

2023/5783 ANNUAL REPORT



Year in Review

Reflecting and Looking Ahead - A Message From The Director

By Allyson Guertin, Executive Director

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I present to you the Annual Report of the Jewish

Federation of New Hampshire for the year 2022/2023. It has been a year of tremendous accomplishments, marked by the unwavering dedication and support of our community. As we reflect on our successes, I am filled with pride and op-



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timism for the future of our statewide Federation.

Building Community Across the State

One of our primary goals has always been to foster strong connections within the Jewish community of New Hampshire. I am privileged to witness firsthand the power and significance of building a strong and vibrant Jewish community across our state. The importance of fostering connections, nurturing traditions, and embracing our shared heritage cannot be overstated. By cultivating a strong Jewish community, we create opportunities for lifelong learning, meaningful engagement, and impactful philanthropy. Our community becomes a place where we can explore our faith, engage in stimulating discussions, and develop lasting friendships that transcend any geographic boundaries.

We were thrilled to be able to bring back the Momentum program again this year. Momentum is a transformative journey that empowers Jewish women to connect with their heritage, strengthen their leadership skills, and forge lifelong friendships. With the support of Temple Israel in Portsmouth, twelve New Hampshire mothers from Southern NH and the Seacoast area traveled to Israel in late April and will be spending the next year together exploring their Jewish roots, building a connection, and making a positive impact within NH's communities.

The NH Jewish Film Festival has become a cornerstone event, attracting diverse audiences, and creating a platform for the exploration of Jewish culture and heritage through the medium of film. The festival has not only showcased outstanding cinematic works but has also encouraged dialogue and engagement among attendees, leading to a greater appreciation of Jewish arts and storytelling.

Our PJ Library program now reaches over 500 NH children. This program has a profound impact on our youngest community members and their families. By providing high-quality, age-appropriate Jewish literature, we have instilled a love for reading and a sense of connection to Jewish values and traditions. Through interactive programs and events, PJ Library has nurtured a strong sense of community among families, cre-

ating lasting memories and fostering a lifelong commitment to Jewish identity.

In honor of Israel's 75th birthday, this year our community came together for one big Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration we called Walk the Land. Over 150 community members from all over the state gathered for food, dancing, and activities for both children and adults. The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire along with six collaborating synagogues and other community partners made this remarkable event so successful.

Standing Up and Speaking Out About Antisemitism in NH

Antisemitism continues to be a top priority at JFNH, and we have been steadfast in our commitment to combat hatred, promote education, and foster inclusivity within our community.

Our Board Chair Ken Litvack and I have met with representatives from NH's US Attorney's Office, Attorney General's Office, the Dept. of Justice, and the FBI to discuss antisemitism in NH as well as hosted a roundtable discussion so synagogue leaders could join in the conversation. During these discussions, we addressed the rising issue of antisemitism and explored strategies to effectively combat it. This collaborative effort has enhanced our ability to coordinate responses and share valuable resources in addressing this important concern.

I was honored to be a panelist for a Hate Crimes Forum organized by the US Attorney's Office for the District of NH, and the US Department of Justice's Community Relations Council. By engaging with key stakeholders, we have been able to raise awareness and advocate for stronger measures against antisemitic incidents.

We are proud to have a JFNH board member who serves on both the committee responsible for developing the curriculum for Holocaust Education in New Hampshire and the Governor's Diversity and Inclusion Council. Through their involvement, they have played a crucial role in shaping the educational materials and ensuring that the history and lessons of the Holocaust are effectively taught in our schools. The Diversity and Inclusion council has developed a comprehensive guide for dealing with hate incidents in schools. This guide aims to provide educators with the necessary tools and resources to effectively address and prevent acts of hatred within the school system. This contribution helps to foster a greater understanding of the consequences of hate and bigotry among our youth.

Staff and board members have been trained by the ADL to run a program called Words to Action. This program is designed for high school and college students and offers tools to strengthen student capacity and build confidence to address antisemitism (please reach out to us if you are interested in bringing this program to the teens in your community).

Educating and Empowering the Next Generation

Investing in the future of our community is of paramount importance. Our scholarships and grants have allowed young people to engage in Jewish learning and connect with their heritage.

Children with pivotal Jewish experiences become adults who value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes, and take on leadership roles in their communities. For these reasons JFNH is proud to provide incentive grants to first time campers attending Jewish summer camp.

We strongly believe that a young adult peer travel experience to Israel is a fundamental educational opportunity to American Jewish communal life, which is why we are proud to provide the Bernice and Irving Singer Israel Experience Grant to NH teens. This initiative is based on the guiding principle that continuing Jewish education linked with a peer trip to Israel will forge a strong Jewish identity in the hearts and minds of youth. In the summer of 2023, a record number of NH teens were the recipients of this grant to assist them in their summer program in Israel.

Our annual Hebrew School Allocations help to subsidize New Hampshire's religious schools to ensure these resources continue to benefit our children.

Strengthening Our Israel-New Hampshire Connection

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire continues to play an active role in fostering a strong bond between our local community and the State of Israel.

Our Shaliach (emissary) Ra'anan de-Hass just completed his two years with us in New Hampshire. The goal of the Shlichut program is to build lasting relationships that deepen our connection and spread an appreciation for the country of Israel and Israeli culture. In the past year Ra'anan was able to travel the state offering a variety of programming including a group that met monthly at the JFNH office to discuss Israeli current events. During Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Ra'anan honored the memory of lives lost at an intimate gathering called Zikaron BaSalon where a group of teens in Keene heard from the descendant of Holocaust survivors as she shared her family's story. He also organized the very successful 6 Million Steps event in Manchester where over 50 community members walked from Temple Israel to Temple Adath Yeshurun in memory of the 6 million lives lost during the Holocaust. During Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) he organized a program called Recipe with a Memory in the Seacoast where participants made the favorite recipe of an Israeli soldier who lost their life in service. We are looking forward to our new Shaliach Guy Ben David bringing his own perspectives and ideas to our NH community in the year to come.

Our Israel Education and Engagement Committee continues to successfully provide a variety of opportunities to learn about different aspects of Israel through an assortment of programming including a virtual film series and Taste of Israel.

Campaign and Fundraising

I am thrilled to announce that this year's campaign has surpassed all expectations. This year has provided us with the opportunity to decrease our reliance on our endowment and invest more resources directly into our vital programs and initiatives. It is a testament to the commitment and generosity of our community that we have achieved such outstanding results.

None of this success would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our dedicated campaign committee. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each member for their exceptional leadership and hard work throughout the year. Their unwavering dedication and passion for our mission have been instrumental in the achievement of our campaign goals.

Looking Ahead

As we look towards the future, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is poised to embrace new opportunities and face emerging challenges.

We remain committed to our mission of combating antisemitism, promoting education, and fostering inclusivity. With the support of our community, we will continue to stand up against hatred and work towards a future where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

In the upcoming year, JFNH will embark on a new Strategic Plan, marking the first initiative of its kind since 2009. We eagerly anticipate input and insights from our community, which will aid us in prioritizing our efforts to better address the needs and aspirations of our state.

Connecting with the state is one of our top priorities. We are thrilled to re-engage with our community members, visit NH synagogues and meet with various individuals. As part of our commitment to fostering meaningful connections, in early August I will be spending time in Bethlehem, and I look forward to my visit to Laconia in early September. Our aim is to establish a genuine bond with the people we serve, allowing you to get to know us on a personal level.

In conclusion, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and generous donors who have made our achievements possible. Together, we have strengthened our community, improved lives, and created a brighter future for the Jewish people. I am confident that, with your continued support, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire will thrive in the years to come.

Sincerely, Allyson Guertin, Executive Director

My Final Reflections as JFNH Board Chair

By Ken Litvack, Outgoing JFNH Board Chair

I want to express my appreciation to our community for the privilege of serving as your

Chair and Co-Chair over the last three years. It has been an extraordinary journey, and I am filled with pride as I reflect on the vibrant and flourishing Jewish Federation now standing on solid financial ground.



Ken Litvack

When Harry Shepler

and I first met at Judith Jolton's ice cream party, held to welcome Avia to our community, little did I know then that Harry would become our esteemed Treasurer, and even less did I anticipate assuming the role of Chair. Nevertheless, during our conversation, we delved into the vital importance of fiscal responsibility that befalls a nonprofit board, emphasizing the necessity of operating within a balanced budget. Today, I am proud to say that has been accomplished over the course of the last three years. Last year, thanks to our exceptional campaign committee, a dedicated board, and the support of our community and foundation, we even achieved a cash surplus.

My tenure has not been without challenges, not only for myself but for our dedicated staff and board members. For two years we struggled with the Covid pandemic and despite this tremendous obstacle business carried on as usual — of course, under a different format. Additionally, we went through two Executive Directors until we wound up in the right place. There are not enough words to describe my respect for Allyson. She is the most dedicated, hardworking individual I have run into in many many years. I will miss her texts that always began with "do you have a minute for a short call."

Speaking of calls, I always enjoyed my midnight calls from my good friend Judith Jolton who has given so much to this organization. At

the end of the call, she always signed off by saying "good night moon". Judith is truly one of a kind.

In the past year, we faced the retirement announcement of our Finance Manager, Cheryl, prompting the search for a worthy successor. I must take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to Cheryl for her unwavering commitment and loyalty during some financially challenging times.

And what can be said of the incredible work accomplished by our resilient Film Committee during the trying years of Covid? They seamlessly carried on, refusing to miss a beat, proving that "the show must go on." Pat Kalik, Ross Fishbein, and the entire committee deserve our sincerest thanks for the countless hours of work they put into bringing amazing films to our community.

Hats off to all the committee chairs and their members for their hard work and dedication in bringing us amazing programs throughout my tenure. Your contributions have truly elevated our Federation.

A special acknowledgement is owed to my esteemed Co-Chair, David Goldstone. Recognizing that I occasionally possess a short fuse, some individuals approached me when I assumed the Chair position, suggesting the importance of finding a Co-Chair who could provide a tempering influence. David proved to be the ideal choice, silently undertaking numerous tasks that often went unrecognized by the community. Never once did he decline any request I made of him. When the Claremont Synagogue came to us asking for our assistance in taking over the care of their cemetery upon their closure, I asked David to chair this. Our board and the staff felt it was our obligation to respect the families that have loved ones buried there. It literally took months to get this completed but thanks to David along with Harry and the rest of the committee, it was successfully completed. David also chaired our Social Services committee; a special thanks to our Social Worker Mel Spierer as well. David, thank you.

Those that know me know that I have great affection and commitment towards Israel, as well as an unwavering commitment to combat antisemitism and honor the memory of the six million lives lost at the hands of the Nazis. One of my aspirations was to continue programing around these subjects, and thanks to the exceptional efforts of Dina Chaitowitz, who chaired the Antisemitism and Holocaust Remembrance committees, and Evelyn Miller, who led the Israel Education and Engagement committee, this goal was accomplished. I extend my thanks to both Dina, Evelyn, and their dedicated committee members for their unwavering commitment in delivering inspiring programs to our community. Furthermore, through the tireless efforts of Holocaust survivor Kati Preston, the Holocaust Education bill was passed by the New Hampshire House of Representatives and signed into law by our outstanding Governor. It is worth noting that Governor Sununu personally accompanied Kati to numerous high schools, educating students about the Holocaust and raising awareness of the concerning rise in antisemitism. Additionally, the Governor has signed the anti-BDS Executive Order. Am Yisrael Chai.

I truly believe we are an amazing and committed people who always find a way to carry on our traditions. I have been fortunate enough to travel around the world and some of my fondest memories are celebrating Jewish Holidays in faraway places. Yom Kippur and Passover in Hong Kong, Taiwan and even Passover at sea. In 2020, my wife Bertha and I found ourselves on a cruise as the Covid outbreak unfolded. After visiting New Zealand and heading for Australia we were told we could not dock. After four days at sea, we were able to find a way to get home before Australia was completely shut down.

You may wonder why I share this seemingly unrelated story. To me, it carries profound meaning, highlighting our unwavering unity regardless of the circumstances. In 2022, we received a

"use it or lose it" credit from the cruise company to compensate for the Australian fiasco, and in 2023, despite sailing over Passover, we made the decision to continue our journey. One day as we were reading the ships daily program guide, we noticed in the smallest type possible the words "Sabbath services at 6pm". Intrigued, we decided to go. Although there were only six of us, you would think you were in your own synagogue. The staff laid out a complete Shabbat setting: kosher wine, fresh baked challah, sabbath candles etc. It was amazing. As we got closer to the Passover holiday there was another notice that they were planning a Seder for the first night of Passover. Unbeknownst to me, my wife had volunteered me to lead it. Just what I needed. When we met with the cruise director and the head chef to go over the evening I was shocked when they presented me with a Haggadah, a complete Passover menu including Matzo, Gefilte fish, chicken soup, chicken and brisket. I almost fell over backwards when she gave us the Seder plate. Can you imagine, a ship with 650 passengers, only six people interested in a Seder service, yet the lengths to which the staff went to accommodate us were simply unbelievable. On the first night of Passover, we found ourselves docked in Bali, Indonesia. As we sang Dayenu, we suddenly heard the Muslim call to worship. This ironic moment served as a reminder of how interconnected our world truly is. The moral of this story is open to interpretation, but to me, it exemplified the smallness of our world and the enduring commitment of our people to honor our religion and celebrate our holiest days, no matter where we find ourselves.

As we move forward the Federation is in great hands with our new Chair and my close friend Tracy Richmond. I wish Tracy and the new board much success in the continued growth of this wonderful Federation.

Thank you. Ken Litvack, JFNH Board Chair



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.

Governance & Leadership

2022-23 Executive Committee & Board of Directors

Ken Litvack (Stratham), Board Chair Harry Shepler (Bedford), Treasurer Jay Madnick (Derry), Secretary Tracy Richmond (Bedford), Governance Chair Sarit Itenberg (Bedford), Immediate Past Chair

Becky Abrams (Londonderry)
Dina Michael Chaitowitz (Windham)

Debbie DePasse (Londonderry)

Dennie Derasse (Londonderry

Jen Foxx (Bedford)

Mara Friedman (Hollis)

Roberta Gordenstein (Rindge)

Kerry Hansen (Dover)

Judith Jolton (Manchester)

Pat Kalik (Manchester)

Chanchie Krinsky (Manchester)

Amy Lester (Durham)

Gary Lindner (Manchester)

Evelyn Miller (Goffstown)

Carol Pressman (Manchester)

Steve Soreff (Nottingham)

Sasha Stein (Bedford)

2023-24 Board Nominees*

One-Year Term

Debbie DePasse (Londonderry)

Three-Year Term

Judith Jolton (Manchester)
Jody Kipnis (Moultonborough)

*To be voted on at Annual Meeting

2023-24 Proposed Slate of Officers**

Tracy Richmond (Bedford), Chair Harry Shepler (Bedford), Treasurer Jay Madnick (Derry), Secretary Becky Abrams (Londonderry), Governance Chair

**to be voted on by Board of Directors

Rabbis of Community Congregations (Ex-Officio Voting Board Members)

Rabbi Dan Aronson, Congregation Ahavas Achim (Keene)

Rabbi Beth Davidson, Temple Adath Yeshurun (Manchester)

Rabbi Moshe Gray, Chabad at Dartmouth (Hanover)

Rabbi Jan Katz, Temple B'nai Israel (Laconia)

Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (Bethlehem)

Rabbi Levi Krinsky, Chabad of New Hampshire (Manchester)

Rabbi Peter Levy, Etz Hayim Synagogue (Derry)

Rabbi Seth Linfield, Hillel at Dartmouth (Hanover)

Rabbi Mark Melamut, Kol Ha'emek Upper Valley Jewish Community (Hanover)

Rabbi Robin Nafshi, Temple Beth Jacob (Concord)

Rabbi Marc Philippe, Temple Israel (Manchester)

Rabbi Berel Slavaticki, Seacoast Chabad (Newington)

Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, Temple Beth Abraham (Nashua)

Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, Temple Israel (Portsmouth)

2022-23 Foundation Board of Trustees

Julia Preis (Bedford), Chair

Dan Cohen (Bedford)

Jeff Crocker (Peterborough)

Michael Miller (Goffstown)

Rob Wofchuck (Barnstead)

Ken Litvack (Stratham), ex-officio voting member

Harry Shepler (Bedford), ex-officio non-voting member

Norm Kushner (Manchester), Emeritus

Gary Lindner (Manchester), Emeritus

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Financial Statements

Operating Income/Expense	UNAUDITED July 2022-June 2023	July 2021-June 2022
Income	odly Loca dano Loca	ouly Local outlo Local
Campaign Revenue	304,113.47	270,512.82
Life, Ladies and Laughter	4,205.73	-
Ukraine Relief Fund	-	2,136.00
Museum of Jews of NH	268.00	6,492.00
Miscellaneous Donation	-	11.42
Interest Income	265.45	-
The Reporter Revenues	28,443.59	30,090.00
Cultural/Community Revenue	5,656.00	764.00
Community Cemetery Funds	17,278.00	16,906.00
NH Veterans Cemetery	7,692.00	,
NH Jewish Film Festival	46,998.96	49,975.69
Israel Engagement	5,967.00	11,698.15
Social Services for Individuals & Families Revenue	2,750.85	11,754.62
Senior/Community Revenue	4,444.24	3,557.00
Youth Programming Revenue	6,334.00	5,000.00
PJ Library Revenue	19,309.25	17,352.61
Early Education Revenue	6,403.00	6,323.00
Israel Experiences Revenue	9,778.00	6,192.00
Momentum Revenue	17,000.00	1,611.79
Campership Program Revenue	11,500.00	14,386.77
Shlichut Program Revenue	22,879.90	17,484.18
Campaign Endowment Unrestricted	75,912.00	130,123.00
Total Income	574,265.44	584,701.05
Expenses		
Office Personnel Expense	193,579.32	186,211.14
Administrative Expense	48,300.86	43,377.80
Office Equipment	1,927.81	2,129.25
Rent and Utilities Expense	49,253.59	47,947.82
Write-off Uncollectible Pledges	9,654.00	4,372.74
The Reporter Expenses	46,931.41	53,708.85
Cultural/Community and Cemetery Expenses	17,604.65	17,905.92
NH Veterans Cemetery Expenses	7,950.00	-
Museum of Jews of NH Expenses	5,218.70	316.00
Jewish Film Festival Expenses	26,001.76	26,403.98
Momentum Program	10,418.81	9,421.49
Israel Engagement Expenses	2,268.97	2,183.00
Israel Experience Expenses	8,403.42	1,000.00
Campaign-Fundraising Expense	11,856.75	6,303.16
Life, Ladies and Laughter	2,737.31	2,222.12
Community Relations Expenses	4,681.65	5,526.43
Social Services Expenses for Ind. & Fam	2,757.22	16,411.75
Senior/Community Outreach Expenses	2,856.62	2,053.91
Youth Programming Expenses	5,000.00	10,000.00
PJ Library Expenses	20,040.15	24,542.23
Early Ed Program Expenses	4,573.24	4,813.25
Campership Program Expenses	4,500.00	14,500.00
Shlicha Program Expenses	74,907.21	68,308.66
Homeland Security Grant Expenses	-	254.00
Religious School Allocations	12,000.00	12,000.00
JFNA Expense	8,492.00	9,517.85
Other Expenses	300.00	1,648.50
Total Expenses	574,265.45	571,111.73
let Ordinary Income	(0.00)	30,850.37

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 2022-23 as the Chair of the Foundation Board.

The Foundation began the fiscal year on July 1, 2022, with just over \$3.9 million in assets, and concluded the fiscal year on June 30, 2023, with just under \$4.2 million in assets. Over this time, the Foundation distributed approximately \$143,000 to JFNH, re-



Julia Kay Preis

ceived a \$100,000 gift to support the maintenance of the Temple Meyer David Jewish cemetery in Claremont, and enjoyed investment gains of over \$300,000.

The Foundation's assets are managed by Evanson Asset Management (EAM), an advisor that specializes in index and passive management and had over \$4 billion under management as of January 2023. EAM derives its investment strategy from academic research and makes use of passive portfolios from Dimensional Fund Advisors (DFA) and Vanguard ETF index funds, among other investments. The Foundation pays \$750 per quarter to EAM for its services.

EAM has been fully managing the Foundation's assets since February 2023. They received a \$2 million transfer from our prior advisor in June 2022, \$1 million in September 2022, approximately \$835,000 in December 2022 and approximately \$121,000 in January 2023. The timing of these transfers was per liquidation schedule of our previous manager, the Jewish Community Endowment Pool (JCEP), a partnership between Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston and Care-Group-related affiliates including Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center.

While our advisor transition was ongoing, the Trustees also worked diligently to update our investment policy statement (IPS). Thank you to Ross Fishbein in particular for helming this important effort.

This year, for the first time in recent memory, JFNH's withdrawals from the Foundation were under budget. The approximately \$143,000 distributed included \$76,000 from the general fund (of \$82,000 approved); \$26,000 from campaign gift endowment ("PACE") funds; and \$41,000 in restricted funds (of \$47,000 approved). The \$41,000 went to a variety of pre-designated causes; these included Israel Experiences, Camperships, Cemetery Maintenance, and programming related to Early Education, PJ Library, Film Festival, and Seniors, among others. Thank you to JFNH Treasurer Harry Shepler and his finance committee for their adept management of JFNH's resources.

Establishment of a fund within the Foundation Trust ensures that your gift will continue to support the NH Jewish Community in perpetuity. If you would like to learn more about opportunities to do so, please contact me or a Trustee colleague: Dan Cohen, Jeff Crocker, Dr. Michael Miller, and Rob Wofchuck; or one of our Trustee emeriti, Norm Kushner and Gary Lindner. It is our privilege to serve the NH Jewish community.

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

CENEDAL TRUCT FUNDS	MV Balances	MV Balances	MV Balances
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS I.A. Brodie Fund	6/30/21 37,392	6/30/22 34,977	3/31/23 34,645
E.M. Chase Fund	663,565	620,701	614,806
General Trust Fund	916,431	709,236	850,554
Ethel & Saul Greenspan	198,027	185,235	183,476
M.A. Kaplan Fund	139,131	130,144	128,908
Louis Miller Family Fund	371,011	347,045	343,749
Hyman Reingold Fund	12,004	11,229	11,122
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum	32,247	30,164	29,877
Max Rovner Fund	81,172	75,929	75,208
Sidney Samuels Fund	69,338	64,859	64,243
Alex Shapiro Fund	23,514	21,995	21,786
Hab Shapiro Family	21,480	20,092	19,902
Lindner Family Fund	12,926 21,299	12,091 19,923	11,976 19,734
Harvey Winneg Fund Total	2,599,538	2,283,619	2,409,9868
DONOR RECIENATED FUNDS			
DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS RESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS:			
Etta Berman Educ Fund	11,705	10,949	10,845
The Muriel & Edward Broad Pre.Schol.	22,009	20,588	20,392
Andrew Cohen Scholar. Fund	6,383	5,971	5,914
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	30,127	28,181	31,782
Ben & Zelma Dorson Sen. Citizens Fund	40,347	37,741	37,382
Jennie & Mandel Eluto Educ Schol	11,208	10,484	10,384
Maurice Foster Senior Cit Fund	8,810	8,241	8,163
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	9,308 62,642	8,707 58,595	8,624 58,039
Saul Sidore Sen Citizens Fund	2,260	2,114	2,094
William R Silverman Fund	11,215	10,491	10,391
Singer Family Trust	22,086	20,659	20,463
Winneg Family Educ Fund	38,417	35,935	35,594
Gary & Irma Wallin Young Lead Fund	45,297	42,371	41,969
Zvi & Debby Cohen Jewish Film Festival Fund	12,200	11,412	11,304
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	11,488	10,746	10,644
Irving & Bernice Singer Fund for Teen Israel Exp	154,567	144,583	143,210
Kushner-Tumen Fund	17,412	16,629	16,471
Children's Enrichment & Educ. Fund	69,056	64,595	63,981
Cohen Tribute Fund	89,789 20,768	83,989	83,191
Solomon Family Fund Stahl Manchester Cemetery Fund	152,021	18,265 142,201	18,092 140,851
Wofchuck-Gilbert Family Fund	10,227	9,799	9,706
Brindis Charitable Fund	187,525	175,411	173,745
Temple David Meyer	-	-	100,000
Total	1,046,866	978,655	1,073,230
PACE TRUST FUNDS			
Joan & William Green Pace Fund	30,547	28,574	28,303
Sidney Samuels Pace Fund	64,677	60,499	59,925
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Pace Fund	124,762	116,703	115,595
Max Rovner Pace Fund	36,960	34,573	34,244
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh Pace Fund	38,446	35,963	35,621
Muriel & Edward Broad Pace Fund	225,345	210,788	208,787
Dorothy Goodstein Pace Fund	19,477	18,219	18,046
Barbara & David Stahl Pace Fund	59,563	55,716	55,187
Goldstein Pace Fund	14,213	13,295	13,169
Saul & Ethel Greenspan Pace Fund	14,212	13,294	13,167
Ovid & Laura Slavin Pace Fund	70,226	65,690	65,066
Morton & Sydell Rosen Pace Fund Total	44,023 742,453	41,179 694,492	40,788 687,897
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TOTAL FOUNDATION FUNDS:	4,388,857	3,956,766	4,171,113

2023 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.

Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation – Lucy Goodhart

Lucy Goodhart is a political scientist who teaches at Brandeis University and conducts research on partisan polarization in US politics. She is also the co-Chair of the Ritual Committee for Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (BHC), where she has been an active volunteer since joining the synagogue with her husband in 2015 and serving on the Board since 2019. In her role as co-Chair of the Ritual Committee, Lucy helps lead the committee charged with maintaining warm, engaging, and meaningful services for the community. Lucy also serves on the Security Committee which she leads with Melissa Potter and more



recently on the Membership Committee, so that she has a well-rounded perspective on the management of BHC! When she is not enjoying her time in the White Mountains, she can be found teaching at Brandeis and studying how primary elections affect the partisan makeup of the two major parties in Congress. She is also a keen gardener, enjoys cooking and eating, and loves the opportunity to watch the bears at dusk near Cannon Mountain.

Chabad Center for Jewish Living, Manchester – **Jay Hochman**

Jay was born in Canarsie, Brooklyn NY and lived there until he was 5. He and his family moved out to Commack, New York Long Island, where he graduated high school at Commack South. Jay worked in the family kosher deli and catering business most of his life. He went to school for hotel restaurant management. Growing up, he was always involved in the local shul. He attended Hebrew School and Jewish youth groups. Jay was introduced to Chabad in his twenties.



He has lived in many places in the state of NY, in Baltimore, MD, in CT, and now Manchester, NH with his wife of six years, Kim. Jay has a

son, whom he is very proud of. His mother and sister live on Long Island. He now drives limousines and has been for more than twenty years. Jay enjoys bowling, going to the Manchester firing range, swimming, and spending time with family and friends. "I do not have the catering business anymore. Cooking is still one of my passions and I do all the cooking for my family for the holidays."

Congregation Ahavas Achim – Risa Keene

Risa was born in Queens, NY and her childhood was spent in Huntington, NY. She presently lives in Sullivan, NH with her husband Doug. They have 3 adult daughters, Alder, Kendra, and Woodra.

From 1978-2019 Risa was a speech/language pathologist and worked in a variety of settings including schools, the Farnum Rehabilitation, and finally an early intervention program. Prior to living in NH, she worked in rural Alaska, north of the Arctic Circle in primarily Inuit Communities.



Risa Keene

Risa presently writes an article for the Sullivan Newsletter entitled Meet Your Neighbors. She previously volunteered on the Cemetery Expansion Committee as well as the school board in Sullivan. Several years ago, Risa and her husband Doug spent two years in Lesotho, Africa. While there she did volunteer work with a non-profit organization. She led workshops for preschool teachers helping them nurture language and reading development, helped organize workshops for deaf students to learn about HIV/AIDS and pregnancy, presented a workshop to the staff about learning and she developed book and theater clubs for students in grades 1 through 6.

Etz Hayim Synagogue – Andrea Meyer

Andrea Meyers and her family have been members of Etz Hayim since 2010, at which time Andrea quickly became devoted to her sons' religious education by getting involved as a Class Parent and proud Lobby Lady, instilling in them a love for their religion. Jack and David memorialized their deep bond with the Temple and congregation by creating two custom plasma cutouts of our logo which proudly hang in our vestibule today. More recently David completely renovated the Temple library as his Eagle Scout project, and his Court of Honor was celebrated at Etz Hayim in March of this year.



A former human resources director, Andrea re-invented herself as the boys got older, returning to school to receive her teaching certifi-

cate and is currently a Technology Teacher at the David R. Cawley Middle School in Hooksett. Etz Havim has been very fortunate to be the beneficiary of her many skills and talents, with Andrea playing a key role in prior Rabbi searches, contract renewals, hiring of teachers and our Education Administrator, and as current Chair of the Rabbi Search Committee.

Andrea began serving as an Etz Hayim Director in 2018, then accepted the position of secretary in 2020, expressing her wish to join the executive team to play a more direct role in leading the temple. Her organizational skills and drive continue to make her an invaluable partner to the President, Vice President and Treasurer, documenting motions, and discussions, clarifying inconsistencies, and imparting important historic perspective. Andrea also assumed responsibility in 2020 for managing the synagogue's online calendar, and took the lead in revising our Education, B'nai Mitzvah and Building usage policies.

Andrea is an outspoken advocate and cheerleader for all things beneficial to Etz Hayim Synagogue. Her take charge attitude and keen judgement, and enthusiasm make Andrea a tremendous asset to the Board and congregation.

Andrea and her husband Jeff live in Epping with their sons Jack and David.

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire – Jeff Crocker

Jeff has been a lifelong resident of New Hampshire's Monadnock region. He grew up in Jaffrey and has resided in Peterborough with his wife, Martha, for the past 43 Years.

Jeff graduated from Vermont Academy in 1971 and the University of New Hampshire, cum laude, in 1975. Following Jeff's graduation from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 1979, he practiced law at the law firm Tower & Crocker in Jaffrey for 39 years before joining the Peterborough office of the Upton & Hatfield law firm in 2018 in an "of counsel" capacity.



Recognizing the importance of public service, Jeff has served in many volunteer capacities which have included serving on many non-profit, professional, and government boards and committees, including the New Hampshire Bar Association Ethics Committee, New Hampshire Department of Employment Security Appellate Board, Monadnock Community Hospital Board, River Meade Retirement Community Board, Scott Farrar Assisted Living Board, Park Theatre Board, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Monadnock Region Board, Peterborough Planning Board, Peterborough Economic Development Committee, as a member and Chair of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board, and currently as a JFNH Foundation Trustee.

Jeff is also a member of the New Hampshire Estate Planning Council, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, The New Hampshire Bar Association, and the Cheshire County Bar Association.

A past member of Temple Adath Yeshurun, Jeff currently is a member of two synagogues: Congregation Ahavas Achim in Keene of which his grandfather, Harry Crocker, was a founding member, and Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation in New Hampshire's North Country.

Jeff's commitment to community earned him TEAM Jaffrey's Outstanding Community Volunteer Award in 2002, and the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 2019.

Jeff spends as much time as possible outdoors in New Hampshire's Monadnock Region and North Country, hiking, Nordic skiing, kayaking, and gardening.

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Jeff and Martha have one grown child, Alexandra, and two adorable grandchildren, Lily (age 4) and Nora (age 1), courtesy of Alex and her husband, Bruce.

Kol Ha'Emek, The Upper Valley Jewish Community – Sam Zucker

Sam Zucker is the 2023/5783 Shem Tov Awardee for Kol Ha'Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community, located in Hanover. He has unofficially served as a Gabbai for Shabbat and holiday services for years; reads Torah frequently for the services, which has the added bonus of giving the Rabbi a welcomed breather; and Sam has often led portions of the services as well. For years, he has helped with rolling the Torah to the right place for upcoming services. He has also prepared and led d'vars and is an active participant in Torah learning. He has also helped to shape our religious service practices by his service on the Temple's Ruach (Spirituality) Committee.



Sam Zucker

Temple Adath Yeshurun – Jonathan Baron

Jonathan Baron grew up in Manchester, the son of the late Sheldon "Bud" Baron and Natalie Baron. He is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, having majored in Communication with a Business Administration minor. Upon graduation, Jonathan's professional interests focused on the technology services field, and he worked for New Hampshire Insurance, Coopers & Lybrand, International Data Group (IDG) and Gartner. Taking the skills and knowledge he amassed from those positions, Jonathan set out on his own and became co-owner of Northeast Computer Services, LLC in 2009. Northeast Computer Ser-



Jonathan Baron

vices, based in Haverhill, MA is a full-service IT Company geared toward small and medium sized business. Jonathan is an active member of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, where he serves on the Membership Committee. He is a member of the Greater Haverhill Democratic City Committee.

Jonathan joined TAY choir in the Spring of 2012. Jonathan's interests include singing, hot yoga, reiki, and biking/skiing. He resides in Haverhill, MA with his partner, Attorney Thomas J. Sullivan. Jonathan joined the TAY Board in 2013 and served for 10 years. He chaired the Ritual Committee and served on the Security and Technology committees. He became TAY President between 2020-2022

In 2022, Jonathan was elected a Trustee of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) North American Board where he serves on the Board of Engagement and Racial, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committees.

Temple Beth Abraham – Ruth Weiner Harris

Ruth has been an active member of Temple Beth Abraham for over 40 years. She has contributed to the community in many ways including teaching in the TBA Hebrew School for over 30 years. She is a founding member of the Raymond Street Klezmer Band, in which she plays the accordion. The band plays at Jewish smachot as well as at public events such as at the Smithsonian Folk Festival in Washington and the Lowell Folk Festival. As a member of the TBA Interior Committee, Ruth has designed many pieces of Judaic art including two se-



Ruth Weiner Harris

ries of stained-glass windows in the sanctuary, one depicting the six day of creation and another representing the twelve tribes. She also designed the beautiful Shibat HaMinim carpet in the gallery. As a long-term member of the TBA Program Committee, Ruth has initiated many cultural and musical programs including speakers and concerts. Ruth is a member of the TBA Sisterhood and past president. She was previously a volunteer contributor for the JFNH Reporter and served on the board of the New England region of Women's League. Ruth's passion for helping to enhance Temple Beth Abraham has always been in the forefront.

Ruth lives in Hollis with her husband Michael where she is a member of Women's Club and the local chapter of the League of Women Voters. Ruth and Michael have two sons, Baruch and Avraham and six grandchildren. Ruth was born in pre-state Israel and is a graduate of the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem where she majored in graphic design.

Temple Beth Jacob – Bobbi Blades

Bobbi Blades has been a TBJ Member since 1994. During that almost 30-year span she has made an impact in so many aspects of Jewish life. She has been a religious school classroom and library assistant, and a substitute teacher. She has taken the lead with our teens in being an advisor and chaperone for the Concord Teen Youth group (CONTY). Bobbi has been a Temple lay representative on the Greater Concord Interfaith Council for 7 years and an Interfaith volunteer for all events including Interfaith seders. She has been President of the Interfaith Council. Bobbi created the first Social Action Committee at TBJ



Bobbi Blades

organizing programs to help Homeless individuals and refugees. Through a joint program with Families in Transition. The SAC received a Spirit of NH Award. She worked with various Interfaith representatives for 5 years to bring Family Promise to Concord and co-coordinated week-long commitments for housing and feeding participants. She ensured Friday night Oneg success by calling and coordinating congregants. She in an active member of Sisterhood, Membership, and other temple committees. She is a singing member of TBJ's Jammers at temple and community events. Bobbi cooks and bakes for temple functions and for families observing Shiva. She ensures congregants have transportation by driving them to their appointments, services, or temple functions. Temple Beth Jacob is honored to recognize Bobbi Blades for her endless commitment to volunteerism and helping those in need.

Temple B'nai Israel – Steve and Jane Bogursky

Stephen Bogursky was born in Bronx, NY and was raised in the Catskill region. He has been a physician for thirty years. Jane, his wife, was born in Newark, NJ and raised in Rockland County, NY. She is a mental health therapist. They relocated to NH in 1992 and began a family several years later. They have wonderful children and two terrific dogs and enjoy the quieter lifestyle since moving north to the Lakes Region.



Steve and Jane Bogursky

Temple Israel Manchester – Rachel Spierer

Temple Israel nominates Rachel Spierer for the 2023 Shem Tov award in honor of her exceptional character and unwavering dedication to Temple Israel. Despite her own recent challenging battle with cancer, Rachel consistently participated in the many meetings of the Rabbi Search Committee this year to help us find the perfect spiritual leader. Her commitment to Temple Israel is evidenced by her active involvement in leading services. She directed our choir during its active years and taught many of us in the congregation to sing the traditional melodies of old, while sharing new ones. She contributes to special ser-



Rachel Spierer

vices and holiday events. She warmly shares her love of Temple Israel and her knowledge of Judaism with us all, as well as with her lovely daughter, Cantor Sarra, her son Jonathan, and her devoted husband, Mel. Rachel's resilience, strength, and unwavering support of Temple Israel has touched the lives of countless individuals within our community. Her tireless efforts, even in the face of personal adversity, serve as an inspiration to us all. She is deserving of this esteemed recognition whose selflessness and dedication epitomize the values of the Shem Tov Award.

Temple Israel Portsmouth – Marjorie Wachtel

Margie and her husband, Morey Stetner, relocated from Washington, DC, to Portsmouth in 1997 and have been Temple Israel members for over twenty years. Among her numerous volunteer contributions, Margie has served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Membership Committee, and played a key role on the Website and Marketing committees. She has organized many gatherings for new and prospective members, including onegs, brunches, and "Havdalah at Home." She designed the Community Engagement Survey so that congregants could more readily find those who might share their own interests and



arjorie Wachtel

talents, and she played a major role in website and "branding" redesigns. When Margie takes on a project, you know it will be completed with both efficiency and care!

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