

JHSFC President's Award
Shelly Hanan and Goldy Rosen

It is now my pleasure to present the JHSFC President's Award. The President's Award was introduced by Eva Weller, President of JHS to recognize members for outstanding service to the Society. On January 31, 2016, Eva Weller honored Leah Tillman for Extraordinary Service to Archives, Collections & Projects.

Today, June 3, 2020, I would like to present the President's Award for Outstanding Service and Support to The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County to Shelly Hanan for Outstanding Service to the Society as Volunteer Comptroller and to Goldy Rosen for Outstanding Archival Support through Organizational and Design Initiatives.

Who is Shelly Rosen? Shelly was originally from Brooklyn, but grew up in Queens. Shelly lived in Washington, DC for twenty years before she settled in Connecticut, on the recommendation of a college friend. While in Washington, she served as Comptroller for B'nai Brith. She also ran a small specialty clothing store named "Live from New York." Since she has been in Connecticut she has continued to work with both numbers and fashion. We recruited Shelly after meeting her daughter, who works locally for Indeed. Shelly now knows where every penny is at JHSFC! Shelly is known for her big smile and her gorgeous red hair.

Who is Goldy Rosen? Goldy is originally from Brooklyn. She lived in Manhattan and worked in a commercial art studio in Manhattan. You can see evidence of Goldy's commercial art talent in the JHSFC display case near the front door of the JCC, which she designs and decorates. She moved to Stamford and worked as a legal secretary for 28 years. Goldy literally retired one day and walked into the JHSFC Archives to volunteer – almost the next day! Her outstanding organizational and Archival skills have begun to transform the Archives. Goldy now knows where everything is! Goldy is known for her special love of Lord and Taylor and is a diehard Mets fan!

On Shabbat, it's traditional for women to have a special blessing – Eshet Chayil – recited over them by those with whom they share their lives. So today, I offer a modern, liberal rendition of this blessing to Shelly and Goldy.

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The ESHET CHAYIL for Women of Valor

You are like mothers of generations

You women of valor,

You are precious in the gifts that you have given to our Society.

We have found trust and truth in your gifts.

We follow in patterns that you teach us.

You are robed in strength and dignity,

and you smile at the future.

You opens your mouth with wisdom,

and the teaching of kindness is on your tongue.

We benefit and learn from your wisdom.

May you always be credited

for the fruit of your labor and your achievements.

May you live on in good health, happiness, and glory.

Congratulations to Shelly Hanan and Goldy Rosen! I can see congrats in the chat.