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Year in Review

A Year of Impact, Gratitude, and New Beginnings

By Tracy Richmond, Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board Chair

As the year draws to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on the incredible impact we've had as a community — and to extend our deepest thanks to those who made it all possible.

First and foremost, I want to offer heartfelt appreciation to the small but mighty staff of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. Their dedication, passion, and tireless work behind the scenes have been the backbone of our success this year. From day-to-day operations to community events, they have ensured that the Federation continues to serve and uplift Jewish life across the Granite State.

We also recognize and thank Allyson Guertin, our outgoing Executive Director, for her leadership and service. Allyson guided the Federation with commitment and care, helping us navigate both opportunities and challenges with grace. We are deeply grateful for the positive impact she made during her tenure.

Our committees and volunteers—too many to name individually—deserve special recognition. Your efforts, your ideas, and your time are

what keep this organization vibrant and strong. From planning events to supporting our programming, your work has shaped an enriching year for our community.

Highlights of the year include the always inspiring New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, which brought thought-provoking stories and conversations to our state; our growing PJ Library program, which continues to spark Jewish learning and connection for young families; and the moving October 7th memorial event, where we came together in solidarity and remembrance.

To our community—thank you. Your support throughout my term as Board Chair has meant the world to me. Whether you attended an event, donated, volunteered, or simply stayed connected, you are the reason the Federation continues to thrive. Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome our newly hired Executive Director, whose passion and experience will help us build on this year's momentum. Together, we will continue to bring meaningful programs, advocacy, and support to Jewish residents across New Hampshire.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful close to the year—and an even brighter year ahead.



Tracy Richmond

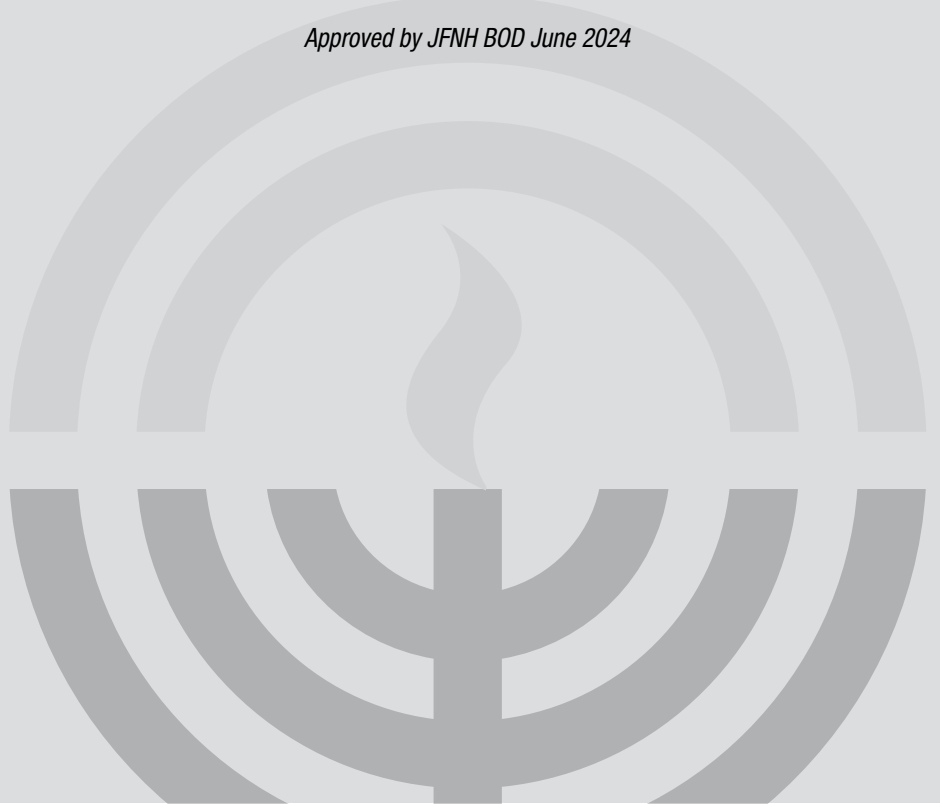


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is a statewide organization that connects and engages the wider Jewish community of New Hampshire through meaningful local, regional, and statewide activities. JFNH advocates for the interests of the Jewish community locally and in Israel, raises and allocates resources to enable a thriving and safe Jewish New Hampshire, and partners with the state's synagogues to enhance and expand Jewish life throughout the state.

Approved by JFNH BOD June 2024



Governance & Leadership

2024-25 Executive Committee & Board of Directors

Tracy Richmond (Bedford), Board Chair
Harry Shepler (Bedford), Treasurer
Jay Madnick (Derry), Secretary
Becky Abrams (Manchester), Governance Chair
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Jeremy Berger (Bedford)
Debbie DePasse (Londonderry)
Jen Foxx (Bedford)
Mara Friedman (Nashua)
David Goldstone (Bethlehem)
Judith Jolton (Manchester)
Pat Kalik (Manchester)
Richard LeSavoy (Newmarket)
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Carol Pressman (Manchester)
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2024-25 Board Nominees*

1 Year Term

Jay Madnick (Derry)

2 Year Term

Mara Friedman (Nashua)
Pat Kalik (Manchester)

3 Year Term

Becky Abrams (Manchester)
Gordon Bennett (Franconia)
Dina Chaitowitz (Windham)
Dana Stangle Plowe (Bedford)

**To be voted on at Annual Meeting*

2025-26 Proposed Slate of Officers**

Jeremy Berger (Bedford), Chair
Richard LeSavoy (Newmarket), 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 Andy Bachman, Temple B'nai Israel (Laconia)
Rabbi Rosalind Glazer, (Portsmouth)
Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (Bethlehem)
Rabbi Levi Krinsky, Chabad of New Hampshire (Manchester)
Incoming Derry Rabbi, 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 Jon Spira-Savett, Temple Beth Abraham (Nashua)
Rabbi Berel Slavaticki, Seacoast Chabad (Newington)

2024-25 Foundation Board of Trustees

Jeff Crocker (Peterborough), Chair
Dan Cohen (Bedford)
Bob Feldmann (Londonderry)
Ross Flshbein (Bedford)
Richard LeSavoy (Newmarket)
Julia Preis (Bedford)
Rob Wofchuck (Barnstead)
Tracy Richmond (Bedford), 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 2024-June 2025	July 2023-June 2024
INCOME		
Campaign Revenue	\$319,431.14	\$328,610.46
Emergency Fund	\$1,500.00	\$4,210.94
Interest Income	\$1,799.51	\$2,200.44
JFNH Board-Restricted Fund	\$84,090.27	\$82,868.00
The Reporter Revenues	\$28,672.63	\$21,693.00
Community and Social Services	\$36,982.64	\$51,847.69
Museum of Jews of NH Revenue		
Campership Program Revenue		
Community Cemeteries Revenue		
Cultural/Community Revenue		
Social Services for Individuals & Families Revenue		
Senior/Community Revenue		
Jewish Film Festival	\$55,408.18	\$51,100.73
Youth Programming	\$23,331.96	\$36,006.52
Youth Programming Revenue		
PJ Library Revenue		
Early Education Revenue		
Israel Programs	\$55,160.80	\$23,998.90
Israel Engagement Revenue		
Israel Experience Revenue		
Shlichut Revenue		
Israel Connection Revenue		
Total Income	\$606,377.13	\$602,536.68
EXPENSES		
Federation Office Expenses	\$355,534.21	\$362,407.75
Campaign Expenses	\$14,959.19	\$18,110.08
The Reporter Expenses	\$55,305.67	\$48,918.07
Community and Social Services	\$51,302.12	\$49,912.03
Museum of Jews of NH Expenses		
Campership Program Expenses		
Cultural/Community Expenses		
Community Relations Expenses		
Hebrew School Allocations		
Social Services for Ind. & Family Expenses		
Senior/Community Outreach Expenses		
Jewish Film Festival	\$41,475.05	\$31,392.98
Youth Programming	\$29,649.14	\$32,011.34
PJ Library Expenses		
Youth Programming Expenses		
Early Ed Program Expenses		
Israel Programs	\$55,237.43	\$59,746.10
Israel Program Expenses		
Shlichut Expenses		
Israel Connection Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$603,462.81	\$602,498.35
Net Income	\$2,914.32	\$38.33

Foundation Funds

Foundation Report

On behalf of the JFNH Foundation Trustees, we present the following summary of the performance of the Foundation's assets for the fiscal year 2024-25.

The Foundation began the fiscal year on July 1, 2024, with \$4.5 million in assets, and concluded the fiscal year on June 30, 2025, with \$4.9 million in assets. During the fiscal year, the Foundation distributed \$151 thousand to support programming, activities, initiatives, and operations in furtherance of JFNH's mission.

The Foundation's assets are managed by Evanson Asset Management (EAM), an advisor that specializes in index and passive management and had over \$5 billion under management as of January 2025. 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.

This year the Trustees began work on a planned giving program that fosters a culture of lifetime philanthropy within our New Hampshire Jewish community and encourages donors to include JFNH in their estate plans to ensure a lasting impact beyond their lifetimes.

For the third fiscal year in a row, JFNH's withdrawals from the Foundation were under budget. Thank you to JFNH Treasurer Harry Shepler and his finance committee, Executive Director Allyson Guertin and Finance Manager Tina LeMay for their continued careful management of JFNH's resources.

With abundant gratitude for her many years of dedicated service to our New Hampshire Jewish community, we say goodbye to our Executive Director, Allyson, and we wish her every success in her new role as Assistant Director of Dartmouth Hillel. We look forward to having many opportunities to collaborate with Allyson in her new role.

Please join us in welcoming back Trustee Ross Fishbein, Esq. for another term. Trustee Rich LeSavoy will be exchanging his Trustee hat for that of JFNH Board Treasurer in the coming fiscal year and will continue to serve as an ex-officio Trustee.

Establishing an endowed fund with the Foundation is easy to do and 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 JFNH at 603-627-7679 or info@jewishnh.org and one of us or a Trustee colleague will reach out to you.

We thank our Trustee colleagues, Dan Cohen, Bob Feldmann, Ross Fishbein, Rich LeSavoy, Tracy Richmond, Harry Shepler, Rob Wofchuck, and Emeriti, Norm Kushner and Gary Lindner, for their hard work and many contributions during this past year. It is our privilege to serve the NH Jewish community.

Respectfully submitted,
JFNH Foundation Board of Trustees, By:
Julia Kay Preis, Immediate Past Chair
Jeffrey R. Crocker, Chair

	MV Balances 6/30/23	MV Balances 6/30/24	MV Balances 3/31/25
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			
JFNH Board-Restricted Fund	627,746	597,353	596,139
I.A. Brodie Fund	37,711	41,772	43,819
E.M. Chase Fund	669,229	741,288	751,559
Ethel & Saul Greenspan	199,717	221,222	224,287
M.A. Kaplan Fund	140,319	155,428	157,581
Louis Miller Family Fund	374,178	414,468	419,949
Hyman Reingold Fund	12,107	13,410	13,602
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum	32,522	36,024	36,539
Max Rovner Fund	81,865	90,680	91,976
Sidney Samuels Fund	69,930	77,460	78,567
Alex Shapiro Fund	23,715	26,268	26,644
HAB Shapiro Family	21,663	23,996	24,339
Lindner Family Fund	13,036	15,476	16,239
Harvey Winneg Fund	21,481	23,794	24,134
Total	2,325,218	2,478,638	2,505,373
DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS			
Muriel & Edward Broad Scholarship	21,417	22,921	24,044
Eluto Scholarship	10,906	11,672	12,244
Andrew Cohen Scholarship Fund	6,438	7,131	7,480
Etta Berman Fund	12,191	12,788	
Temple David Meyer Cemetery	109,195	121,593	127,550
Stahl Manchester Cemetery Fund	153,319	164,289	172,338
Zvi & Debby Cohen Jewish Film Festival Fund	11,871	12,705	13,328
Maurice Foster Fund	8,573	9,175	9,624
Saul Sidore Fund	2,199	2,354	2,469
Singer Family Trust	21,491	23,000	24,127
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	11,179	11,964	12,550
Ben & Zelma Dorson Fund	39,261	42,019	44,077
Winneg Family Fund	37,383	40,008	41,968
Gary & Irma Wallin Fund	45,684	50,603	53,082
Brindis Charitable Fund	189,125	204,484	214,502
Wofchuck-Gilbert Family Fund	10,202	11,819	12,651
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund	9,058	10,033	10,525
William R Silverman Fund	10,914	12,089	12,681
Irving & Bernice Singer Fund for Teen Israel Experience	150,408	166,603	174,765
Kushner-Tumen Fund	17,321	19,490	20,701
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	30,384	32,558	34,153
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	63,176	67,696	71,013
Cohen Tribute Fund	87,373	93,509	98,090
Children's Enrichment & Education Fund	67,198	71,918	75,441
Solomon Family Fund	19,693	21,564	22,111
Total	1,145,160	1,243,389	1,304,305
PACE TRUST FUNDS			
Joan & William Green Pace Fund	29,711	31,744	32,130
Sidney Samuels Pace Fund	62,907	67,212	68,029
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Pace Fund	121,348	129,652	131,227
Max Rovner Pace Fund	35,949	38,409	38,876
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh Pace Fund	37,394	39,953	40,438
Muriel & Edward Broad Pace Fund	219,179	234,180	237,024
Dorothy Goodstein Pace Fund	18,944	20,241	20,486
Barbara & David Stahl Pace Fund	57,933	61,898	62,650
Goldstein Pace Fund	13,824	14,770	14,949
Saul & Ethel Greenspan Pace Fund	13,823	14,768	14,948
Ovid & Laura Slavin Pace Fund	68,304	72,979	73,865
Morton & Sydel Rosen Pace Fund	42,818	45,749	46,305
Total	722,134	771,555	780,928
TOTAL FOUNDATION FUNDS:	4,192,512	4,493,583	4,590,606

2025 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.

Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation - Jacki Katzman

Jacki earned a BA in biochemistry from Smith College and an MBA from the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University. Over her career in research, marketing and business communications in the medical and business technology fields, she developed the skills that help support BHC. As BHC super-volunteer Eileen Regen stepped back, Jacki picked up 2.5 of the shoes Eileen left empty, becoming editor of the fantastic Bethlehem Shul News, co-maintaining the BHC Web site, participating in and occasionally leading the BHC Books of Jewish Interest discussions, hosting White Mountain Jewish Film Festival patio parties and attending all the movies, attending the Sounds in the Sanctuary Series concerts and writing post-concert reviews, hosting a yearly one in honor of her dad, and singing all the prayers she learned by heart attending services with her dad.

"If there's one thing I miss from my professional career, it's collaborating on team of brilliant women who get the job done. The BHC community is among the smartest, most curious, and most culturally engaged in the area. I can contribute with things I like to do, working with delightful people without having to go to meetings. Our contributions to the community enrich all. And the potlucks are amazing," she says.

In addition to her volunteer work with BHC, Jacki makes popcorn at the Colonial Theatre, promotes bands coming to the Loading Dock in Littleton, gardens, swims, skis, and plays bass with a local reggae band.



Jacki Katzman

Chabad Center for Jewish Living, Manchester - Janice Belmont

Chabad is blessed to have Janice Belmont as a valued member of our community. Janice has volunteered many hours over the past two years as a teacher in our Hebrew School. More specifically, Janice is a master Hebrew reading teacher. She radiates warmth, patience and exuberance, which allow our students to develop their Hebrew skills in tremendous ways. She has taken Chabad Hebrew School to new heights!

Janice finds teaching prayer book Hebrew to so many enthusiastic students incredibly rewarding. As a former music teacher, she enjoys applying many similar teaching techniques to enhance the learning process. Hearing young students singing Mrs. Belmont's version of the Aleph Bet song always makes everyone smile!

Janice lives in Auburn, NH with her husband Judson. She is blessed with 3 beautiful grandchildren.



Janice Belmont

Congregation Ahavas Achim - Vivian Prunier

In 2008, Vivian Prunier moved to Westminster Vermont from the Washington DC area where she had lived for nearly 40 years. During those years, she and her husband raised their children and had careers in the federal government. Vivian worked hard to create a Jewish community in Northern Virginia — her children were among the first students at Keshet Preschool, and she helped start Geshet Jewish Day School. She served on the Boards of the day school and her synagogue, Agudas Achim. Within a year of arriving in Vermont, Vivian was on the Board at her new synagogue, Congregation Ahavas Achim in Keene. She currently serves as Recording Secretary and Chair of the Religious Practice Committee. And she sings in Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts.



Vivian Prunier

Etz Hayim Synagogue - Sarah Plater

Sarah is a wife and mother of four children ranging in age from 11 to 21. She resides in Chester, NH with her family and various pets. She also teaches kindergarten at Deerfield Community School where she has worked for 25 years. For the last ten years she also has run the Sunday Camp program for children ages four to six years old at Etz Hayim. Sarah has volunteered at Elijah's Table, serving meals to the community on a regular basis. She also volunteers her time to support the Education Committee at Etz Hayim and will be stepping into the role of co-chair in the Fall. She volunteers on the Chavuarat Ezra committee as well, supporting ill or injured community members with meals or other needs.

Outside of Etz Hayim Sarah volunteers her time as a committee member for the Scouts of America



Sarah Plater

(formerly BSA) supporting Chester and Auburn Troops and will be stepping into the role of treasurer in the Fall. She likes spending time with her family, cooking, baking, crafting, reading and making quilts in her spare time.

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire - Amy Lester

Born and raised in New York, Amy Lester began her professional journey as a Hebrew school teacher during college. While teaching wasn't her calling, it helped her discover where her true strengths lay. She went on to study at Stern College for Women/Yeshiva University, Bar Ilan University, and Queens College majoring in Business. Amy launched a career in software leadership, rising to the role of Senior Vice President and managing global software organizations for over two decades. Her work took her around the world—and to California, where she met her husband, John, a Naval Aviator. The two eventually settled back in New York and raised three children who are now grown and nearly flown.

While in New York, Amy served on her synagogue board for many years, contributing to programs, social action initiatives, and policy development. She also held a board role with Make-A-Wish and volunteered with organizations supporting individuals with special needs.

Ten years ago, Amy and her family moved to Durham, New Hampshire, drawn by their love for the outdoors, the ocean, and open space. She paused her corporate career to reassess her priorities and soon found a meaningful role in hospital operations, where she now oversees volunteer and student learning programs across a regional health system.

Today, Amy continues to work across New Hampshire's hospitals, remains deeply committed to the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, and cherishes time spent with family and in nature.



Amy Lester

Kol Ha'Emek, The Upper Valley Jewish Community - Roberta Berner

Roberta and her family moved to the area and joined the UVJC in 1998. During her first year here, she worked in the new Roth Center for the Rabbi through the Tucker Foundation/Hillel. She was part of the UVJC's book group since its formation in 2000 and she chaired the congregation's Caring and Chesed Committee from 2019- 2023. She recently retired after a 50-year career as a writer and administrator, primarily for nonprofit organizations, including Jewish Federations in Minneapolis, MN and Columbus, OH. In the Upper Valley, she spent 20 years with Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., including almost 16 years as its Executive Director. Her husband, Richard Abel, served two terms as UVJC President.



Roberta Berner

Temple Adath Yeshurun - Marilyn Cavanaugh & Pat Kalik

Marilyn Cavanaugh grew up on Long Island and earned a BA in English from Hofstra University. Over 50 years ago, she and her husband moved to New Hampshire, where they raised their family and joined the Temple Adath Yeshurun community. Today, she lives in Auburn and is a proud stepmother of four, grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of five.

Her core values—love of family, Jewish spirituality, honest and open communication, and the pursuit of peace and justice—guide her community engagement.

Marilyn is an Auburn Library Trustee, is active in the Granite State Organizing Project and Interfaith Women of New Hampshire and is a participant in Compassionate Listening workshops. At TAY, she serves on the Temple and Sisterhood Boards, chairs the Lifelong Learning Committee, and is the co-founder and co-facilitator of the Current Events Discussion Group.

Patricia "Pat" Kalik has been an active, dedicated member of the Jewish and greater Manchester communities for over four decades. She serves on the Temple Adath Yeshurun Board, chairs the Youth Committee, and co-founded the Current Events Discussion Group.

Pat also serves on the Board of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, has been co-chair of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival the past 10 years, and has served on several other Federation committees.

A Manchester resident since 1984, Pat raised her children Lisa and Daniel in the city. She served



Marilyn Cavanaugh



Pat Kalik

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as owner, partner, and manager of Executive Exchange, and in 1993, became a partner in Professional Teledata, until her retirement in 2020. Since retiring, she continues to give back, volunteering for political candidates and serving on the City of Manchester Senior Commission.

Temple Beth Abraham - Leon Goldstein

We are proud to nominate Leon Goldstein for this year's Keter Shem Tov Award. Leon has been a dedicated and active member of both the Temple and the greater Nashua community. He and his family have been part of the TBA community since 1978. His late wife, Ronnie—who served as a past president of Women's American ORT—shared his commitment to Jewish life and learning. All three of their sons, Aaron, Robert, and Harold, celebrated their bar mitzvahs at TBA, marking the family's deep and enduring connection to our congregation.

Leon chairs the security committee, secures volunteers and books security guards for temple events. He regularly volunteers to make himself available during the Sunday Education program and at other temple events, serving as one of the regular security volunteer monitors.

Leon was co-founder and past president of the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club. He completed his tenure as a valuable member of the Board of Directors, as well as being past Board Treasurer. Leon has also chaired the membership committee in the past, remains active on the committee and has helped attract new members by giving them tours of the facilities, describing our programs and making them feel welcome. He is a "regular" at Shabbat services and weekday minyanim, sometimes leading services. He consistently attends shiva minyanim, providing consolation and support to mourners and their families.

Leon has spent many hours helping in the kitchen for all of our temple events. He always says "yes" when asked to help out around TBA, whether it be to support sisterhood events, ritual committee events or s'machot in general.

In addition to his various TBA contributions, he regularly volunteers at the Nashua Soup Kitchen to prepare and serve breakfasts for clients and he coordinates and supervises preparation/serving of Christmas Day dinner by TBA members.

The sheer volume of volunteer work that Leon does each and every week is inspiring. He truly deserves the crown of a good name. Yasher Koach and Mazal Tov to Leon and his family.



Leon Goldstein

Temple Beth Jacob - Alice Kinsler

Transplants from Brooklyn, Alice and her husband, Norm, joined TBJ in 1985. In 1991, she joined the volunteer faculty and served as Principal from 1998-2013. Alice continues to teach Hebrew today. She is known as the congregation's calligrapher, in both Hebrew and English.

Alice has served on the Religious Education Committee, including several years as Chair; on the Board of Trustees; the Rabbinic Selection Committee; the Shabbaton and Retreat Planning Committees; special event planning committees; and the new Facilitation Committee. As an active member of the Social Action Committee, Alice has been part of a team dedicated to helping an Afghan refugee family settle in Concord, and volunteers with the TBJ crew at The Friendly Kitchen. She has taught Adult Education classes and has led workshops (Hebrew calligraphy and other topics).

In addition to performing in 23 TBJ Purimshpiels and serving as Art Director, Alice wrote 2017's "Born to Shpiel: The Megillah according to Bruce Springsteen" and is currently writing the 2026 Purimshpiel with Norm. She joyfully sings in the High Holy Day choir.

Alice brings her creative talents and organizational skills to special projects that build community while also raising funds for TBJ. She has been at the center of the Tree of Life project since its inception in 2002, lovingly inscribing each simchah on a leaf. She now co-coordinates the Artisan Fundraiser, which has grown from a group knitting project to a multi-faceted raffle involving a suite of prizes created by TBJ members and friends.

Alice strives to make TBJ a spiritual home where all members, especially our youngest, find a warm and loving Jewish community.



Alice Kinsler

Temple B'nai Israel - Gloria and Irving Fox

Temple B'nai Israel proudly selects Gloria and Irving Fox for the 2025 Shem Tov award. Born in Montreal, Gloria graduated from McGill University with a degree in psychology and sociology. She received her MEd in Special Education from UNC, Chapel Hill and taught for several years. Upon arriving in Boston in 1990, Gloria focused on art history at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where she spent 34 years as a Gallery Instructor and School Group Guide.

Irving was also born in Montreal and graduated from McGill Medical School. His academic career, from 1972-2008, included the University of Toronto, University of Michigan, and Harvard Medical School, where he held appointments at Massachusetts General Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. His industry work at Biogen and Millennium/Takeda resulted in product approvals that have improved thousands of lives. Irving held volunteer positions within CJP and Health Professions Network, including



Gloria and Irving Fox

Co-chair of the Maimonides Society, CJP's Board of Directors, and a valued community campaigner. He was honored as "CJP Superstar" in 2005 and 2011.

Gloria and Irving are longtime, active members of Temple B'nai Israel (TBI), volunteering for many committees, cooking & serving at the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival. Irv has served as Financial Secretary and Trustee of the Reserve Funds and Gloria, the co-chair of the Adult Ed Committee. If there is a potluck, we can always count on them for something delicious. With humility and generosity, Irving and Gloria have always supported TBI, recently sponsoring a delicious Israeli dinner during TBI's Israeli Independence Day celebration.

Irving and Gloria live in Meredith and Dedham MA, and have three adult daughters, three sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren.

Temple Israel, Manchester - Linda Kropp Sinkow

Linda Kropp Sinkow is an enthusiastic Jewish community leader, healthcare consultant, and proud Brandeis University alum. At Brandeis, she competed on the track and field team and was an active member of the Waltham Group, a volunteer organization that ignited her lifelong commitment to service.

Professionally, Linda has dedicated her career to healthcare administration, currently serving as a management consultant for BDO. Prior to consulting, she spent 14 years in leadership roles at a major Boston healthcare system, including Director of Surgery and Chief of Staff—a resume that earned her the affectionate nickname "line leader" from her husband, Lee.

The Sinkows moved to Londonderry and joined Temple Israel in late 2020. Since then, she has embraced her Jewish identity with passion, and she lives that commitment every day. As Temple Israel's Membership Director and Vice President, she plays a vital role in strengthening community connections, she has organized PJ Library events to support young families and spearheads our annual Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, bringing together our congregation in joyous observance. Most notably, Linda chaired this year's Schmooze and Booze Fundraiser—an evening that displayed not only her leadership but also her heart, dedication, and remarkable talent for bringing people together.

At home, Linda stays on her toes with her two young children: six-year-old Dustin and two-year-old Danica. When not chasing her kids or leading synagogue initiatives, Linda enjoys running and gardening. Relaxation may not be in her vocabulary, but purpose and passion certainly are.



Linda Kropp Sinkow

Temple Israel, Portsmouth - Joyce Meenes

If you've ever stepped foot in Temple Israel and felt a mysterious wave of warmth, competence, and sarcastic wit wrap around you like a freshly heated knish—chances are, Joyce Meenes was behind it.

Let's start with the obvious: Joyce is everywhere. Working in the office? Joyce. Active in the Chesed Committee? Joyce. Someone mention event organizer, Shabbat dinner, or a Social Hall closet organizer? You guessed it, Joyce. At this point, we're not entirely sure she doesn't live in the building. We checked the pews once, just to be safe.

Joyce brings a rare blend of sharp intelligence and quiet mischief. She has the ability to organize chaos with the flick of a pen; while smiling like she didn't just rework your entire committee's plan in her head before you finished your coffee. She has been a member here since 1786 and remembers every, single, person who has come through our doors. Her calendar is likely powered by an ancient Jewish algorithm that predicts when you'll need her...before you do.

This award nomination is long overdue. Joyce has done the work of three people, all while pretending she's "just helping out." Classic Joyce.

So yes, give her the Shem Tov award. But also consider cloning her. Or at least naming a hallway after her. Better yet, make her the official temple GPS—because no matter what you're looking for at Temple Israel, Joyce Meenes will help you find it, fix it, and probably make you laugh along the way.



Joyce Meenes



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2024-25 Campaign Honor Roll

Thank You, Donors!

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire would like to thank those community members who gave of themselves, whether financially or by volunteering (or both), to continue our community's tradition of tzedakah. We honor our 2024/5 Federation donors and volunteers for caring about their fellow Jews, and for recognizing that they are part of our larger Jewish family.

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Gifts Received by June 30, 2025.*

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