is a current board member and the co-treasurer of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. He has served nine years as a trustee of the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and was chair of the Foundation for many years until stepping down last year. Rob has been on the board of JFNH on and off since 2006 and served in the past as the treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee.

Rob is the owner of Ledgewood Wealth Advisors LLC, a wealth management firm located in Exeter, NH. He is a Certified Financial Planner ® and has an MBA in Finance from New York University. A former member of the Brentwood Planning Board and Chair of the Conservation Commission, he continues to be active in town as a member of the Conservation Commission. Rob is a Board Member of the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire and is on the Board of Three Rivers Stocking Association, which is active in the Seacoast region.

Rob lives in Brentwood, NH, with his partner Heather and in his free time, likes to ski and fish.



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