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# FROM REFLECTION TO ACTION: OUR COMMITMENT TO TIKKUN OLAM



Jenny Kaiser

*Tikkun olam* literally means to “repair the world.” I have given this much thought over the past year and a half. What can I do to help make our world locally, nationally, and globally better? How do I even start? Thankfully, *Pirkei Avot* has outlined a guide: *Tzedakah* (charity), *Teshuva* (return; understanding yourself), and *Tefillah* (prayer).

My first thought went to flight attendants giving a safety speech: Put on your own mask, and then help others. I realized I needed to understand myself before I could start helping others comprehend the massive influx of Jewish hate. I focused on *Teshuva*.

Who am I? In the Diaspora, being a Jew is a religious concept. We are just like everyone else, except we pray differently. This definition didn’t quite fit. I do not believe Judaism is **what** we are, but rather, a part of **who** we are.

When I look around our community, I see a nation, an ethnicity, and several cultures that have a common belief system. Judaism guides us on how we should treat others, while also giving us the history of our Peoplehood.

After much reflection, my answer became clear: I am part of the People **of** Israel, so the people **in** Israel are part of me. The recent attacks on Jews across the globe are the same as personal attacks on myself. *Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh*, (Talmud Shevuot 39a), “All of Israel and the Jewish people are responsible, one for the other.”

I believe that we are not only responsible for one another, but that we see ourselves in one another. Therefore, when one is under threat, we all are. Conversely, when Israel is safe, it enables us to be our authentic Jewish selves.

No matter how you pray, no matter your affiliation, no matter your political beliefs, and no matter how observant you may be, we are not under attack because of how we pray, but rather, how we identify.

By taking the moments of *Teshuva*, a reflection of who I am, I am better able to explain it to others. We are a Peoplehood bound together through millennia of shared history, culture, and a belief that G-d has given us a guide to be better.

*Tikkun olam* isn’t always seen through big initiatives, but rather, small moments. Hopefully, my words and actions help others to become allies and enable them to answer, “What is a Jew?”

Jenny Kaiser, President  
Greensboro Jewish Federation  
2024-2026



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# FROM GREENSBORO TO ISRAEL: The Everyday Work of Making the World Better

By Glenda Bernhardt, *Chief Executive Officer, Greensboro Jewish Federation*



Glenda Bernhardt

*Tikkun olam*, or “repairing the world,” is central to the work of the Greensboro Jewish Federation. This concept guides our efforts to raise funds through our Annual Campaign, and allocate them to local, national, and international partners who are doing vital work providing social services, education, advocacy, and infrastructure in Jewish communities around the world.

Federation donors trust professional and volunteer leaders to identify and vet organizations that will adequately serve our Greensboro Jewish community, as well as those from Beltsy, Moldova to Hadera-Eiron, Israel, and everywhere in between.

*Tikkun olam* also guides how we approach many of the programs and services directly provided by Federation professionals and committees. This includes outreach and engagement programming, like the Triad Jewish Film Festival and PJ Library, as well as our community relations work with other faith groups, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and governments.

Through the Federation and our family of beneficiary, affiliate, and partner agencies, we make a difference at every stage of life, from birth through death. We ensure that young people in our community have access to formal and experiential Jewish education, leadership experiences, and Israel travel opportunities. We take care of our seniors, alleviating isolation and providing a social safety net. And we extend our efforts to our non-Jewish brothers and sisters, through our weekly David D. Frazier Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services. Through our core partners at the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, we provide similar services in every corner of the world.

This fall, we plan to take an interfaith group to Israel. This special mission experience will honor the intentionality of past interfaith study missions, and take into account the current realities and challenges of our post-October 7th world. We are collaborating with NCCJ (North Carolina for Community and Justice) and the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, our steadfast partners in this important work, and we’re excited to bring a diverse group to Israel. Ultimately, we hope to build bridges of understanding and strengthen our greater Greensboro community.

I’m honored to lead an organization that is actively focused on creating positive change through individual relationships, small programs, and expansive initiatives. Every day, I get to meet and engage with people who give their time and their philanthropic resources to make our community and world a better place. I also get to interact with people whose lives are affected by these efforts. The work of the Federation is often complex, and sometimes difficult, but knowing I am doing my small part to repair our world inspires me each and every day.

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# Together, we go Forward: with Resources to Respond

By Gary and Laurie Bargebuhr, 2025 Campaign Co-Chairs



Gary Bargebuhr



Laurie Bargebuhr

If you think of the world as a house, you know that some maintenance work needs to be done regularly, and that you also must be prepared to handle the unexpected. Having the proper tools to do either the maintenance, or repair a sudden leaky pipe, makes the job much easier. The maintenance of

our community, as well as preparation for the unexpected, is possible because of our Federation “toolbox”: financial resources and staff that are prepared and able to act.

As of this printing, the 2025 Annual Campaign has officially closed. In pledges large and small, our community has once again renewed its commitment to *tikkun olam*, both locally and beyond. The Federation is the mechanism we use to fulfill this important core tenet of Judaism, and your financial support means we are prepared to serve our community’s needs.

Opportunities to repair the world are never in short supply, and they continue to rise. Ongoing support efforts like the David D. Frazier Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services (JFS) have received more requests for help over this past year. Ridership requests for the JFS van, a vital means of keeping community members connected, have also increased. Your support ensures we can respond.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene’s

devastating flooding last September, the Federation raised critical funds for relief efforts benefiting JFS of Western NC, Camp Judaea, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Asheville JCC. Additionally, a volunteer trip was organized to assist with recovery and rebuilding efforts.

While any individual can, and should, engage in *tikkun olam*, its impact is best leveraged when a community bands together. This is especially true for the Greensboro Jewish

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Federation, which is consistently recognized as an organization whose influence is significantly larger than its size. Our ability to plan for ongoing needs, as well as pivot to address unforeseen challenges, is due to our robust structure and the ongoing commitment from you, our stakeholders.

We are thankful to all of those who support the Federation’s efforts, for your pledge commitment, and for volunteering to help achieve this year’s goals. Together, we restock our resources; together, we commit to *tikkun olam*; and **Together, we go Forward!**

Gary and Laurie



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## ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith Mission Experience

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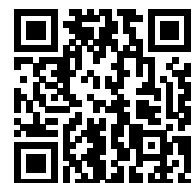


The Greensboro Jewish Federation and The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro invite you to join us for **ISRAEL NOW: An Interfaith Mission Experience**—a unique journey that unites individuals of diverse faiths, backgrounds, and perspectives from across the Triad.

We’ll explore Israel’s complex history and current realities, gaining firsthand insight into life, resilience, and hope in the aftermath of October 7. **Through shared experiences, meaningful dialogue, and hands-on volunteer work, this experience will foster deeper understanding and lasting connections that strengthen our local community.**

Visit [shalomgreensboro.org/israelmission2025](http://shalomgreensboro.org/israelmission2025) for all the details, full itinerary, and registration. For questions, or to inquire about scholarship opportunities, please contact Glenda Bernhardt at [gbernhardt@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:gbernhardt@shalomgreensboro.org) or (336) 852-5433 x292. Thank you to co-chairs Susan Feibelman and Alina Spaulding.

Scan the QR code to access full trip details and complete the online registration:



## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS: JFS LAUNCHES YEAR-ROUND MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS SERIES



**Mental Health & Wellness**  
AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

When the Jewish Family Services planning committee sat down to create programs for May's Mental Health Awareness Month, it encountered one major obstacle: too many topics to address, and not enough time! Upon much discussion,

a month of programming grew into an infinite initiative, dubbed the JFS Mental Health and Wellness Series.

A key aspect of the series is to address mental health needs across a person's entire lifespan, from birth through the twilight years. Since mental health is not just an illness, but an integral part of overall well-being, the committee felt it was especially important to meet the community where they are, at every stage of life.

The first program in the series, *We Are More Than One Thing*, brought generations together in a meaningful collaboration with students from Noble Academy and B'nai Shalom Day School. Participants used collage and conversations to explore the topic of personal identity with one another.

JFS has also introduced Jews in Recovery (JIR), a support group led by Sheilagh



Harrington, Licensed Clinical Social Worker. While many local recovery groups are rooted in non-Jewish traditions, JIR provides a safe and inclusive space, welcoming individuals at any point on their Jewish journey.

Menopause is among the top subjects community members ask JFS to address. That's why the Mental Health and Wellness Series will be offering a comprehensive workshop that addresses the mental and physical health impacts of menopause, along with updated treatments for middle-aged women who are too often neglected.

In the wake of rising anxiety and uncertainty within the LGBTQ+ community, JFS is taking action to support those who feel unsettled. By working with LGBTQ+ partners, JFS will be offering programming aimed at supporting individuals and families struggling to navigate these difficult times.

Caregivers and parents can also look forward to dedicated programs as part of the JFS Mental Health & Wellness Series, along with many other events and resources too numerous to name. To stay informed about all that the JFS Mental Health and Wellness Series has to offer, visit the events calendar at [jfsgreensboro.org](http://jfsgreensboro.org), and be sure to subscribe to the e-newsletter.



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## JFS HONORS VOLUNTEERS with Luncheon and Awards



### Wherever You Go, There They Are by Annabelle Gurwitch

A hysterically funny and slyly insightful new collection of essays from *New York Times* bestselling author Annabelle Gurwitch, about her own family of scam artists and hucksters, as well as the sisterhoods, temporary tribes, and cults who have become surrogates along the way.

When Annabelle Gurwitch was a child, she was surrounded by a cast of epically dysfunctional relatives. A family of bootleggers, gamblers, and philanderers, the Gurwitches have always been a bit vague on the standard ideal of a loving and supportive family. Their definition includes people you can count on to borrow money from, hold a grudge against, or blackmail. One day, unfortunately, Gurwitch woke up to realize that she'd made similar, if not identical, mistakes as everyone else before her—just in a new zip code. Wherever she went, there they were.

*Wherever You Go, There They Are* is available to borrow at The Greensboro Jewish Library, along with a vast collection of other publications relating to the Jewish experience. JFS thanks the Jewish Book Council, PJ Library, private donors, and especially Arlene Henza for maintaining this valuable resource. For more information, visit [jfsgreensboro.org](http://jfsgreensboro.org) or email [library@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:library@shalomgreensboro.org).

## A TASTE OF TRADITION: Celebrating Passover with Seniors



Volunteers also assembled and delivered 75 Passover gift bags to local seniors in facilities and in private homes.

Jewish Family Services, Beth David Synagogue, and Temple Emanuel partnered to host the annual Senior Passover Seder this spring, bringing the community together for a truly meaningful experience. Guests shared a delicious meal and took part in the Seder, led by Rabbis Andy Koren and Grace Gleason. Beautiful music was provided by Mitchel Sommers.

Thank you to the volunteers and generous sponsor, Arosa Management, for making this special gathering possible.



Volunteers Erica Herman, Inez Elliott, Brenda Henly, Dr. Deborah Schoenhoff, Melody Glick, and Vivian Sheidler



At an appreciation luncheon held this spring, JFS recognized and celebrated the vital contributions of its volunteers. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of the organization, offering their time, talent, and compassion to support the Greensboro Jewish community.

**The 2025 JFS Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Lon Tytell, in recognition of his selfless service and deep commitment to Jewish values.** He was recognized with a commemorative pin, which he now proudly wears on his ball cap. Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to:



Lon Tytell 2025 JFS Volunteer of the Year

- **AJ Lefkowitz**, for volunteering the most frequently throughout the year
- **Paula Justice**, for contributing the most volunteer hours
- **Steve Scheck**, for being the volunteer most likely to smile, bring laughter, and even *serpentine!*

Interested in becoming a JFS volunteer? Contact Jamie Schleuning at [jschleuning@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:jschleuning@shalomgreensboro.org) or call (336) 852-4829 x227.



## THE UNTOLD STORIES OF WWII with Dr. Rick Schneid



Jewish Family Services was honored to host Dr. Rick Schneid, Herman and Louise Smith Professor of History at High Point University, for the *New Perspectives on WWII* program.

Drawing from 80 years of post-war analysis, Dr. Schneid explored new findings that challenge long-held beliefs about the war. Following the lecture, questions from attendees sparked thoughtful discussions, making the event both educational and engaging.

# THE VOLUNTEER EFFECT:



Dr. David Gutterman, PhD

Securing a meeting with Dr. David Gutterman, Clinical Psychologist at LeBauer HealthCare, is not easy lately.

“My schedule runs a little tight these days,” he says with a laugh.

Since the start of 2025, Dr. Gutterman has seen a significant uptick in patients seeking therapeutic help for anxiety. Patients cite rising political tension, ongoing global conflicts, and an uncertain future as key reasons for their stress—sometimes, the only reasons.

“It’s unbelievable,” he says. “I’ve been practicing for 40 years, and I’ve never seen anything like this. And all my colleagues are saying the same thing.”

So, what does Dr. Gutterman advise his patients to do in times like this?

“Go outside,” he says. “Get involved in something. Instead of sitting back and watching the news and getting an ulcer, find something you can do which speaks to you, that can make a difference in the world around you. In times of trauma, volunteerism can be very healing.”

There are multiple reasons why this is the case, he says. Firstly, volunteering can help alleviate social isolation, which can be extremely damaging to human health. It also helps people who are struggling with their work or home life step away from those challenges, and focus their attention outwards, instead.

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Finally, it contributes to something which psychologists have long known that humans need to be happy—a sense of purpose. “Having a direction, a reason for being, is vitally important for mental health,” Dr. Gutterman says. “In our day-to-day jobs, we might serve people, but we don’t necessarily serve a ‘greater good.’ When we can find a way to do that, it adds another dimension of fulfillment altogether.”

Michele Gordon, a longtime volunteer for Jewish Family Services, has a phrase for this phenomenon: “warm fuzzies.” In her 15 years volunteering for JFS, Gordon has done a bit of everything, from manning the front desk, to helping coordinate events. For the past couple of years, she led a group of volunteers as they cleaned inpatient hospice facilities for AuthoraCare Collective during Mitzvah Day.

“I really enjoy doing it. It makes me feel so good, to feel

like I’m doing my part to make the world a better place. Like, I’m leaving things a little better than when I found them,” she says.

Gordon’s career was service-oriented, as well. Before retiring, she was a school librarian, helping children access books and information. She has continued to help children by delivering food for Backpack Beginnings, a Greensboro nonprofit which gives resources to underserved families. She says that, while she primarily volunteers to help others, she finds it to be a rejuvenating experience, especially during difficult times.

“If I’m having a bad day, or if I’m a little off, when I go help someone else or deliver food to a school, everyone is so appreciative. That’s what life is all about, it’s being there for one another and helping one another. Like I said, it gives me warm fuzzies. It’s uplifting,” she says.

Lon Tytell is another seasoned volunteer who has devoted both his working life and his free time to helping others. During his career, he served in the military reserves and taught elementary school. In his off-hours, he volunteered with the Jaycees and Lion’s Club. In 2017, he moved from Warwick, NY to Greensboro, and has since helped Jewish Family Services, the Greensboro Jewish Federation, and Temple Emanuel with various service projects.

“Here’s what it does,” he says. “It gets me outside. It cures any depression. Plus, it also helps other people, who may also be depressed. So, it’s a two-way street. And it’s good for both of us.”

While living in Warwick, Tytell helped raise money for people with muscular dystrophy; helped fund a scholarship for local high school students; and organized a program which helped underprivileged children purchase clothing and toys during the Christmas holidays.

Most incredibly, he helped raise money for a device that would eventually save his own life.

“In 1978, representatives for the fire department, ambulance, and police came to our Jaycee meeting and said, ‘We need help raising money for this new device called the Jaws of Life, that can extricate people from car accidents.’ It took us about three years, but we got that



Michele Gordon with her volunteer team at AuthoraCare in 2024

# THE HEALING POWER OF HELPING OTHERS

Jaws of Life. And it saved a lot of people,” he says.

“Well, fast forward to November 2005. I was in an auto accident. And those same representatives from the ambulance, fire and police were there, and they helped extricate me from my car, saving my life with that machine.”

This story, he says, illustrates another benefit of volunteering: it helps one witness the tremendous amount of good that exists in the world.

“There’s just so many wonderful people out there,” he says. “You can’t be discouraged by negative news. You have to look at the positive, about how people all around you are willing to step up to make a difference.”

When asked whether he has witnessed a decline in general goodwill over the course of his long life, Tytell is optimistic. “I don’t think that’s the case. I think people actually help more, because they’re more aware of what’s going on,” he says.

“Find the joy and the optimism all around you.”

Michele Gordon agrees.

“You’ve got to be hopeful. Find the joy and the optimism all around you. You know, one of the things I do is deliver food to our clients at JFS. You can just stop and have a conversation with them, and get to know them a little better. It just makes you feel good. It’s that connection with people, it’s being part of a community.”

So, what’s the best advice for someone who wants to start volunteering?

According to Dr. Gutterman: follow your heart.

“I recommend doing something which you feel a great passion for. Not something your neighbor or friend likes, but something that’s going to really touch you, personally. Try different things until you find something that really speaks to you,” he says.

As for Tytell, his advice is simple: don’t go it alone.

“All of these things that I’ve told you about, that wasn’t just me by myself,” he says. “You do it together. One person alone can help a little, but when you do it as a team, you can do a tremendous amount of good.”



Lon Tytell at Mitzvah Day 2025

## ON THE COVER

The Greensboro Jewish Federation staff and volunteers spent a meaningful Sunday in Western NC with NECHAMA – Jewish Response to Disaster, helping those still recovering from Hurricane Helene. Together, we painted, sanded, mudded, and taped—cheered on by Oba, NECHAMA’s beloved canine crew member.

## DISCOVER THE JOYS OF GIVING BACK



Looking for a meaningful way to give back, connect with others, and strengthen your sense of purpose? The Greensboro Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Services offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities designed not just to help others, but to enrich your own life in the process.

Whether you can allocate an hour or a day, the time you spend volunteering can make a real difference, and leave you feeling connected and inspired. Help pack and distribute food at the David D. Frazier Food Pantry at JFS; deliver care packages to older adults; or provide transportation for community members in need. Volunteers are also needed to make friendly visits and phone calls to seniors—small acts of kindness that create meaningful relationships and lasting impact.

If you love organizing, planning, or working with others, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Federation programs like Partnership2Gether, PJ Library, and the Triad Jewish Film Festival offer a sense of connection and purpose, while helping shape the future of Jewish life in Greensboro.

Volunteering isn’t just about service, it’s about community, personal growth, and belonging. Whether you’re looking to meet new people, give back, or just feel more involved, there’s a place for you! To explore opportunities at the Federation, visit [shalomgreensboro.org](http://shalomgreensboro.org). To learn more about volunteering at JFS, contact Jamie Schleuning at (336) 852-4829 x227 or [jschleuning@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:jschleuning@shalomgreensboro.org).



## YOUR PERSONAL PHILANTHROPY

The Jewish Foundation of Greensboro has grown dramatically to over \$104 million in assets in Donor Advised, Designated, and Affiliate Funds. The Foundation holds funds, not just for individuals and organizations in the Greensboro Jewish community, but also for 25 affiliates, including the Federations of Raleigh-Cary and Roanoke, Virginia. In 2024, the Foundation distributed over \$8 million on behalf of its fund holders to 456 charitable organizations, both Jewish and secular.

While the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro offers a full range of philanthropic services, one of these services, a **Donor Advised Fund**, can **significantly simplify all your charitable giving**. A Donor Advised Fund is a special fund that offers the benefits of immediate tax advantages; the flexibility to recommend how your charitable dollars are spent; and the convenience of professional management services.

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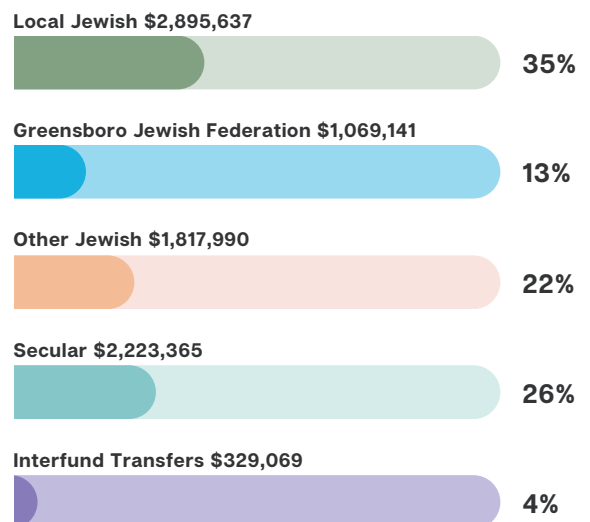
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The Foundation hopes that you will consider establishing a Donor Advised Fund for your charitable giving. For more information about Donor Advised Funds, please call Foundation Executive Director Susan R. Gutterman, JD, at (336) 852-0099, or e-mail her at [SGutterman@JewishFoundationNC.org](mailto:SGutterman@JewishFoundationNC.org).

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Alina Spaulding and Nichol Walters with Noga Hila Motana, Aamit Yagur, and JAFI escort Dorit Zini



Members of the Greensboro community at the Lunch & Learn with P2G Shlichim

# YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK: Partnership2Gether Brings Israel to Greensboro



This spring, the Federation welcomed guests through the Partnership2Gether (P2G) program, a global “sister city” initiative by JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel). Greensboro is part of a Southeastern U.S. network that connects Jewish communities in North Carolina and nearby states with partners in the Czech Republic and Israel’s Hadera-Eiron region.

First, visitors Noga Hila Motana and Aamit Yagur, from the Hadera-Eiron region, explored Greensboro. They visited the *Women of the Shoah* Holocaust memorial, participated in a Purim *hamantaschen* baking event at Chabad Jewish Center of Greensboro, and spoke at Federation’s March 2 event, *P2G Voices from Hadera-Eiron*, sharing how the events of October 7 have impacted their lives in Israel.

The Federation was also pleased to welcome this year’s P2G *Shlichim* (Israeli Emissaries) as part of JAFI’s 2025 Road Tour Across the SE. Ziv Shemesh, Tal Bahar, and Ofer Musan were treated to a packed itinerary, including a guided tour of Greensboro; a Lunch & Learn with Temple Emanuel’s Rabbi Koren; a visit to B’nai Shalom Day School; a meet-and-greet at Beth David Synagogue; and an ice cream social in Friendly Center.

“It was such a gift to be able to spend the day with these fantastic people,” said Federation Outreach and Engagement Manager, Nichol Walters, who coordinated the events. “I am thankful to be part of a Jewish community that prioritizes these connections to Israel.”

The Federation invites you to become part of the P2G experience, whether by hosting visiting guests, joining youth exchanges, or engaging in meaningful cultural opportunities. To learn more or get involved, email Nichol Walters at [nwalters@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:nwalters@shalomgreensboro.org).

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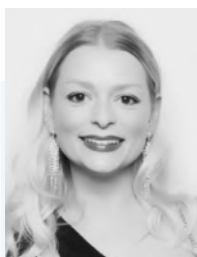
# MAKING CONNECTIONS



## 2025 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN *Lion & LOJE Luncheon*



Anna Allen



Margarita Lyadova

Greensboro's Lions of Judah gathered this spring at the O. Henry Hotel for the annual Lion and LOJE (Lions of Judah Endowment) Luncheon, a celebration of the strength and impact of women's philanthropy. The Lions of Judah are a distinguished group of philanthropic Jewish women, whose collective giving strengthens Jewish life locally and globally.

Guests heard from Anna Allen, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the JDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), the world's leading Jewish humanitarian organization. She spoke with Margarita Lyadova, a passionate JDC Entwine alumna and Ukrainian refugee who now hosts the *People Jew Wanna Know* podcast.

Together, the women discussed Lyadova's childhood in a politically turbulent Ukraine, and the critical difference that Jewish philanthropy makes for victims of war, terror, and natural disasters. Their conversation was a moving treatise on the power of giving, and the

remarkable change that marginalized groups can effect when they work together.

Lions also heard from Sheilagh Harrington, Clinical Social Worker at Jewish Family Services, Federation's largest local beneficiary. Thanks to Lions and other Federation donors, JFS is able to stock its food pantry; assist those experiencing financial crises; provide transportation for seniors; build inclusive programming for families; and provide a host of other critical services for Greensboro's most vulnerable populations.

The Federation is grateful to have had the opportunity to connect with these passionate, dedicated women who share a commitment to funding positive change. Greensboro Lions' continued support helps Federation nourish, support, and heal our local community, as well as our broader Jewish community around the globe. Federation also thanks Event Co-Chairs Debby Miller and Sue Simmons, and 2025 Campaign Co-Chair Laurie Bargebuhr.



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## A COMMUNITY IN ACTION: Highlights from Mitzvah Day 2025



Mitzvah Day 2025, held on Sunday, May 4, was a resounding success, uniting the Greensboro community in a shared mission of kindness and service. Volunteers of all ages gathered at Temple Emanuel to participate in a day filled with meaningful activities and hands-on projects, each held

at a different location nearby.

The event kicked off with registration, breakfast, and a group photo. Volunteers then headed out to take part in their various mitzvot. Some, however, stayed at the Temple to swap out tags on donation bags for A Simple Gesture, a national hunger relief organization. This small, but essential task helps support the ongoing work of the David D. Frazier Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services.

At Coronado Park, crew members rolled up their sleeves and got to work removing litter and debris from the area. A few miles away, a third team helped organize and clean the Kellin Foundation's new Hope Hub, a facility which brings a variety of service and non-profit partners together under one roof.

At AuthoraCare Collective, a local hospice and palliative care facility, volunteers tended to hospice gardens, creating serene and welcoming spaces for patients and their families. Meanwhile, volunteers at Peacehaven Community Farm made crafts and played games with residents, adults of differing abilities who often experience ostracism and isolation.

Mitzvah Day 2025 was a beautiful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together in service. Through small acts of kindness, the Greensboro Jewish community made a big difference—proving that when people pitch in with open hearts and helping hands, amazing things can happen.

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# MAKING CONNECTIONS

## MITZVAH IN THE MOUNTAINS: Volunteers put Jewish Values into Action



Greensboro Jewish Federation staff and community volunteers recently traveled to Western North Carolina to partner with NECHAMA - Jewish Response to Disaster. Together, they rolled up their sleeves and got to work sanding, mudding, taping, painting, and building in order to help a local family recovering from the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene.

The homeowners, David and Linda, have been displaced since the storm hit in September, 2024. “We are so grateful,” said Linda. “I must have filled out thousands of applications for help, but we kept getting turned down. It’s been really hard. Then, through our own volunteer work, we met someone who connected us with NECHAMA. And now, thanks to their efforts, we’re finally on the path to getting back home.”

In addition to volunteering on-site, the Federation proudly presented a generous donation to NECHAMA from the Hurricane Helene Emergency Relief Fund to support its ongoing recovery work.

A special thank-you goes out to these incredible volunteers who gave their time and energy to this effort, and who represented our Jewish community with heart and hard work: Karen Brod and her son, Meyer; Martin Fields; Jenny Kaiser; Sol Kovach; and Rachel Villalba with her daughter, Celia.

“Volunteering with NECHAMA showed me the power of community in action,” said Federation CEO Glenda Bernhardt. “In just one day, strangers became teammates, and a house moved closer to being a home again. It reminded me that even a few hours of service can have a lasting impact—and that giving back gives so much in return.”

It’s in moments like these that the power of community shines. The Greensboro Jewish Federation is committed to helping those in need, and welcomes everyone who wants to make a difference. Together, we’re working to make life better for those who need it most.



CEO Glenda Bernhardt and President Jenny Kaiser with homeowners





Sabine Spaulding, Dov Gordon (Jewish National Fund-USA), Shabbos Kestenbaum, Glenda Bernhardt, Alina Spaulding, and Jenny Kaiser

## COURAGE ON CAMPUS: Facing Antisemitism Head-On



Shabbos Kestenbaum

The Greensboro Jewish Federation, in partnership with the Jewish National Fund-USA, hosted an important and impactful event this spring titled *STANDING STRONG: Combating Antisemitism, Empowering Leaders*. The event was headlined by Shabbos Kestenbaum, the lead plaintiff in a landmark case against Harvard University that challenges systemic antisemitism within academic spaces.

As a frequent media contributor and congressional witness, Shabbos has been an outspoken advocate for Jewish students. His personal experiences and commitment to fighting for Jewish student rights make him a key figure in the battle against campus antisemitism.

In his remarks, Shabbos shared firsthand accounts from his journey of fighting for justice at Harvard. His words resonated deeply with the audience, offering inspiration and hope for those working to create a more inclusive and respectful environment for all students.

The event also featured a panel discussion with Sabine Spaulding, a young Greensboro Zionist preparing for college, and her mother, Alina. Sabine reflected on how the intersection of her Jewish identity and her support for Israel has shaped her college aspirations. Her unique and thought-provoking perspective provided a powerful look at the challenges Jewish students face as they navigate higher education in today's climate.

Sabine's story was a poignant reminder of the resilience that is necessary to stand strong in the face of adversity. Her message underscored the importance of education, community, and advocacy when it comes to ensuring that future generations of Jewish students can pursue their aspirations without fear of discrimination or bias.

It was an evening of solidarity, shared experiences, and actionable steps to combat antisemitism in all its forms. The Greensboro Jewish Federation and Jewish National Fund-USA remain committed to providing platforms for Jewish voices and empowering individuals to confront injustice wherever it arises.

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## BEST WISHES to Michele Perrell



Michele Perrell

After more than 10 years at the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Michele Perrell is stepping down from her role as Director of Finance and Human Resources.

She will take a few months to help care for her newest grandchild, and then pursue part-time opportunities that will allow her to spend more time with family. She plans to fill her downtime with grandchildren, gardening, traveling, and friends.

During Michele's tenure, she expertly managed Federation and JFS finances, and exerted a calm presence that helped the entire team stay focused. She was a steady force behind the wheel during technology integrations, staff changes, and the Covid-19 pandemic, among other things.

"The thing I will miss most about working here is the people," she said. "The staff and community here are some of the most dedicated, generous, and intelligent colleagues I have worked with!"

Federation staff will miss Michele's kindness, compassion, and commitment to the organization's mission. The team wishes her much happiness and good health in the years ahead.



# SECURING OUR COMMUNITY: The Role of TVRAs in Greensboro



Bruce Gourlie

In September 2024, The Secure Community Network appointed Bruce Gourlie as the Regional Security Advisor for Central North Carolina. Since then, he has been hard at work overseeing the security of more than 36,500 Jewish residents.

In the past quarter, Gourlie conducted Threat Vulnerability Risk Assessments (TVRAs) to evaluate security at both Temple Emanuel and Beth David Synagogue. These assessments are a foundational component in the process of securing federal support through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. This program provides security enhancement funding to nonprofit organizations which are at high risk of an extremist attack.

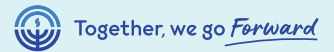
“My number one priority is keeping our community safe,” Gourlie said. “I see the TVRA as a blueprint for peace of mind. It helps us understand our risks—and how to reduce them.”

In addition to conducting TVRAs, Gourlie has taken many other steps to keep Jewish people in Greensboro safe. To read more about the latest security updates, please visit the Safety & Security section of the Federation website at [shalomgreensboro.org](http://shalomgreensboro.org).



The Greensboro Jewish Federation has launched a new **Incident Reporting Form** at [shalomgreensboro.org](http://shalomgreensboro.org). This secure, confidential tool allows you to quickly report antisemitic incidents, suspicious activities, or safety concerns.

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**RugLife** features the work of contemporary artists using rugs as an inventive medium to address a range of cultural topics, from housing and the environment to technology and global politics. These artists explore the complexity of our contemporary world through an ancient form, mixing traditional patterns and motifs with popular imagery. Simultaneously, they reimagine the form of the rug itself by making the familiar object not only from the woven yarns we might expect, but also such surprising materials as video, hair combs, and plastic furniture.

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## Kosher Comforts and Connections: THE GLOBAL REACH OF CHABAD



*Tikkun olam* is typically viewed as the imperative for social justice and general acts of kindness. However, in its older context, as seen in the Aleinu Prayer, it is “to

fix the world in the kingdom of G-d.” In other words, it is the mandate to extend G-dly awareness to every part of the world.

In the past seven decades, Chabad has accomplished this to an incredible degree. With centers in well over 100 countries and all 50 states, Chabad provides a consistent and visible Jewish presence worldwide.

For many travelers visiting Greensboro, Chabad provides a lifeline of kosher food, prayer services, and Shabbat accommodations.

“People from all over the world come here and bring me regards from their Chabad rabbi back home,” said Rabbi Yosef Plotkin, who founded Chabad of Greensboro with his wife, Rebbetzin Hindy Plotkin, in 2008. “When they come and find a welcoming Chabad community here, they feel that we are all one Jewish family. We may live oceans apart and speak different languages, but that which connects us is greater than that which appears to separate us.”

The dynamic works the other way around, as well, with Greensboro residents connecting with Chabad Houses around the world. While the majority of Chabad Houses, like Greensboro’s, are primarily community organizations, there are some that are primed specifically to serve travelers, especially Israeli backpackers.

“Whenever I travel, I always seek out Chabad,” said Dina Wiesen (Ackerman). “It does not matter when I go—I am always greeted with a smile, a warm kosher meal, and a Jewish atmosphere that reminds me of home.”

From Capetown to Calgary, and from Greensboro to Glasgow, there are Chabad Houses cultivating attentiveness to G-d’s presence.

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**“We may live oceans apart and speak different languages, but that which connects us is greater than that which appears to separate us.”**

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Representatives from Kellin Foundation at Temple Emanuel's Jewish Festival

## Mental Health Partnership Begins at TEMPLE EMANUEL



Social Action and *tikkun olam* are at the heart of Reform Judaism, and central to the mission of Temple Emanuel Greensboro.

In 2025, the Temple's Social Action Committee began a partnership with Greensboro's Kellin Foundation with the *kavanah* (purpose) of addressing one of the most serious issues of our time: mental health.

The Kellin Foundation has a 12-year history of providing mental health services in Greensboro. Based on the belief that all individuals should have access to the care they need to be safe and well, Kellin's mission is to strengthen resilience through trauma-informed behavioral health services, which are offered free of charge to those in need. This mission is achieved through counseling and peer support services, as well as through outreach and educational programs offered to children, families, adults, and communities.



Temple Emanuel will help contribute to Kellin's Hope Hub, which provides access to multiple non-profit partners, all under one roof. Temple's Social Action Co-chair, Pete Hitchcock, explained how convenient

this model is for those in need. “Someone coming for counseling can also address food insecurity and housing concerns, and be connected to tutoring, or several other services,” he said. “When multiple services are co-located under one roof, individuals in need can just walk down the hall, rather than having to drive around town to access support.”

Kellin's Chief Program Officer, Lylan Wingfield, spoke from Temple's bimah during a special Shabbat Service this March, sharing information about the organization's mission and its work with the congregation. Kellin Representatives also joined Temple Emanuel's Jewish Festival to participate in a fabulous service project, assembling kits of soothing sensory toys for individuals struggling with mental health challenges.

Working with Kellin, the Temple will be involved with mental health education and activities for all ages, and will promote opportunities for volunteering and advocacy. Temple Emanuel is grateful to be able to partner with Kellin in its journey to provide support to as many members of our greater community as possible.



# Teaching Compassion Through Experience at B'NAI SHALOM DAY SCHOOL

Student Mason Richardson at the National Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, AL

Each week, 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students at B'nai Shalom Day School engage in virtual learning with the Jewish Education Alliance Program, a collaboration of students from small Jewish day schools across the country. This unique program allows students to connect with peers beyond their own community, while exploring

meaningful topics. At the end of each school year, students embark on an experiential learning trip that brings their studies to life.

This year, B'nai Shalom sixth graders journeyed to Alabama, a place deeply intertwined with the Civil Rights Movement. The state is home to numerous historic landmarks that have played a pivotal role in the fight for racial justice. Visiting these sites firsthand allowed

students to move beyond textbooks, and truly experience the weight of history. "It's one thing to talk and learn about the Civil Rights Movement, but another to fully experience these places in person," explained Sarah Cronin, School Counselor and trip chaperone.

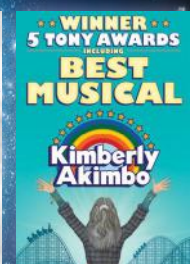
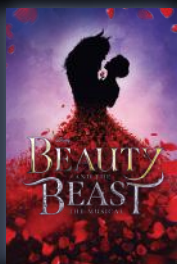
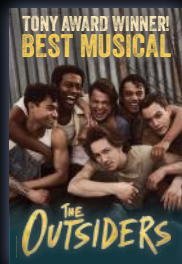
One of the most impactful moments of the trip occurred when students visited the National Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, which honors individuals whose lives were lost due to racial violence. Students were especially moved when they discovered a memorial dedicated to someone from their own home county, Guilford County. The moment reinforced the idea that the fight for justice is not just a chapter in history—it is ongoing, and relevant to their own lives.

By immersing students in these real-world experiences, B'nai Shalom Day School goes beyond traditional education, empowering young minds to become compassionate, engaged citizens who strive to make the world a better place.

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## Lighting a Candle of Hope: ISRAEL'S HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



The Greensboro Jewish community gathered at Beth David Synagogue on the evening of April 23 to observe Yom HaShoah, Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day. Official observances began after sundown with lighting of candles, followed by a solemn ceremony marking 80 years since the defeat of Nazi Germany and the liberation of its death camps.

The memorial honored the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, as well as the survivors, the brave rescuers, and those who resisted the Nazi regime. Attendees heard a powerful story of resilience from guest speaker Judi Magier, who shared the moving testimony of her father, a Holocaust survivor. Through her words, Magier brought his experiences to life, honoring his courage and the resilience of a generation that lived through one of history's darkest chapters.

Prayers were led by Rabbi Grace Gleason, Rabbi Fred Guttman, and Rabbi Amy Hertz. Rabbi Hertz concluded the evening with *A Prayer for Yom HaShoah*, written by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z"l, which reads in part:

"We remember what happens when... humanity fails to recognize that those who are not in our image, are nonetheless in G-d's image... We remember and give thanks for the righteous of the nations who saved lives, often at risk of their own, teaching us how in the darkest night, we can light a candle of hope."

May the memory of those who perished be a blessing, and may the courage of survivors and rescuers continue to inspire us.



## Staying "Good Busy" AT BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE



The late U.S. Congressman and civil rights activist John Lewis would call it "good trouble." At Beth David Synagogue, congregants have been staying "good busy."

Whether it was helping relocate refugees, cleaning up the Carolina mountains after the wrath of Hurricane Helene, or building bicycles in Greensboro to provide people with transportation, Beth David congregants were eager to do mitzvot and works of *tikkun olam*.

The synagogue has recently initiated a refugee support committee to assist four newly-arrived neighbors from Venezuela. "Supporting immigrants is an important tenet of our tradition," said Beth David Rabbi Grace Gleason. "We hope we will be able to expand this important effort at Beth David as more people join our *Tzedek* support team." The committee had 50 people sign up during its initial outreach.

This winter, thousands of pounds of food and survival supplies were collected during Beth David's Western Carolina relief project. In addition, many Beth David Hebrew School students and families worked with NECHAMA to physically help mountain communities devastated by Hurricane Helene.

"It was enlightening," said ninth-grade participant



Beth David teens and families volunteered to help victims of Hurricane Helene

Micah Avital. "It was great to see that the efforts of such a small group could get so much work done. We've talked about *tikkun olam* at home; it was another thing to see it really come out."

Beth David's students also built bicycles at Barber Park's Community Bike Shop, in Greensboro,

for clients in need. "Building bikes was a great way to give back to the community in a unique way," said eighth-grade participant Eliza Grim. "It really showed how much community members need one another."

In addition to all this, Beth David helped register voters; wrapped Christmas presents during the Greensboro Police Department's Operation Yuletide; collected food for A Simple Gesture; supported the city's only Jewish Girl Scout Troop; hosted a well-attended roundtable discussion on reproductive rights; packed items for women in need; and much more.

In fact, with so much going on at Beth David, it's hard to list it all here. Readers are therefore invited to come join the action, and see it all for themselves!

Jonah Wolf,  
Ethan Gers,  
Shaina Luft, and  
Jake Bernhardt



## Greensboro Teens Elected to Key Leadership Roles at BBYO



Over the past two years, Greensboro BBYO has experienced remarkable growth, becoming one of the Eastern Region's most

vibrant and fast-growing communities. With a surge in membership, expanded programming, and a strong sense of community, Greensboro teens are stepping into leadership roles and shaping a powerful Jewish teen experience.

"This growth is a testament to the passion and commitment of our teens, advisors, and community partners," said Zack Tabachnikoff, Eastern Region BBYO Regional Director. "We're especially grateful to be a proud beneficiary of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, whose support has helped send dozens of teens to conventions and fund exciting, elevated local programming. Greensboro BBYO is thriving—and we couldn't be prouder."

Local teen leadership is also reaching new heights, with several Greensboro teens recently elected to serve on the Eastern Region BBYO board:

- **Jake Bernhardt, Regional AZA Moreh** (Membership)
- **Ethan Gers, Regional AZA Mekesher** (Growing & Supporting Small Chapters)
- **Shaina Luft, Regional BBG Mekesheret** (Growing & Supporting Small Chapters)
- **Jonah Wolf, NC Council AZA Godol** (President)

"I am beyond excited to say that I am one of four members recently elected to Eastern Region's regional board for BBYO!" shared Shaina Luft. "I am forever grateful for the close-knit Jewish community that Greensboro has given us! I can't wait to see what the future holds in Eastern Region BBYO!"

With strong momentum and a dedicated community behind them, Greensboro BBYO is setting a new standard for teen engagement, leadership, and impact.

For more information, contact Zack at [Ztabachnikoff@bbyo.org](mailto:Ztabachnikoff@bbyo.org) or explore everything BBYO has to offer locally and beyond at [bbyo.org](http://bbyo.org).



## The Women of the Shoah Docent Program

The Women of the Shoah Docent Program trains community members to lead engaging tours of "She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots," the Holocaust monument in Greensboro's LeBauer Park. Participants develop comprehensive knowledge about Holocaust history and the powerful stories of the women and children depicted in the memorial. Docents join a supportive learning community with ongoing educational opportunities, deepening their understanding while honoring these important narratives through thoughtful, informative presentations to visitors of all ages.



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# COMMUNITY

## City Honors Jewish Community with HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION



Each May, communities across the United States celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, recognizing the many contributions of Jewish Americans to the fabric of our nation. This observance honors the rich history, culture, and achievements of the Jewish community in areas ranging from science and education to the arts, public service, and social justice.

For the first time, the City of Greensboro officially joined in this national celebration. In a meaningful milestone, Mayor Nancy Vaughan proclaimed May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month for the City of Greensboro. The proclamation was read aloud by Councilmember Tammi Thurm during a recent meeting of the Greensboro Jewish Federation Board of Trustees.

“This moment marks an important recognition of the Jewish community’s long-standing presence and positive impact in Greensboro,” said Federation CEO Glenda Bernhardt. “We are proud to be part of this historic first, and look forward to continuing to celebrate the contributions of our local Jewish Community throughout the year.”

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2025**



**Join the Greensboro Jewish Federation in Washington, D.C. September 2-3, 2025.**

Jewish Voices will be Amplified on Capitol Hill.

**Make sure yours is one of them.**




**SEP 2-3, 2025**

## GREENSBORO GATHERS to Commemorate and Celebrate Israel



The community joined together at Temple Emanuel for a meaningful observance of Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day, followed by a celebration of Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day.

In a powerful journey from solemn remembrance to joyful celebration, attendees honored Israel’s fallen soldiers and marked the nation’s 77th year of independence. The evening featured keynote speaker Gil Hoffman, an Israeli-American journalist and political correspondent. The event was presented in partnership by the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Beth David Synagogue, and Temple Emanuel.



### HIS 372: Southern Jewish History

Summer 2025: June 19<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>  
*online, asynchronous*

This course traces the story of Jewish southerners from Joachim Gans at the Roanoke colony to contemporary expressions of Jewish life across the American South. Together, we’ll explore questions of race, class, gender and sexuality, labor, foodways, antisemitism, politics, religion, and belonging. Cognizant that there is no single “southern Jewish experience,” this class highlights the wide range of identities, traditions, and perspectives that have emerged throughout history.

*available to audit, contact allow@uncg.edu for more info*



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### QW HAPPENINGS & NEWS

- **O. Henry LIVE JAZZ is Back!** Every Thursday from 6-9 PM in the Social Lobby. See the guest artist schedule at [ohenryhotel.com](http://ohenryhotel.com).
- **Retreats for Romantics** Book the prepackaged or custom-designed romantic getaway offerings at [ohenryhotel.com](http://ohenryhotel.com) or [proximityhotel.com](http://proximityhotel.com).
- **LIVE MUSIC Wednesdays is Back!** *AM rOdeO* (Jessica Mashburn & Evan Olson) 7 PM. [printworksbistro.com](http://printworksbistro.com).
- **Great News!** GVG & PWB Rated Top 100 in USA for Date Nights!



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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF  
GUILFORD COUNTY IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE

# annual meeting

OF THE GREENSBORO JEWISH FEDERATION,  
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, AND  
THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREENSBORO



**Thursday, June 12, 2025**  
**7 p.m. at the Federation Building**

5509C WEST FRIENDLY AVENUE, GREENSBORO, NC 27410



### FEATURING:

- Accomplishments of the Corporation
- President's Update to Membership
- Election and Installation of New Board Members
- Reception to Follow Meeting



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Thank you to Campaign Co-Chairs Gary and Laurie Bargebuhr.



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Jewish Federation

Together, we go *Forward*