



T H E F R E D M . B U T Z E L A W A R D



Growing up in the heavily Jewish area of Seven Mile Rd. and Livernois, in Detroit, Robert Slatkin didn't need a formal Jewish education to "feel Jewish."

"Living in my neighborhood, you couldn't help but think that everyone's Jewish," said Slatkin, this year's recipient of Detroit Jewry's highest communal award, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's Fred M. Butzel Award.

A recipient of the William H. Boesky Award (now the Mark Family Young Leadership Award) in 1972, he went on to receive the Frank A. Wetsman Award for Young Leadership in 1977.

He joined the Jewish Community Center board in 1974 as the Junior Division liaison; his first assignment – helping lead Sunday morning tours of the new West Bloomfield J.C.C. while it was under construction. By the time

it opened, the new J.C.C. had the highest membership in its history, "and our tours had a lot to do with that," he said.

But there were those in Oak Park and Huntington Woods who bristled at the lack of improvements at the Jimmy Morris Prentis J.C.C.

"My assignment was to work with the neighborhood volunteers and come up with ideas," he said. "I wanted to make the center a true center that would serve the diverse residents of the area. For a decade, I worked at making this happen."

In 1984, he became J.C.C. president and joined the Federation Board of Governors.

Throughout his communal career and especially as president of the United Jewish Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit from 1997-2000, Bob was known as a peacemaker who dealt with difficult situations. Bringing up the name of a Civil War General, Federation's outgoing chief executive officer Robert Aronson joked, "I often referred to Bobby as Gen. George Pickett, who was known for his futile charges against an entrenched and impossible enemy position. Bobby would take on any task, no matter how daunting or how difficult, and in doing so, he made decisions that ensured the future of this Jewish community."

Slatkin was also instrumental in the concept of the Jewish Life Fund, an opportunity for all levels of endowment donors to participate in Millennium Fund projects that benefitted programs involving teens, families, trips to Israel, leadership development opportunities – the types of informal education programs that kept Slatkin involved and excited about being Jewish. He was also one of the first to conceive of the "Legacy" gift, which became the Detroit Legacy Initiative and includes testamentary PACE and Detroit Legacy Fund commitments.

Slatkin is a developer of apartment buildings in the metropolitan Detroit area. His Farmington Hills office is filled with a collection of Native American and western artifacts.

"Bob and I are both lovers of art," said his wife Donna. "We have been collecting since early in our marriage, and luckily we have very similar tastes. We love contemporary art, antiques and artifacts."

The Slatkins have a son Jay, of Troy and a daughter Andrea, who lives in Livingston, New Jersey with her husband Philip Bershada, and children Ellie, 6, and Jack, 3.



L I F E T I M E
A C H I E V E M E N T



O S C A R H . F E L D M A N

With a long-term, caring and heartfelt involvement to the Jewish community, Oscar Feldman has been a board member of both the Jewish Federation and Foundation, has co-chaired Federation's Annual Campaign, and has been active on the Investment, Receivables, Agency Campaign Review and Professional Advisory Committees. Ozzie's insight and leadership has made him invaluable to the Detroit Jewish community.



J E S S I E &
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have given many years of exemplary service to the Jewish community. Shelly has served as co-chair of the Special Gifts Division and Super Sunday, and among other committees, has served on the Campaign Cabinet and Receivables committees. Taking over 75 campaign assignments each year, he is known as one of Federation's most dedicated campaign volunteers. Jessie has served as co-chair of the Quarter Century Club and Women's Department Education programming committees, and has served as a member of numerous Federation and Women's Department committees throughout her involvement with the Federation.



Y O U N G L E A D E R S H I P & P R O F E S S I O N A L A W A R D S



S Y L V I A S I M O N G R E E N B E R G A W A R D

Barbara Zaltz has demonstrated great leadership ability throughout the Women's Department. She currently co-chairs Community Connections and the Young Women's Steering Committee. She has also chaired the Shalom Baby Committee, and has been involved with the Women's Passover program, the YAD Ethiopian Project, Fetter Fellows I and Jewish Experiences for Families.

F R A N K A . W E T S M A N A W A R D

Joshua F. Opperer has devoted himself to his community through his involvement, vision and commitment to Federation's Campaign. Actively involved since 1995, he is a past YAD president, the founding chair and current advisor to the Class of a Million, was a member of the Partnership 2000 Steering Committee, and participated in the Penny B. Blumenstein Leadership Institute. He was a Federation board member, a chair of the third Grosfeld Leadership Mission and currently sits on several Federation committees.

M A R K F A M I L Y A W A R D

Dr. Jennifer L. Friedman's leadership is recognized throughout our local Jewish community. A past YAD president, she is currently a board member of Federation and the Young Adult Division, chairs the YAD Kiev exchange committee, and sits on the 20/20 Visioning Committee. She has also co-chaired the Migration Task Force and participated in Grosfeld Leadership Mission V.



B E N A R D L . M A A S P R I Z E
F O R A C H I E V E M E N T I N
J E W I S H C U L T U R E A N D
C O N T I N U I T Y I N T H E A R E A
O F P E R F O R M I N G A R T S



M A U R Y O K U N

Maury Okun has been noted as a “highly respected Jewish musician, arts educator, cultural leader and impresario who has had tremendous impact by creating important relationships between Christians and Jews.”

As a founding member and Executive Director of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, Maury played a cementing role in the formation of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, which presents over 20 spring concerts throughout Southeast Michigan.

He has also served as principal trombonist of the Michigan Opera Theatre since 1979.



P R E V I O U S H O N O R E E S

The Fred M. Butzel Award

1951: Julian H. Krolik
 1952: Henry Wineman
 1953: William Friedman
 1954: Abraham Srere
 1955: Mrs. Joseph H. Ehrlich
 1956: Samuel H. Rubiner
 1957: Henry M. Butzel
 1958: Abe Kasle
 1959: Sidney J. Allen
 1960: Theodore Levin
 1961: Irwin I. Cohn
 1962: Mrs. Henry Wineman
 1963: Leonard N. Simons
 1964: Max M. Fisher
 1965: Nate S. Shapero
 1966: Morris Garvett
 1967: Tom Borman
 Abraham Borman
 1968: Mrs. Harry L. Jones
 1969: Paul Zuckerman
 1970: Hyman Safran
 1971: Louis Berry
 1972: Erwin S. Simon
 1973: Celia Meyers Broder
 1974: Alan E. Schwartz
 1975: George M. Stutz
 1976: Jack O. Lefton
 1977: Golda Krolik
 1978: Mandell L. Berman
 1979: Stanley J. Winkelman
 1980: Phillip Stollman
 Mrs. Max (Frieda) Stollman
 1981: Irwin Green
 1982: Philip Slomovitz
 1983: Martin E. Citrin
 1984: Samuel Frankel
 1985: Joseph H. Jackier

Edythe Jackier
 1986: David Handleman
 1987: George M. Zeltzer
 1988: Avern L. Cohn
 1989: Matilda Brandwine
 1990: Joel D. Tauber
 1991: Jack A. Robinson
 1992: William M. Davidson
 1993: Conrad L. Giles
 1994: David S. Mondry
 1995: Dulcie Rosenfeld
 1996: David B. Hermelin
 1997: Mark E. Schluskel
 1998: Jane F. Sherman
 1999: David K. Page
 2000: Carolyn Greenberg
 Hugh W. Greenberg
 2001: Doreen Hermelin
 2002: Robert H. Naftaly
 2003: Michael W. Maddin
 2004: Stanley Frankel
 2005: Penny B. Blumenstein
 2006: Diane & Emery Klein
 2007: Hon. Paul D. Borman
 2008: Lawrence S. Jackier

Frank A. Wetsman Young Leadership Award

1961: Merle A. Harris
 1962: Robert Kasle
 1963: N. Brewster Broder
 1964: Ronald L. Greenberg
 1965: Herbert A. Aronsson
 1966: Alan E. Luckoff
 1967: Kaye G. Frank
 1968: Robert A. Steinberg
 1969: Thomas I. Klein
 1970: Joel D. Tauber
 1971: David K. Page

1972: Allan Nachman
 1973: Conrad L. Giles
 1974: Stanley Frankel
 1975: Michael W. Maddin
 1976: Lawrence S. Jackier
 1977: Robert Slatkin
 1978: Robert H. Naftaly
 1979: Robert M. Citrin
 1980: Joel Gershenson
 1981: Richard Krugel
 1982: Martin Hart
 1983: Mark E. Schluskel
 1984: Peter M. Alter
 1985: Michael S. Feldman
 1986: Dan G. Guyer
 1987: Norman A. Pappas
 1988: Howard J. Tapper
 1989: Benjamin F. Rosenthal
 1990: Owen Z. Perlman
 1991: Douglas M. Etkin
 1992: Ronald A. Klein
 1993: Lawrence S. Lax
 1994: David R. Victor
 1995: Mitchell A. Mondry
 1996: Gary Torgow
 1997: Steven R. Schanes
 1998: Robert B. Kleiman
 1999: Scott A. Eisenberg
 2000: Hannan Lis
 2001: Eugene Sherizen
 2002: Dennis S. Bernard
 2003: Jeffrey B. Schluskel
 2004: Todd Sachse
 2005: Scott Kaufman
 2006: Mark Adler
 2007: Matthew Lester
 2008: Brian D. Siegel

Sylvia Simon Greenberg Young Leadership Award

1965: Ruth K. Broder
 1966: Carolyn Greenberg
 1967: Shirley Harris
 1968: Dulcie Rosenfeld
 1969: Lee Jaffe
 1970: Sissi Lapides
 1971: Jane Sherman
 1972: Bernice Greenberg
 1973: Renee Mahler
 1974: Shelby Tauber
 1975: Nancy Hirsch
 1976: Edie Slotkin
 1977: Diane Shekter
 1978: Donna Slatkin
 1979: Judy Frankel
 1980: Janet Levine
 1981: Susan Citrin
 1982: Linda Lee
 1983: Sharon Hart
 1984: Sally Krugel
 1985: Marcy Feldman
 1986: Cheryl Guyer
 1987: Beverly Liss
 1988: Lauren Kogan-Liss
 1989: Marta Rosenthal
 1990: Diane Ash
 1991: Susan E. Alterman
 1992: Kathleen Wilson Fink
 1993: Lynn Sachse
 1994: Caren Landau Levine
 1995: Stacey A. Crane
 1996: Janis Roszler
 1997: Marcie Hermelin Orley
 1998: Terri Farber Roth
 1999: Suzan Folbe Curhan
 2000: Lisa Lis



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2001: Elizabeth Kanter Groskind
2002: Sari M. Cicurel
2003: Karen Alpiner
2004: Jennifer Silverman
2005: Amy Schlussel
2006: Heidi Fischgrund Budaj
2007: Jodi Goodman
2008: Francine Newman

Mark Family Young Leadership Award

1993: Richard B. Broder
1994: Suzan Folbe Curhan
1995: Elizabeth Kanter Groskind
1996: Richard C. Blumenstein
1997: Eric J. Gould
1998: Joshua D. Mondry
1999: Sari Cicurel
2000: Paul R. Silverman
2001: Scott Kaufman
2002: Barbra Giles
2003: Joshua F. Opperer
2004: Sheri Wagner
2005: Brad "Bubba" Urdan
2006: Lorne W. Gold
2007: Brian Satovsky
2008: Gyle Friedman Gold

William H. Boesky Memorial Award

1966: Donald J. Purther
1967: Maida Portnoy
1968: Paul D. Borman
1969: Allan Nachman
1970: Stanley Frankel
Donna Slatkin
1971: Michael W. Maddin
1972: Robert Slatkin
1973: Robert M. Rubin

1974: Burton D. Farbman
1975: Edward A. Lumberg
1976: Richard J. Maddin
1977: Neil A. Satovsky
1978: Jeffrey N. Borin
1979: Jonathan M. Jaffa
1980: Kenneth J. Safran
1981: Benjamin F. Rosenthal
1982: James Deutchman
1983: James Safran
1984: Julie Borim
1985: Jeffrey H. Howard
1986: Bernard Kent
1987: Betsy Snider Heuer
1988: Norman H. Beitner
1989: Dennis S. Bernard
Lisa J. Somers
1990: Paul S. Magy
1991: Brian E. Kepes

The Mandell L. & Madeleine H. Berman Award

1988: Samuel Lerner
1989: Nira Lev
1990: Sylvia Serwin
1991: Joyce Keller
1992: Carol Rosenberg
1993: Carol Kaczander
1994: Harlene Winnick Appelman
1995: Rhoda Raderman
1996: Michael E. Berke
1997: Margaret Weiner
1998: Margot J. Parr
1999: David Gad-Harf
2000: Miriam Starkman
2001: Anita Naftaly
2002: Rabbi Avraham S. Cohen
2003: Rabbi Judah Isaacs
2004: Marion S. Freedman

2005: Marsha Goldsmith Kamin
2006: Sharon Alterman
2007: Allan "Geli" Gelfond
2008: Jonah Geller

Lifetime Achievement Award

2000: Marvin Goldman / Maxwell Jospey
Diane Hauser / Josephine Weiner
2001: N. Brewster Broder / Milton J. Miller
Alfred Deutsch / Melba Winer
2002: Helen August / Marvin Danto
Ruth Broder / Beryl Winkelman
2003: Jerome Y. Halperin / Helen Zuckerman
2004: Margot Colville / Shirley Harris
Warren Coville / Merle Harris
2005: Vivian Berry / Joseph H. Orley /
Graham A. Orley
2006: Jim August / Ellen Labes / Stuart Hertzberg
2007: Ed Meer / Edie Slotkin
2008: Nora Barron / Norman D. Katz

The Susan & Norman Pappas Innovative Idea Award

1999: Joseph Imberman
2000: Linda Blumberg
2001: Susan Kamin
2002: Bernice Herd
2003: David Contorer / Allan Gelfond
2004: Jon Taylor
2005: Andrew Echt
2006: Tova Dorfman / Naomi Rockowitz
2007: Kari Alterman
2008: Michael Benghiat