



# 2018/5778 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Year in Review

By Jeff Crocker, Board Chair

For the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, the past year was busy and productive. Our federation in New Hampshire is one of 148 member federations and 300 independent communities that make up the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Jewish federations are charitable organizations designed to bring together in one place the organizational resources and volunteers needed to provide and support a variety of programs and initiatives of interest to the Jewish community.

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

**I am especially proud to report that for the first time in over six years, JFNH's annual fundraising campaign was a tremendous success. The campaign raised more than \$40,000 over and above what was raised the previous year. This is a major accomplishment that helps JFNH to deliver programs and services to our statewide Jewish population. We interpret our successful campaign as a strong vote of confidence for our mission and achievements during the year, revitalizing this organization and serving our communities in a meaningful and impactful way. Special thanks go to our campaign chairs, Sarit Itenberg and Julia Preis.**

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

- We brought back our Israeli Emissary (Shlichah) program, featuring Noam Wolf,

which was enthusiastically received throughout the state.

- We produced The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, our most popular and ambitious event, which completed its tenth anniversary year with its greatest success to date.
- We funded and administered, thanks to Allyson Guertin, our incredibly successful and impactful PJ Library program, which provides free Jewish books and music to children six months to eleven years of age and offers family programming throughout the year.
- Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Shlichah, Noam Wolf, and community volunteers, we conducted and sponsored a series of events throughout the state to celebrate Israel at 70 that included a family fair in Nashua, a farewell dinner with the Israeli Consulate General in Concord, an Israeli dance party in Portsmouth, a wonderful presentation in Manchester about Israel's Hula Valley and its avian journeys, and a superb and extraordinary concert performance by world-renowned mandolinist Jacob Reuven and The Be'er Sheva Mandolin Soloists in Keene, thanks to the generosity of Michael and Evelyn Miller and August Watters.
- We provided social service assistance and support for individuals and families in need of food and housing throughout New Hampshire.
- We continued to operate our Jewish community preschool in Manchester, where children from two to five years of age can receive a quality education in a Jewish atmosphere.
- We awarded grants to New Hampshire Jewish communities for programming.
- We proudly cosponsored a Chanukah concert in Manchester.
- We awarded grants that subsidized the cost to send New Hampshire children to Jewish camp, and to help send New Hampshire teens and young adults on structured trips to Israel.

- We provided financial support to our state's synagogues to help operate their religious schools.

Our commitment to reach out to the entirety of New Hampshire's Jewish population in a variety of ways is stronger than ever. Contemplating the year ahead, I am excited about the special promise it holds in store. Our Israeli emissary, Noam Wolf, spent the past year bringing her extraordinary knowledge of Israeli life and musical talents to our communities throughout the state, and we are thrilled that she will be with us for another incredible year, engaging the members of our Jewish communities in every region of our state with a special focus on our children, teens, and young adults in a range of Jewish cultural, educational, and social activities.

The restoration and continuation of the Shlichah program represents a significant milestone for JFNH and the New Hampshire Jewish community. **However, in order to maintain this program beyond the 2018-2019 fiscal year, we will need your help. The Shlichah program costs approximately \$70,000 per year. We dipped into our cash reserves to make this program possible last year and this year. We cannot cover the entire cost again from cash reserves. We will have to raise money from our members in order to keep it going.**

We look forward to the eleventh year of the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, a significant and wonderful event that brings our state's Jewish population together to enjoy Jewish-themed films in multiple venues.

We will continue our efforts to have a positive impact in our local communities as convener, funder, supporter, and sponsor of local Jewish events and programs tailored for specific communities' needs and designed to increase Jewish awareness, knowledge, and pride. We will continue to review and expand our existing grant program to increase its effectiveness and impact. We will seek out opportunities to pro-

duce and support more educational and cultural programming for our Jewish population throughout the Granite State. We will continue to strengthen our ties with synagogues and temples around the state. We also will continue to increase opportunities for social, educational and cultural engagement of unaffiliated and non-religious Jews in our New Hampshire Jewish community.

## Federation's International Impact

Jewish federations also remain an effective means of mobilizing and enabling state and local Jewish communities to respond effectively to international crises and natural disasters. Through JFNA and its partners, charitable support from Jewish federations throughout the country, including our own JFNH fund, support programs in 70 countries, including disaster relief aid, security to protect Jewish sites in Europe against anti-Semitic attacks, and programs to restore and rebuild vibrant Jewish life in former Iron Curtain countries, Cuba, Latin America, Northern Africa, and Asia. In Israel, our support also contributes to antipoverty programs that reach over 800,000 young children and at-risk youth.

We cannot rest on last year's accomplishments. JFNH needs your support now more than ever in order to fulfill its mission and meet its commitment to promote Jewish continuity and life for all Jews in New Hampshire by serving and supporting a vibrant Jewish community, and fostering connections to Israel and world Jewry. Our mission is ambitious and important, and it cannot be accomplished by relying upon the income earned on our investments alone.

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

# Board of Directors 2017-2018

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# Financial Statements

The statements below are from board-approved and audited financials. Since the JFNH fiscal year ended in June, the formal review of 2017-2018 financial statements is not yet complete.

Operating Income/Expense	July 2016 - June 2017	July 2015 - June 2016
<b>Income</b>		
Campaign Revenue	161,220.71	213,357.28
Interest Income	136.80	143.85
Preschool Revenue	188,165.60	196,266.62
Summer Camp Revenue	17,223.82	0.00
The Reporter Revenues	25,897.46	27,137.38
Cultural and Community Revenue	584	47,843.00
Film Festival Revenue	41,959.00	0.00
Community Relations Revenue	0.00	1,321.00
Individual and Family Services Revenue	75.00	75.00
Senior/Community Outreach Revenue	2,661.00	3,261.00
Youth Programming Revenue	2,790.00	2,942.00
PJ Library Revenue	1,728.5	0.00
Israel Experience Revenue	5,379.00	5,436.00
Campership Program Revenue	3,648.00	2,803.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	352.16
Campaign Endowment Fund	100,000.00	223,609.01
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>551,468.89</b>	<b>724,547.30</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Office Personnel Expense	137,301.74	108,213.29
Administrative Expense	35,662.41	35,148.58
Office Equipment Expense	6,533.28	3,369.03
Rent and Utilities Expense	31,421.24	23,432.09
Write Off Uncollected Pledges Expense	35,892.00	6,976.69
Preschool Expense	209,770.79	249,125.54
Summer Camp Expense	9,897.10	12,705.96
Reporter Expense	35,701.31	32,862.06
Film Festival Expense	29,804.17	33,165.68
Cultural & Community Expenses	2,905.55	11,537.89
Campaign Fundraising Expenses	23,064.78	8,024.11
Community Relations Expenses	1,398.66	263.18
Individual and Family Service Expenses	8,029.21	3,597.31
Senior Community Outreach Expenses	2,718.11	1,972.34
Shem Tov Awards Expense	412.10	48.00
PJ Library Expense	15,523.80	13,563.03
Israel Experience Expense	5,700.00	9,200.00
Campership Program Expense	14,700.00	9,198.00
Shlichah Expense	13,889.47	0.00
Religious School Allocations	21,500.00	24,500.00
JFNA Expense	11,260.00	10,916.00
Other Expenses	27,062.65	968.93
Preschool Moving Expense	0.00	13,289.86
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>680,148.37</b>	<b>612,077.57</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(128,679.48)</b>	<b>112,469.73</b>

# Foundation Funds

<b>General Trust Funds</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
I.A. Brodie Fund	27,569	24,800	25,335
E.M. Chase Fund	489,235	440,121	449,603
General Trust Fund	1,101,880	991,263	46,109
Ethel & Saul Greenspan Fund	146,002	131,345	134,175
M. A. Kaplan Fund	102,579	92,282	94,269
Louis Miller Family Fund	273,540	246,080	251,382
Hyman Reingold Fund	8,850	7,961	8,134
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum Fund	23,775	21,389	21,849
Max Rovner Fund	59,847	53,840	55,000
Sidney Samuels Fund	51,122	45,990	46,980
Alex Shapiro Fund	17,336	15,596	15,932
HAB Shapiro Family Fund	15,837	14,247	14,554
Harvey Winneg Fund	15,704	14,127	14,431
	<b>2,333,275</b>	<b>2,099,041</b>	<b>1,177,753</b>
<b>Donor Designated Funds</b>			
Etta Berman Educational Fund	9,341	8,746	9,243
Muriel & Edward Broad Preschool Scholarship Fund	17,563	16,443	17,375
Andrew Cohen Scholarship Fund	5,094	4,770	5,041
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	24,041	22,509	23,786
Zelma & Ben Dorson Senior Fund	31,625	29,588	30,696
Jennie & Mandel Eluto Education Fund	8,944	8,375	8,852
Maurice Foster Senior Fund	7,028	6,576	6,945
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund	7,428	6,955	7,351
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	49,988	46,801	49,455
Saul Sidore Senior Fund	1,802	1,686	1,781
William R. Silverman Fund	8,949	8,379	8,856
Singer Family Fund	17,619	16,489	17,417
Winneg Family Education Fund	30,638	28,660	30,249
Gary & Irma Wallin Young Leadership Fund	30,044	30,517	
Zvi & Debby Cohen JFGM Film Festival Fund	9,737	9,121	9,649
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	9,122	8,495	8,932
Irving & Bernice Singer Teen Israel Experience Fund	123,286	115,344	121,773
Stahl Cemetery Fund	120,778	108,654	—
Kushner-Tumen Fund	12,323	11,069	11,235
Brindis Charitable Fund	147,381	—	—
<b>Philanthropic Funds:</b>			
Children's Enrichment & Education Fund	55,107	51,602	54,545
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Tribute Fund	71,669	67,086	70,860
Solomon Family Fund	17,128	15,883	16,134
Krentzel, Muskat & Forgosh Family Philanthropic	6,078	5,468	25,817
	<b>826,066</b>	<b>628,743</b>	<b>566,509</b>
<b>Campaign Endowment Fund</b>	<b>218,641</b>	<b>297,894</b>	<b>474,062</b>
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<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	—	—	176,761
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<b>PACE Trust Funds</b>			
Joan & William Green Pace Fund	25,278	23,672	25,017
Sidney Samuels Pace Fund	53,524	50,127	52,982
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Pace Fund	103,248	96,695	102,203
Max Rovner Pace Fund	30,588	28,656	30,309
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh Pace Fund	31,792	29,730	31,340
Muriel & Edward Broad Pace Fund	181,149	8,111	6,532
Dorothy Goodstein Pace Fund	16,118	15,098	15,963
Barbara & David Stahl Pace Fund	49,250	45,922	48,140
Goldstein Pace Fund	11,763	11,016	11,640
Saul & Ethel Greenspan Pace Fund	11,762	11,016	11,639
Ovid & Laura Slavin Pace Fund	58,118	54,422	57,578
Morton & Sydell Rosen Pace Fund	36,255	32,616	33,130
	<b>608,846</b>	<b>407,081</b>	<b>426,473</b>
<b>Custodial Trust Funds</b>			
Temple B'Nai Israel of Laconia	174,089	146,966	149,281
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<b>TOTAL JFNH FOUNDATION FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$4,160,917.40</b>	<b>3,579,725</b>	<b>\$2,970,838</b>



# 2017-2018 Campaign Honor Roll

## Gifts received by June 30, 2018

### \$30,000+

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

### \$10,000+

Saul Greenspan z"l and Ethel Greenspan z"l Family Foundation  
Michael and Evelyn Miller

### \$5,000+

Richard and Janet Cohen  
Gary and Rochelle Lindner  
Bernice Singer

### \$2,000+

Howard Brodsky  
Steven and Jane Cohen  
Louis Fink and Pamela Grich  
Eileen Beckhardt Freedman  
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Michael Rosenblum  
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### \$1,000+

Stephen Camann  
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Joshua Segal and Karen Satz  
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Karen Silverstein  
Kenneth and Grace Solinsky  
Saul and Bernyce Taube  
Richard Winneg

### \$750+

Dina Chaitowitz  
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Robert and Marcia Feldmann  
Nancy Frankel and Mary Atwell  
David and Michelle Goldman  
Barry and Barbara Scotch

Abner Taub and Liliane Sznycer

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Iyamoro Baker and Davida Rubin-Baker  
Nick and Renee Bartol  
Rebecca Snider and Jack Beard  
Bernard and Elaine Brody  
Rachel Davidson  
David and Betty Effron  
Martin and Ann Fabian  
Marilyn E. Flynn  
Bernard & Toni Gasser  
Jim and Melissa Haas and Family  
Charlotte Krentzel  
Richard and Nancy Kudler  
Jay Madnick  
Daniel and Norri Oberlander  
Thomas and Judy Oxman  
Alan and Joan Reische  
Tracy and Larry Richmond  
Michael and Sheila Satzow  
Steven Silberberg  
Melvin and Rachel Spierer  
Rabbi Jon and Laurie Spira-Savett  
Mark and Susan Zankel  
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### \$300+

Richard Abel and Roberta Berner  
Baroff Family  
Fran Berman  
Elliott Berry and J. C. Harvey  
Paul and Elaine Bieber  
Ronnie Brown and Daniel Fox  
Elsa Conrad  
John Echternach and Judith Englander  
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Ronald and E. Sandra Goldberg  
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Roberta Silberberg  
Eliot Sirkin and Joanne Taube  
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Stephen Soreff and Peggy Tucker  
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Barbara Brown  
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Jack and Claire Fabian  
Lewis Feldstein  
Arlene Fishbein  
Jacob Freedman  
Bennett Freeman  
Bruce and Katharine Freeman  
The Freilich Family  
Joel and Margy Friedman  
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Charles and Beverly Gerson  
David and Marsha Gintzler  
Mark and Naomi Goldman  
Arnold and Alice Goldstein  
David and Dorothy Goldstone  
Ken and Rhoda Goodman  
Irene Gordon  
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Wendy Kaplan  
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Michael Kasten  
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Ira and Elaine Kinsler  
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Shelley Brass  
Renee Brenner  
Sylvia Broady  
Thelma Brudner  
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Faith Canner  
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Andrew and Deborah Cohen  
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Thomas Cooper and Rhonda Frisch Cooper  
Nancy and David Court  
Yehuda and Amy Daskal  
Joan Diamond-Rego  
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Scott and Colleen Dickman  
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Nancy Dyer  
Mildred Eisman  
Judy Eliasberg  
Gail Ellis  
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Fred Feldman  
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Elliott and Shirley Fishbein  
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Leslie Mildenberg and Ida Stanger Mildenberg  
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Samir and Amanda Rezaoui  
Lyra Riabov  
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# 2018/5778 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.

## Rebecca Abrams – Temple Israel Manchester

Rebecca Abrams is a Nashua native, living in Londonderry for the past 12 years. She grew up as part of the Congregation Shalom community in Chelmsford, MA. There she was active in the local youth group, and later was a youth group advisor while attending Suffolk University. After having children who attended Jewish Federation Preschool for a total of six years, Rebecca joined the Temple Israel family to create a community that was close to home and where her children could have similar experiences to those she had growing up.

Rebecca is the owner of Rebecca Abrams Photography in Londonderry, providing family and senior portraits around the Southern New Hampshire area. Rebecca lives with her husband, Matt, her children, Lily and Micah, and their black lab, Winnie.

Becky is a Board member of Temple Israel and in a relatively short period of time has added impressive value to numerous projects and is admired by all of the Board members. It gives us great pleasure to nominate Becky for the well-deserved Shem Tov award.



Rebecca Abrams

## Colleen Dickman – Temple Beth Jacob

Colleen was born in central California and eventually made her way to Los Angeles. There she met and married Scott Dickman. With their two young daughters (Rachel and Emily), they moved to New Hampshire more than 20 years ago. Colleen worked in retail in downtown Concord for a short period of time before becoming the Temple Beth Jacob office manager. In time, that position became office administrator, a better reflection of Colleen's devotion, skills, and ability to infuse her work with compassion and her willingness to lend an empathic ear to all that enter her office. Rachel and Emily grew up at TBJ, becoming b'not mitzvah and confirmands. They are adults now living in New York and Maine. Colleen's dedication to, devotion to, and love of the TBJ community is reflected in all she does. She is an inspiration, and she inspires others.



Colleen Dickman

## Cheryl, Anna, and Laura Haas – Etz Hayim Synagogue

Cheryl Haas joined Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS") in 2011 and has not stopped giving of her time and energy since then. She is currently the vice president of EHS's Board of Directors and Board liaison to the Education Committee, runs the synagogue's gift shop, organizes events for the religious school (like EHS's annual Chanukah party), helps anxious B'Nai Mitzvah parents when in need, and is always "around" to lend a hand. Outside of EHS, Cheryl is the Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Windham, and she was recently featured in *Windham Magazine* (summer 2018 edition) for her good and creative work with the Town of Windham. Cheryl's daughters are equally ubiquitous at, and invaluable to, the synagogue. Anna, an EHS Bat Mitzvah and confirmand, has been a teen tutor for four years and assists with various religious school and synagogue events. Despite being an active high school junior, Anna has donated many hours of her time at the synagogue -- so much so that



Cheryl, Anna, and Laura Haas

she received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award in 2016 and 2017 and is eligible to receive one for 2018. Like her mom and older sister, Laura, a 2017 Bat Mitzvah and ninth grader, has also worked many hours as a teen tutor, at the gift shop, and at various religious school and synagogue events. She received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award for her volunteerism in 2017 and is eligible to receive another one for work performed in 2018. EHS is grateful that the Haas family motto is to "give back to the community."

## Mike Kahn – Temple Israel Dover

Mike and his wife, Beverly, were members of Temple Israel of Dover from 2009 until it closed this past June. Prior to that, they were members of Temple Beth Elohim (Wellesley, MA) for 25 years. Mike, Temple Israel's webmaster since 2011, kept the website current and the congregation informed. In addition, since early in 2017, he has been its co-treasurer. This year, he provided a detailed analysis of Temple Israel's financial situation. For the first time in a long time, the Board and congregation had a good picture of the difficult and continuing challenges ahead. He helped guide the Board of Trustees through the sale of the synagogue building and the closing of Temple Israel's operations.

For the last 25 years, Mike has been with The Clipper Group, Inc., an Internet publisher and consultancy firm focused on the high end of the computer industry, where he served as managing director since 1997. He was born in Miami Beach, was Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel of Miami, and received Bachelor and Master of Science in Engineering degrees from the University of Michigan, where he met his wife. They have been married for 46 years and have two sons, Seth and Bob. For his many years of service to the Boy Scouts, he received the Silver Beaver award from Knox Trail Council (in Massachusetts).



Mike Kahn

## Deborah Kaplan – Kol Ha'Emek Upper Valley Jewish Community

Deborah Kaplan and her family immediately joined the UVJC upon arriving in 2002. She started as a teacher in the Sunday school and initiated a day of service (Mitzvah Day). She taught for six years until her children graduated from the Hebrew school.

She joined the Board of Trustees in 2008, enabling her to engage in a broader fashion. She was soon asked to be Board Secretary and joined the Executive Committee. That first year, she and three other community members organized an annual fundraiser, which she did for the next six years. During this time, she and another board member piloted a catering service for community *simchat*, resulting in a \$5,000 profit for the year. In 2012, she became the President of the Board. The Board focused on a bylaw review and compliance plan. They developed a mission statement. A community-wide survey assessed religious, social, and life cycle desires, resulting in changes in religious services and social events. Additionally, she twice co-led efforts to hire a school director and oversaw details around High Holiday services and other holiday celebrations. Deborah became Immediate Past President in 2015, overseeing the next slate of board members and officers. She completed her eight-year term limit in 2016.

In addition to volunteering at the UVJC, Deborah has served on the Dresden School Board;



Deborah Kaplan

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served as president of Marion Cross Elementary PTO; served on the Board of the Milton Frye Foundation; and served on the Board of the Norwich Women's Club. None of this occurred in a vacuum: She credits her good fortune to work with amazingly talented and committed colleagues, whose friendship and support she cherishes.

### Barbara Katz and Karen Lukeman – Temple B'Nai Israel

Barbara Katz moved from the Baltimore, Maryland area to the Lakes Region 2013. Upon arrival, she joined Temple B'nai Israel and was recruited to be on the We Care Committee as part of the marketing team. In 2016, Barbara stepped up and took over the marketing team leadership. Last May's We Care concert raised a record \$20,000 for Camp Resilience, a volunteer veterans organization located in Gilford. Barbara also participates in several cooking teams that prepare foods for the TBI Annual Food Festival. In addition, Barbara is a volunteer puppy raiser for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Barbara and her husband, David, live in New Hampton and have two daughters, Jennifer Ach of Waltham, Massachusetts, and Susan Katz of Chicago, Illinois.



Barbara Katz and Karen Lukeman

Karen Lukeman spent most of her professional career in supply chain management, working in the Boston area after graduating from the University of Connecticut and receiving an MBA from Southern NH University. In 2011, she relocated to the Lakes Region and joined Temple B'nai Israel. She is a founding member of TBI's We Care Team. She developed the very successful plan currently being used. In addition to cooking for the festival, she oversees customer service. Not only is she a critical member of the We Care Team, but Karen is also involved in several community action efforts, including serving as a board member of NH Wind Watch and heading Newfound Area Charitable Fund's marketing activities. Karen and her husband, Joe, live in Bristol.

### David and Sandra Kochman – Congregation Ahavas Achim

David and Sandy Kochman are long-standing members of Congregation Ahavas Achim.

David was raised in South Windsor, Connecticut. His parents were Holocaust survivors from Germany. He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS in accounting and received an MBA in finance from Grand Valley State University. He was a member of Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester until he moved to Richmond in 1987 and immediately joined CAA. In Richmond, David was active as a selectman, Planning Board member, and youth soccer and baseball coach. He played for many years in the Greater Keene Men's Softball League. He worked as an assistant vice president of premium audit at Liberty Mutual.

Sandy is originally from Hatfield, Massachusetts. She was raised Catholic but converted to Judaism in 2006. Sandy graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of General Studies Degree in law, society and family conflict, and she works as a paralegal.

David and Sandy have three adult daughters and two granddaughters between them.

David has been either CAA president, past president, or treasurer since 2009. He also serves on the board of Rise for Baby and Family, the Knights Chess Club, and the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. He is a high school soccer referee and volunteers at the Cheshire County House of Corrections and the 100 Nights Shelter. Sandy served on the CAA Board for three years and has been co-editor of the Synagogue Bulletin since 2009. Sandy is a member of 100+ Women Who Care and enjoys watercolor painting.



David and Sandra Kochman

### Vivian McGuire – Congregation Betenu

A founding member of Congregation Betenu, Vivian McGuire exemplifies the three pillars upon which Judaism rests: service, prayer, and acts of kindness. She has held every position on the executive board except president; she has led the education of Betenu's children as principal of Betenu's religious school; and she also spearheaded the formation of our congregation's sisterhood as its first president, and later as treasurer. Now serving the Temple as a trustee-at-large, this volunteer extraordinaire even finds time to bake delicious treats for every synagogue event.

Vivian brings this same passionate spirit to causes throughout our community. She volunteers her time as a medical advocate for those navigating difficult healthcare journeys, and she taught speed reading in the Hudson schools, as well as serving as a substitute teacher for two years. Vivian's other great passion is politics. She has been active in campaigns since 1968, volunteering in her native New York State before coming to New Hampshire and settling in Hudson. She currently serves as selectman for Nashua's Ward 9, arriving early and leaving late on election days.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Vivian came to New England to attend Bentley University, where she met her future husband, Kevin McGuire. Kevin and Vivian had two children, Maureen and Shaun; today she delights in spoiling her two grandchildren during the rare moments between volunteer projects.

Congregation Betenu can always count on Vivian when we need a helping hand. We are proud to nominate her for this year's Shem Tov award.



Vivian McGuire

### Sidney Regen – Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

Sidney (Sid) Regen, longtime Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation board member, is a rare treasure in the congregation. As the BHC treasurer since 2007, he not only has kept the books in order and up-to-date, but he also has served whenever called upon to keep BHC's historic building in order and in repair. He is hailed as the chief designer, fixer, and annual builder of the sukkah in the synagogue garden. His degree in architecture took him, along with his growing family, to jobs around the world. In 1961, he accepted a job with the Navy Civil Engineers in Bangkok, Thailand. Following that assignment and a short time living in Maryland, he worked in the Navy's Southeast Asia Construction Program in Saigon and South Vietnam. Next, he moved on to Israel, where he served as a project manager for construction of two Israeli air bases in the Negev. The family then moved to Europe, where he served with the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years. During all of these years, he continued his work and training with the U.S. Army Reserve until he retired as a full colonel in 1996. In 1997, he was invited to Washington, DC, to accept the worldwide US Air Force Design Excellence award for his design work on military installations throughout Europe. In 2002, Sid and his family retired to live year-round in Sugar Hill, only eight miles from Bethlehem. In Sugar Hill, he was an active member of the Profile School Board's design team for the new middle/high school, and he continues to serve on the Sugar Hill Planning Board.



Sidney Regen

### Talya Rezaoui – Chabad Lubavitch of New Hampshire

Talya Rezaoui was born in Nashua to parents Samir and Amanda Rezaoui.

Talya is the oldest of three, with younger brother Zach and younger sister Moriah completing the family.

Currently a freshman at Merrimack High School, she enjoys camping, is involved in Girl Scouts, and loves going on adventures with her family, where she is amazed by nature. She is very creative and can make anything fun. She is a lover of pretzels, enjoys babysitting, and was one of four "best effort" recipients in her 8th grade class.



Talya Rezaoui



## Dr. Ira Schwartz – Temple Israel Portsmouth

For more than 30 years, Dr. Ira Schwartz, along with his wife, Jennifer, have been members of Temple Israel Portsmouth, where their three children received their Jewish education. During almost this entire period, Ira has served on the board of directors and taken an active role in nearly all of the major undertakings of the community. These have included establishing and helping to administer the Temple Israel endowment funds, spearheading the fundraising for the renovation and modernization of the synagogue's facilities, organizing the annual Yom Hashoah remembrance, and most recently, playing a leading role in bringing about the reunification of the Jewish community of the New Hampshire Seacoast. Ira has been and remains an indispensable leader for the congregation, and he deserves our thanks for all of his outstanding achievements.



Dr. Ira Schwartz

## Dr. Stephen Soreff – The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Steve lives in the shtetl of Nottingham with his partner, Peggy Tucker. Steve has four children: Alexandra (Sasha), Benjamin, Matana, and Barak, and two grandchildren, Westley and Foster.

Steve has been a member of the JFNH board of directors for over 10 years. He is a tireless campaign supporter who makes countless calls and has a gift for getting first-time donors to join the campaign. He has written many articles for the Reporter. Steve enjoys presenting the d'var Torah at JFNH board meetings and at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Steve was very active on the JFNH Strategic planning committee and has organized Yom Hashoah programs for the JFNH.



Dr. Stephen Soreff

Steve is a past president of Etz Hayim Synagogue. Steve coordinates the Etz Hayim adult education program, and he is a member of book club and ritual committees. Steve has organized the Walk for Israel multiple times at Etz Hayim. Steve is learning to read Torah and reads a Torah portion at Etz Hayim's Rosh Hashanah services. Steve was the driving force behind the Derry Interfaith trip to Israel last year and is planning another for 2020.

Steve is currently working on climbing all 48 4,000 footers in New Hampshire for the second time, but this time he hopes to earn age 70+ recognition. The first time he did it with Moses and Aaron (inside joke from Etz Hayim, but he'll get it). Steve loves pun and jokes.

Steve has taught psychology, biology, sociology, and geology at BU, Chester College, Daniel Webster College, and SNHU.

## Cate Tanzer – Temple Adath Yeshurun

Cate Tanzer has been part of the Temple Adath Yeshurun family for 11 years. She and her husband, Adam, and two children, Serena and Max, moved to the Manchester area in 1999 and made Bedford their home. Cate has volunteered over the years on the TAY Board of Directors and the Sisterhood Board of Directors. Cate served on the Yom Ha'atzmaut committee for two years as well as on various other temple committees. In addition, Cate co-chaired TAY's Bagels and Biscuits 5k for five years, the L'Chayim Jewish Food Festival for six years, and the Second Night Sisterhood Seder for six years. During 2016 through 2018, Cate served as President of Temple Adath Yeshurun and was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the congregation's operations. Cate is a magnificent baker and infuses everything she does, both in and out of the kitchen, with sweetness and *joie de vivre*.



Cate Tanzer

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