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Year in Review

A Year of Growth, Partnership, and Purpose

By Erik Martin, Executive Director

As another fiscal year comes to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on a year defined by growth, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to Jewish life across New Hampshire. Together, we strengthened our Federation, expanded our reach, and deepened our partnerships, all while navigating a world that continues to present both challenges and opportunities for our community.



Erik Martin

This year has reminded us that Federation is far more than an organization. It is a statewide network of people who care deeply about one another and believe that every Jew in New Hampshire deserves to feel connected, supported, and proud of who they are. That mission has guided every decision we've made this year and has inspired remarkable progress throughout our state.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible dedication of our Board of Directors, Foundation Trustees, committee members, volunteers, donors, partner organizations, congregations, and staff. Whether making phone calls during Super Sunday, welcoming families to a PJ Library event, attending the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, advocating for our community at the State House, or making a gift to the Annual Campaign, every act of participation helped strengthen Jewish life across New Hampshire.

This past year, Federation focused on creating meaningful impact where it matters most. Thousands of community members participated in programs that educated, inspired, and connected people of every age. Our New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival continued to spark important conversations throughout the state. PJ Library and PJ Our Way introduced hundreds of children and families to the joy of Jewish learning and community. Meaningful commemorations of Yom HaShoah and October 7 brought communities together in remembrance and solidarity, while new educational programs, statewide celebrations, and partnerships created opportunities for Jews from every corner of New Hampshire to gather, learn, and celebrate together.

At the same time, Federation strengthened its role as the statewide voice of New Hampshire's Jewish community. We expanded our advocacy efforts by building relationships with elected officials, educators, law enforcement, and interfaith partners while working to address the rise in antisemitism through education, community engagement, and strategic collaboration. We continued to deepen our connection with Israel through cultural programming, educational opportunities, and the exciting addition of our new community shaliach, whose arrival marks an important investment in strengthening the bonds between New Hampshire and Israel for years to come.

Our impact extended beyond programs alone. This year's Annual Campaign exceeded its fundraising goal thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our donors, ensuring that Federation can continue investing in security, education, advocacy, leadership development, and community-building initiatives throughout the Granite State. Every contribution—regardless of size—helps strengthen Jewish life today while laying the foundation for tomorrow.

As we look ahead, we do so with tremendous optimism. The relationships we've built, the partnerships we've strengthened, and the momentum we've created over the past year are only the beginning. In the coming months, Federation will introduce an exciting new statewide initiative designed to deepen Jewish pride, strengthen our connection to one another and to Israel, and ensure that every Jew in New Hampshire has meaningful opportunities to engage with our community in new and inspiring ways. We cannot wait to share more with you.

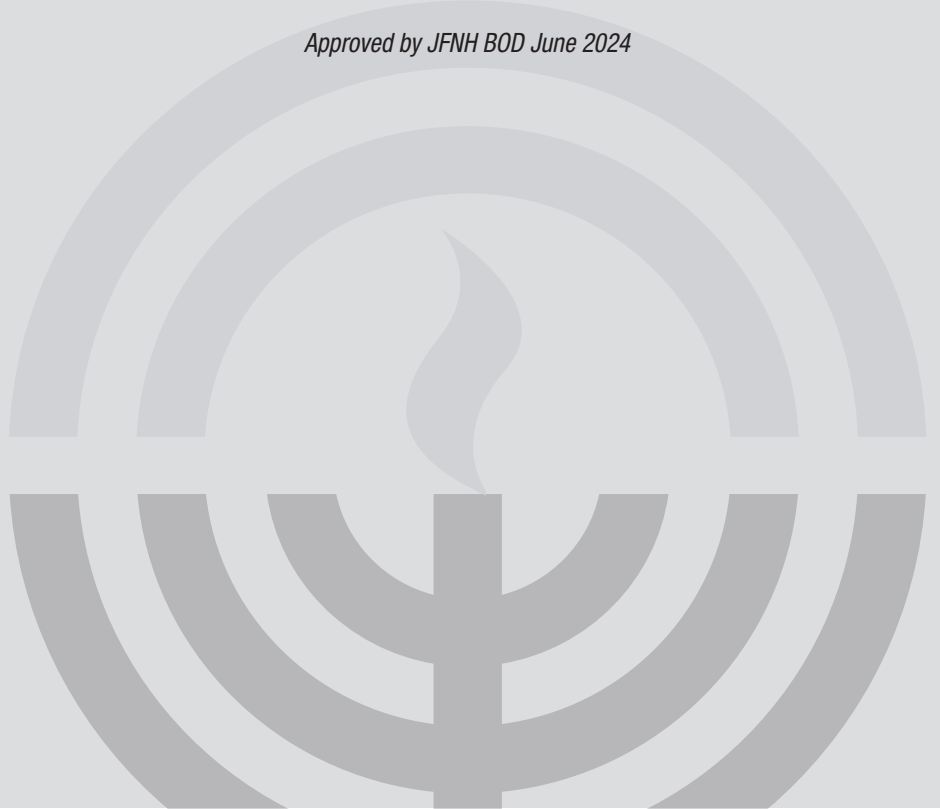
The challenges facing the Jewish community are real, but so too is our determination. This year has shown what is possible when our community comes together with a shared sense of purpose. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected, and more vibrant Jewish future for New Hampshire.

Thank you for believing in this mission, for investing in our community, and for helping shape the future of Jewish New Hampshire. We are honored to serve alongside you and look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is a statewide organization that connects and engages the wider Jewish community of New Hampshire through meaningful local, regional, and statewide activities. JFNH advocates for the interests of the Jewish community locally and in Israel, raises and allocates resources to enable a thriving and safe Jewish New Hampshire, and partners with the state's synagogues to enhance and expand Jewish life throughout the state.

Approved by JFNH BOD June 2024



Governance & Leadership

2025-26 Executive Committee & Board of Directors

Jeremy Berger (Bedford), Board Chair
Becky Abrams (Londonderry), Vice Chair
Rich LeSavoy (Newmarket), Treasurer
Tracy Richmond (Bedford), Immediate Past Chair

Mara Friedman (Hollis)
David Goldstone (Bethlehem)
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Carol Pressman (Manchester)
Steve Soreff (Nottingham)
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Gordon Bennett (Franconia)
Dina Michael Chaitowitz (Windham)
Dana Stangle Plowe (Bedford)
Jane Taylor (Keene)

2026-27 Proposed Slate of Officers**

Ed Kirshenbaum (Hampstead)
Craig Rothenberg, Bedford
Harry Shepler (Bedford)
Jeff Warach (Dover)

***to be voted on by Board of Directors*

Rabbis of Community Congregations (Ex-Officio Voting Board Members)

Rabbi Dan Aronson, Congregation Ahavas Achim (Keene)
Rabbi Beth Davidson, Temple Adath Yeshurun (Manchester)
Rabbi Moshe Gray, Chabad at Dartmouth (Hanover)
Rabbi Marc Hersch, Temple Israel (Portsmouth)
Rabbi Jan Katz, Temple B'nai Israel (Laconia)
Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (Bethlehem)
Rabbi Levi Krinsky, Chabad of New Hampshire (Manchester)
Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz, Etz Hayim Synagogue (Derry)
Rabbi Seth Linfield, Hillel at Dartmouth (Hanover)
Rabbi Mark Melamut, Kol Ha'emek Upper Valley Jewish Community (Hanover)
Rabbi Robin Nafshi, Temple Beth Jacob (Concord)
Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, Temple Beth Abraham (Nashua)
Rabbi Berel Slavaticki, Seacoast Chabad (Newington)

2024-25 Foundation Board of Trustees

Jeff Crocker (Peterborough), Chair
Dan Cohen (Bedford)
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Tracy Richmond (Bedford), ex-officio voting member
Harry Shepler (Bedford), ex-officio non-voting member
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Gary Lindner (Manchester), Emeritus

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Financial Statements

Operating Income/Expense	UNAUDITED	
	July 2025-June 2026	July 2024-June 2025
INCOME		
Campaign Revenue	\$372,902.45	\$323,853.35
Israel Emergency Fund	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Interest Income	\$1,602.68	\$1,801.40
General Trust Funds	\$82,499.67	\$84,090.27
Security Grants	\$5,620.40	\$0.00
The Reporter Revenues	\$23,938.95	\$28,672.63
Community and Social Services	\$34,770.20	\$31,450.64
Museum of Jews of NH Revenue		
Campership Program Revenue		
Community Cemeteries Revenue		
Cultural/Community Revenue		
Social Services for Individuals & Families Revenue		
Senior/Community Revenue		
Jewish Film Festival	\$50,094.27	\$55,408.18
Youth Programming	\$23,455.72	\$23,331.96
Youth Programming Revenue		
PJ Library Revenue		
Early Education Revenue		
Israel Programs	\$14,649.18	\$54,160.80
Israel Engagement Revenue		
Israel Experience Revenue		
Shlichut Revenue		
Israel Connection Revenue		
Total Income	\$609,533.52	\$604,269.23
EXPENSES		
Federation Office Expenses	\$371,637.28	\$378,311.62
Campaign Expenses	\$30,905.75	\$14,959.19
The Reporter Expenses	\$52,642.52	\$55,305.67
Community and Social Services	\$47,663.14	\$51,451.68
Museum of Jews of NH Expenses		
Campership Program Expenses		
Cultural/Community Expenses		
Community Relations Expenses		
Hebrew School Allocations		
Social Services for Ind. & Family Expenses		
Senior/Community Outreach Expenses		
Jewish Film Festival	\$33,339.82	\$41,475.05
Youth Programming	\$24,200.41	\$29,649.14
PJ Library Expenses		
Youth Programming Expenses		
Early Ed Program Expenses		
Israel Programs	\$13,638.93	\$55,341.06
Israel Program Expenses		
Shlichut Expenses		
Israel Connection Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$574,027.85	\$626,493.41
Net Income	\$35,505.67	- \$22,224.18

Foundation Funds

Foundation Report

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Foundation: 2025-26 Fiscal Year Recap

On behalf of the JFNH Foundation Trustees, we present the following summary of the performance of the Foundation's assets for the fiscal year 2025-26.

The Foundation began the fiscal year on July 1, 2025, with almost \$4.9 million in assets, and concluded the fiscal year on June 30, 2026, with over \$5.6 million in assets. During the fiscal year, the Foundation distributed over \$150 thousand to support programming, activities, initiatives, and operations in furtherance of JFNH's mission.

Thanks to generous donors during this period, three new endowed funds were established. In addition, we received contributions to pre-existing funds. Together, these additions to our endowment exceeded \$35 thousand.

The Foundation's assets are managed by Evanson Asset Management (EAM), an advisor that specializes in index and passive management and had approximately \$5.9 billion under management as of March 2026. EAM derives its investment strategy from academic research and makes use of passive portfolios from Dimensional Fund Advisors (DFA) and Vanguard ETF index funds, among other investments. The Foundation pays \$750 per quarter to EAM for its services. EAM has been fully managing the Foundation's assets since February 2023.

For the fourth fiscal year in a row, JFNH's withdrawals from the Foundation were under budget. Thank you to JFNH Treasurer Rich LeSavoy and the Finance Committee, Executive Director Erik Martin and Finance Manager Tina Lemay for their continued careful management of JFNH's resources.

In addition to managing lifetime gifts to the JFNH endowment, the Foundation Trustees work with donors to include JFNH in their estate plans to ensure a lasting impact beyond their lifetimes. We strongly encourage our NH Jewish community members to consider making a planned gift to the JFNH endowment. Every planned gift made through a Will, Trust, or Beneficiary Designation form provides a permanent source of funding that sustains our vital programs, combats antisemitism, and preserves our heritage and values.

Establishing or contributing to an endowed fund with the Foundation is easy to do and ensures that your gift will continue to support the NH Jewish Community in perpetuity. If you would like to learn more about opportunities to do so, please contact JFNH at 603-627-7679 or info@jewishnh.org.

We thank our Trustee colleagues, Jeremy Berger, Dan Cohen, Bob Feldman, Ross Fishbein, Rich LeSavoy, Julia Preis, Harry Shepler, Rob Wofchuck, and Emeriti, Norm Kushner and Gary Lindner, for their hard work and many contributions during this past year. It is our privilege to serve the New Hampshire Jewish community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Crocker, Foundation Chair
JFNH Foundation Board of Trustees

	MV Balances 6/30/24	MV Balances 6/30/25	MV Balances 3/31/26
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			
JFNH Board-Restricted Fund	597,353	636,780	684,848
I.A. Brodie Fund	41,772	45,338	48,998
E.M. Chase Fund	741,288	802,796	867,559
Ethel & Saul Greenspan Fund	221,222	239,578	258,905
M.A. Kaplan Fund	155,428	168,324	181,903
Louis Miller Family Fund	414,468	448,579	484,759
Hyman Reingold Fund	13,410	14,529	15,701
J. Morton & Miriam Rosenblum Fund	36,024	39,030	42,179
Max Rovner Fund	90,680	98,247	106,174
Sidney Samuels Fund	77,460	83,924	90,695
Alex Shapiro Fund	26,268	28,460	30,756
HAB Shapiro Family Fund	23,996	25,998	28,096
Lindner Family Fund	15,476	17,346	19,305
Harvey Winneg Fund	23,794	25,780	27,860
Total	2,478,638	2,674,709	2,887,737
DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS			
Sidney and Anita Diamond Fund	-	-	27,596
Allyson Guertin PJ Library Fund	-	-	4,917
Muriel & Edward Broad Scholarship	22,921	24,830	26,812
Eluto Educational Scholarship	11,672	13,079	14,134
Andrew Cohen Fund	7,131	7,990	8,842
Etta Berman Educational Fund	12,191	13,660	14,762
Temple Meyer David Cemetery Fund	121,593	133,488	144,644
Stahl Endowment Cemetery Fund	164,289	178,120	192,396
Zvi & Debby Cohen Fund	12,705	13,763	14,861
Maurice Foster Fund	9,175	10,281	11,110
Saul Sidore Fund 2,354	2,638	2,850	
Singer Family Trust Fund	23,000	25,772	27,851
Paul & Fran Gordon Family Fund	11,964	13,406	14,487
Ben & Zelma Dorson Fund	42,019	47,082	50,881
Winneg Family Education Fund	40,008	44,830	48,447
Wallin Leadership Fund	50,603	56,701	61,324
Brindis Scholarship	204,484	224,125	244,173
Wofchuck-Gilbert Family Fund	11,819	13,111	14,182
Monroe & Ruth Jaffe Fund	10,033	10,881	11,756
William R Silverman Fund	12,089	13,111	14,165
Irving Singer Memorial Fund	166,603	183,964	198,844
Kushner-Tumen Family Fund	19,490	21,543	23,619
Annebelle & Arnold Cohen Fund	32,558	36,482	39,437
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel Fund	67,696	75,854	81,999
Cohen Tribute Fund	93,509	101,296	109,380
Children's Enrichment & Educational Fund	71,918	77,906	84,123
Solomon Family Fund	21,564	23,619	25,626
Total	1,243,389	1,367,530	1,513,220
PACE TRUST FUNDS			
Elizabeth R. LeSavoy PACE Fund	-	-	5,519
Joan & William Green PACE Fund	31,744	34,320	37,056
Sidney Samuels PACE Fund	67,212	72,666	78,459
Theodore & Charlotte Krentzel PACE Fund	129,652	140,173	151,348
Max Rovner PACE Fund	38,409	41,526	44,837
Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh PACE Fund	39,953	43,195	46,639
Muriel & Edward Broad PACE Fund	234,180	253,184	273,367
Dorothy Goodstein PACE Fund	20,241	21,883	23,628
Barbara & David Stahl PACE Fund	61,898	66,921	72,256
Goldstein PACE Fund	14,770	15,969	17,242
Saul & Ethel Greenspan PACE Fund	14,768	15,967	17,240
Ovid & Laura Slavin PACE Fund	72,979	78,901	85,191
Morton & Sydell Rosen PACE Fund	45,749	49,462	53,405
Total	771,555	834,168	906,185
TOTAL FOUNDATION FUNDS:	4,493,583	4,876,407	5,307,142

2026 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.

Nancy Fages – Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, Bethlehem

Nancy was born in 1966 in the Bronx, New York. As a child, she enjoyed many family road trips, where she first fell in love with New England. For the past 20 years, she and her family have been fortunate to spend their summers in New Hampshire, and throughout that time they have been proud supporters of Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. Over the last seven years, Nancy has served on and off as a member of the congregation's Board of Directors — with brief pauses along the way as she celebrated the joyful milestone of three children getting married in three consecutive summers. Nancy and her husband, Geoffrey Fages, are the proud parents of four wonderful adult children, and, perhaps most adored of all, their puppy.



Nancy Fages

Moriah Rezaoui – Chabad Center for Jewish Living, Manchester

Moriah was raised in Merrimack, NH along with her two siblings by her parents Samir and Amanda Rezaoui. Moriah graduated from Merrimack High School in June 2026 and is headed to Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for their Physician Assistant program. Throughout her high school years, Moriah has given back by volunteering at Chabad Hebrew School every week, as well as summers at Camp Gan Izzy. Moriah is always helping in any way she can at any Chabad program and holiday. She is a reliable helping hand and is a wonderful role model for her Jewish pride and commitment.



Moriah Rezaoui

Alyse Bettinger – Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene

Alyse Bettinger was raised in Howard Beach, New York. She spent more than a decade as a camper and senior staff member at Camp Edward Isaacs, a Jewish sleep away camp. There she built lifelong friendships and a strong sense of Jewish Pride. Alyse attended college at SUNY, Stony Brook followed by earning a professional degree in Occupational Therapy. Her family includes her husband Dr. Paul Bettinger and their 3 children, Josh, Ethan and Tami. The Bettinger family moved to Keene, New Hampshire in 1988. Alyse's career with Congregation Ahavas Achim began with helping to start a parent child pre-school play group. Next, she became involved with our Bagel Breakfast Fundraising for the Religious School. CAA has to keep up with Alyse! She independently takes on leadership roles in so many areas of CAA. Alyse is a long time member of our Synagogue Board. In 2015, Alyse was on our first Affiliation Committee and was selected again for the Affiliation Committee this year. As a member and now chair of the Membership Committee, she developed and implemented our Shmooze and Brews program which has been a huge success in bringing members of the synagogue together. She has worked continuously on ways to increase our membership by promoting connections with young adults who grew up in our Jewish Community. She encouraged them to consider lifelong engagement and involvement in our Jewish Community. Alyse has been instrumental in thinking about ways to bring in new members, especially in the area of Associate Members. She is very involved in creating and promoting events for our synagogue programming. Alyse continues to be a strong advocate for programming about Israel. When she noticed that we didn't have a program for Israel's Independence Day, Alyse set in motion the "Taste of Israel" program. In addition to program development, she has established a notebook with detailed information about each event to facilitate others to take over an event. Alyse worked on a survey to gather information about the interests of our membership. Her team created the "Getting to Know You" Survey. She was a key player in the synagogue flood remediation process as well as putting everything away when remediation was completed. She continues to lead in organizing the synagogue building, especially the kitchen. She is committed to making CAA an organization that facilitates bringing our wider Jewish Community together. In addition to her synagogue commitments, Alyse worked as an Occupational Therapist in rehabilitation centers and nursing homes. In her role as an Occupational Therapist, she worked with residents to maximize their independence in daily living through adaptive techniques, environmental modifications and supportive positioning. Through her professional experience, she developed a strong ability to meet people where they are by recognizing their individual needs and strengths and adapting tasks and environments to help them participate fully and confidently in community life. Thank you, Alyse, for your invaluable contributions to Congregation Ahavas Achim.



Alyse Bettinger

Milt and Kristina Zweig – Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry

Having joined Etz Hayim Synagogue in 2022, Milt & Kristina Zweig have made a remarkable impact in their relatively short time at Etz Hayim, injecting new vitality and dynamic leadership into the community. Milt soon joined the Ritual Committee and was especially impactful on Yom HaShoah, sharing his family's story of survival in Nazi Germany. Milt has spent years researching his roots and recently reclaimed the German citizenship which had been stripped from his parents. To further honor their legacy, Milt is Founder and Director of the Zweig Foundation, a non-profit organization for the advancement of Holocaust education among the younger generation. Milt joined the Board of Directors in 2025, filling the vacant Secretary position and then began serving as President in June 2025. On a mission to improve the aesthetics of our 18-year-old building, Milt cultivated donations from members to upgrade our classrooms, library and foyer. Milt also has taken a direct role in finding a stream of transitional and visiting spiritual leaders while the search committee seeks a permanent Rabbi. Milt serves on the Board of the Jewish Federation of NH; and when he's not volunteering, he still finds time for his dental profession with Haas Dental Associates. Kristina's contributions have been equally impactful. She served for a year as the synagogue's office administrator, then moved into the Board Secretary role when Milt became President. She also manages the online calendar and has initiated and filled a variety of roles. Last fall, Kristina assembled High Holy Day gift bags, and she and Milt drove door-to-door to deliver symbolic foods of the holiday, including her homemade mini honey cakes. Additionally, Kristina has become our primary interior designer, using her creative energy to transform our classrooms, library, and lobby—painting, furnishing, and decorating each space to create an environment and vibe for each unique space. Kristina's innovative spirit continued as she took on the role of director of this year Purim spiel, Chaos in the Shul: The Shul with no Rabbi—a hilarious parody that poked fun at Etz Hayim during this past year of transition. She also baked hundreds of hamantaschen and organized a pre-spiel wine-and-cheese event, complete with fun, food, crafts, and a costume parade for the little ones. Milt and Kristina live in Sandown with their three dogs and two cats and have four adult children. They love to travel abroad and visit Europe frequently.



Milt and Kristina Zweig

Richard LeSavoy – Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Richard "Rich" LeSavoy has built a career and a life rooted in leadership, service, and helping others plan for a stronger future. After 35 years of leadership in the manufacturing industry, including serving as an officer of a public company, Rich turned his lifelong interest in personal finance into a second career as a Certified Financial Planner, Certified Retirement Counselor, and IRS Enrolled Agent. He is currently a Financial Advisor with Centeras Private Wealth and, in 2023, founded FairTaxPlanning, LLC, a boutique tax planning and preparation firm focused on personalized, tax-smart guidance. Rich earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Philadelphia University and a Certificate in Financial Planning from Boston University. His professional expertise, steady judgment, and deep commitment to service have made him an invaluable member of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire Board, where he serves as Treasurer and helps guide Federation's financial stewardship during a time of growth. Rich has also been deeply involved in Jewish communal life across the Seacoast. He is an active member of Temple Israel in Portsmouth, where he has served as a board member and currently chairs the Endowment Committee. He was also active at Temple Israel in Dover until its closing. Beyond his professional and volunteer commitments, Rich enjoys golf, skiing, kayaking, and time with his wife, Jane, and their family. JFNH is proud to recognize Rich as this year's Shem Tov Award recipient.



Richard LeSavoy

Monte Blaustein - Kol Ha'Emek, The Upper Valley Jewish Community, Hanover

Monte moved to Hanover in 2009 and joined UVJC at that time. He worked as an Automation / Controls Engineer at Stryker Biotech until he took five years to teach at a boarding school in Connecticut. Returning in 2019 he returned to working as an engineer until he retired in 2024. Since then, he has been a substitute teacher in the SAU70 school system, where all the students he meets love him. Besides his outstanding service as Treasurer for the UVJC, his contributions to our community are countless. These include but are not limited to his stewarding audio/visual setup for High Holiday services, leading



Monte Blaustein

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the annual New Year's Day Brunch and Community Passover Seder, monthly deliveries of kosher food from the Butcherie in Brookline, MA, and his extensive involvement with many committees. Monte shares his love for travel through his journaling of his adventures. For fun he plays chess, loves to cook and bake, and takes part in all that the region offers. His smile and humor encourage others to want to do more. Monte will be moving to Canada this summer but has promised to stay connected and active with our community.

Richard David Grossman – Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center, Newington

Richard David Grossman was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and raised in Newark-Hillside, New Jersey. Following the passing of his father at the age of two, he was raised by his mother, with whom he made annual trips to visit their extended family in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where his family's roots date back to 1908.

Richard earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, with a minor in Naval Architecture, from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1974 through a U.S. Air Force Pilot Training scholarship. During his distinguished military career, he flew KC-135 Stratotankers, served at Pease Air Force Base and Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, participated in planning the 1979–1980 Iran hostage rescue mission, and served as a Jewish lay leader. He later continued his service in the Pease Air National Guard before retiring in 2002. Richard also enjoyed a long engineering career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, retiring in 2019.

Richard has devoted many years to serving and strengthening Jewish life throughout the Seacoast. Today, he serves as the leader of the Seacoast Chevra Kadisha, continuing his lifelong commitment to caring for the Jewish community with dignity and compassion.

A devoted supporter of the Seacoast Chabad Jewish Community, Richard generously shares his time, wisdom, and resources. He provides invaluable guidance, financial support, and hands-on assistance, including purchasing and preparing the food for the community's weekly Pizza and Parsha gatherings. His dedication to fostering learning, friendship, and Jewish continuity has made a lasting impact on our community.

Richard's lifelong commitment to service, generosity, and strengthening Jewish life exemplifies the spirit of the Shem Tov Award.



Richard David Grossman

Deborah Hirsch Mayer – Temple Israel, Portsmouth

Deborah Hirsch Mayer brings to Temple Israel the kind of dedication that cannot be taught, delegated, or safely ignored. Fiercely principled, deeply committed, and always prepared, she approaches every responsibility with one simple goal: getting it right.

As Vice President of Education and a former Vice President of Ritual, Deborah has devoted countless hours to strengthening our congregation. While most measure commitment in years of service, Deborah measures it with disregard for normal business hours. If a board meeting ends at 10:00 p.m., Deborah will stick around to ask one last question. If an email arrives at 2:30 a.m., she probably wrote it and an even better chance she's already thinking three steps ahead about the reply.

She leads by setting the standard, and then, just to be safe, raising it another few inches. Prepared, thoughtful, and unwavering in her convictions, Deborah is never afraid to ask the difficult question, usually the one everyone else was hoping someone else would ask. Her high expectations are matched only by those she places on herself, and her pursuit of excellence has elevated every committee and initiative she has touched, occasionally after several rounds of very thorough follow-up.

Those who work alongside Deborah know behind her tenacity is an enormous heart. She invests her time, energy, and intellect because she genuinely believes in the future of Temple Israel and the people who call it home. Her leadership inspires others to work harder, think deeper, and give more generously of themselves.

Temple Israel is stronger, wiser, and better prepared for tomorrow because of Deborah Hirsch Mayer's uncompromising integrity, and extraordinary example of servant leadership. She reminds us that leadership is about caring enough to do the work, ask the questions, stay engaged, and help move the community forward with clear purpose, heart, and just the right amount of persistence.



Deborah Hirsch Mayer

Jake Berry – Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

Jake Berry has been a part of the Temple Adath Yeshurun community for more than 35 years. He attended religious school at the Temple as a child and became a Bar Mitzvah in 1994. Jake studied communications and sociology at Boston College and has a master's degree in education from SNHU. After moving home to Manchester in 2010, he served on the TAY board for 14 years, including two as president. He was named the TAY Brotherhood "Man of the Year" in 2024. His last term finished in May and he's excited to get more involved in TAY Brotherhood and other activities with his new free time. He also volunteers as a basketball coach for Special Olympics New Hampshire. Currently, Jake is Senior Vice President of New Futures, a non-profit health policy



Jake Berry

and advocacy organization in Concord. Previously, Jake served as District Director for Congresswoman Annie Kuster and worked for nearly 10 years as a newspaper reporter and editor for the Nashua Telegraph, the Cape Cod Times and the Keene Sentinel, among other publications. Jake lives in Manchester with his wife, Anna, twin boys Jonah and Evan, and their dog, Maizey.

Carl and Judy Crosley – Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia

Judy Crosley was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She attended Connecticut College and earned an MSW from Smith College. Carl Crosley was born in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. They married in 1970. During his two years in the USAF Carl was a pediatrician. That was followed by a fellowship in child neurology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. In 1974, Carl and Judy moved to Syracuse, New York, where Carl was Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University. Judy practiced social work privately and at Jewish Family Service as Director of Family Life Education and Acting Executive Director. In Syracuse she was a member of Temple Society of Concord and a member and educator at the Syracuse Jewish Community Center (JCC) and developed and oversaw the Russian Resettlement Program for Jewish Family Services. Carl served on the JCC Board of Directors, including terms as vice president and president. He also served on the Syracuse Jewish Federation Board. The Crosleys moved to Wolfeboro in 2011. Carl joined the Wolfeboro Friends of Music Board serving as president from 2013 to 2025. They joined Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) in 2013. Judy participates actively in holiday celebrations and services and is a major contributor to the TBI Food Festival, working across many teams and captaining the knish team. She has also led adult education sessions in the local environment. Carl joined the TBI Board of Trustees in 2014. He has been leading physician on the Covid Team, member of the tech team, Trustee of the Reserve Funds, VP Security, a member of the Interim Steering Committee, and most recently Vice President for Communications and Programming. Judy and Carl have two daughters, Catherine (North Andover, Massachusetts) and Sarah (San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua), and five grandchildren.



Carl and Judy Crosley

Ellie Schwartz - Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua

Temple Beth Abraham's Keter Shem Tov nominee is Ellie Schwartz. Ellie grew up in Massachusetts. She attended Brandeis, then the University of Michigan, earning both a master's in library science and an MBA. In 1988, she and her husband joined Temple Beth Abraham (TBA). Ellie's contributions to TBA have been many and varied. She served on the Programs Committee. She was a founding member and facilitator of TBA's BABKA book club for ~10 years. She brought the Worldwide Daffodil Project to TBA, coordinating the planting of 500 daffodils in memory of children who perished in the Holocaust. But Ellie's proudest accomplishment at TBA is her volunteer work in its two libraries, the Levine Library in the synagogue and the Jason Schenker Memorial Library in the Education Center. When the synagogue underwent a remodel and enlargement in 2001, including a dedicated room for a library, Ellie updated the library collection and developed library standards, leading to accreditation by the Association of Jewish Libraries. Ellie made the Jason Schenker Memorial Library more user-friendly, developed an online catalog for both libraries, and initiated monthly displays of books to showcase the library collections. In the community, Ellie worked for 21 years as a librarian at Memorial School in Bedford, NH. After her retirement, she volunteered for 5 years at Rogers Memorial Library in Hudson, NH. Ellie has contributed in many ways to our synagogue, to the local community and to the wider Jewish community. She has earned the Crown of a Good Name.



Ellie Schwartz

Alan Gaby – Temple Beth Jacob, Concord

Alan and his family have been longtime members of Temple Beth Jacob and are integral parts of our community. Alan served 10 years on the TBJ Board of Trustees, culminating in a two-year term as President of the synagogue. After finishing his term as president, he joined the Past President's Council and currently serves as a trustee for the TBJ Building Fund. He volunteered his time as a faculty member in our religious school for 10 years, and has seen all four of his children go through the Hebrew School and become B'Mitzvah's at TBJ. He regularly appears in our annual Purim spiel production, has written six scripts for the annual event, and has brought his wife and children into the cast in recent years. Alan and his family are regular lay-leaders of shabbat services at TBJ, and guest Torah readers during the High Holy Days and beyond. Alan received his undergraduate degree from Yale University, his M.S. in biochemistry from Emory University, and his M.D. from the University of Maryland. He was in private practice for 19 years, specializing in nutritional medicine. He has become one of the foremost authorities on nutritional therapies, authoring a book on nutritional medicine as a resource for healthcare providers.



Alan Gaby

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Rebecca Sky – Temple Israel, Manchester

Rebecca Sky has devoted her professional life and her Jewish life to strengthening communities, uplifting others, and building institutions that care for people. She recently retired as the Executive Director of the New Hampshire State Commission on Aging, where she served from its inception in 2020 through May 2025. A respected public health leader with more than twenty-five years of experience, Rebecca has worked across New Hampshire to expand access to care, advance health equity, and support the wellbeing of older adults. Prior to her state service, she spent many years at the Foundation for Healthy Communities, where she helped hospitals increase access to treatment for people with Opioid Use Disorders, established evidence-based falls-prevention programs, and co-led the creation of the NH Health & Equity Partnership. Rebecca's commitment to Jewish communal life runs just as deep. Early in her career, she worked for the Jewish Federation of Austin as a campaign and community relations associate, and after moving to New Hampshire in the mid-1990s, she served on the NH Federation Board. She volunteers at Temple Israel on the Kitchen Krew, chairs the rabbi search committee, is facilitating the silent auction..., and generally tries to pitch in when she sees a need. She often credits attending Ramah Family Camp more than twenty years ago as a turning point that inspired her to weave Jewish life more intentionally into her home and to engage more fully in the broader kehillah. Rebecca holds a B.S. in Health Policy and Administration from Penn State University, an MPH from the University of New Hampshire, and a certificate in Value-Based Health Care from The Dartmouth Institute. She is a past officer of the New Hampshire Public Health Association. Born and raised outside Philadelphia as one of ten children, Rebecca and her husband David are the proud parents of Jedidiah and Benjamin. Temple Israel is fortunate to benefit from her wisdom, compassion, and steady leadership. Her dedication to service—both professional and Jewish—embodies the very spirit of the Shem Tov Award.



Rebecca Sky

Tamara Nixon - Hillel at Dartmouth

A graduate of Wellesley College and the first woman to earn an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh School of Business, Tamara built a distinguished career as an economist, consultant, and banker at a time when few women held leadership roles in those fields. She later brought that same vision and financial expertise to Jewish communal service, including serving as Chair of the Investment Committee for the Greater Miami Jewish Federation Foundation.

For decades, Tamara has been a driving force behind Jewish life in the Upper Valley. She has served on the Board of Directors of Hillel at Dartmouth since before the organization's transition to independence, helping to expand and sustain a vibrant Jewish presence on campus. Through the Nixon Scholars-in-Residence Program, which she established with her late husband, Dr. Daniel Nixon, generations of Dartmouth students and community members have had the opportunity to engage with distinguished Jewish scholars and thought leaders.

Tamara has also been a devoted leader within the Upper Valley Jewish Community (Kol Ha'Emek), where she has helped strengthen relationships between the local congregation and Hillel at Dartmouth while providing thoughtful guidance on endowment and development efforts. Known for her personal touch—including handwritten thank-you notes to supporters—she exemplifies the values of generosity, humility, and community.

Whether helping steward charitable investments, mentoring future Jewish leaders, or quietly working behind the scenes to ensure Jewish institutions thrive, Tamara Nixon has left an enduring mark on the Jewish communities she serves. The Federation is honored to celebrate her extraordinary commitment and lasting impact at this year's Annual Meeting.



Tamara Nixon



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