



2024-2025

ANNUAL REPORT

85th Annual Meeting
November 18, 2025



Jewish Federation
of Madison

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Program

Welcome and Call to Order
Fred Gants

Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award
Presented by Dr. Jim Stein
to Award Recipient Deborah Hoffman

Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award
Presented by Sasha Kerlow
to Award Recipient Benjamin R. Minkoff

Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting
Fred Gants, President

Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award
Presented by Alan Klugman
to Award Recipients Merle and Gerald Sternberg

Report of the Nominating Committee
• Thank You to Retiring Board Members and
Welcome to New Board Members
Douglas Berry, Nominating Committee Chair

Financial Report
Douglas Berry, Treasurer

Meeting of the Board of Directors
• Special Board Session
• Election of Officers and At-Large Members
of the Executive Committee
Fred Gants, President

Special Commemorative 10/7 Program
Bar Levy, Israeli Shaliach

Temkin Award Presentation
Presented by Susan Lipp

Report of the Executive Director
Alan Klugman, Executive Director

Remarks/Adjourn
Fred Gants, President



Fred Gants
President



Alan Klugman
Executive Director



Bar Levy
Special Commemorative
10/7 Program Host



Deborah Hoffman
Andrea J. Stein Jewish
Community Professional
Award Recipient



Benjamin R. Minkoff
Miriam Singer Sulman
Young Leadership
Award Recipient



Merle Sternberg
Ben Minkoff Volunteer
Service Award Recipient



Gerald Sternberg
Ben Minkoff Volunteer
Service Award Recipient



Report of the Nominating Committee

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025-2026

President	Fred Gants
Vice Presidents	First - Dan Weiss Second - Jeremy Tunis Third - Lainie Minkoff
General Secretary	Beth Schreiber
Treasurer	Douglas Berry
Assistant Treasurer	Livia Asher
At-Large	Joel Minkoff, Diane Seder
Immediate Past President	Sasha Kerlow

2025-2026 TERM

Marci Gittleman
Shira Goldman
Stormy-Kito Justice
Marta Karlov
Sasha Kerlow
Don Miner
Diane Seder
Ziva Wear

2025-2028 TERM

Mark Aaronson
Livia Asher
Debbie Blitz
Debbie Minkoff
Joel Minkoff
Michelle Poliak-Tunis
Jeremy Tunis

2024-2027 TERM

Sarit Eskritt
Fred Gants
Rita German
Jacob Harris
Barry Klemons
Beth Schreiber
Robyn Sperling
Gerald Sternberg
Dan Weiss

2023-2026 TERM

Douglas Berry
Yolanda Gorman
Amy Krauthamer-Maloney
Lainie Minkoff
Sarah Minkoff
Judy Pierotti
Linda Reivitz

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Steven H. Morrison

EX-OFFICIO

Rabbi Betsy Forester (Beth Israel Center), Alan Klugman (Jewish Federation of Madison), Rabbi Yona Matusof (Chabad of Madison), Rabbi Jon Prosnit (Temple Beth El), and Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman (Congregation Shaarei Shamayim)

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Aaronson Marci Gittleman
Shira Goldman Don Miner
Michelle Poliak-Tunis

WITH THANKS TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Ann Imig Paul Grossberg
Randy Blumenstein Nan Youngerman
Melanie Cohen Ben Weismer

PAST PRESIDENTS

Kathy Blumenfeld, William Haus, Sasha Kerlow, Mark Laufman, Deborah Minkoff, Joel Minkoff, Thomas Palay, Lester Pines, Alicia Schiff, Diane Seder, Marc Shovers, Joe Shumow, James Stein, and James Youngerman



Minutes of 84th Annual Meeting

November 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 by Sasha Kerlow, President. Gerald Stewart was remembered posthumously for his extraordinary commitment to the Jewish Federation.

Lindsay Sutton presented the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award to Aaron Seligman – who then accepted the award.

Dan Esser presented the Andrea Stein Jewish Communal Professional Award to Stefanie Kushner – who then accepted the award.

The minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

Alan Klugman presented the Ben Minkoff Award to Lainie Minkoff – who then accepted it.

Douglas Berry gave the Nominating Committee Report (see page 2 of Annual Report). Judy Pierotti moved, “to approve the Nominating Committee Report”. It was seconded by Fred Gants and approved unanimously.

Douglas Berry gave the Finance Report (see page 4 of Annual Report).

The Board went into SPECIAL SESSION at 8:00 PM. Debbie Minkoff moved, “to approve the Executive Committee Nominees as presented.” It was seconded by Diane Seder and approved unanimously.

Alan Klugman introduced the guest speaker, Tanya Arbit, who then spoke about her own journey as a new American and giving back to the community.

Fred Gants thanked Sasha Kerlow for her service as President.

Alan Klugman gave the Executive Director’s report.

Fred Gants adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Alan Klugman, Executive Director.



Statement of Financial Position

JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON, INC.

Madison, Wisconsin

February 28, 2025

Assets:

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,655,131
Promises to give, net		99,588
Accounts receivable - net of allowance for credit losses of \$0		8,930
Other receivables		27,577
Prepaid expenses		1,686
Investments - Schwab		1,748,942
Investments - Johnson Bank		1,691,434
Total investments		<u>3,440,376</u>
Total current assets		<u>5,233,288</u>

Other Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents - restricted for fiscal agent liability		15,388
Right-of-use asset		37,999
Total other assets		<u>53,387</u>

Property & Equipment:

Construction in progress		135,027
Weinstein Land		148,978
Weinstein Building - Improvements		780,455
Goodman Campus & Land		4,781,137
Equipment		369,345
Less: accumulated depreciation		(3,264,209)
Total property & equipment (net)		<u>2,950,733</u>

Total assets \$ 8,237,408

Liabilities and Net Assets:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	163,834
Fiscal agent liability		15,388
Agency account		4,500
Deferred income - other		17,436
Lease liability, current		7,054
Total current liabilities		<u>208,212</u>

Long-Term Liabilities:

Lease liability, noncurrent		30,945
Total long-term liabilities		<u>30,945</u>

Total liabilities 239,157

Net Assets:

Without donor restrictions		5,562,272
With donor restrictions		2,435,979
Total net assets		<u>7,998,251</u>

Total liabilities and net assets \$ 8,237,408



Statement of Activities

JEWISH FEDERATION OF MADISON, INC.
Madison, Wisconsin

	<u>Without Donor Restriction</u>	<u>With Donor Restriction</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue:			
Nonexchange transactions:			
Contributions - campaign	\$ 960,740	\$ -	\$ 960,740
Contributions - other	7,259	127,883	135,142
Contributions - grants received	155,193	-	155,193
Total nonexchange transactions	<u>1,123,192</u>	<u>127,883</u>	<u>1,251,075</u>
Exchange transactions:			
Program income	1,790,873	-	1,790,873
Total exchange transactions	<u>1,790,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,790,873</u>
Investment income, net	246,191	207,697	453,888
Miscellaneous income	16,118	-	16,118
Net assets released from restrictions	108,465	(108,465)	-
Total support and revenue	<u>3,284,839</u>	<u>227,115</u>	<u>3,511,954</u>
Expenses:			
Program expenses:			
Overseas, National & Local Agencies	455,119	-	455,119
JSS/ Misc./ Board Endowment	134,098	-	134,098
Hilde L. Mosse Gan Hayered Preschool	630,738	-	630,738
Camps	882,864	-	882,864
Midrasha Hebrew High School	31,421	-	31,421
Goodman Community Campus	357,112	-	357,112
Communications	90,744	-	90,744
Jewish Outreach	62,431	-	62,431
Total program expense	<u>2,644,527</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,644,527</u>
Supporting services expenses:			
Administration and personnel	498,840	-	498,840
Fundraising	23,937	-	23,937
Total supporting services expenses	<u>522,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>522,777</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,167,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,167,304</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ 117,535</u>	<u>\$ 227,115</u>	<u>\$ 344,650</u>



Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award

Named in 1975 in memory of Miriam Singer Sulman, a much admired and dynamic young Jewish Federation of Madison leader, this award enables the recipient to attend the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly through an endowment fund established by Miriam's parents, Isadore and Ida Singer, z"l

RECIPIENTS

1971	Sid Burstein	1991	Daniel Levin	2008	Stefanie Kushner
1972	Harvey Malofsky, z"l	1992	Debra Berman	2009	Milanie Cleere
1973	Howard Goldberg	1993	Thomas Palay		Jason Oliver
1975	Mark Laufman	1994	Roberta Lazarz	2010	Joe Shumow
1976	Lawrence Shapiro, z"l	1995	Bruce Greenberg	2011	Ann Imig
1977	Daniel Weinstein	1996	James Youngerman	2012	Alicia Schiff
1979	Susan Pittelman		Nancy Youngerman		Jon Eckhardt
	Judith Schreiber, z"l	1997	Rebecca Kaiser	2013	Sasha Kerlow
1980	Shelley Hirshberg	1998	Deborah Minkoff		Daniel Mitchell
1981	Louis Swedarsky, z"l	1999	Kathy Blumenfeld	2014	Zach Galin
1982	Fred Gants	2000	Daniel Kaplan	2015	Lainie Minkoff
1983	Paul Sondel		Lynn Kaplan	2016	Dan Weiss
	Sherie Sondel	2001	Andrea Stein, z"l	2017	Jesse Sondel
1984	Joel Minkoff		James Stein	2018	Jeremy Tunis
1985	Andrea Weiner	2002	Jordy Loeb	2019	Zach Blumenfeld
	Michael Weiner, z"l	2003	James Sosman	2020	Yolanda Gorman
1986	Les Goldsmith		Melissa Sosman	2021	Sarah Minkoff
1987	Mark Frankel	2004	Steve Mintz	2022	Robyn Sperling
1988	Don Bukstein	2005	Simone Schweber	2023	Lindsay Suttin
1989	Diane Seder	2006	Elissa Pollack	2024	Aaron Seligman
1990	Linda Berman		Jonathan Pollack	2025	Benjamin R. Minkoff
	Niles Berman	2007	Melissa Osborne		

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Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award

The Stein family and the Jewish Federation of Madison established the Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award in 2014. Andrea was a beloved member of the Jewish Federation of Madison staff and the Madison Jewish community. This honor will be awarded annually to a Jewish community professional who promotes Jewish community outreach, engagement, and action that best serves Klal Yisrael.



RECIPIENTS:

2014	Faygie Matusof	2019	Rabbi Avremel and Mushkie Matusof	2023	Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof
2015	Ellen Weismer	2020	Marla Becker	2024	Stefanie Kushner
2016	Dina Weinbach	2021	Rabbi Renée Bauer	2025	Deborah Hoffman
2017	Svetlana Govorukha	2022	Rabbi Andrea Steinberger		
2018	Terrie Goren				

Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award

Named in memory of former Jewish Federation of Madison president and founder of Camp Shalom, the Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award honors an individual with a record of committed service to the Jewish Federation of Madison and the Madison Jewish community stretching over a period of time, doing volunteer work beyond its usual definition. The award recognizes the accomplishment of a one-person task, generally very time consuming in public relations, program coordination, continuing assistance in a specific area or through special resources.

RECIPIENTS

1974	Irene Kinsler, z”l	1994	Joel Minkoff	2011	Marc Shovers
1975	Macky Gaberman, z”l	1995	Alan Weisbard, z”l	2012	Susan and Jonathan Lipp
1976	Sam Lakritz, z”l	1996	Sylvia Grunes	2013	Karen and Harry Roth
	Belle Richman, z”l	1997	Warren Randy, z”l	2014	Jordy Loeb
1977	Judy Schreiber, z”l	1998	Diane Seder	2015	Eric Schwartz
1978	Babs Goldberg, z”l	1999	Gary Friedman, z”l	2016	Livia Asher
	Arlene Rotter, z”l	2000	Don Miner	2017	Jon Eckhardt
1979	David Ottenstein, z”l	2001	Roberta Lazarz	2018	Cheryl Rosen Weston, z”l
	Sandie Ottenstein, z”l	2002	Irwin & Robert Goodman	2019	Judy Pierotti
1980	Jeanne Silverberg, z”l		Jewish Community Campus	2020	Linda Reivitz
1981	Sue Baumblatt, z”l		Committee	2021	Nan Youngerman
1982	Myn Halperin, z”l	2003	Ben and Judy Sidran	2022	Fred Gants
1983	Sylvia Kassalow, z”l	2004	Lester Pines	2023	Dina Weinbach
1984	Rona Malofsky, z”l	2005	Hal Blotner, z”l	2024	Lainie Minkoff
1985	Louis Swedarsky, z”l	2006	James Stein		Jeremy Tunis
1986	Susan Pittelman	2007	Kathy Blumenfeld	2025	Merle Sternberg
1987	Muriel Rotter, z”l	2008	Deborah Minkoff		Gerald Sternberg
1988	Albert Goldstein, z”l	2009	Jewish Cemetery		
1989	Anita Parks, z”l		Committee and		
1990	Jewish Social Services		Board of Directors of		
1991	Ida Lakritz, z”l		Jewish Burial Association		
1992	Annabelle Argand, z”l		of Madison		
1993	Sue Blotner, z”l	2010	Daniel Kaplan		

Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award

Established in 1974 and named in memory of former Jewish Federation of Madison president Alex Temkin, this award goes to a recipient with a long and committed record of service to the Jewish Federation of Madison, stretching over many years, serving as chair of several major committees, involvement as an officer and board member, and involvement in leadership positions in the campaign. The recipient should have demonstrated outstanding service in special, innovative or emergency programs. The recipient should be generally respected and recognized as a community leader.

RECIPIENTS

1974	Frances Weinstein z”l	1984	Isadore Fine, z”l	2007	Judy Schreiber, z”l
1975	Alex Temkin, z”l	1986	Jeanne Silverberg, z”l	2008	Diane Seder
1976	Richard Venezky, z”l	1990	Irwin Goodman, z”l	2010	Thomas Palay
1977	Laurence Weinstein, z”l		and Robert Goodman, z”l	2013	James Youngerman
1978	Ghita Bessman, z”l	1993	Mark Laufman	2014	Lester Pines
1979	Ben Minkoff, z”l	1995	Evelyn Minkoff, z”l	2016	Deborah Minkoff
1981	Harvey Malofsky, z”l	1999	Joel Minkoff	2019	Gary Friedman, z”l
1982	Liesl Blockstein, z”l	2000	Marjorie Tobias, z”l		Jonathan and Susan Lipp
1983	Stan Mintz, z”l	2005	William Haus		

Past Presidents

1940-1941	Joe Rothschild, z"l	1982-1984	Gerald Stewart, z"l
1942-1943	Emanuel Simon, z"l	1984-1986	Mark Laufman
1943-1944	Mark Goldberg, z"l	1986-1988	Louis H. Swedarsky, z"l
1944-1945	Max Weinstein, z"l	1988-1990	Lawrence Shapiro, z"l
1945-1946	Emanuel Simon, z"l	1990-1992	Judith Schreiber, z"l
1946-1947	J.J. Sinagub, z"l	1992-1994	Evelyn W. Minkoff, z"l
1947-1950	Max Weinstein, z"l	1994-1996	Marjorie Tobias, z"l
1950-1952	Nathan Sudow, z"l	1996-1998	Joel Minkoff
1952-1954	Harry Epstein, z"l	1998-2000	William Haus
1954-1956	Alex Temkin, z"l	2000-2002	Thomas Palay
1956-1959	Laurence A. Weinstein, z"l	2002-2004	Diane Seder
1959-1961	Robert Levine, z"l	2004-2007	James Youngerman
1961-1964	H.K. Parks, z"l	2007-2010	Lester Pines
1964-1966	Ben Minkoff, z"l	2010-2011	Kathy Blumenfeld
1966-1968	Warren Randy, z"l	2011-2013	Deborah Minkoff
1968-1969	Gilbert Rosenberg, z"l	2013-2015	James Stein
1969-1971	Alex Temkin, z"l	2015-2017	Marc Shovers
1971-1973	Robert Berman, z"l	2017-2018	Alicia Schiff
1973-1975	Ghita Bessman, z"l	2018-2020	Deborah Minkoff
1975-1977	I.V. Fine, z"l	2020-2022	Joe Shumow
1977-1979	Harvey Malofsky, z"l	2022-2024	Sasha Kerlow
1979-1982	Stan Mintz, z"l		

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