# **The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County Annual Meeting**

**June 11, 2017 Kol Yisrael, 290 North Street, Newburgh, NY**

Leslie Green welcomed everyone.

Joe Birnbaum said MOTZI

Leslie Green called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Sherree KaneGraber sang the National Anthem and Hatikvah

Nava Herzog delivered the D’var Torah

Leslie Green introduced the dais, elected Representatives and recognized our partners and recipient agencies; Elise Gold from JFS, Stefanie Kostenblatt from the Newburgh JCC, and our county-wide clergy; Rabbi Larry Freedman, Rabbi Jesse Gallop, Nava Herzog, Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein, Rabbi Rebecca Shinder. Past Federation Presidents were asked to stand and were introduced.

Leslie then informed our guests that the annual reports of our partner agencies are on the tables along with the minutes of the 2016 Federation Annual meeting.  A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written, seconded and approved.

Pam Shanker introduced the 2017 YOUTH TO ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS; Richard Yerger, Samantha Oaks and Sabina Pashkin. The Jack and Jessica Blinkoff scholarship winner for 2017, a full scholarship awarded to one exceptional high school student is Logan Murillo.

Leslie Green presented the President’s Report

Suzanne Leon read the Federation Update.

Abbe Distelburger honored Leslie Green and Sharon handed her the gift. Leslie said a few words.

Jack Berkowitz gave the Edowment report.

Ingrid Taub, standing in for Treasurer, Jeff Harmer, presented the 2016 Financial Report

Ingrid Taub thanked the following individuals who are retiring from the Board of Trustees; Yasmine Kalkstein, Raena Korenman, Gail Oliver and Terri Small.

Ingrid continued as chair of the Nominating Committee, proposing the following slate of officers to cover a two- year term from 2017-2019.   
For the position of President: Carla Wise   
For the position of 1st Vice President: Beth Pechman

For the position of 2nd Vice President: Harvey Kallus  
For the position of Treasurer: Jeffrey Harmer    
For the position of Secretary: Susan Notar

Ingrid asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations and to direct the substitute secretary to cast one ballot on behalf of all those nominated.  The motion was seconded and approved.

Ingrid continued with these trustees continuing in their positions, which will conclude in 2018; Jack Berkowitz, Jessica Brenner, William Cieplinski, Rissa Cutler, Kimberly Karitis, Lisa Korenman, Mark Levinstein, David Rider, Steven Rubinsky, Pamela Shanker, Ingrid Rosenberg Taub and Rebecca Weintraub

The nominating committee then proposed the following Trustees for the two year period ending in 2019: Abbe Distelburger, Sharon Goldberg, Leslie Green, Adria Gross, Betty Grossman, Joseph Herzog, Irv Kadesh, Stefanie Kostenblatt, Constance Littman, Jonah Mandelbaum and Risa Neustadt

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Leslie Green installed the Officers and Trustees and read their responsibilities.

To contribute to the policy-making, planning and oversight of our Federation by:

1. Attending monthly board meetings;

2. Serving on at least one Board committee;

3. Making a meaningful personal gift to the Federation’s Annual Campaign and making best efforts to solicit donations on behalf of the organization;

4. Being a public representative who is knowledgeable about Federation’s mission, programs and activities, and a willingness to share this, as appropriate, with members of the community; and

5. Exemplify in words and actions, the Jewish values of klal yisrael, tzedekah and tikkun olam, by which our Federation strives.

Leslie asked the officers to rise and installed them with their responsibilities

Carla Wise – As President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, you will preside at all meetings of members of the Board of Trustees.  In addition you shall have and exercise general charge and supervision of the affairs of the corporation and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to you by the Board of Trustees.

Beth Pechman – As First Vice President, you shall, at the request of the President, or in the event of the absence, or disability of the President, perform the duties and possess and exercise the powers of the President.  You also take on the responsibility of the Campaign Chair.

Harvey Kallus – As Second Vice-President you shall, at the request of the president, or in the event of the absence or disability of the President and First Vice-President, perform the duties and possess and exercise the powers of the President.  You shall, at the request of the president, or in the event of the absence or disability of the First Vice-President, take on the responsibility of the Campaign Chair.

Jeff Harmer – As Treasurer, you shall have the custody of all funds, properties and securities of the corporation subject to such regulations as may be imposed by the Board of Trustees.  You will sign all receipts vouchers and together with such other Officers if any, as shall be designated by the Board of Trustees. You will sign all checks of the corporation; make payments as may be necessary or proper to be made on behalf of the corporation. You shall enter regularly on the books of the corporation, to be kept by you for the purpose, full and accurate account of all monies and obligations received and paid or incurred by you for or on account of the corporation. You shall exhibit such books at all reasonable times to any trustee or member on application at the offices of the corporation.

Susan Notar – As Secretary, you shall have charge of such books, documents and papers as the Board of Trustees may determine, attend and keep the minutes of the Board of Trustees and Executive Board meetings, keep a record containing the names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are members of the corporation, and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary.

Leslie Green turned the meeting over to incoming President, Carla Wise

Carla Wise and Beth Pechman presented the VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR, who were called to the podium and given their certificates. Then a group picture was taken for WE ARE ONE and Barbara Bedell.

Carla Wise thanked Kol Yisrael for hosting the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County’s Annual Meeting.  She asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting, the motion was seconded and approved.