

RACHEL GARBOW MONROE TO RECEIVE JPRO NETWORK'S 2017 MANDELKORN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



JPRO Network is proud to announce that Rachel Garbow Monroe, President and CEO of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, will receive the 2017 Mandelkorn Award for Distinguished Service. This award recognizes individuals who have made significant and enduring contributions in the field of Jewish community organization practice.

“The committee selected Rachel for this award from among an outstanding group of nominees because she has played an outsize role in articulating a vision for the future of our field,” said Maxyne Finkelstein, President of the Morris and Rosalind Goodman Family Foundation and co-chair of JPRO’s awards committee. “Through her Board leadership at JPRO Network and Leading Edge, Rachel has ushered in a new chapter in which we invest in and support the development of professionals at all career stages.”

Monroe began her tenure as President and CEO of the Weinberg Foundation in February of 2010 after serving as the Foundation’s first Chief Operating Officer from 2005-2010. Previously, she served as Chief Operating Officer for The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore; Worldwide Director of Marketing for the international architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; and Marketing Manager for the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago.

In addition to being honored as the 2016 CEO of the Year by SmartCEO magazine, Monroe was included on Forward 50 magazine’s 2012 list of the 50 Jewish-Americans who have made a significant impact on the Jewish story. The Daily Record has recognized Monroe as a 2010 Influential Marylander, and in 2006, the Baltimore Business Journal included her in its list of “40 Under 40,” a group of young leaders in Baltimore making great contributions to their companies and communities. She is also a three-time recipient of Maryland’s Top 100 Women honor (2007, 2009, and 2011), placing her in the highly respected “Circle of Excellence.”

Monroe is a graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program, the United Jewish Communities Mandel Executive Development Program, and the Leadership Program of the Greater Baltimore Committee. She earned a B.A. from Northwestern University and an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where she majored in marketing and nonprofit management.

Past Mandelkorn award recipients include:

- 2016 June Fortess and Lee Wunsch
- 2015 Charles “Chip” Edelsberg and Marc B. Terrill
- 2014 Alan Gill
- 2013 Larry Moses and Barry Shrage
- 2012 Marsha F. Hurwitz
- 2011 Peter Friedman, Michael Kotzin, and Michael Tarnoff
- 2010 Lou Solomon
- 2009 William S. Bernstein
- 2008 Daniel Allen and Steven Morrison
- 2007 Phyllis Cook and Jeffrey L. Klein
- 2006 Maxyne Finkelstein
- 2005 Jacob Solomon
- 2004 Jay Yoskowitz z”l
- 2003 Dr. John Ruskay
- 2002 Dr. Jeffrey R. Solomon
- 2001 Cindy Chazan and Stephen H. Hoffman
- 2000 Max L. Kleinman
- 1999 Peter H. Wells
- 1998 Darrell Friedman and Norbert Fruehauf
- 1997 Howard M. Rieger
- 1996 Ferne Katleman
- 1995 Stephen Solender
- 1994 Michael Schneider
- 1993 Martin Kraar z”l
- 1992 Melvyn H. Bloom
- 1991 Dr. Steven B. Nasatir
- 1990 Irving Kessler z”l
- 1989 Ben M. Mandelkorn z”l
- 1988 Charles Miller z”l and Carmi Schwartz
- 1987 Ted Kanner z”l
- 1986 Irving Bernstein z”l

Ben Mandelkorn, z”l, was the first Executive Director of the Columbus Jewish Federation and Director of the Columbus Jewish Foundation. The Columbus Jewish Foundation established this award to honor his leadership and dedication.

The Mandelkorn Award will be presented at JPRO’s 45th annual awards event, being held on Monday November 13, 2017 at the JFNA General Assembly in Los Angeles. This year, for the first time, the annual awards program is sponsored by the newly established Jacob Solomon Fund. Jacob Solomon serves as President and CEO of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. The fund, initiated by Dr. Jeffrey R. Solomon (no relation to Jacob), recognizes Jacob’s unique leadership role at JPRO Network – where he served as President twice – and in the field as a whole. The Jacob Solomon Fund has been supported by dozens of federations, foundations, and individuals, and continues to welcome contributions. Jeffrey Solomon said, “Jacob is held in the highest esteem by a wide swath of professionals because he brings a unique blend of wisdom, kindness and professional courage to his field-wide leadership. Jacob’s leadership style is generous and it is fitting to name an event for him that celebrates the contributions of others.”

The 45th JPRO Awards Program will also celebrate the winners of JPRO Network’s Young Professional Award, who were announced over the summer.

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