



**6th Annual  
Community Recognition Event**

COMMUNITY  
*Matters*

**June 19, 2024**

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# Welcome

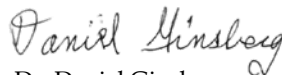
In 1915, concerned leaders in our community organized to coordinate the relief activities of all service organizations in existence in the Jewish community at the time and established an organization whose mission was of a philanthropic and charitable purpose and to improve the quality of life for individuals 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 6th 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 benefited 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



Dr. Daniel Ginsberg  
President

# Schedule

## Community Matters Event Program June 19, 2024

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Silent Auction  
Specialty Food Stations

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

**Welcome**

Chris DiMattio

**Opening Remarks**

Dr. Daniel Ginsberg

**About our Honoree**

Dr. Marilyn Weisberg Deutsch

**Honoree Remarks**

Dr. Margaret Sheldon

**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 8:15 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.

# 2024 Honoree

## Dr. Margaret Sheldon



Margaret Vogel Sheldon was born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where her parents were both deeply involved in community organization. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a degree in physics and earned a Ph.D. in biophysics at the University of Chicago. While in Chicago, she met and married her husband, Douglas Sheldon.

From 2010-2012 she served as president of the The Jewish Federation of NEPA and is currently on their executive board and chairs their investment committee. She is also the past president of the Scranton Chapter of Hadasah, Temple Israel and Webster Towers and continues to serve on the boards of The Federation, Webster Towers, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, Temple Israel and the Foundation for the Jewish Elderly of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Margaret first became aware of JFS through the Federation Young Leadership Program. Years later, she became a board member, and became more involved as the chair of the investment committee. She is currently a vice president on the executive board.

Today she also assists with vegetable and flower gardens at The Sheldon family farm in Susquehanna County and supports her husband's activities in establishing conservation practices on their property as well as his participation in the Susquehanna Forest Landowner's Association and the advisory committee to the Florence Shelley Preserve.

Finally, Margaret and Doug are proud of their greatest accomplishment: raising three wonderful sons, Joshua, Brian and Daniel. They, their spouses Jaewon (B) and Heather (D), and children Elizabeth & Abigail (J), Connor & Derek (B) and Lily & Anna (D) are active members of the communities where they live.

# Guest Speaker

## Dr. Marilyn Weisberg Deutsch



Dr. Marilyn Weisberg Deutsch, born and raised in Philadelphia, moved to Scranton in 1981 after she and her late husband, Henri, completed their doctorates in Clinical Psychology. Marilyn immediately embraced the Scranton Community. Aside from being in private practice, developing and teaching courses at Marywood University and Penn State Worthington campus, she was active in several local and national non-profit organizations.

While in Scranton, she was on the Board of Directors at Jewish Family Service, Elan Gardens, Temple Hesed, The Jewish Home, Scranton Counseling Center, Easter Seals, Head Start, and founded The Lupus Foundation of NEPA, and The Autoimmune Center. She was a “regular” on WHY? Ask the Doctor Program, did parenting programs for Catholic TV, and was the consulting psychologist for The Lackawanna County Child Sexual Abuse Team, School Districts, United Cerebral Palsy and The Commonwealth Medical School.

Currently, aside from babysitting for her newborn grandchild, Marilyn is on Staff at The Rector Clinical Skills Center at Thomas Jefferson Medical School, and volunteers as a Hospital Clown at Jefferson Hospital and St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children.

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



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*Marilyn, Jonathan, Justin  
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for more than a century.

Our thanks to  
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Margaret Sheldon

**The Sheldon Family**

# Congratulations Margaret

*Jim and Patty  
Alperin*

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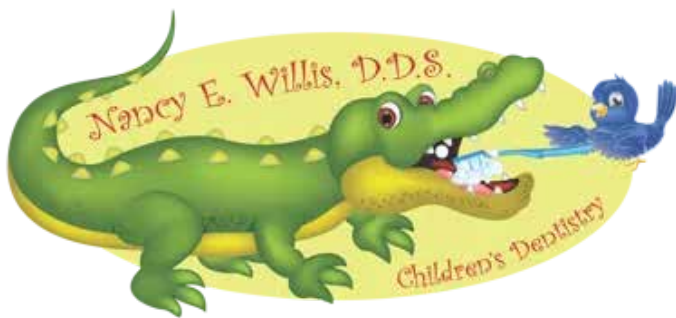


**To a Shining Star!**

**Sondra and Morey  
Myers**

*Congratulations  
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your continuing service,  
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Thank you, Margaret, for dedicating  
your many talents to our community.

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