



Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford Elects New Officers and Trustees

October 23, 2025 – The Foundation welcomes new Officers and Trustees. These talented leaders offer their passion, knowledge and shared commitment to help our community grow and to support activities that enrich Jewish life.

The new Officers are: Walt L. Harrison, Board Chair; I. Bradley Hoffman, Vice Chair; Rachel S. Rubin, Secretary; and Jerry Rosenstock, Treasurer. The new Trustees are: Jessica L. Fish, Jill J. Hutensky, Jason Kay; and Risa Filkoff, ex-officio, the Jewish Federation's new Board Chair.

We are grateful to our Officers Gayle Temkin, Board Chair; Gerry Goldberg, Secretary; and Elysa Graber-Lipperman, Treasurer, whose terms have now concluded. Their leadership, guidance and commitment have helped shape this organization's success. Gayle will continue serving on the board.

We also share our heartfelt thanks to Neil Kochen, who has completed his service as a Trustee – his dedication has left a meaningful mark on our community.

NEW TRUSTEES

Jessica L. Fish

Jessica is deeply committed to Jewish communal life. Jessica is a Trustee Emerita of the Jewish Community Foundation (2018–2024) and now returns to the Foundation's Board. She is already actively involved as a member of the Grants Committee and she served as Co-Chair of the 50th Mosaic Project in 2022. Jessica and her husband Michael established the Jessica and Michael Fish Family Fund in honor of the Foundation's 50th Anniversary.

Jessica has become deeply involved in the Jewish Federation's community work, including serving as a cochair of Women's Philanthropy's Pearl Society, co-chairing the CEO search committee that hired David Warren and participating on numerous committees including governance and allocations. Jessica cochaired VOICES both in 2018 and 2025, and chaired the PASC Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee. She also serves on Federation's new Women's Philanthropy Cabinet.

A Long Island native, Jessica built a successful marketing career in New York City before relocating to Connecticut with her husband Michael in 2008. Her career includes Vice President of Global Skincare Marketing at Elizabeth Arden and other marketing leadership positions at Lancôme and Estée Lauder.

Jessica is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Jessica and Michael live in Avon, where they are raising their three sons: Jordan, 16; Ryan, 14; and Brody, 11.

Jill J. Hutensky

An active community leader and volunteer, Jill returns as a Trustee of the Jewish Community Foundation. Jill joined Bank of America in 2017 to manage the Bank's philanthropy and community engagement in Greater Hartford. In that role, Jill creates and implements dynamic strategy initiatives to advance the Bank's market leadership and drive business integration and sales results. Jill collaborates with the market president and leadership team to create opportunities for employees across Bank of America, the Bank of America Private Bank and Merrill to connect with clients and prospects.

Previously, Jill spent 15 years with United Technologies Corporation in a variety of roles ranging from corporate social responsibility and community giving to sales force development, manufacturing operations and web communications.

Jill currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy and The Bushnell, where she is a member of the Governance and Marketing Committees. She also serves on the Board of Ambassadors for the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and on the Budget and Finance Committee for the MetroHartford Alliance. She has been an active community volunteer for more than 30 years and has served on committees and boards including the Center for Children's Advocacy, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, and West Hartford Public Schools.

Jill is a graduate of Northwestern University and received an MBA from the Yale School of Management. She lives in West Hartford with her husband Brad, and they have two adult sons, Jack and Will.

Jason Kay

Jason is an exemplary community leader who has been active in the Jewish community for many years. He has been involved with United Synagogue Youth (USY), a Jewish youth group affiliated with the Conservative movement, having been a local advisor in various cities as well as working regionally in New England on programming and leadership development.

In Greater Hartford, he has been involved in both formal and informal Jewish education of teenagers including as an educator at the Jewish Teen Learning Connection. Jason served as the President of the Board of Trustees and is still on the board of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford where his children attend(ed); is active at Beth El Temple where he served on numerous committees, created Shabbat morning youth programming, and runs an alternative/traditional High Holiday service; serves on the board of the Jewish Leadership Academy at the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, and has a huge passion for Walt Disney World.

His childhood interest in astronomy led him to a professional career in optical engineering. Through his work at the nonprofit Nexterra Foundation, he is involved in the development of a space telescope for the imaging of planets orbiting stars other than our sun.

Jason is a graduate of the University of Rochester and earned his master's degree and Ph.D., in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from Princeton University. Jason and his wife Arielle originally hail from Albany, NY. They live in West Hartford with their three children, Ellie, Avi and Jesse.

Risa Filkoff

An ex officio to the Foundation's Board, Risa currently serves as Board Chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, bringing her extensive leadership and nonprofit experience to the role. Her prior service on the board includes positions as General Campaign Chair and First Vice Chair.

A committed community leader, Risa is a current member and past president of Rotary, and a past president of her synagogue, Beth Shalom B'nai Israel. She recently transitioned to emeritus status after years of service on the Camp Woodstock YMCA board.

Professionally, Risa has dedicated her career to helping families, individuals and students thrive. She spent 25 years with the YMCA, including serving as Executive Director of the Indian Valley Family Y and later as Director of Development for the Greater Hartford YMCA. In addition, she devoted 17 years to a regional adult education program with an emphasis on supporting English Language Learners.

Risa and her husband Roy live in Ellington and are parents of twin sons who work in New York City, along with their daughter-in-law, and are now anticipating the arrival of their first grandchild this November.

ABOUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER HARTFORD

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford (the Foundation) was founded in 1972 with an initial gift of \$50,000. Thanks to the vision and generosity of individuals, families, businesses and organizations, past and present, the Foundation has approximately \$190 million in assets under management, 1,400 individual charitable funds, and grants approximately \$7 million annually.

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford unlocks the power of personalized and collective philanthropy to solve problems, strengthen community organizations and provide permanent support for Greater Hartford's Jewish community. The nonprofit is a proud partner to the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and a member of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. For more information, visit www.jcfhartford.org.