



Here, Together

Jewish Federation's
Virtual Annual Meeting
January 13, 2021 • 7 p.m.



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Our God and God of our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer on behalf of our country and its government. Pour out Your blessing upon this land, upon its inhabitants, upon its leaders, its judges, officers, and officials, who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the public. Help them understand the rules of justice You have decreed, so that peace and security, happiness and freedom, will never depart from our land.

ADONAI, God whose spirit is in all creatures, we pray that Your spirit be awakened within all the inhabitants of our land. Uproot from our hearts hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant love and companionship, peace and friendship, among the many peoples and faiths who dwell in our nation.

May it be Your will that our land be a blessing to all who dwell on earth, and may You cause all peoples to dwell in friendship and freedom. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." And let us say: Amen.

PROGRAM

Welcome

Paul Himmelstein and Barbie Rogoff
Annual Meeting Co-Chairs

D'var Torah

Rabbi Nati Stern
Director of Kansas City NCSY and Jewish Student Union

Women's Philanthropy | Election of Officers & Board Incoming/Outgoing Board Honors

Barb Wright
Outgoing Women's Philanthropy Board Chair
Amy Shapiro
Incoming Women's Philanthropy Board Chair

Awards and Recognition

Dan Fingersh Young Leadership Award
Jewish Educators Recognition
Community Programs Recognition

Interactive Word Cloud

Go to www.menti.com; the special code will be provided during the meeting
Let us know what "Here, Together" means to you.

Jewish Federation | Election of Officers & Board Incoming/Outgoing Board Honors

John Isenberg
Nominating Committee Report
Michael Abrams
Outgoing Jewish Federation Board Chair
Amanda Morgan
Incoming Jewish Federation Board Chair

CEO Remarks

Dr. Helene Lotman
President & CEO

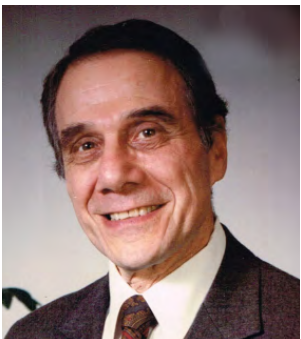
Closing

Paul Himmelstein and Barbie Rogoff
Annual Meeting Co-Chairs

IN MEMORIAM



This year, we lost two great men, Sol Koenigsberg and Seymour Krinsky. They gave so much to our Jewish community, and their support of and involvement with Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City helped make Federation what it is today. They will be missed. May their memories be a blessing.



Sol Koenigsberg

Dec. 11, 1924 - Dec. 24, 2020

A native of Detroit, Sol served as a Navy sonar man in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Following his discharge from the Navy, he earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from Wayne State University and a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania.

After various roles in Jewish communal services, Koenigsberg spent six years as assistant director of the Jewish Federation of Milwaukee before making his way to Kansas City. He was executive director of Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City from 1968 until his retirement in 1989, when he became executive director emeritus.

He wrote a book about his Kansas City experience titled "Challenges and Growth," detailing his successes in helping the Jewish community achieve more sophistication. This was symbolized by yearly increased

giving to Federation's Annual Campaign, promoting the Jewish Community Foundation and coordinating the building of the Jewish Community Campus. Sol was named as one of the living legends of the community by The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle.

He was also an editor of the Journal of Jewish Communal Service, chaired the Intermediate Cities Executive group and served as the membership chairman of the World Conference of Jewish Communal Service. After his retirement, he was a member of the board and then president of Shepherd's Center, which provides service to the elderly.



Seymour Krinsky

July 19, 1928 - July 31, 2020

After a brief stint serving as rabbi for Kehilath Israel in the early 1950s, Seymour, who was raised in Brooklyn and graduated from Long Island University with a B.S. in economics, returned to New York to pursue a career on Wall Street. Upon his return to Kansas City in 1954, he served for almost 60 years as a senior vice president of investment at Wells Fargo Advisors. He retired in 2018

from RBC as senior vice president, financial adviser, after being in the business for 65 years.

Seymour was a member of Kehilath Israel Synagogue and Beth Shalom Synagogue. He was a former member of the Jewish Federation board and regularly came to Federation meetings and events, even attending the Men's Night Out event when he was 86 years old, and continuing to attend events after he stopped driving due to health issues.

He contributed generously to the Federation annual campaign for 50 years (as well as the Jewish Community Campus building fund), and later helped Federation make campaign asks of his contemporaries in their "golden years." He also helped get his employer to be a Federation corporate sponsor, shared relevant articles on philanthropy and taxes, and took a great interest in the children's haggadah produced by PJ Library in 2019, even asking for extra copies to use at a family seder.

2021 WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chair

Amy Shapiro

Immediate Past Board Chair

Barb Wright

Officers

Laura Belozer • Tamara Lawson Schuster
Megan Pener • Ellen Portnoy

Board Members

Renana Abrams • Mollie Berenbom • Erin Berger
Aimee Bernstein • Mia Feldman • Robyn Freiden
Dawn Gale • Roberta Goller • Joyce Hess
Stephanie Kavanaugh • Beth Liss • Shannon Maker
Leslie Nemitoff • Barbie Rogoff • Lynn Schweig
Wendy Sitzmann • Alissa Yamnitz

Jewish Federation gives a warm welcome to our newest Women's Philanthropy board members:

Mia Feldman • Dawn Gale
Beth Liss • Leslie Nemitoff
Lynn Schweig • Amy Shapiro

We are grateful for the work of our outgoing Women's Philanthropy board members:

Lisa Bernard • Julie Krashin
Hadas Moshonov-Cohavi • Gina Cohen
Catherine Singer • Lisa Theiss

2021 JEWISH FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chair

Amanda Morgan

Immediate Past Board Chair

Michael Abrams

Officers

Jeremy Antes • Barb Bloch • Sondra Friedman • Stewart Koesten
Beth Liss • Amanda Palan • Amy Shapiro • Howard Weiner

Board Members

Jeremy Applebaum • Mollie Berenbom • Jerry Enslein • Sandi Fried
Lynn Intrater • Josef Loeffler • Louis "Dee" Pack • Carol A. Porter
Ellen Portnoy • Barbie Rogoff • Dan Scharf • Matthew Siegel
Larry Silver • Catherine Singer • Josh Sosland • Victor Wishna

President & CEO

Dr. Helene Lotman

Ex Officio

Karen D. Pack, *JAFI Representative*
Patricia Werthan Uhlmann, *JDC Representative*
All Past Jewish Federation Board Chairs

Jewish Federation gives a warm welcome to our newest board members:

Jeremy Applebaum • Mollie Berenbom • Lynn Intrater • Ellen Portnoy
Dan Scharf • Catherine Singer • Josh Sosland • Victor Wishna

We are grateful for the work of our outgoing board members:

Michelle Goldsmith • Paul Himmelstein • Liz Hjalmarson
Eric Kaseff • Steve Ruben • Barb Wright

DAN FINGERSH YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER



Larry Silver is someone who exemplifies leadership. Professionally, he leads his company as CEO of SurfaceTech. As a lay leader, he has shown his commitment to sustaining and enhancing Jewish life at home and around the world as a Federation board member, having served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Local Allocations Committee.

Larry also serves as president of the Norman & Elaine Polsky Family Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic leader in our

community. In addition to ongoing support of the annual campaign, the foundation recently provided a very generous matching grant to build an endowment for PJ Library here in Kansas City.

Larry, we know your family is incredibly proud of who you are – a son, a husband, a father, and a leader who will serve our community for many years to come. The commitment you and Renee already have shown our community will ensure its bright future for not only your children, Nathan, Lainey and Sophie, but to our current and future generations.

RECOGNITIONS

In years past we have given out Educator of the Year and Program of the Year awards. However, 2020 was not a normal year. Tonight, we want to recognize all of the Jewish educators, programs and virtual events in Kansas City and show the wonderful ways they have pivoted to continue to meet the needs of their students and constituents. Your dedication and ability to adapt has helped our community remain engaged and connected in these challenging times, and our community is stronger for your efforts.

Thank you for making this past year a great one for your students at the following congregations, day schools and camps:

- Chabad of Overland Park & Leawood
- Chabad on the Plaza
- Child Development Center at The J
- Congregation Beth Israel Abraham & Voliner
- Congregation Beth Shalom
- Congregation Beth Torah
- Congregation Kol Ami
- Congregation Ohev Sholom
- Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy
- Kehilath Israel Synagogue
- J Camp
- Lawrence Jewish Community Congregation
- Temple Israel of Greater Kansas City
- Temple Sinai
- Temple Beth Shalom – Topeka
- The New Reform Temple
- The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
- Torah Learning Center

Thank you for continuing to bring programs and virtual events at the following Jewish organizations and agencies:

- BBYO
- JCRB|AJC Kansas City
- The J - Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City
- Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Jewish Family Services
- Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City
- Jewish Student Union
- Jewish Vocational Service
- KC Kollel
- KU Chabad
- KU Hillel
- Menorah Heritage Foundation
- Midwest Center for Holocaust Education
- Moishe House of Kansas City
- Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City
- Vaad HaKashruth
- Village Shalom

HIGHLIGHTS

Despite the challenges 2020 brought, this was a year full of successes for Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City. We were able to adapt and pivot, and continue the important work of convening and supporting our Jewish community.



Coronavirus Emergency Relief

Jewish Federation raised **more than \$75,000 in pandemic emergency assistance**, with an additional \$50,000 secured for small, low-interest loans for individuals and families.

Scenario Planning

Federation brought in a consultant to **guide our partner agencies through scenario planning**, given the uncertainty of the next 12-24 months. This helped identify important contingencies and strategic decisions with an ability to shift gears as needed.

The Community Leadership Forum

Federation created this program for volunteer chairs/presidents-elect of local Jewish organizations to learn as a cohort and build relationships that will **benefit our community as a whole**.



Community Engagement

Federation hosted 67 events in 2020, 52 of which were virtual. **Several programs attracted more than 100 people**, including virtual museum tours, cooking demonstrations, a conversation about Jews and race, and an evening with author Sarah Hurwitz. Our Second Annual Golf Classic (socially distanced) was also a huge success with 96 golfers participating and raising more than \$75,000.

Security

Federation's Security Director helped 6 local organizations - HBHA, The J, Ohav Shalom, Beth Torah, Temple Beth Shalom in Topeka and the Lawrence Jewish Community Center - receive **more than \$500,000 in DHS grants**.



Human Services Relief Fund

We met Jewish Federations of North America's matching grant goal for Human Services Fund, **raising \$222,000 to get \$111,000 in matching funds**. These funds will go toward mental health counseling at KU Hillel and KU Chabad, Kosher Meals on Wheels, JVS' Career Skills and Connections program, Village Shalom for PPE needs and the Chesed



Kansas City Jewish Chronicle

Federation took over the Chronicle three months ago and is **working to grow this community institution**. We've formed an advisory committee, hired a new editor, included more local content in each issue, have begun revamping the newspaper's website, and plan to launch a readership study.

Planned/Legacy Giving

Federation built a task force to grow endowment commitments over the next 3 years, to ensure the long-term viability and vibrancy of our Jewish community. The task force has already secured 4 new promises to give, **totaling more than \$1.25 million**.



Jewish Experiences Partnership

Federation initiated a new engagement partnership with The J, with the goal of **providing opportunities for community-wide engagement and learning**. A new Director of Jewish Experiences was hired this fall and planning is underway for 2021 events and programming.

PAST FEDERATION LEADERSHIP

Federation Board Chairs

Louis Ehrlich* 1933-1938	Edward A. Smith* 1967-1970	John Uhlmann* 1997-1999
George Openheimer* 1938-1941	Morton I. Sosland 1970-1973	Merylyn Berenbom 1999-2001
Nathan Rieger* 1941-1943	H. Paul Rosenberg* 1973-1976	Howard T Jacobson 2001-2003
Louis S. Myers* 1943-1947	Donald H. Tranin* 1976-1980	Pella Fingersh 2003-2005
Earl Tranin* 1947-1949	Albert I. Goller* 1980-1983	Karen D. Pack 2005-2007
Hyman Brand* 1949-1952	Arthur Brand* 1983-1986	Ward A. Katz 2007-2009
Harry L. Jacobs* 1952-1955	Suzanne Parelman 1986-1989	William Carr 2009-2011
Daniel L. Brenner* 1955-1958	Ann Jacobson* 1989-1991	Miriam Scharf 2011-2013
Harry C. Feingold* 1958-1961	Ronald Goldsmith 1991-1993	Patricia Werthan Uhlmann 2013-2015
Elliot L. Jacobson* 1961-1964	Robert C. Levy 1993-1995	John Isenberg 2015-2018
Ira Rosenblum* 1964-1967	Nita R. Levy 1995-1997	Michael Abrams 2018-2020

Federation Presidents/CEOs

Max Bretton* 1933-1946	David Rabinovitz* 1965-1968	Todd Stettner 1999-2016
Maurice Bernstein* 1946-1947	Sol Koenigsberg,* Emeritus 1968-1989	Dr. Helene Lotman 2016-present
Abe Sudran* 1947-1964	A. Robert Gast 1989-1999	

**of blessed memory*

PAST WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY BOARD CHAIRS

Margaret Kivett* 1951-1954	Eileen Garry 1977-1979	Miriam Scharf 1997-1999
Marion Mnookin* 1954-1956	Lee Shulkind* 1979-1980	Jeanette Wishna* 1999-2001
Cornelia Bloomgarten* 1956-1959	Elaine Polsky* 1980-1982	Judy Rope 2001-2003
Natalie Litman* 1959-1962	Stephanie Jacobson* 1982-1984	Barbara Atlas 2003-2005
Mildred Newman* 1962-1964	Evelyn Wasserstrom* 1984-1986	Kathy Hawley 2005-2007
Lena Wolff* 1964-1967	Evelyn Gibian 1986-1988	Shanny Morgenstern 2007-2009
Ann Jacobson* 1967-1970	Deborah Bretton Granoff 1988-1989	Sarah Z. Beren 2009-2011
Betty Brand 1970-1971	Barbara S. Pinsker 1989-1991	Bari Freiden 2011-2013
Jean Rubenstein* 1971-1973	Pella Fingersh 1991-1993	Trudy L. Jacobson 2013-2016
Elaine Sight 1973-1975	Merylyn Berenbom 1993-1995	Lisa Bernard 2016-2018
Reba Strauss* 1975-1977	Patricia Werthan Uhlmann 1995-1997	Barb Kovacs Wright 2018-2020

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER KANSAS CITY STAFF

Executive Leadership Team

Dr. Helene Lotman, *President & Chief Executive Officer*

Derek Gale, *Vice President & Chief Operating Officer*

Mary Stratman, *Vice President & Chief Financial Officer*

Andi Milens, *Senior Director, Community Building*

Jonathan Schwartzbard, *Director, Campaign & Corporate Sponsorship*

Accounting and Administration

Marsha Cott, *Receptionist & Engagement Administrative Associate*

Jeanne Downs, *Senior Accountant*

Vanessa Ferguson, *Accounts Receivable Specialist*

Linda Leach, *Accounts Payable Specialist*

Cheri Anne Winkler, *Executive Assistant to the President & CEO*

Financial Resource Development

Laurie Goldstein, *Director, Women's Philanthropy*

Annie Glickman, *Development & Philanthropic Engagement Officer*

Rebekah Ebeling, *CRM Manager*

Deborah Bretton Granoff, *Special Campaign Projects*

Leah Mueth, *Engagement & FRD Associate*

Virginia Pennington, *Donor Services Associate*

Marketing and Events

Mimsy Tallent, *Director, Marketing & Events*

Lacey Storer, *Marketing & Communications Specialist*

Security

Chuck Green, *Director, Community Security*

THANK YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE



*You planned a wonderful
event this evening!*

Co-Chairs

Barbie Rogoff

Paul Himmelstein

Committee Members

Roberta Goller

Hadas Moshonov-Cohavi

Greyson Rubin

Staff

Mimsy Tallent

Laurie Goldstein



*Thank You for
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