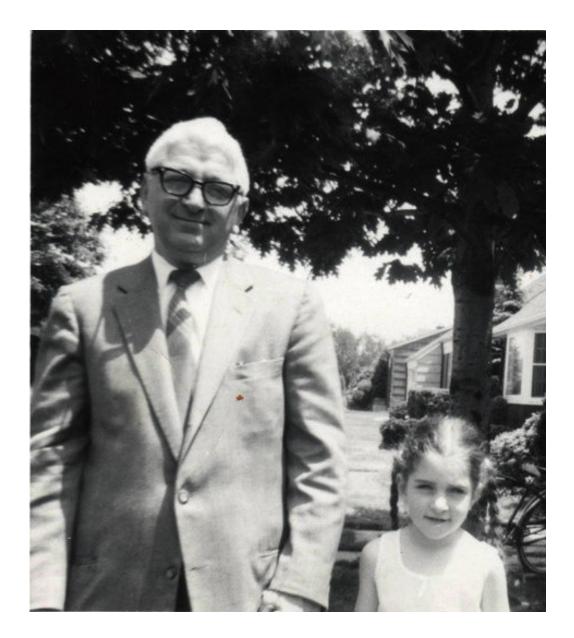
The Garden City Jewish Center

Honors Our Outgoing President

Deborah Rood Goldman



Sunday, May 5, 2019 Tribute Luncheon The Jolly Fisherman Roslyn, NY

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Deborah Rood Goldman

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Debby talking with Garden City Mayor Brian Daughney at the GCJC's 65th Anniversary Dinner Gala, May 2018.

Platinum



Four of the seven Rood sisters, 1960
Baby Debby with Amy, Jan and Lisanna
Thanks to Aunt Frieda Feinleib for
sewing their matching sister dresses.

To Madam President Deborah Rood Goldman, who has continued the tradition of the GCJC as a joyous home for our Jewish family--

Your personal warmth touched each congregant as you smiled from the bimah at services, brought soup and chocolate challah to pot-luck dinners, led board meetings, celebrated a gala 65th anniversary, and stopped to say hello at every *Oneg Shabbat* and holiday celebration.

Your graciousness enhanced the atmosphere of respect in every temple interaction. You listened to others, welcomed a therapy dog at services, introduced a cello soloist for *Kol Nidre*, made sure every contribution was individually acknowledged, and helped organize a personalized brick patio.

Your savvy helped spark the kitchen campaign, online payment system, and installation of new safety and security systems, all huge projects with long lasting results.

Your skill provided the longest and loudest shofar notes of any temple for miles around!

Your dedication ensured that you finetuned every high holiday speech, checked in with your colleagues over myriad minute details, and fretted well into the night over every responsibility you took so seriously. You have poured your time, energy and love into this job and we thank you for every moment.

Mom and Dad would be so proud that you continued the excellent tradition of Rood presidents! We wish you *mazel tov* on your amazing two years!

Love, Jan & Steve David, Joshua, Benjamin, Sara, Daniel & Rachel Rood-Ojalvo



When the youngest of the Rood sisters Naomi was born (and still in the hospital with Mom), a local newspaper reporter came to the house to do a story on the family of seven sisters. Here's Murrary Rood with his brood of six - before Naomi arrived home. (December 1966) I to r: Karen, Debby, Jan, Amy, Lisanna, and Laura on Murray's lap.

In honor of Deborah Rood Goldman who put her heart and soul into becoming an outstanding president of the GCJC.

We are very proud of you!

Love,
Amy Rood & Jack Matza
Emily Rood–Matza & Jason Winkler
Henry Rood–Matza

dear Sister & aunt eborah We are so thrilled to join you to commemorate your tenure as President of Garden City 19 decades ago, your father 9000 Cynthia & Jeremy



To my big sister Deborah Susan, who's always been a stalwart friend and ready playmate—

I predicted that your sparkling charm and strong work ethic would make you an exceptional temple president, and you proved me right. Growing up, the GCJC was a familiar and welcoming second home. Our father Morris served happily as temple president—singing out from the bimah every Friday night and laboring over his monthly message.

How wonderful it's been to see you take on the same role and energetically make it your own, spearheading new building projects and strengthening the temple's fundraising capability. You are my model of accomplishment and dedication.

At our family gatherings, you are often the host who makes everyone feel at home and who is the center of the most animated conversation. That same enthusiasm and warmth has enabled you to inspire and lead the congregation as president. I remember your poise (and beauty!) as you stood at the rabbi's lectern and acted as emcee for the temple's 65th Anniversary celebration, which you had tirelessly helped to organize.

As your admiring sister, I say in Yiddish: !גוט געטאָן Job well done!

> Love, Karen Esther Rood

Congratulations, Debby! You have given your boundless energy, creativity, and warmth to one of my favorite places, GCJC. They are so fortunate to have had you as their president these past years.

I imagine what it would be like to walk into the sanctuary as a new congregant, and to be welcomed by you. I would immediately know that I had found a very special place.

Garden City Jewish Center holds so many memories for me, and yet you and Steve belonging, thriving, working hard, and taking leadership roles has brought it up to date and kept that link to a strong and positive past. I am grateful to you for that!

I am thrilled to watch you honored. You are so deserving of all the attention and love!

We love you! Hugs and kisses, Laura, Saul, Boaz, Caleb & Asa Lieberman

To Deborah Rood Goldman,

In admiration of your energy,
dedication, and
abundant competences;
and your going about it all with joie
de vivre.

Thank you for keeping the Rood family an active part of a vibrant GCJC.

Love, Naomi Rood Asher and Jonah



Deb's parents, Judy and Murray Rood

Benefactors



Debby and Steve with Carolyn Hoera and Peter Tittler heading to Fire Island. Sometimes close friendships can form while working together for the good of the Temple. ַרַבָּן גַּמְלִיאֵל אוֹמֵר: כָּל הָעֲמֵלִים עִם הַאִּבּוּר, זְכוּת אֲבוֹתָם מְסַיְּעָתַן, וְצִדְקָתָם עוֹמֶדֶת לְעַד.

Rabban Gamliel said: For those who labor on behalf of the community, the goodness of their parents assists them, and their righteousness endures forever. (*Pirkei Avot* 2:2)

Dear Debby,

You are a devoted Jew, a spectacular leader, and a treasured friend.

All of us at the Garden City Jewish Center are blessed to have you in our community!

With love and deep admiration, Linda, Steve & Philip Goodman

To our outgoing President, Debby Rood Goldman....

When we think of you, the words "perseverance" and "enthusiastic" pop into mind!

You've listened, learned and brought exciting new ideas to our temple!

When you saw a glaring need (parsonage kitchen, leaky roof, etc.), you got it done! This was often completed with the help of your handy, patient and wonderful husband, Steve!

Your knowledge of Facebook and social media has helped put the Garden City Jewish Center on the map!

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You've given wonderful High Holiday and b'nei mitzvah speeches! You've made us all proud!

You and Steve have poured many, many extra hours of your time and talents into this special "Labor of Love" that is our *haimish* little temple!

Thank you, thank you, thank you Deb. We are proud to call you, FRIEND!

Carolyn Hoera, Peter Tittler and family

"They go from strength to strength" (Psalms 84:8)

In honor of and with appreciation to our dear friend, Deborah Rood Goldman, for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Garden City Jewish Center.

With love, Andrea & Jeffrey Krupen and family In honor
of the upcoming
wedding of
Marissa Krupen
and
Daniel Shlomi



Andrea & Jeffrey Krupen and family

Peter Tittler Elizabeth Tarr

The Garden City Jewish Center is now going to survive, and thrive into the future, because of your generosity and the herculean efforts to bring about today's celebration. Thank you!

We also thank all of you, our family members and friends, for the support you have shown through the wonderful words and donations you have given to this journal.

Love,
Debby & Steve Rood Goldman
and family



Debby at the 2018 URJ Scheidt Seminar for Presidents with HUC-JIR President Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, *z"I, and URJ* President Rabbi Rick Jacobs

Champions



Simchat Torah, October 2017

Our family treasures the shared history of this temple with you and your family.

Thank you, Debby, for your excellent leadership, kind and loving care of our temple community, and enduring friendship.

We appreciate your guidance and your dedication, and are happy for this opportunity to honor you.

The Edelman Family



Attending the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial in Boston, December 2017.

Sustainers



Debby with her mother-in-law Phyllis Goldman I'm Debby's mother-in-law, but the way I feel about her I could easily remove the words "in-law." I know that I love her as much as if I were truly her mother and I am sure she feels the same way about me.

Congratulations, Debby, on your successful GCJC presidency!

With all my love, Phyllis Goldman





Debby with GCJC "Executive Director"
Peter Tittler and Buildings and Grounds Chair
Steve Rood Goldman

Debby -

You have accomplished so much as our temple president these past two years. You have brought your talent, intelligence, and positive attitude to this position. You are innovative, tenacious, and devoted and never back away from a challenge. You have carried on a family tradition with grace and determination, and we thank you.

With Love and Gratitude, Cheryl, Jay and family

Mazel tov to Debby who dedicated herself to the Garden City Jewish Center for two years. She will be a hard act to follow!

Love, Shirley and Betty Matza

Debby,

Thank you for your dedication and devotion to our congregation during your term as president of the Garden City Jewish Center.

Your compassion and willingness to listen to everyone is unique.

We respect and appreciate your commitment, your leadership and your friendship.

With gratitude, The Garden City Jewish Center Sisterhood Debby,

Thanks for stepping up and serving. Your leadership and vision have resulted in many positive changes at GCJC. Your dedication and drive are remarkable and infectious.

Congratulations on a wonderful two years of presidency.

With much appreciation,
Alan & Irma
and the rest of the Schoenfeld family

Jeopardy Category: Admirable Americans

For \$2,000: The only known sitting president whom everyone agrees is worthy of both admiration and boundless praise

Answer: Deborah Rood Goldman

!!!YAY!!!

Debby, I'm thinking of you today with much gratitude and love....

Lenore Cassese

To Debby:

Thank you for your great leadership. You have helped to make GCJC a wonderful and wecoming place.

Love, The Cohens Our sincere thanks, Debby, for your incredible leadership and drive on behalf of the Garden City Jewish Center during these past two years. The founding fathers and mothers of the GCJC (including your parents and my parents) would truly be proud of your innovative and effective leadership as president, and all of us in the temple family will truly benefit in the future from your incredibly devoted and passionate efforts.

With our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for your terrific leadership, THE LAWRENCE FAMILY Rob, Lana, Tara and Carly

A good soul A strong soul A gentle soul

Anonymous

Contributors



"L'fum tzara agra - According to the effort is the reward."

Mazel Tov... mitzvah accomplished!

Michael and Dara

MAZEL TOV ON A WELL-DESERVED HONOR!

Love, Hank and Betty

Debby,

As strangers to the Temple on our very first Shabbat, your warmth made us feel welcome. As fellow congregants, with you as our president, your leadership made us feel inspired.

As friends, it is truly our pleasure to celebrate all that you have done and all that you are. Your beautiful spirit is truly a blessing. *Mazel Tov*!

Love, Elizabeth, Ty and Ilana

With admiration and love,

Joanne Kesten & Jim Weinberg

Congratulations, Debby!

We are grateful for all that you have achieved through your devotion, commitment and hard work on behalf of the Garden City Jewish Center.

Mazel Tov! Steve & Gail Feldman

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Mazel tov to Debby,

Our dear friend and extraordinary leader.

With love and appreciation, Elaine, Jan & Billy Kreisberg

Two years as President, a lifetime and more of contribution to the Garden City Jewish Center.
Thank you, Madame President!

Michael Krupen

For all you have done,
For all you do,
For your leadership and friendship,
We honor and thank you.

Sue & Alan Sherman Wendy & Aaron Cohen

Mazel tov to Debby for her years of dedicated service as president of the Garden City Jewish Center!!

With love and admiration, The Folit Family

Mazel tov

on a very wonderful job.

Love, Carole Sussman and family

MAZEL TOV DEBBY! Thanks for all you do for GCJC. We're lucky to have you!

Best wishes, Howard, Karri, Erika and Sam White



Debby with URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs at URJ Hanukkah party

Friends



My mother is not known for taking half measures. Nor is she known for toeing gingerly about the superfluous concerns of any given endeavor. In other words, she gets things done and she gets things done right—always promptly and always down to the last detail.

For those who worked behind the scenes alongside her, they are well aware of all the time she spent expediting vital tasks and allaying pressing concerns.

For those who saw her when the curtain was drawn, she was reaching out to old and new members alike, attending services and events and listening to any and all ideas anyone had to contribute.

She didn't pick up where her father's legacy ended forty-four years ago because she felt obligated to but, rather, because she wanted to. She loves this synagogue and will continue to exercise that love for all her years to come.

Noah Rood Goldman

We appreciate everything you do for our temple. You have done your job with such grace and commitment.

Thank you, Ellen & Ira Sager We believe in strong, smart women leaders. *Mazel tov* to President Debby Rood Goldman!

David Rood-Ojalvo & Alice Buttrick

In honor of my Aunt
Debby who lived
and breathed
Garden City Jewish
Center for two
years.

Henry Rood Matza

I have known Debby and her family for 45 years and they are a fixture in the life of the Garden City Jewish Center. Debby has been president of the GCJC for the past two years and, like her father before her, she has fulfilled her duties with knowledge, good humor and grace. Mazel Tov, dear Debby. Now you can put in for unemployment insurance. Love, Norma

Debby,
Thank you so much
for all of your hard
work and dedication
to the Garden City
Jewish Center!

With friendship and gratitude, Sandra & Mike Grieco and family We are delighted to honor Debby for her achievements at the Garden City Jewish Center, which has gotten so much from and given so much to the Rood family.

Karen & Gerry Levitis



Yasher koach to Deborah Rood Goldman!

You have lead Garden
City Jewish Center
from strength to
strength.

Lauren Theodore on behalf of the URJ

It is with a special sense of history that we honor Debby Rood Goldman, whose personal warmth, enthusiasm and dedication to our congregation have made us feel so much like family at its best.

Mazel tov and thank you, Debby.

Nina & Joe Malkevitch With gratitude, we congratulate Deborah on this well-deserved honor for her enduring and boundless dedication to our GCJC congregation.

Ellen DeMille Karen Mach We're so proud that
our aunt is the
president!
Mazel tov to
President Debby
Rood Goldman!

Love, Sara & Diego Perez Ojalvo

Mazel Tov to our dear cousin
Deborah Rood
Goldman, a beautiful person in every way!

Dona & Ted Schwab

Congratulations on completing your successful term as president. We are so proud of you!

Love, Carmie & Rich Wohl Celebrating my friend,
colleague, and all-around
"good doobie"
Deborah Rood Goldman
for outstanding leadership
and tremendous
accomplishments
as president of the
Garden City Jewish
Center
Mazel tov on a job well
done!

Jane E. Herman

Mazel Tov and thank you to Deborah Rood Goldman--a fantastic "Madame President" of our Garden City Jewish Center during the past two years. Congratulations on your many accomplishments.

Annette & Malcolm Hirshan

Debby, we are so grateful for your friendly and inclusive leadership. You have been a terrific role model for any president to come. Thank you for all your positive energy!

The Zukermans

Debby: Your devotion to
Judaism and your
commitment to the Garden
City Jewish Center have
served as a shining
example to others over the
past many years. You
have been an outstanding
role model through your
hard work, passion and
enthusiasm for all that you
do, and we are proud to
honor you on this most
special occasion.

Much love and friendship, Jane & Barry Schwartz In honor of your service and leadership, and thank you for such a warm welcome!

Best wishes, in appreciation of your dedication and hard work.

Love, Ally Marks Arlene & Aaron Shatzer

Dear Debby:

Mazel Tov for all you have accomplished in your community. Your strong leadership, dedication and loving kindness has enriched the Garden City Jewish Center, as well as your family and friends.

I am so proud of you!

With admiration and much love -

Tobey Berlin

A well deserved honor. Sorry we could not be with you.

Barbara & Stuart Rayvid

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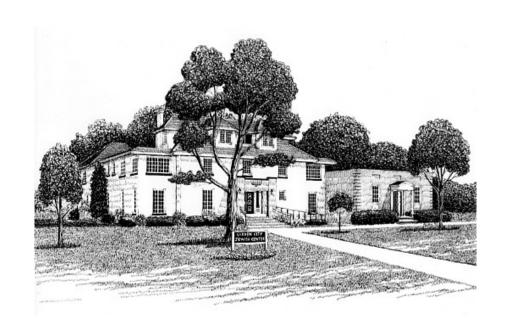
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