



**5th Annual
Community Recognition Event**

COMMUNITY
Matters

June 1, 2023



SCRANTON **CULTURAL**CENTER
at the Masonic Temple

Welcome

In 1915, concerned leaders in our community organized to coordinate the relief activities of all service organizations in existence in the Jewish community at the time and established an organization whose mission was of a philanthropic and charitable purpose and to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in the Jewish and general community. This continues to be the mission of Jewish Family Service (JFS) today and our work still embodies this philosophy.

Tonight we welcome you to our 5th Annual Community Matters Event which celebrates the mission and vision of our organization. JFS continues to strive to meet the needs of the community. Today hundreds of people turn to JFS every year to achieve well-being, health, and stability. Clients come to our agency from multiple sources such as schools, physicians, psychiatrists, community mental health centers, the court system and from other clients who have benefitted from our services. JFS addresses the clients' concerns and collaborates with our community partners and funding sources to achieve the desired outcomes and improve family functioning.

Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania is one of the primary human service agencies in northeastern Pennsylvania whose mission seeks to enhance and strengthen the quality of individual, family, and community life for all people in need and has been helping to make a positive difference serving both the Jewish and the broader community for over a century. We're all in this together as we continue to help those in need, receive the help they deserve. JFS sits on the shoulders of many and with your support we can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. A community is too heavy for anyone to carry alone. JFS thanks you for helping us, help others.



Sheila Nudelman Abdo, ACSW, LCSW
Executive Director



Deirdre Spelman, ACSW
President

Schedule

Community Matters Event Program June 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Silent Auction/ hor d' oeuvres
Specialty Food Stations

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Mike Washo

Opening Remarks Deirdre Spelman, ACSW

About our Honoree Sara E. Solfanelli

Honoree Remarks Natalie Gelb

Closing Remarks Sheila Nudelman Abdo

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dessert Reception

Music provided by
Doug Smith Jazz Trio

Silent Auction concludes at 8:45 p.m.

About JFS

Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania (JFS) is a local human service organization serving both the Jewish and broader community for over 100 years helping people with real needs who need real support.

Mission

Jewish Family Service is a human service organization which reflects the Jewish tradition of caring and compassion for all people in need. Through professional counseling, advocacy, and educational programming, our services seek to enhance and strengthen the quality of individual, family, and community life.

Vision

Jewish Family Service's goal is to help build a strong and satisfying family life. We seek to provide remedial and rehabilitative services to individuals and families whose functioning is being threatened or already deteriorating. Throughout the life cycle we will promote and preserve the dignity, self-respect, and independence of the individual to the fullest extent possible.

Accreditation

Jewish Family Service has maintained the highest national standards of professional performance as required by the Council on Accreditation.

Programs & Services

Mental Health/ Counseling Services

JFS provides confidential, professional counseling services for families, couples, individuals and families experiencing challenges in their daily life.

Older Adult Services/ Case Management

Promoting and preserving the dignity and self respect of aging individuals by assisting them and their families in making choices that foster maximum level of independence in their daily living.

Adult Guardianship of Person

Providing guardianship of person service to those individuals who have been determined by the court to be incapacitated and no longer able to make their own life decisions. Guardianship is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Kosher Meals on Wheels

Kosher Meals on Wheels provides adequate well-balanced meals delivered by JFS volunteers to individuals who need assistance preparing meals for themselves.

Mae S. Gelb Food Pantry

Established in January 2001, was developed to provide assistance with food and other necessary household items to families and individuals during times of significant financial stress.

Financial Aid/ Holiday Assistance

Short-term financial assistance for rent, utilities, food or other emergency needs is provided for individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties.

2023 Honoree



Natalie Gelb

Natalie Gelb was the Executive Director of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) from 2004 until her retirement in 2017. During her tenure, she created and served as Executive Director of Heritage Valley Partners, Inc. (HVP). Natalie was instrumental in the development of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail system.

Born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, she is a graduate of Scranton Central High School and the University of Maryland, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History, magna cum laude. She also was a licensed NASD Registered Representative and holds designations as a Certified Life Underwriter (CLU) and Long Term Care Professional (LTCP.)

Natalie is currently a member of the Boards of Keystone College, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Women in Philanthropy, and is a facilitator for the Holocaust Symposium. Natalie was recognized as the “Women of Excellence” at the SAGE Awards of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and has received the Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Award of the Scranton Area Foundation, and the Soapbox Award from the Gift of Life Foundation for her work promoting Organ Donation.

Natalie is inspired by her partner, Mike Washo, her children David, Robert, and Sara Solfanelli, her son-in-law, Aidan Sullivan, and her grandchildren, Joey, Robby, and Jenny Solfanelli.

Guest Speaker



Sara E. Solfanelli

Prior to law school, Sara was a director at Women's Campaign International (WCI), where she developed an undergraduate course at University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School focused on WCI's work to empower women in emerging democracies. After law school, she clerked for the first woman justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Sara practiced law in Boston before joining Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP as an associate in the employment and employee benefits practice group in 2007.

From 2011 to 2017, Sara served as a global HR Director for media and advertising agencies, as well as SVP, Counsel for the Americas, at WPP Group, the world's largest marketing communications network. In 2017, Sara transitioned to public service full-time and joined the Urban Justice Center as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, where she helped launch the Social Justice Accelerator, which incubates start-up and early-stage nonprofits.

Sara's passion to protect the rights of the underserved has guided her career. She helped start and has been instrumental in the success of Foundation Rwanda, which has funded the education of more than 830 children born from sexual assaults during the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi. Sara is also on the board of Stand Up! Girls and Community Resource Exchange and volunteers her time to mentor the next generation of advocates and change-makers.

Special Musical Guest



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Trio

Doug Smith - Bass
Jim Waltich - Keyboard
Tom Hamilton - Saxophone

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Natalie Gelb

**Well deserved recognition of an
extraordinary individual for all
her contributions and dedication to
what matters in our Community.**

Thank you Natalie, for all your efforts.

We are so proud of our amazing mother and grandmother, who every day teaches us by example that community matters.

Natalie has dedicated her life to building a thriving, supportive and inclusive community for us all. We love you and are so proud of you!

David, Bobby, Sara, Aidan, Joey,
Robby & Jenny





Natalie,

Congratulations!

Your hard work & dedication to your community is second to none and it sure is a better place with you in it

Representative Bridget Malloy Kosierowski



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for a well-earned
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outstanding
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NATALIE GELB



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- Mike aka Mickey

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Congratulations, Natalie.
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Northeastern Pennsylvania a better place.

I am delighted that your years of
leadership are being recognized tonight.

Alex J. Hazzouri



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In Honor of
Natalie Gelb
and the Staff & Board of JFS
for all that they do for our community.
Dovid Yehudah & Gila Fink
Natan & Rebecca Fink



Thanks to Natalie,
For All You Have Done For
The Community

Doug and Margaret Sheldon

Congratulations, Natalie!

“The smallest act of kindness is worth
more than the grandest intention.”

- Oscar Wilde

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Natalie,
Congratulations on such
a well-deserved honor!
We are so grateful for all you do for our
community and us.
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Congratulations

Natalie Gelb

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Congratulations!

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Natalie Gelb

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Mazel tov on a well
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To Natalie -
the woman with
that friendly city
heart!

Gail Dickstein

Natalie,
Congratulations
and all the
best wishes!

Sheryl & Seth Gross

A WELL DESERVED
HONOR

FOR AN
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Congratulations to
Natalie on receiving
this well deserved
honor for her service
to the community and
Jewish Family Service.

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to Natalie Solfanelli
who always helps
make a difference in
our Community

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On This Well
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Love Iris and Mike

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Natalie Gelb for being
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to Natalie
- of big heart and
bigger contribution
to Northeast PA.

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**Congratulations to
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Natalie Gelb

**Thank you for your years of service
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Congratulations
Natalie!
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Mazel Tov, Natalie! We are grateful for all you do for our community and our world! May you continue from strength to strength!
Rabbis Daniel Swartz and Marjorie Berman

Congratulations
Natalie!
Bill and Angela
Davison

Congratulations, Natalie, and thank you for all you do for our community.
Eric, Angela, Jacob, and Reece Weinberg



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The JCC staff & Board of Directors
sends warm wishes & congratulations to
Natalie Gelb



Congratulations
from
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Congratulations!

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Thank you for your lifelong
service to the community.



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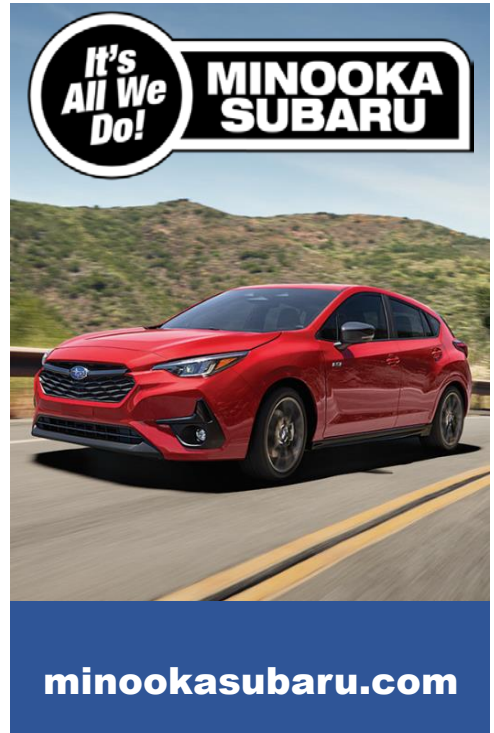
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