

## **TJC Policy Document: Richard B. Fishbane Leadership Award**

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Leaders achieve effective and essential change. They set direction and inspire people to follow them. The **Richard B. Fishbane Leadership Award** was established in 2015 to honor the memory and contributions of Richard Fishbane, long-time TJC member and past president, by recognizing a member of our congregation whose accomplishments are of significant value to the local Jewish community. As Richard did, the recipient will have influenced people to achieve goals by creating an environment that is motivating, inspiring, energizing and uniting.

### Criteria for Selection

To be considered for selection, potential honorees must be current Jewish Center congregants (though not staff members), and must have demonstrated leadership and engagement within the Jewish community of the greater Princeton area. This should include leadership roles (either elected/appointed or voluntary) at The Jewish Center as well as in the wider community. They must be acknowledged as ones who inspire involvement in and commitment to Jewish values and causes, and emphasizes community building and consensus building.

### Selection Committee and Process

This award will be given as determined (though not necessarily annually) by a selection committee appointed by the President of The Jewish Center. The committee members will include one former TJC president (who will chair the committee), one current Trustee, and three additional congregants on a rotating basis. In 2016, three congregants were appointed to serve for initial three, two and one-year terms respectively. As each of those initial members' terms expires, the current president will designate a new committee member to serve a two-year term. The Rabbi will serve on the committee as an ex-officio member. The past and current members of the committee will be maintained in an Appendix to this document.

The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Rabbi, will set a deadline for the committee to make its report. The committee will meet and report to the President by the deadline whether or not an honoree will be named in that calendar year. If one is named, the honoree will be recognized at the annual Shabbat of Appreciation or at another date chosen by the President and the Rabbi.

### Appendix: Committee Members

2016

Nancy Lewis (3 year term)

Andrea Gaynor (2 year term)  
Bernard Abramson (1 year term)  
2017