THE ANNUAL JULIUS ROSENWALD MEMORIAL AWARD

Honoring the memory of Julius Rosenwald, who did so much for Chicago’s Jewish community and its institutions, this award is presented each year to the individual selected as the one who has achieved most in the advancement of the purposes of the Jewish Federation and the welfare of the Jewish community. The Award was established in 1962.

Harvey L. Miller

Harvey L. Miller served as partner and Corporate Secretary of Quill Corporation for more than 40 years until 1998 when Quill was sold to Staples. Harvey is now a partner with his brother Jack in their family of real estate. He attended the University of Illinois for a year, and then served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for a food manufacturing business and an electric supply wholesale company before his brother Jack convinced him to join him as co-owner of his new business, the Quill Office Supply Co. His brother Arnold joined the company in 1974, and together they built Quill Corporation into the preeminent direct marketer of office supplies it became.

Though his business responsibilities are many, Harvey believes in “giving back to the community”—and he does it, as he does everything else, with total commitment. Harvey has given service and leadership to the City of Hope (recipient of the COH Medical Center 1996 “Spirit of Life” Award), the Anti-Defamation League (recipient of the 1992 “Torch of Liberty” Award), the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (recipient of the National Community Service Award in 1993 and an honorary doctorate degree in 1997), and the JTS Cantorial Institute (which in 1996, in his honor, was renamed the H.L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music).

Currently, Harvey serves on the Board of The John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. The Northern Illinois Business Association, the Riverside Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped, and “The Arts and Riverwoods” add to the list of organizations Harvey has served in the past.

Harvey had been an avid scuba diver for 20+ years, with underwater photography a favorite hobby.

Married to Janice for over 68 years, they have three children (Ron, Lori, and Steve), six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

THE DAVIS, GIDWITZ & GLASSER YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

Each year, we honor those young leaders who represent an ideal of dedication and service to the Jewish community with the Chicago Jewish community’s Young Leadership Awards. These awards are presented in recognition of outstanding communal service and devotion to the causes which comprise the Jewish Federation. They are made possible through funds established by Esther P. and Abram D. Davis, Emily and Joseph L. Gidwitz, and Beatrice D. and Morris Glasser.

Jacob L. Shapiro

Jacob Shapiro is the outgoing Co-Chair of the Jewish Federation of North America’s National Young Leadership Cabinet, representing 450+ members across 70+ communities. Jacob is also the Co-Chair of JFNA’s 2024 Washington Conference. Jacob’s involvement with JUF began at age 13 with a 2001 JUF Family Mission during the Second Intifada where he saw firsthand the resilience of Israeli society in the face of adversity. After seeing the role JUF plays in supporting Israel’s development, Jacob returned home determined to contribute. Jacob became an expert in fighting the de-legitimization of Israel on college campuses through JUF’s Write On For Israel advocacy program and spent two years as the President of the pro-Israel student group at Columbia University in New York. After returning home to Chicago to pursue his MBA at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management, Jacob completed four years on JUF’s Young Leadership Division Board and was named one of Jewish Chicago – The JUF Magazine and YLD’s 36 Under 36 in 2018.

Jacob is the President of Karlst Street Capital, an innovative private investment firm focused on identifying opportunistic and exclusive real estate, private equity, and credit / specialty finance investments. Jacob serves on a variety of corporate boards and is an active investor, advisor, and mentor to entrepreneurs across the investing spectrum.

Jacob grew up in Northbrook and currently resides in Chicago with his wife Jenna, a clinical psychologist, and his daughter Emma.

Lisa Tarshis

Lisa Tarshis grew up in the Chicago area and has been involved in the Jewish community since she was young. She started participating in YLD programming after college, including Leads and Gesture. She later joined the YLD Board where she would go on to serve on the campaign team and later serve as YLD President.

Under her leadership, JUF expanded leadership opportunities for YLD participants through member at large involvement in committees. Lisa was honored as one of Jewish Chicago – The JUF Magazine and YLD’s 36 Under 36 in 2016. She is a past Chair of the Ben Gurion Society Advisory Council and proud participant of Resetting the Table’s Dialogue Across Differences program. Lisa has served on a number of JUF Committees including Community Outreach and Engagement, Scholarship, Marketing, Communications, Community Building and Jewish Continuity.

Lisa spent the last 11 years providing fundraising consulting to nonprofits across the country. She is now the Executive Director of the Primer Foundation, where she raises money to build world-class schools in low-income communities so that a student’s zip code doesn’t determine their outcome in life.

Lisa is originally from Highland Park and now lives in Deerfield with her husband, Alex, and their children, Ethan and Emily.

Eve Reingold Kleinerman

Illinois Regional Director at Sharsheret

Eve Reingold Kleinerman is the Illinois Regional Director at Sharsheret, the Jewish Breast & Ovarian Cancer Community. Sharsheret provides emotional support, mental health counseling, critical education, and financial subsidies to women and their families at risk of and facing breast cancer and ovarian cancer.

In 2019, Eve spearheaded the opening of Sharsheret’s Illinois office. Eve oversees Sharsheret’s work in Illinois and all local programmatic efforts including outreach, education, partnership development, and fundraising. Under Eve’s leadership as the founding Illinois Regional Director, Sharsheret has successfully expanded its community health education and support services in the region. She has used her unique leadership skills to channel her personal passion for the cause into a community movement towards recognizing breast and ovarian cancer as a Jewish communal issue.

Eve has taken a small staff and worked to cultivate crucial partnerships in the local community to grow the utilization of Sharsheret services.

Eve is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. In addition to her work with Sharsheret, she worked in Israel where she helped provide legal assistance both in New York and Chicago. Eve brings a personal connection to her work after her mother’s battle with breast cancer, and she hopes to bring attention to cancer education and awareness as she raises her three young daughters.

Director, Young Leadership Division at JUF

Molly Rudnick started her career as a Campaign Associate for JUF’s Young Leadership Division (YLD). Five years later, she now serves as the Director for the department. During her tenure on the team, Molly advocated for, designed, and spearheaded the first ever DEI Committee, which successfully brought in new community members to YLD leadership. Under Molly’s leadership, the DEI Committee proudly launched Peers, a program in partnership with Encompass and JUF’s Tikun Olam Volunteer Network to create a peer system so young adults with disabilities can be welcomed to and enjoy Jewish community events. In her current role, Molly also pivot-ed YLD’s Big Event Fundraiser to a new venue and format, following more than a dozen years of the annual event and two years of a hiatus during the pandemic.

On a day-to-day basis, Molly oversees the management of the YLD Board, donor cultivation, and stewardship processes, as well as oversight of YLD team events and programs designed to create positive Jewish experiences for young adults in Chicago.

Born and raised in Chicago’s Lincoln Park, Molly graduated with Bronze Tablet University Honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. in Psychology and Communication. Currently, Molly is an MBA candidate at University of Chicago Booth School of Business, with concentrations in General Management and Behavioral Science.

THE SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Named for the man who led the Jewish Federation of Chicago as its chief executive officer from 1930 until 1966, this award was inaugurated in 1987. The Award is presented each year at this time to a young person under 40 who has served with professional distinction in a Jewish communal agency in the metropolitan Chicago area for a period of one to five years. It recognizes and sustains the qualities of dedication and devotion to the Jewish community and the Jewish people, which marked Samuel A. Goldsmith’s outstanding career. The award provides a cash grant to help defray expenses for participation in a continuing education program, which will advance and enhance the awardee’s professional career and skills and/or enrich his or her Jewish knowledge.

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