



# Maine Jewish Museum

CELEBRATING MAINE'S JEWISH ART, HISTORY AND CULTURE IN A RESTORED 1921 SYNAGOGUE

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Dear Friends of the Maine Jewish Museum;

As we quickly approach 2023, we want to take a moment to celebrate 2022 and all we accomplished with your support! Dawn LaRochelle joined us as ED and we are constantly thrilled by her energy, creativeness and ability to generate enthusiasm in all that she does. Under Dawn's guidance we once again began holding live events at the Museum attended by so many of you. From hosting the Opera of the Diary of Anne Frank, to the Ukrainian Photo exhibit and panel discussion, to the Violins of Hope Exhibition and concert, we were so grateful for all your support and good wishes.

Now, as we look forward to 2023, we also want to recognize the lifeblood of any nonprofit organization, our Board of Directors, listed to the left. Without the tireless efforts of these wonderful people, we could not accomplish much of what we do. We particularly want to recognize three Board members who will be leaving the Board at the end of the year. Aaron Shapiro was a founding Board member of the Maine Jewish Museum 13 years ago and has tirelessly served the board as its Treasurer and Vice President. His main passion and focus over these years has been our renowned Art Exhibitions which he helped establish. Aaron will be greatly missed for his insights, wise counsel, steadying influence, humor and good nature. Abe Peck joined the Board in 2019 and has co-chaired the Art and Exhibition Committee and co-chaired the Programming Committee. Abe's insight, knowledge of history and ability to connect with others served the Board well during his tenure. Lee Goldberg has been on the Board since 2018 and played a big role in establishing the Maine Jewish Hall of Fame Exhibit which he narrates. Lee will continue to perform that role as a new member of the Hall Of Fame Planning Committee.

**In recognition of all that they have done, this Annual Appeal is being conducted in their honor.**

You can contribute by clicking this link: <https://mainejewishmuseum.org/donate/> or by returning the envelope provided with this letter along with a check.

We are grateful to you, our friends, for your steadfast support over these past 13 years! The Maine Jewish Museum is a unique institution, a link between both past and contemporary Jewish life.

We are a vibrant resource to the community: the Spiegel Art Gallery offering the best of art world luminaries, the Fineberg community center where all are welcome, a restored building holding a rich history of Maine's Jewish past, an educational facility utilized by school groups, individuals and organizations, a Portland attraction receiving visitors from all over the world, a location for lectures, music, and live theater.

In the coming year, we plan to continue our mission of fostering understanding and dialogue between diverse groups and to expand our programming in a way that is beneficial to the community at large. In the service of accomplishing these goals, and to honor Aaron, Abe and Lee, we ask that you contribute this holiday season!

Thank you so much, Steve Brinn

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of The Maine Jewish Museum