













Lappin Foundation 2020 Annual Report



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In Loving Memory

ROBERT ISRAEL LAPPIN 1922-2020

Robert (Bob) Israel Lappin was born in Salem, Massachusetts on January 26, 1922. Successful businessman, visionary, philanthropist, and community hero, Bob Lappin was well-known and respected for his generosity to the community. He gained international recognition for Lappin Foundation's highly acclaimed Youth to Israel Adventure (Y2I), which he created more than 50 years ago and had funded ever since.

The impact of his philanthropy spans decades and will reverberate for generations. Israel had a special place in Bob Lappin's heart, inspiring him to be the leading voice of the national Jewish community, tirelessly lobbying Jewish leaders about the urgent need to send Jewish teens to Israel.

Lappin Foundation's mission of enhancing Jewish identity across generations reflects Bob Lappin's deep desire to nurture Jewish pride in our children and promote Jewish continuity. He funded programs of Jewish living and learning that brought Judaism into the homes and into the hearts of countless numbers of Jewish and interfaith families.

Bob Lappin's philanthropy extended beyond the Jewish community with his generous support of organizations that service people in need and of a variety of educational and cultural institutions. Bob Lappin was awarded honorary doctorates from Salem State University and Gordon College in recognition of his contributions to society.

Bob Lappin took great pride being a lifelong resident of the North Shore, spending his childhood in Salem and living his adult years in Marblehead and Swampscott. Following graduation from Salem High School in 1939, he attended Dartmouth College and graduated in 1943. Upon graduation he proudly served as a Naval officer for four years on the USS Cecil, a relief communication ship that saw action in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Bob Lappin's professional life spanned more than 70 years, beginning in manufacturing and ultimately working in real estate, owning and managing Shetland Park, one of the largest office parks in Massachusetts, which he sold in 2019. He loved going to work every day and meeting challenges head-on.

Ninety-eight years is a long life, and Bob spent most of it with the love of his life Mimi, his wife of nearly 72 years, who passed away in March 2018. Bob truly



embraced life and all that came his way, appreciating the good and dealing with the bad, including the Madoff fraud in 2008, which wiped out all of the assets of the Robert I. Lappin Supporting Foundation, totaling eight million dollars.

Bob Lappin held many leadership positions in the Jewish community, including president of the Jewish Federation of the North Shore and president of Lappin Foundation. He was a founding member of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, reflecting his deep admiration and appreciation for Christian love and support for Israel and the Jewish People.

At age 14, Bob Lappin wrote in his school notebook: "My idea of success is to earn an honest living, be a respected citizen in the community, and most of all live happily. There is, however, one point I failed to mention which I believe is an absolute necessity in securing real success. This is to be of service to my fellow man." Bob Lappin truly lived a life of success.

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Zichrono livrahchah ~ May the memory of Robert Israel Lappin be for a blessing.

Letter to the Community

DEAR FRIENDS,

First and foremost, I hope you and your families are well and surviving the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Emotions run deep as I reflect on 2020, a year unlike any other. Life as we knew it changed rapidly and dramatically because of the pandemic.

2020 saw the passing of Lappin Foundation's founder and president Robert Israel Lappin, philanthropist, visionary and community hero. Robert Lappin lived to the remarkable age of 98. His legacy continues through the life-changing work of Lappin Foundation, which is dedicated to the continuity of the Jewish People and to Israel.

Sadly, the community did not have the opportunity to honor Robert Lappin's life and to pay their respects because of the pandemic. However, Robert Lappin's life and legacy will be celebrated on his first *yahrzeit* (anniversary of his passing) on Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. The community is invited to a virtual program that will include words of remembrance, reflections of the impact of Robert Lappin's fine work, and a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Y2I-Youth to Israel Adventure, his legacy. Natan Sharansky, world-renowned Jewish leader, will be the guest speaker.

When asked what he hoped his philanthropic legacy would be, Robert Lappin would respond "Y2I-Youth to Israel." Y2I teens are among the most fortunate in the world, thanks to Robert Lappin's vision and generosity that make it possible for Jewish teens to experience a life-changing Israel experience at a critical time in their lives. Robert Lappin was a visionary in the field of teen Israel travel and a tireless, fearless, and bold advocate for Jewishly underserved teens. Until his passing, Robert Lappin lobbied national and international Jewish leaders on the urgent need to send teens to Israel as an effective strategy to ensure Jewish continuity, enhance Jewish identity and build Jewish pride.

Lappin Foundation's 2020 Annual Report is full of good news despite the many challenges of 2020. Our programs this past year provided valuable connections for thousands of individuals of all ages. The pandemic opened unexpected opportunities for engagement with individuals locally, across the country and around the world, and we are excited to build on this success.

Thanks to the generous support of Robert Lappin, the Lappin Family, and donors, Lappin Foundation is well-poised for another great year of innovative and exciting Jewish programs. We look forward to being with you in the virtual sphere, but we hope to be with you in person before too long.

Stay connected and stay well.

With gratitude,

Deboah L. Coltin

Deborah L. Coltin

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Mission Statement

Lappin Foundation's mission is enhancing Jewish identity across generations.

We accomplish our mission by:

- Funding exciting Jewish programs for children, teens and adults that spark an interest in Jewish living and learning
- Building Jewish pride
- Developing a connection to and love for Israel
- Instilling a feeling of belonging to the Jewish Family
- Imbuing young people with the desire to stay Jewish and raise their own children Jewish
- Warmly welcoming interfaith families and individuals of all faiths, abilities and identities to our programs

Lappin Foundation removes cost as a barrier to participation whenever possible, making our programs free and accessible to all who want to participate. Our areas of programming include:

- Youth to Israel, Teens & Tweens
- Interfaith Outreach
- Programs for Families with Young Children
- Professional Development for Educators in Jewish Schools
- Community Programs for Adults
- Resource Center for the Community

Visit LappinFoundation.org for up-to-date information about our programs.

2020 Board of Directors

Lappin Foundation's Board of Directors serves an active role in the Foundation's ongoing success.

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2020 Financials

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT

Income

Donations and Grants	\$315,571
Program Fees	\$12,975
Misc. Interest & Gains	\$1,039
Total Income	\$329,585

Expenses

Accounting & Administration	\$8,349
Community Programs	\$15,068
Youth to Israel	\$44,366
Introduction to Judaism	\$6,017
PJ Library	\$56,232
Professional Development	\$3,573
Rekindle Shabbat	\$6,129
Resource Library	\$510
Trip Cancellation Refunds	\$25,775
Total Expenses	\$166,019
Net Income	\$163,566

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets

Cash	\$177,384
Money Market Account	\$301,887
Investments	\$445
Israel Bonds	\$1,000
Total Current Assets	\$480,716

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$4,676
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,676

Capital

Retained Earnings	\$312,474
Net Income	\$163,566
Total Capital	
Total Liabilities and Capital	-
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2020 in **Review**

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Lappin Foundation maintained a full calendar of more than 200 Jewish programs and expanded our reach far beyond our service area. We were thrilled to welcome individuals from our community, across the country and around the world to participate in our virtual programs.

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I am grateful for the many programs Lappin Foundation offers. I look forward to getting together with the community online. It helps me feel less alone during this awful pandemic. Thank you! FRAN

Month	# Programs/Classes/Services	# of Children who Received PJ Library and PJ Our Way Books
January	29	773
February	16	773
March	13	752
April	19	752
May	24	761
June	22	882
July	12	873
August	22	967
September	10	1,004
October	15	1,011
November	14	1,042
December	16	1,055
Total	212 Programs in 2020	10,645 Jewish books were mailed to children in 2020



NEW PROGRAMS IN 2020:

- The Shofar Calls! More than 400 real shofars and hundreds of toy shofars were given to adults and children to call in Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year
- PJ Library DIY Hanukkah @ Home provided more than 200 tote bags to families and schools filled with a Hanukkah menorah, candles, dreidels, and more
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration with the City of Peabody
- Jewish Youth Leadership Seminar enrolled 69 students from 11 states in a six-session leadership development program
- On-line interview exhibit honoring Jewish veterans was compiled by participants of the Jewish Youth Leadership Seminar
- Newly-formed Teen Antisemitism Task Force
- PJ Library holiday and Jewish-themed puppet shows
- Virtual tours of Israel
- PJ Our Way Jewish cooking classes for older children
- Paper mosaic art with Israel-based artist Mia Schon
- Intergenerational Jewish Veterans Day program facilitated by teens

Community • • •

Organizational collaboration is key to successful community-building. Lappin Foundation is grateful to the dozens of agencies and professionals we partner with to reach and engage thousands of individuals, and warmly welcome them to the Jewish community through our programs.

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PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY



My kids are so excited when their PJ Library books arrive in the mail! I have to read the books not once, not twice, but many times until their next books arrive! PJ Library and PJ Our Way are the Jewish book-of-the-month clubs for Jewish children, ages newborn through 12 years old. Books are mailed directly to children every month!

Exciting and engaging Jewish programs for the whole family enrich the PJ library and PJ Our Way experience. PJ Library and PJ Our Way books and programs are gateways to the Jewish community.

Highlights of PJ Library and PJ Our Way programs in 2020:

- 10,645 Jewish books were mailed directly to children, ages newborn to 12 years old
- 28 Shabbat family programs, including Rekindle Shabbat
- 15 social gatherings for families
- 12 movement with a Jewish twist programs
- 12 Jewish-themed puppet shows
- 5 Jewish holiday story hours
- 5 PJ Our Way art and cooking programs
- JESSICA 4 Israel programs
 - 2 parenting programs



Movement with a Twist



Parents can register their children to receive free PJ Library and PJ Our Way books at LappinFoundation.org.





Janet & David Polak Foundation

Interfaith Outreach-



Lappin Foundation warmly welcomes individuals of all faiths to our programs.

We offer our heartfelt thanks and support to parents of interfaith families who are raising their children Jewish.

Twenty-one adults enrolled in Introduction to Judaism, a 25-week course for individuals who are preparing for conversion to Judaism or who are exploring Judaism. Classes are taught by local rabbis and topics include: Jewish history, holidays, life-cycle events, Torah, prayer, Hebrew, Holocaust and more. We celebrate one's conversion to Judaism with a gift of a Jewish ritual item of their choice and with the gift of an immersion in the *mikvah* (ritual bath).

Community Programs

The switch from in-person to virtual programs broadened the Foundation's reach. Our programs included a variety of topics that educated, engaged and inspired adults of all ages: author-led book groups, art classes, virtual tours of Israel, cooking demonstrations, musical performances, holiday and Rosh Chodesh celebrations and more! Lappin Foundation served as a meeting place where thousands of people of all ages enjoyed exploring new ideas and learning new things. Our programming provided valuable social connections and intellectual stimulation for many individuals during the pandemic.

Highlights of our community programs included:

- **Annual International Holocaust Remembrance Day** was commemorated on January 27, including a presentation by Mayor Ted Bettencourt of Peabody proclaiming January Holocaust Education Month.
- **HEARRT-Holocaust Education and Awareness Rapid Response Team** educated adult volunteers to present programs about the Holocaust in schools and other settings.
- MICHELE Veterans Day Program Honoring Jewish Veterans was a teen-facilitated, intergenerational program featuring teen interviews of veterans.

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Teens in the Jewish Youth Leadership Seminar shared what they learned about leadership from their interviews with Jewish leaders.

I came into the interview ready to learn about someone's leadership roles in the community, and left the interview feeling empowered to change the world and step up to address the world.

Ariel Greenberg interviewed Jeffrey Robbins

I learned leadership is a lot of teamwork and making decisions together and not one person making a decision for everyone.

Sofia Vatnik interviewed Mindee Greenberg



Leadership is not one size fits all, and it looks different for every person.

Isabella London interviewed Samantha Walsh

People who can be considered leaders are the people who are always willing to learn, try new ideas, and grow their skills.

Lucy New interviewed Dana Roth

When you are a leader, you should be confident, kind, and not judge anyone's opinions. Jack Ruderman interviewed Jay Ruderman

One of the most important things in leadership is to be enthusiastic about the cause and surround yourself with people who share your enthusiasm. Ella Fogelman

interviewed Howard Rich

I learned that although the purpose of being a leader is often to better the community, a leader will likely end up facing a lot of personal growth and bettering themselves in the process.

Leah Breakstone interviewed Marjorie Patkin

If you have passion, hard work, and are willing to listen to others, you will go far.

Alyssa Ardai interviewed Anne Selby



Be a good listener; be decisive; and follow through with your promises.

Eric Lloyd interviewed Sam Silverman



In order to lead effectively, one must believe in what they aim to achieve.

Alex Janower interviewed Rabbi Marc Baker

In order for our community to thrive and have longevity, we have to address the inherent challenge of including all Jewish people with open doors.

Lauryn Chotiner interviewed Abby Smith

I learned that one can apply skills learned in other areas of life to leadership and *tikkun olam* more specifically.

Danielle Frankel interviewed Ed Shapiro

Honoring Jewish Veterans



Participants in the Jewish Youth Leadership Seminar interviewed Jewish Veterans to learn about their experiences serving our country and to understand how their service is a special form of leadership. Veterans of wars and conflicts since WWII, and those who served during times of peace, generously shared their experience, wisdom and advice. The interviews are posted on LappinFoundation.org on the Honoring Jewish Veterans page.





From the interview I learned that leadership is not just about how others see you, but about how you see yourself. Jared Goldstein interviewed Ira Malek

I think being a veteran is a form of leadership because veterans lead by example for other citizens of the country.

Riley Herron interviewed Charles Kaufman

Leadership is about earning trust from others and finding things in common with people. Haley Zunick

interviewed **Sol Black**

It's important to not only be able to give directions, but also be able to take directions.

Lauren Greenwald interviewed Stanley Block

Sometimes the best leaders are ones that can give up power to help achieve a larger goal, not hold onto it to control others.

Meirav Solomon interviewed Jeremy Lawson Leadership means something different in every situation, and good leadership is crucial when taking on heavy responsibility.

Spencer Reith interviewed Dr. Edward Hart

You will always be around people that are difficult to deal with, but dealing with these kinds of people is part of what makes you a great leader.

Daniel Ruskin interviewed Alan Lehman

Being a leader doesn't mean you are always in charge. Mr. Mandell's story inspired me to work hard, never give up and learn from each experience that you are given.

Sydney Oriel interviewed Stuart Mandell

I learned from the interview that a person's leadership capabilities truly don't have a limit.

Julia Rosenberg interviewed Jacob Romo I think being a veteran is a form of leadership in that it shows dedication and willingness to rise to the occasion for the greater good. I learned that leadership from the military can carry over into leadership in the business world.

Noah Weinberg interviewed Stanley Scheiner

The interview experience meant a lot to me because Mr. Zigelbaum inspired me to be proud of what we have today and be thankful.

Noah Glassman interviewed Ira Zigelbaum









The Howard Steven Feffer Memorial

Scholarship

The **Howard Steven Feffer Memorial Scholarship** is a lasting legacy given in loving memory of Howard Steven Feffer, who sadly passed away at the young age of 19 from a brain tumor in 1982. The \$2,000 scholarship is funded by Howard's sister Judith Feffer and it is administered by Lappin Foundation. Judith Feffer will make the final decision about the scholarship recipient.

The scholarship is need-based and will be awarded annually to a Jewish student who lives in Lappin Foundation's service area or is a member of a temple in Lappin Foundation's service area and who is planning to attend a college or university in the application year. The money will be sent directly to the institution of higher learning that the scholarship recipient plans to attend. Recipients may request the continuation of the scholarship in years to follow if they maintain a 2.8 average.

Jewish high school seniors, who live in Lappin Foundation's service area or are a member of a temple in Lappin Foundation's service area, and are students in good standing, are invited to apply at LappinFoundation.org.

The application packet consists of the online application and a character reference letter, both of which are due by **May 17, 2021**. The reference letter should be written by someone who can attest to the applicant's character. The letter should not be written by family members or friends. The letter should be emailed to dcoltin@lappinfoundation.org. The scholarship recipient will be notified by May 28, 2021.

The scholarship recipient must submit their final high school transcript and a copy of the college/university tuition bill prior to the scholarship funds being sent directly to the institution of higher learning.

For more information, contact Susan Feinstein, Operations Manager, at 978.740.4431 or email sfeinstein@lappinfoundation.org.



A Salute to Robert Lappin



BY STEPHANIE MARGOLIS

StandWithUs New England High School Coordinator

You never know who will influence your life and how exactly their touch will impact your future until you have the chance to reflect back. Robert Lappin's passing hit me in just this way. The Lappin Foundation, through which so many teens have found their way to Israel and have been empowered to share their educated voices with their communities, is what led me to where I am today. While I was not able to go on their Youth to Israel (Y2I) trip and go on to be in their advocacy program, it was at a Lappin led event where I found StandWithUs, an Israel education organization I now work for. The Lappin Foundation teens overlapped tremendously with StandWithUs teen interns spreading Robert Lappin's influence into other spheres. Also, on the Y2I trip, teens are typically brought to the StandWithUs office in Jerusalem to hear from Charlotte Korchak, the Director of International Student Programs at StandWithUs Israel.

Rachel Ellis and Elana Zabar both went on Lappin's Y2I trip and then became StandWithUs High School Interns in New England. They shared these words with me recently,

Robert Lappin was not only a philanthropist and an Israel Advocate, he was also a Jewish educator. Robert Lappin allowed me the opportunity to discover my Jewish religion and culture in our homeland of Israel. Mr. Lappin inspired my Israel Advocacy, which has become a central part of my life for the past five years, and has given me direction in my future career. Mr. Lappin's kind heart, generosity and passion for Israel has led thousands of Jewish teens to take pride in their Judaism and has allowed generations of Jewish teens to find a connection with their homeland in Israel. Mr. Lappin's smile, words of wisdom, and thoughtfulness will be greatly missed. He is a hero in the Jewish community and may his memory always be a blessing.

Rachel Ellis



I grew up with the Lappin Foundation. My religious education program often brought in the Israel Land Map for fun-filled activities, and my first candlesticks and Magen David necklace came from the Lappin Foundation. My parents were very adamant in following Mr. Lappin's recipe for raising children Jewish. Post-Israel, I found myself attending international and national conferences as a delegate for the Lappin Foundation. This is where my interest in politics and love for advocacy began, and where I learned I want to work for non-profits helping make the world a little brighter, just like Mr. Lappin did every day. Lappin Foundation taught me how to be a strong and proud Jew. This foundation has helped me grow into a leader and into the best version of myself.

Elana Zabar

Robert Lappin will be dearly missed.







THE PRESIDENT Jerusalem, July 2, 2020 Tamuz 10, 5780

To members of the Lappin Foundation and the Y2I program

Dear friends,

As you gather together to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Lappin Foundations's Youth to Israel Adventure, I send you greetings and congratulations from Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel.

The miracle of the Jewish people is not just that we have survived for thousands of years, the miracle is that despite being spread all over the world, speaking different languages and developing different traditions, we have remained one people. We continue to be linked by the strong bonds of our shared history, our core values and beliefs.

The Lappin Foundation's Y2I project has brought thousands of Jewish American teens to Israel, helping to both strengthen their Jewish identity and the ties that bind Jews around the world to each other, to the State of Israel and to their fellow Jews here. This project has, over the years, brought so many young Jews closer to their heritage and helped them become valuable ambassadors of Israel in their home towns.

Sadly, ever since the establishment of our state, Israel has often had to defend itself against those who seek to undermine us and deny our legitimacy. The contribution of the Y2I graduates to this endeavor is very welcome and greatly appreciated.

You, the Y2I participants and graduates, our youth, are our future; you carry the burden and the privilege of helping to shape the future of the Jewish People. It is you, together with all your counterparts in Israel and throughout the Jewish World who have the opportunity to contribute to the continuation and vibrancy of our Jewish heritage, of our People, of the State of Israel.

And finally, I want to send my warm congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Robert I. Lappin on his recent 98th birthday. Mr. Lappin, the graduates of the Y2I program are all the proof needed of the success of your wonderful efforts over the years. May you continue to enjoy good health as you witness the fruits of your endeavors.

with blessing from Jerusalem

Sincerely, R. Rivlin

Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin

Youth to Israel (Y2I) & Teen Engagement

Though the pandemic forced the cancellation of the 2020 Y2I trip, our teen engagement programs grew in number, popularity and reach. The next Y2I trip looks to be bigger than ever with plans to include two years of teens!

I want to thank you for an incredible six weeks! I learned insights into Jewish leadership skills and I enjoyed the sessions. Thank you so much for including me in the Jewish Youth Leadership Seminar this summer! I am grateful! I just wanted to say thank you so much for offering the Teen Fellows meeting this evening. My son said "it was awesome" and was very inspired. He is looking forward to future meetings. Thank you so much for engaging teens in such a meaningful way.

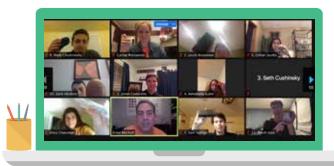
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HIGHLIGHTS OF TEEN ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMING:

- **Y2I Israel Education:** 100 Jewish teens and their parents attended Y2I programs in January and February.
- Campus Climate Update: Jacob Baime of the Israel on Campus Coalition presented a program to teens and parents about growing campus antisemitism and anti-Israel activities. Jacob provided ideas and resources to help students deal with campus antisemitism.
- Jewish Youth Leadership Seminar: 69 Jewish teens and college students from 11 states and South Africa enrolled in our six-session seminar. In addition to exploring various aspects of leadership, including the value of failure and soulful leadership, participants had to complete two assignments. Students interviewed a Jewish leader and a Jewish Veteran, and they wrote reflections about what they learned. Interviews done with the Jewish Veterans are posted on Lappin Foundation's website. The exhibit serves as a way to honor Jewish Veterans for their service and as a resource to schools.
- Lappin Teen Fellows: 46 Jewish high school teens participated in monthly virtual interactive learning sessions led by dynamic presenters exploring the impact of contemporary issues on Jewish teens. Topics included: Jewish identity, Jewish diversity, Antisemitism, and the meaning of leadership.
- Y2I Connect: 58 Jewish high school teens met for community-building experiences around Jewish themes facilitated by Trybal Gatherings.
- **Teen Antisemitism Task Force:** 14 teens answered the call to create a task force to educate their peers about antisemitism and to respond to antisemitism when it occurs.







Please join us for a Celebration of Life and Legacy

Robert Israel Lappin 1922-2020

and

50 Years of Y2I-Youth to Israel Adventure

Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Guest Speaker, World-renowned Jewish Leader Natan Sharansky

This Virtual Event is FREE and all are welcome to attend! Register at LappinFoundation.org

Honor Mr. Lappin's Life and Legacy in our Tribute Book. Contact Susan Feinstein for information about placing a tribute 978.740.4431 or sfeinstein@lappinfoundation.org



