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2021/5781 ANNUAL REPORT



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Year in Review

By Elyse Hyman, Executive Director

What an incredible year we just experienced. In many ways, it was bizarre—who would have thought we would have been working from home, spending day and night with our spouses, families and pets, and spending our days on Zoom?



Elyse Hyman

Through it all, though, the past year has presented some positive opportunities. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, a statewide agency, was able to provide programming and engage people from all over the state. Our Film Festival was completely virtual and a total success. We initiated an Early Childhood Education initiative, Shavua Tov, and engaged new families once a month in informal education. We hosted PJ Library programming virtually. Avia, our Israeli Shlichah, traveled around the state with her mask, and visited many of our Hebrew schools. We were able to offer something to everyone, albeit through Zoom, but the connections were made. We intend to continue a hybrid approach which will allow us to continue reaching those in our state who do not reside in Southern New Hampshire.

The Federation has incredible volunteers and community leaders. There are eight strong com-

mittees including CRC (Antisemitism & Racism), Development, Early Education Initiative, Governance, Israel Engagement, NHJFF (Film Festival), Publication, and Social Services. Our Development committee led one of the strongest campaigns in the past couple years. Our Annual Campaign well surpassed the goal through the diligence and commitment of the committee and you, the community. We are grateful. Our Social Services committee increased services by a third. With COVID, we saw more families and individuals with varying needs, and we did our best to support them. We created a new support group hosted at Temple Israel in Portsmouth, facilitated by a social worker and they continue to meet weekly.

Our Super Sunday raised almost double what had been raised in the last year and included four hours of fun and entertainment, all through Zoom, thanks to the leadership of Jay Madnick and Pat Kalik and their team. I have to admit, I was a little skeptical—I wasn't sure it could work. It not only worked, but it was an unbelievable success. Callers called and the community answered. What a day.

In January, we celebrated MLK Day, with several films hosted by the Film Festival—each with a post-film discussion. Our panel of speakers were wonderful with insightful conversations about the Jewish involvement during the Civil Rights movement. With the horrible uptick in antisemitism and hate, we recently

created a committee to focus exclusively on this topic. Over the next year, we will initiate more programming related to stepping up and stopping the hate.

We enjoyed collaborative programming with the synagogues, ADL and JNF. We look forward to much more joint programming next year especially during Yom Hatzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). One very positive collaboration happened during Passover, with a lively singalong seder, and with all the synagogues participating.

Our Israel Engagement committee worked tirelessly to build a partner relationship with not one, but two sister cities in Israel. We will continue to build the friendship and programming over the next year. We learned through film that Israel will participate in the next Winter Olympics with a bobsled team. We met the team through Zoom, and interacted in a lively discussion.

And of course, we celebrated the 13th year of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. Talk about pivoting. Each film was available online for 72 hours, and we even continued the tradition of hosting post-film discussions, all through streaming and the internet. Interestingly, because of COVID and Zoom, we were able to schedule our post-film discussions with the directors and individuals who appeared in the films. Thanks to our community for helping us make the transition by purchasing over 1,000 views.

And it wouldn't have been possible without the support of our NHJFF sponsors. With all the challenges and changes, the Film Festival committee—under the leadership of Pat Kalik and Ross Fishbein—created an amazing success. And we learned that we can make it happen both virtually and in person.

With all the pivoting and restructuring for successful and engaging programming, we saw and experienced tragedy and difficult times. The crisis in Israel left us all shaken. We offered learning opportunities with Avia, our Shlichah, who helped us understand what was taking place in Jerusalem and why. We supported those who lost their lives in the Meron tragedy, in Israel, where 45 people died in a stampede. We supported the Miami Jewish Federation, just recently, with the devastating collapse of the Champlain Tower South and unimaginable loss of life in Surfside, Florida.

Each month, you can read in *The Reporter* just how much we do in New Hampshire, and how much we accomplish. With your continued support and confidence in the Federation, we are certain our successes and engagement will continue to get stronger. With many thanks to our dedicated community leaders and our amazing small staff, for all you do in and for the community: we continue striving to make the New Hampshire Jewish community the best it can be. Thank you for your support, as we plan for the future.

The End of an Era

By Dr. Sarit Itenberg, JFNH Board Chair

I sit here writing this, overwhelmed with emotion—because this marks my final article as your Board Chairperson. My term has come to an end.



Dr. Sarit Itenberg

Of course, my time with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is nowhere near over. It has been such an honor to be so intimately involved with this organization—an organization that I feel is so important to all Jewish people in the Granite State. I look forward to being a community member again! I look forward to getting *The Reporter* in the mail and getting excited about what is happening. I am eager to see what comes of our early childhood development. I anticipate great programming coming our way, by Allyson. We have had a small group of women playing Mahjong together at the Federation office since early June, and I have had several promises made by community members to teach my friends and I how to play, and I will hold them to this promise!

I am also eager to see what pieces of Israel our new Shaliach, Ra'anah De-Has, will bring to NH: Ra'anah is excited to come, to share his knowledge of Israel, and to learn from his new community. I am sure he will feel welcomed with open arms. And though I am saddened to see Avia go home, I am also so happy for all of us to have yet

another amazing Israeli to visit when we travel to our Homeland. Speaking of which: I can't wait to hear from moms across the state when they return from their JFNH sponsored MOMentum trip to Israel this Fall. I anticipate even more synagogue collaboration, and the relationships with our rabbis continuing to be nourished.

Our communities have grown closer. Our representation and participation across the state has become more obvious. As difficult as this time of COVID-19 has been, it has also opened up incredible remote and Zoom opportunities that we would have never previously discovered, nor believed to be successful. To sit with someone who is hours away, across the state from the comfort of your home... now there is something to be said about that. We celebrate, watch films together, eat together, mourn together, and laugh together.

When the Miami community experienced a horrific tragedy in June, JFNH—alongside multiple agencies—was quick to offer support in many ways, including financial. Seeing such swift responses from the Jewish community, nationwide, brings comfort to me, and it should to you, as well. We truly are all in this together.

Someone interviewed from the Israeli rescue crew in Miami said something that really speaks to our Jewish values: he mentioned that more "people" had been found. The reporter corrected the individual, and said, "no, you mean bodies," but the man replied, "No, I meant people." I think we all have such Jew-

ish values instilled in us from our families, and I hope we continue to instill those in the next generations. Our Jewish children here in NH have big roles to fill, and big responsibilities in their schools and on their athletic teams. They are doing an excellent job and we are here to continue to help them with that.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Elyse Hyman, our Executive Director of JFNH, for her time spent with us. The search committee worked for countless hours to choose her, and she has certainly proved her worth. In her short time with us, she has helped in so many ways, and proven invaluable on a deep level. Elyse has recently informed us that she has been offered a new position with an organization she has been volunteering with over the past couple years: this non-profit is only a few minutes from her home in Massachusetts. Although Elyse has only been with us since last November, she and Allyson have made exemplary progress in our programming efforts, and created a course for us to follow. Please feel free to talk to any of us on the board, or staff, and if you know Elyse, you may want to call her to wish her well. Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for our next organizational plan.

I leave you with this: your JFNH staff, Board of Directors, and committee members are some of the brightest and kindest minds I have met. Now that I join you as a community member, I can relax knowing that my Jewish New Hampshire is in more than capable hands, minds and

hearts. With that said, I am pleased to announce the newest members of our Board: Jen Foxx of Bedford, Roberta Gordenstein of Ringe, Amy Lester of the Seacoast, Carol Pressman of Manchester, and Steve Soreff of Nottingham. Welcome and thank you! As much as we are proud and honored to have you, you will soon see how proud and honored you will be to serve. On that note, I wish to thank Elsa Conrad, Ross Fishbein, Judith Jolton, and Jay Madnick for their dedication and support to the mission of the Federation during their service on the Federation Board. We know you will continue to be involved in the community.

I am happy to say we have an incredible Board of Directors who spend time and energy working together to promote and engage the Jewish community throughout our state.

Finally, I want to close with something personal, that points toward the future we are all building together. Recently, my daughter wore her Hebrew name necklace out to a kid's play area. She admitted to me that she was concerned about this—worried because of all the reports of rising antisemitism, and how this might impact her. She told me, though, that after a few moments, she took a deep breath, told herself—"I'm a Jew, and I'm proud!"—and went right on playing, with her necklace still there.

Thank you, everyone. We have such a special Federation. We are here and we are strong—stronger together!

Governance & Leadership

2021-22 Executive Committee & Board of Directors

Ken Litvack (Stratham),
David Goldstone (Bethlehem), Vice Chair
Harry Shepler (Bedford), Treasurer
Dina Michael Chaitowitz (Windham), Secretary
Tracy Richmond (Bedford), Governance
Dr. Sarit Itenberg (Bedford), Immediate Past Chair

Deborah DePasse (Londonderry)
Robert Feldmann (Londonderry)
Kerry Hansen (Dover)
Dr. Amichai Kilchevsky (Concord)
Chanchie Krinsky (Manchester)
Pat Kalik (Manchester)

2021-22 Foundation Trustees

Julia Preis (Bedford), Chair
Rob Wofchuck (Brentwood), Emeritus
Norm Kushner (Manchester)
Gary Lindner (Manchester)

2021-22 Board Nominees *

3 Year Term
Jennifer Foxx (Bedford)
Roberta Gordenstein (Rindge)
Amy Lester (Durham)
Evelyn Miller (Goffstown)
Carol Pressman (Manchester)
Stephen Soreff (Nottingham)

*To be voted on at Annual Meeting

Professional Team

Elyse Hyman, Executive Director
Allyson Guertin, Dir. of Outreach & Engagement
Cheryl Gerior, Finance Manager
Ra'anana De-Has, Shaliach/Israeli Emissary
Wendy Green, Administrative Assistant

We are grateful to all who serve on the Jewish Federation Board of Directors. We want to personally acknowledge and thank those whose term of service has concluded:

Elsa Conrad
Ross Fishbein
Sarit Itenberg, Immediate past chair
Judith Jolton
Jay Madnick

MISSION STATEMENT

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH) represents and connects Jewish life in New Hampshire. JFNH promotes Jewish identity, values, achievements and concerns, including our special relationship to Israel, with programs supporting Jewish families, communities, and institutions statewide.



2021-22 JFNH Annual Meeting Ballot

This Electronic Ballot is in place of the traditional voting mechanism for our in-person annual meeting. Each person who meets the requirement of membership in the Federation is eligible to cast a ballot. Please take a moment to cast your vote for the below items before midnight on August 22, 2021.

Completed ballots can be mailed to:
JFNH Office - 273 South River Rd. Unit 5, Bedford, NH 03110

First and Last Name of Member Voting:

Mailing address of Member Voting :

City, State and Zip Code

Phone Number and/or email address of Member Voting:

JFNH Board of Directors hereby nominates the following members to a 3 year term as a Director.

Jennifer Foxx (Bedford), Roberta Gordenstein (Rindge), Amy Lester (Durham), Evelyn Miller (Goffstown), Carol Pressman (Manchester), Stephen Soreff (Nottingham).

Please vote on this nomination:

In favor

Not in favor

Abstain

JFNH Board of Directors hereby nominates the following members to our Executive Committee.

Ken Litvack (Stratham) Board Chair, David Goldstone (Bethlehem) Vice-Chair, Harry Shepler (Bedford) Treasurer, Dina Michael Chaitowitz (Windham) Secretary, Tracy Richmond (Bedford) Governance.

Please vote on this nomination:

In favor

Not in favor

Abstain

Financial Statements

Operating Income/Expense

	UNAUDITED July 2020-June 2021	July 2019-June 2020
Income		
Campaign Revenue	2 69,096.17	240,477.43
Interest Income	18.00	420.67
Governors Covid Relief Grant	4 7,746.50	
SBA Payroll Protection		72,970.00
Moving Allowance		9,203.48
Security Grant		30,000.00
Preschool Revenue	2,180.00	111,350.03
Summer Camp Revenue	-	11,838.32
Reporter Revenue	28,440.40	20,910.50
Cultural and Community Revenue	5,492.00	5,284.00
Momentum Revenue	10,000.00	10,000.00
Film Festival Revenue	46,903.59	6,874.00
Israel Engagement	3,790.00	108.00
Individual and Family Services Revenue	19,092.25	669.00
Senior/Community Outreach Revenue	3,266.00	3,923.00
PJ Library Revenue	20,152.00	16,086.45
Israel Experience Revenue	6,251.00	6,022.00
Campership Program Revenue	4,500.00	4,422.00
Schlichah Program Revenue	24,772.54	610.00
Campaign Endowment Fund	106,162.00	106,614.00
Total Income	597,862.45	657,782.88
Expenses		
Office Personnel Expense	204,201.70	151,310.48
Administrative Expense	32,999.99	33,894.04
Office Equipment Expense	4,171.91	3,630.33
Rent and Utilities Expense	48,733.29	44,077.74
Write Off Uncollected Pledges Expense	2,852.00	9,174.62
Preschool Expense	53,009.17	195,251.11
Summer Camp Expense	-	6,401.87
Reporter Expense	44,057.85	48,109.66
Film Festival Expense	7,200.36	33,165.68
Cultural & Community Expenses	16,907.00	51,245.50
Momentum Expenses	171.96	6,696.00
Campaign Fundraising Expenses	12,529.22	13,538.83
Community Relations Expenses	1,700.00	3,950.00
Individual and Family Service Expenses	6,898.09	4,101.88
Senior Community Outreach Expenses	653.22	13,530.72
PJ Library Expense	19,798.28	26,159.50
Israel Experience Expense	2,800.00	1,800.00
Campership Program Expense	300.00	5,900.00
Shlichah Expense	68,211.59	68,573.05
Religious School Allocations	14,002.00	15,200.00
JFNA Expense	7,710.00	5,000.00
Moving Expenses	-	19,572.01
Security Improvements	-	38,480.62
Other Expenses	1,600.00	2,100.00
Total Expenses	550,507.63	800,863.64
Net Ordinary Income	47,354.82	(143,080.76)

Foundation Funds

Foundation Report

On behalf of the JFNH Foundation Trustees, I would like to submit the following summary of the performance of the Foundation's assets for the fiscal year 2020-21 as the new Chair of the Foundation Board. First, I want to thank Norm Kushner, Rob Wofchuk and Gary Lindner for their leadership and guidance. They all graciously agreed to remain on the Board to help us through this transition period. I also want to thank our great friends Michael Sydney, Paul Bieber and Evelyn Miller for their service to the Foundation Board in an extraordinary time. A warm welcome to newly elected Trustee Michael Miller and congratulations to Ross Fishbein who is our new Vice Chair.

Currently the Foundation's assets are invested with the Jewish Community Endowment Pool (JCEP) which is a partnership between Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston and CareGroup-related affiliates including Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center. Ten year returns through 5/31/21 with JCEP are 6.5%, below the 6.8% achieved with a 60% MSCI ACWI / 40% Intermediate Treasury Benchmark. Performance also lags JCEP's return goal of 5% plus inflation. In addition, JCEP underperformed versus its goal of limiting peak to trough drawn downs during the March 2020 COVID-related market dip and lagged the 60/40 benchmark in two of three JCEP down years in the past decade (2011 and 2015, but not 2018).

Over the past year and a half, the Trustees have engaged in an intensive and thorough manager search, a process which we plan to conclude in the new fiscal year. The Trustees prefer that an intermediary be involved in managing our assets, and that these assets are invested in a low-cost index fund portfolio.

Annually, the Trustees establish a distribution rate for funds within the Trust with mandated distributions. This rate is established using a 3-year rolling average tied to the performance of JCEP. For the past several years that rate has been 4% and will be so for the fiscal 2020-21 year. This year the Foundation distributed \$160,000 to the JFNH operating budget. The Trustees also approved a distribution of up to \$10,000 for COVID relief and returned funds to Temple B'Nai Israel in Laconia.

Establishment of a fund within the Foundation Trust assures that your gift will continue to provide monies to the JFNH in perpetuity. If you would like to ensure your legacy in the New Hampshire Jewish Community by establishing a General Trust, Donor Designated or PACE Fund, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Kay Preis,
Chairperson JFNH Foundation Board of Trustees

	MV Balances 6/30/19	MV Balances 6/30/20	MV Balances 5/31/21
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			
I.A. Brodie Fund	30,275.99	29,689.07	37,224.74
E.M. Chase Fund	537,278.76	526,863.29	660,591.57
General Trust Fund	1,005,656.09	833,963.13	957,168.12
Ethel & Saul Greenspan	160,339.69	157,231.41	197,139.84
M.A. Kaplan Fund	112,652.50	110,468.66	138,507.79
Louis Miller Family Fund	300,402.25	294,578.77	369,348.66
Hyman Reingold Fund	9,719.62	9,531.20	11,950.40
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum	26,109.58	25,603.43	32,102.08
Max Rovner Fund	65,724.05	64,449.95	80,808.62
Sidney Samuels Fund	56,142.27	55,053.91	69,027.68
Alex Shapiro Fund	19,038.91	18,669.83	23,408.60
Hab Shapiro Family	17,392.00	17,054.84	21,383.70
Lindner Family Fund	10,465.66	10,262.77	12,867.67
Harvey Winneg Fund	17,245.78	16,911.46	21,203.92
Total	2,368,443.14	2,170,331.73	2,632,733.39
DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS			
Etta Berman Educ Fund	9,477.52	9,293.80	11,652.74
The Muriel & Edward Broad Pre.Schol.	17,820.69	17,475.22	21,910.78
Andrew Cohen Scholar. Fund	5,168.47	5,068.28	6,354.71
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	24,393.25	23,920.38	29,991.84
Ben & Zelma Dorson Sen. Citizens Fund	32,668.29	32,035.00	40,166.11
Jennie & Mandel Eluto Educ Schol	9,074.72	8,898.80	11,157.50
Maurice Foster Senior Cit Fund	7,133.69	6,995.39	8,770.96
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund	7,536.69	7,390.58	9,266.46
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	50,720.12	49,736.88	62,361.08
Saul Sidore Sen Citizens Fund	1,829.53	1,794.07	2,249.43
William R Silverman Fund	9,080.76	8,904.72	11,164.92
Singer Family Trust	17,882.37	17,535.71	21,986.62
Winneg Family Educ Fund	31,105.50	30,502.50	38,244.64
Gary & Irma Wallin Young Lead Fund	36,676.39	35,965.39	45,094.12
Zvi & Debby Cohen Jewish Film Festival Fund	9,878.26	9,686.77	12,145.46
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	9,301.70	9,121.38	11,436.57
Irving & Bernice Singer Fund for Teen Israel Exp	125,150.74	122,724.62	153,874.55
Kushner-Tumen Fund	13,631.19	13,603.19	17,333.55
Children's Enrichment & Educ. Fund	55,913.34	54,829.42	68,746.21
Cohen Tribute Fund	72,700.83	71,291.48	89,386.66
Solomon Family Fund	17,259.77	16,925.18	20,674.66
Krentzel, Muskat & Forgosh Family Philanthropic fund	6,675.05	-	-
Stahl Manchester Cemetery Fund	123,089.48	120,703.32	151,340.20
Wofchuck-Gilbert Family Fund	8,280.88	8,120.35	10,181.46
Brindis Charitable Fund	151,835.90	148,892.47	186,684.32
Total	854,285.16	831,414.92	1,042,175.55
PACE TRUST FUNDS			
Joan & William Green Pace Fund	25,643.90	25,146.78	30,410.37
Sidney Samuels Pace Fund	54,296.22	53,243.66	64,387.39
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Pace Fund	104,736.39	102,706.01	124,203.10
Max Rovner Pace Fund	31,027.48	30,425.99	36,794.57
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh Pace Fund	32,275.09	31,649.41	38,273.87
Muriel & Edward Broad Pace Fund	189,110.22	185,444.20	224,335.21
Dorothy Goodstein Pace Fund	16,350.55	16,033.59	19,389.55
Barbara & David Stahl Pace Fund	50,001.91	49,032.60	59,296.55
Goldstein Pace Fund	11,932.24	11,700.92	14,149.52
Saul & Ethel Greenspan Pace Fund	11,931.03	11,699.74	14,148.04
Ovid & Laura Slavin Pace Fund	58,954.70	57,811.83	69,911.76
Morton & Sydel Rosen Pace Fund	36,954.27	36,237.89	43,825.89
Total	623,214.00	611,132.62	739,125.82
CUSTODIAL TRUST FUNDS			
Temple B'Nai Israel	191,184.52	187,478.29	-
TOTAL FOUNDATION FUNDS:	4,037,126.81	3,800,357.57	4,414,034.76

2021 Shem Tov Award Recipients

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

Michel Adler – Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

Michel Adler has been a regular visitor to the North Country since 1972, skiing on weekends at Cannon Mountain while residing in Lexington Massachusetts. He retired from Raytheon in 2002 as an Engineering Fellow. After retirement, he volunteered in middle school science classrooms to conduct experiments and present historical context for science fundamentals. He also served as a substitute teacher in the Lexington, Massachusetts school system. His love of learning led him to adult education classes at Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, where he also developed and taught a course, *Communication Technology Impact on Society, from Papyrus to the iPad*.



Michel Adler

Adler joined the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation in 2014 and moved to Franconia, NH in 2017. He firmly believes in establishing a greater Jewish presence in the North Country. He quickly assumed more active roles, beginning with taking on major tasks for the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Yiddish Weekend as well as in the Books of Jewish Interest Club (BJI). He is also a key supporter of the annual BHC Concert Series and the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival. As a member of the BHC Board, he has served as the BHC Treasurer and Building Chairman. He took the responsibilities of overseeing installations of a new security system, fire alarm, and upgrades to meet fire codes, as well as the installation of a new furnace.

In the past he participated in the BHC Holocaust Remembrance Days as well as the Gorham HS visits to the synagogue as the students were involved in learning about the Holocaust. He led a discussion of his father's book, *I Am a Refugee*, for the BJI in August 2018. The book, which he translated into English from German, describes his family's survival during the Holocaust by finding refuge in Switzerland in 1942.

Adler was born in France in 1941. As a Holocaust survivor, he was a founding member of the United States Holocaust Museum, and he continues to support its efforts wholeheartedly. He firmly believes in Holocaust education so that we never forget and that what we do matters. He has attended the Holocaust Museum's Holocaust Days of Remembrance in Washington DC and was honored as a candle lighter in 2018.

Nick Bartol – Etz Hayim Synagogue

This year we would like to recognize Nick Bartol for his passionate dedication to the financial well-being of Etz Hayim Synagogue.

A Gentile by birth, Nick's first Reform synagogue was Congregation Har Shalom – Durango, CO which he joined in 2001 and served intermittently as an honorary board member and a frequent Shabbat morning Torah teacher. Having a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary in Old Testament and Semitics also helped! Nick was born outside Philadelphia where he had many Jewish friends; this and his mother's growing up in the very Jewish Squirrel Hill, PA greatly contributed to his attraction to Judaism.



Nick Bartol

Nick is married to Renee Bartol, a Mizrahi Jew, whose family moved here from Iraq in 1946 when antisemitism was increasing. Nick's brother also married a Jewish woman and has served on his Reconstructionist synagogue board. Nick has been the Treasurer of Etz Hayim since 2016, and we are fortunate to be the beneficiary of his financial expertise from his days on the board of a publicly traded company from 2001 to 2012 and his MBA from Southern Methodist University. In addition to his Treasurer duties, Nick played a key role in the Etz Hayim Chair Campaign and was instrumental in the very successful Path of Life campaign.

The needlepoint behind Nick was created by his mother. See her name and date of composition in the upper right corner. The bobcat has the face of his childhood cat, "Beast."

Renee Brenner – Temple Israel, Manchester

Shem Tov is the person with a good name, I.E., good reputation. That fits Renee perfectly and the award is for a person who has dedication and commitment in strengthening the New Hampshire Jewish Community. That also fits Renee perfectly.

She has been in our community for about 60 years. She's been a member of Temple Adath and Temple Israel. She was active in TI's Sisterhood, Gift Shop co-chair, Kiddush Lunch Member, a Board Member, and Secretary of the Board. She has also been active in getting donors for our fundraisers - getting friends to fill up tables to support the Temple. The only jobs she's not held are rabbi and secretary!

She has also been active in Hadassah, on the Donor Brunch Committee, and the Ad Book Committee, and sells cards for all occasions to benefit Hadassah.

She has a real love for the Temple and for the Jewish Community. And anyone you ask will tell you the same thing!



Renee Brenner

Gracie Callaghan – Kol Ha'Emek, The Upper Valley Jewish Community

Gracie's work is dedicated to improving the lives of others, especially those in underserved minority communities. She recently completed two years as an Americorps VISTA and is now part of Teach for America as a high school humanities teacher working with underserved youth. The UVJC is Gracie's home synagogue – she was a Bat Mitzvah here – and she has volunteered behind the scenes to make countless events go smoothly. Gracie led the UVJC's post b'nai mitzvah teen program this past year and engaged teens in issues of equality and racial justice. Gracie is a proud graduate of Wheaton College (MA) with a B.A. in Social Justice Studies and is an excellent facilitator of Intergroup Dialogue conversations.



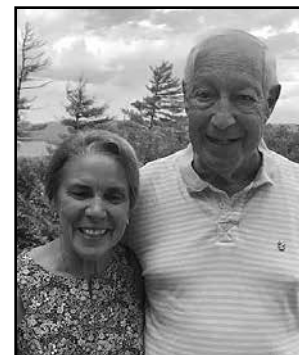
Gracie Callaghan

Gracie would like to extend a thank you to the Upper Valley Jewish Community for considering her for this honor. Gracie was excited to volunteer her Zoom expertise during the High Holidays - working with Kol Ha Emek Leadership. As well as support Zoom Webinar B'nai Mitzvah services, and the hard-working Racial Justice Book Group. Gracie is personally and professionally committed to Social Justice issues with a specific focus on advancing low-income and or multi-cultural communities via educational equity efforts. Gracie would also like to express a special shout-out to her sister Natalia Callaghan for her thoughtful words, and unwavering resolve when it comes to issues of injustice, as well as continued perseverance as a BIPOC educator. Thank you, Natalia, for all that you do! I continue to appreciate your intentional leadership!

Mark and Naomi Goldman – Temple B'nai Israel

Mark and Naomi Goldman are originally from Washington Heights in NY City. They lived in Massachusetts for 20 years and then moved to CT for 20 years, finally retiring at their second home in Newfound Lake, NH. Mark worked with microwave devices for the communications industry. Naomi was a full-day kindergarten and elementary school teacher, starting at Hanscom Field in Lincoln, MA, followed by a stint with a Solomon Schechter Day School. They have two daughters, Deborah and Rebecca, and give grandchildren, ranging from ages 11 to 19.

Their dedication to Temple B'nai Israel is very much appreciated, and they very much deserve this Shem Tov Award. They truly represent the best of TBI!



Mark and Naomi Goldman

David Goldstone – Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

David is an integral part of the Jewish Federation Board of Directors. He currently sits on the Search Committee, Campaign Committee, Social Services and Cemetery Committee and is our incoming vice-chair.

David has spent almost every summer of his life in Bethlehem, NH, beginning in 1957 to the present, including working in White Mountain Resort Hotels in Bethlehem and Bretton Woods from 1970-1980. During those years he began attending services at BHC with his father Abraham Goldstone, who served as financial secretary and vice president of BHC in the 1970s and 80s until his death in 2000. He became an active BHC Board member in 2004, serving as treasurer and then president in 2009.

With a background in the field of landscape architecture, he worked in the design and construction of NYC Parks and Recreational facilities from 1980-2008, retiring in January 2009. In the 1990s through 2009, he was an active member and Board Member of Temple Gates of Prayer in Flushing, NY.

After retiring in 2009 their family moved to Northampton, Massachusetts, where he was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel. He belonged to the Men's Chevra Kadisha, as well as serving as gabbai at services and lay leader when needed.

In addition to being President of BHC, David is the co-director of the White Mountain Jewish Film Festival (2014-Present) and a board member of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. He has served as a lay leader at daily as well as Sabbath and holiday services including memorials when there is no clergy available.

David and his wife Dorothy are now permanent residents of Bethlehem, New Hampshire. They have three children: Joseph, 33, Daniel, 28, and Jenny, 27.



David Goldstone

Amy Hyett – Temple Israel, Portsmouth

When Amy Hyett was elected President of the Temple Israel Board of Directors, she knew that her term would begin with a major effort: successfully leading the congregation through the process of hiring a new rabbi.

Then, COVID arrived. Amy navigated the multiple challenges of the pandemic response, including moving everything outdoors or online, from services and programs to education and communications, and dealt with the wide varieties of opinion within the members and leadership about how best to proceed. Through it all, Amy worked tirelessly to maintain connections with the congregation, support Temple Israel's new rabbi, Rabba Kaya-Kaufman, provide for a smooth transition with incoming president Robert Zimman, and advocate for the community's greatest good. While she stepped down as president of the board, her ongoing service is a tremendous gift to the congregation.

Amy Hyett, her husband Brian, and their three daughters have been active members of Temple Israel since 2010, shortly after they moved to New Hampshire. Amy was elected to the Board of Directors at her first Annual Meeting and has served in a variety of capacities during the last decade.



Amy Hyett

Judith Jolton – Temple Adath Yeshurun

This year marks Judith Jolton's 41st year in Manchester, and as a member of TAY. Judith served two years as President, has held various positions on the Board, and is currently Second Vice President and chair of the Caring Committee. For many years she has also headed TAY's Interfaith Religious Response to Hunger Food Drive. Additionally, Judith has held a variety of positions on the JFNH Executive Board.

For two years, she led their annual fundraising campaign. She has reached across oceans and into other Jewish communities to help better our own by being a member of the Shlichah Committee as well as by being a host family. Judith's commitment to community goes far beyond the Jewish Community. For



Judith Jolton

fourteen 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 well-being 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, currently sits on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New Hampshire and is in her 11th year on the Board of Trustees at Manchester's historic Palace Theatre. Her contribution to the community over the years was recognized when she was named one of 20 Outstanding Women of New Hampshire in 2016.

Rene Marro – Chabad of New Hampshire

Chabad of New Hampshire is honored to award Rene Marro the 2021 Shem Tov Award, and thanks him for his dedication and volunteerism. In December 2019, after the horrific attack on a synagogue in Monsey, NY on Chanukah, Chabad received a call from Rene offering to volunteer his services and knowledge as a previous member of the IDF Golani Brigade. Since then, Rene has been a vital part of the security committee at Chabad, assisting us in implementing security upgrades and keeping attendees at Chabad safe.

Rene Marro was born in England to his parents, Alan Marro—a design engineer—and Sheila Marro, a homemaker (maiden name Morris was changed from Koenigsblatt). Their family name was also changed/modified but was originally of Polish or Russian origin. Rene lived in England until the age of 10 at which time the family moved to Washington State. While in Washington, his father started the North-Shore Jewish community which played a big part in his life and is still in existence today. After four years in Washington State, his parents decided to move the entire family once again, this time to Israel. Rene lived in Israel for 7 years and after serving for 3 years in the Golani Brigade of the IDF, moved back to the US where he lived in Southern California for 14 years. In 2003, Rene moved to New Hampshire where he currently lives and works as an operations manager in distribution.

After serving in the military, he maintained and expanded on his skills such as defensive shooting, and he also trained in Thai Kickboxing for 14 years. One day while flying back from a visit to AZ, he saw a news article about yet another attack on a Temple and decided it was time to put his years of training to good use. Rene reached out to Rabbi Krinsky from Chabad of New Hampshire, where he now volunteers time on the security team to help protect the members of the Jewish community.



Rene Marro

Gail Robinson – Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

Until her retirement from Abt Assoc. in 2015, Dr. Gail Robinson was the vice president of Behavioral Health. In addition, Gail was a Lady of Davis visiting professor at Hebrew University, School of Public Health. Gail received her Ph. D from The Heller School at Brandeis University in 1980 and served as an overseer on the Heller Board until 2015.

Even before joining the BHC Board in 2015, Gail had been a force of energy, undertaking many different responsibilities. Gail joined the BHC Membership Committee and revamped the record keeping system. Once there was a clear picture of membership Gail actively sought to increase the membership by personally contacting anyone who was peripherally connected to BHC. Within two years, her efforts resulted in a significant jump in paid BHC memberships.

Gail has made a major contribution as chair of the Finance Committee. She contributes to the Books of Jewish Interest Club which meets for times over the summer at Bethlehem Public Library and is an integral part of the award-winning BHC Concert Series.

Gail and her husband Martin have, for the past several years, hosted the BHC community for the first day of Rosh Hashanah lunch and Tashlich, and Gail is always amongst the first people to volunteer for many of the BHC activities.



Gail Robinson

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Beth Sloat – Temple Beth Jacob

Beth Sloat moved to NH eight years ago from Chicago, where she was born and raised. She would spend Sundays at Temple Beth Jacob waiting while her second and fourth graders attended Religious School. She began to get to know people in the temple, and it did not take long before she was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees, followed by the request to teach K/1 Hebrew. She has now been teaching in the religious school for five years. However, Beth's volunteering for the temple did not end there: she is now the Chair of both the Fundraising Committee and the Security Committee. Plus, she recently began her term as the first vice president of the temple, and is in line to become the president in two years.



Beth Sloat

During the pandemic, Beth found creative ways to continue fundraising, including leading a team to create a retrospective film of 23 years of past Purimspiels, allowing TBJ's traditional and beloved spiel to still take place. As the chair of the Security Committee, Beth has guided the TBJ community through applying for and receiving two New Hampshire State Grants, creating a more secure synagogue and safer atmosphere.

In addition to her volunteer work for TBJ, Beth is a Teacher Librarian at Hudson Memorial School, and she is a part time student, working towards another certification as a Digital Learning Specialist. Beth has a clinical Doctorate of Physical Therapy (2001), and she achieved her Master's in Education a year ago. Despite her family's urges for her to say no occasionally, Beth's dedication to TBJ and her desire to help, has her continuing to pitch in whenever she is needed.

Craig Sylvern – Congregation Ahavas Achim

Craig Sylvern and his family have been a mainstay in the CAA community for the last 19 years. Craig and his son Isaac have played on the saxophone and violin at each Israel Fair, blown their shofars over the High Holidays, and have built and run booths at our Purim Carnival – supporting our community with culture, tradition and joy. During the COVID pandemic, Craig went above and beyond, ensuring our community stay connected, lending his expertise with technology support and making sure we remain accessible, online, and visually interesting to all our members. Craig has spent countless hours setting up, preparing, and running the cameras during services, and training other volunteers to help.



Craig Sylvern

Craig just completed his 23rd year as Professor of Music at Keene State College where he teaches applied saxophone, music technology, and conducts the saxophone ensemble. He earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Composition, a Master of Music degree in Performance (Multiple Winds) and Bachelor of Music degrees in Composition and Music Education.

As a professional saxophonist, Craig Sylvern has performed with symphony orchestras throughout the United States and has toured for years, playing with professional big bands in Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, as well as on the international stage.

In 2011, he was named Commissioned Composer of the Year by the New Hampshire Music Teachers Association. Perhaps most exciting is the music he has been composing inspired by the Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. He recently showcased his composition titled "Benjamin's Window," part of a collection of 12 songs, all inspired by the Chagall Windows, each song representing the 12 sons of Jacob, and which are musical reflections of what he saw in the windows.

There's no question that without Craig's help, our community would've seen much less of each other at a time when connecting with one other was needed the most!

Temple Beth Abraham Covid Coordinating Committees

Through the dedicated work of the Ritual, Covid, and Security committees, as well as the Zoom technical crew, Temple Beth Abraham was able to continue offering service to our community safely, equitably, and inclusively. The committees and crew worked together to ensure Temple Beth Abraham kept going strong, while adhering to the principles of Conservative Judaism, and following Covid pandemic guidelines. Thanks to them, TBA was able to welcome all members of our community either in person or remotely.



Kehillah Achdut "Community Unity" Award

The Kehilla Achdut or "Community Unity" Award is given to an individual or group whose efforts extend beyond synagogue walls and into the broader New Hampshire Jewish community. Nominated by the JFNH Board, recipients of this honor are selected for their selfless work and their desire to create a stronger Jewish New Hampshire for generations to come.

This year we are pleased to present this award to Ross Fishbein and Pat Kalik, co-chairs of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival.

Ross Fishbein

Ross Fishbein practices law, specializing in technology licensing and transactions. He is an outgoing board member for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, a current Foundation Trustee, and for the past two years has served as co-chair of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. Ross became involved in the Film Festival when he moved back to New Hampshire from Texas in 2017. Beginning on the young adult screening committee, he has taken on increasing responsibilities each year, and now partners with Pat Kalik, chairing this annual statewide cultural event. Pivoting the festival to a virtual format for the 2020 and 2021 events created unforeseen challenges and unique opportunities. Ross and Pat, along with the entire film festival committee's volunteers, successfully tackled those challenges and created events that reached larger audiences than in any prior year.

He lives in Bedford with his wife, Jennifer, and their dog, Ladybug.



Ross Fishbein

Pat Kalik

Pat Kalik recently retired from Professional Teledata, a telecommunications software company where she was an owner/partner from 1993 until September 2015. At that time, she sold her business to Startel Corporation. Prior to owning Professional Teledata, Pat owned Executive Call Center in Manchester, NH.

Until recently, Pat had served on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire for the past eight years, and she is currently the Co-Chairperson of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. Pat has been part of the Film Festival team for 10 years. Her joy is to bring outstanding and diverse films to our community throughout the state.

Pat serves on several Federation committees including the Campaign Committee, Personnel Committee, and the Annual Meeting Committee. Beginning in September, Pat will serve as an advisor to the Board. Pat also serves on the Board of Temple Adath Yeshuran, and she is an active volunteer for various political candidates. Pat is a former Shem Tov winner, as she was nominated by her synagogue.

Pat moved to New Hampshire in 1984 with her family. She graduated from Cornell University in 1972 with a BS degree in Food Science and Nutrition.



Pat Kalik

2021 Campaign Honor Roll

In an extraordinary and challenging year, the community came together to support JFNH's mission and programs. We are grateful to all who have given so generously and enabled us to continue fighting anti-Semitism, advocating for Holocaust education, sharing Jewish news and cultural events, delivering books and programs to NH's children, sharing Jewish films, supporting our Israeli Emissary (Shlichah) program, sending children to Jewish summer camp, offering social services to community members in need, and so much more, even when the office doors had to close. We thank those who contributed to our annual campaign and those who contributed to programming and outreach throughout the year. You all deserve a spot on the JFNH Honor Roll.

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and Michael Sydney

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