



## The Janice Newman Award

*“Useless is the day in which there is no laughter.” - Janice Newman*

Janice Newman was special, and many of us remember the energetic laugh with which she blessed us and brought joy into the world. She took great pride in making others smile and truly believed in the positive impact laughter could have on each of us. This approach to life was reflected through her exceptional dedication to her family, faith, and community, and her career and volunteer work put it into action.

Janice attended the University of Kentucky where she met the love of her life, her “chief,” Larry. For 32 years she worked at the Cabinet for Families and Children, and then as an independent contractor at First Steps for about 10 years, which was a highlight of her career. She was an active member in the community, and served as President to Altrusa International of Lexington, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah, and Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood. She was a true believer in the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, and cherished her Jewish community, which was clear through her long-time commitment to serving as a Jewish Family Services Board member. She also worked to engage women through Federation by forming a committee and developing our Women’s Philanthropy event, which we proudly continue to this day. Janice also started Big Sisters of Lexington and was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Matt Bevin.

There is no shortage of examples of how Janice Newman made our world a better place. With laughter, *tikkun olam*, and a passion to strengthen the Jewish community in our hearts, we all strive to be more like Janice.

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Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass (JFB) is proud to present the new Janice Newman Award. **The award recipient will be honored at the Federation’s Night Celebrating Women’s Philanthropy on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5:30 pm.**

JFB is **requesting nominations** for this award. Please respond to Tamara Ohayon at [tamara@jewishlexington.org](mailto:tamara@jewishlexington.org) or by mail to the Federation office, **by Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### Criteria

The Janice Newman Award will be given to a woman from the Jewish community who most exemplifies our memory of Janice, and embodies Jewish values like *tikkun olam* (healing the world) and *gemilut chasidim* (acts of loving kindness).

Nominees should be those who have made a positive contribution to the Jewish Community and who have fostered relationships to advance cooperation and understanding. Nominees should be women of any age, who care deeply about our Jewish future, and have worked to create opportunities to build Jewish identity, care for the vulnerable and preserve dignity, or perhaps other areas of social justice or community outreach.

Who has launched a new program or served one of our Jewish organizations in an exemplary way with a particular effort? Please send a description of how this woman has shown extraordinary leadership skills, been a significant role model to others, or gone above and beyond for others.

Who has shined in our community this past year?