

Among them was her decision to become a nurse, her memories of living in Israel, and a particularly memorable experience of sitting directly in front of Golda Meir during the Israeli Prime Minister's CJF GA, the Prime Minister's final speaking engagement on US soil.

Rachel also fondly recalled hosting Yitzhak Rabin, z"l, and his bodyguard in their home when he highlighted the Houston Jewish Book Fair which she co-chaired.

Among her many achievements, Rachel is proud of her lifesaving work with JFS Project Chessed, an initiative that provided vital compassionate access to health care to 1,300 low-income uninsured individuals through the generous pro-bono care of 700 Jewish doctors in the Detroit metropolitan area. Her dedication to helping others extends to her work with Be the Match, where she facilitates life-saving bone marrow donation events that identify volunteer donors to match with patients in need.

Mark Schlusel, a long-time attorney, has been a dedicated volunteer for many nonprofits throughout his life. Reflecting on his early years in Detroit, he recalls the significant influence of his parents, who were deeply involved in Jewish volunteer work. From a young age, his family instilled in him a strong commitment to both Judaism and Zionism. He attended religious school five afternoons a week, an experience that shaped the solid foundation of values he carries today.

Mark's journey in community service is a testament to his lifelong dedication to giving back. After meeting his wife, Rosie, they embarked on a shared path of volunteerism and had 4 children along the way. Mark's leadership roles are numerous, including serving as a young president of the Jewish Federation in the late 1980s and then again for a second term in 1990. He served as a member of the Southfield City Council, and as past president of

Sinai Hospital. These roles led to his long-standing involvement with The Jewish Fund, where he served as one of two founding co-chairs for many years. Under his leadership, the fund was developed from the proceeds of the sale of Sinai Hospital to DMC. It contributes over \$60 million grants annually to support nonprofits across the metropolitan Detroit area. Mark received Federation's Butzel Award in 1997.

A devoted student of Torah, Mark credits his study of sacred texts with helping shape his character and guide his actions. A University of Michigan Law School graduate, Mark also fondly recalls his three years as Commissioner for Mackinac Island, a position he was appointed to by Governor John Engler.

Today, Mark serves as the CEO of Curus Healthcare Management and was elected as Chairman of the Oakland University Board of Trustees. He discovered a new passion for painting late in life, creating vibrant abstract pieces in his home studio. This pursuit offers him an opportunity to feel energized and explore his creative side.

Michael Maddin (Mickey) grew up in the old neighborhood on Broad Street, attending Durfee, Winterhalter, Central, and McKenzie schools as his family moved, around the city. He fondly remembers participating in Junior Achievement and Boy Scouts during his childhood. In 1953, he became a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Detroit. Following in his parents' footsteps, he learned by example the importance of volunteering in the community and how it brings families together.

Just before graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, Mickey met Donna Hartman, and they married and made an active life together. Once he completed his active service duty, they began to grow their family, introducing their four children to the joys of camping, all of whom attended Camp Tamarack.

Mickey's passion for community involvement intensified when the Six-Day War broke out. His activism became central to his life, and he was soon nominated as president of the Junior Division. He believed strongly in advocating for young people, offering opportunities to grow, learn, and become leaders, serving on boards of agencies and committees.

Mickey took several trips to Israel through the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) beginning in 1971 and these were transformative. He later served on the Fresh Air Society Board and became chair of the Federated Endowment Fund. His work with The Jewish Fund continues to provide vital financial support for the Jewish community, helping address critical needs.

Over 50 years ago, Mickey co-founded the law firm of Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller. His legacy continues through his children and grandchildren, who are active members of the Hillel Day School community. Mickey has served on the boards of the Fresh Air Society, Federation, Foundation, and the Jewish Historical Society, and on various executive committees. He takes great pride in being Jewish and enjoys sharing Shabbat dinners and traveling with his children and grandchildren. He enjoys collecting antiques and is a devoted exerciser, walking daily outdoors with Donna. Throughout his life, Mickey has made a lasting impact on his community, giving his time and generous support to causes he deeply believes in. For Mickey, leadership isn't just about giving money; it's about service and volunteering wherever he can.

In a recent article I wrote about interviewing honoree Neil Satovsky, I misspelled Rabbi Dovid Shapero who represents Ohr Somayach Yeshivah in Israel with outreach offices in the USA. Neil has had long-time involvement with Jewish Apartments and Services. He too was a president of Jr. Division of Federation.