#### Maine Jewish Museum Upcoming Art Events 2019



Berri Kramer

Series of Collages, Spiegel Gallery

JANE BANQUER

Hand-colored Linocuts of Maine Fineberg Family Community Room

NANTZ COMYNS

Sculptures of Maine Animals Fineberg Family Community Room

ILANA WELCH

Photography, Third Floor Sanctuary

May - June

EDWIGE CHARLOT

Mixed Media, Spiegel Gallery

ROLAND SALAZAR ROSE

Innovative Techniques

Fineberg Family Community Room

LINDA HIRSCH

Photographs - Cuban Jewish Culture

Third Floor Sanctuary Guest Curator - Nanci Kahn

September - October

Mark Baum

Earlier Work - Spiegel Gallery

Later Work - Fineberg Family Community Room

JESSYCA BROEKMAN

Mixed Media Third Floor Sanctuary March - April

MARTY KREMER

Fused Glass Artist, Spiegel Gallery

LYNN KARLIN

Photographs

Fineberg Family Community Room

Co-Curators Nancy Davidson &

Nanci Kahi

STU NUDELMAN

Abstract Photography

Third Floor Sanctuary

Guest Curator - Nanci Kahn

July - August

LYNNE SHULMAN

Wood Sculptures, Spiegel Gallery

Marjorie Moore

Retrospective

Fineberg Family Community Room

AUDREY GOTTLIEB

Photographs of Immigrants

Third Floor Sanctuary

Guest Curator - Nanci Kahn

November - December

RICH ENTEL (Back By Popular Demand) Sculpture of Animals, Spiegel Gallery

ZERO MOSTEL

Fineberg Family Community Room Co-Curators Nancy Davidson & Peg Golden

ALAN SOCKLOFF

Photography, Third Floor Sanctuary Guest Curator - Nanci Kahn

Nancy Davidson, Curator in Residence

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Keynote Speaker - Rabbi Darah Lerner

Presentation of Induction Awards – Irwin Gratz Awards Presented by Executive Director Gary Barron & President Steven Brinn

Music Interlude – Anna Pearlman, violinist by Fritz Kreisler: *Allegretto, Tempo di Minuetto* and *La Precieuse* 

Closing Benediction - Rabbi Gary Berenson

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October 7, 2018

As President of the Maine Jewish Museum, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you all to the Inaugural Induction Ceremony of the Maine Jewish Hall of Fame. This evening we bestow upon 16 individuals, couples and families, the Maine Jewish Hall of Fame Inaugural Induction Award for their inspiring dedication to and generous support of the betterment of our community both here in Maine and throughout the country in many cases. This group of outstanding people serves as an amazing example of what it means to live and act in a humanitarian and philanthropic way and to practice Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.

On behalf of the Maine Jewish Museum Board of Directors, the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee, the Hall of Fame Planning Committee, and all of the volunteers who have made this evening possible, I thank you for being here to participate in and witness history being made. We are so proud to realize the dream of creating the Maine Jewish Hall of Fame and to honor the people who have paved the way here in Maine and beyond, for all of us to lead lives largely unfettered with the challenges, biases, and strife that many of them faced during their lifetimes. They have made the world a better place through their efforts and have left a lasting and unforgettable impact upon their communities both Jewish and non-Jewish.

One part of the mission of the Maine Jewish Museum is to honor the contributions and diversity of Maine's Jewish immigrants in the context of the American experience. Through exhibits and programming, the Museum seeks to build bridges of appreciation and understanding with people of all backgrounds. The creation of the The Maine Jewish Hall of Fame seeks to do just that. Those who were elected into this Inaugural Class by the Nominating Committee

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reflect the Jewish value of making the world a better place through outstanding accomplishments and/or humanitarian and philanthropic endeavors. Inductees include leaders in the fields of medicine, law, business, philanthropy, politics and life. We plan to make this an annual event and we know that this year's class of inductees just scratches the surface of those who deserve to be enshrined in this Hall.

Mazel Tov to this year's inductees and their families! We hope that you and your guests enjoy the warmth of our friends who are here to honor you today, and we hope you enjoy the beauty of the Maine Jewish Museum, lovingly restored to its original turn-of-the-century magnificent condition. Much as you have done for all of us, the museum building and gardens inspire awe and inspiration to the thousands of visitors who enter its doors each year to appreciate history and reflect spiritually and communally on where we are today.

Thanks to all of you for being here and for your generous support, and may you all have a most Happy and Healthy New Year!

With much Appreciation Steven Brinn Maine Jewish Museum President of the Board And Event Chair



#### All the Way Clanging the Bell

Doc Eddie got out of medical school and up the next morning in the still dark his black leather doctor's bag flying dashed off and hollered down a trolley car between stations Alone he and the conductor speeding the whole line from South Brooklyn to Flatbush him clanging the trolley bell loudly all the way And without a stop got there in time to help deliver a new day

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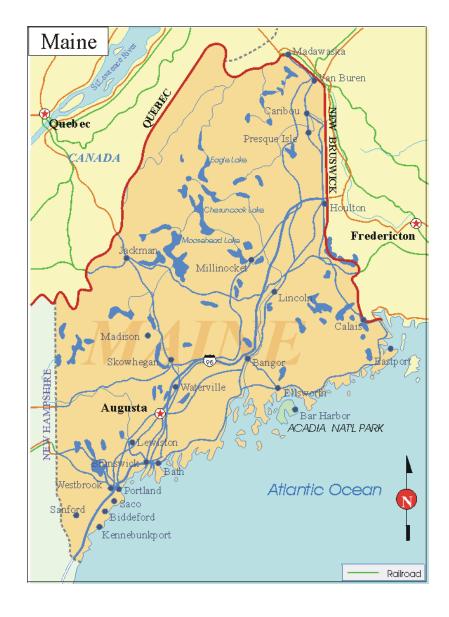
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#### JOEL and LINDA ABROMSON

Linda and Joel Abromson were married in 1959 and were together pretty much non-stop until Joel's untimely death in 2002. They had three children, Lori, Leslie and Eric. While Linda and Joel had many similar interests and endeavors as a team, they also had their own specific areas of focus in regard to community service and Tikkun Olam.

Joel Abromson (1938-2002) was a <u>Republican State Senator</u> representing <u>Falmouth</u>, <u>Long Island</u> and part of <u>Portland</u> (District 27). He sponsored legislation to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. When he died, the <u>Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance</u> called Abromson a "champion and a true friend".

Joel found energy and inspiration in his connection to Jewish life and was very active in leadership roles including as President of the Jewish Federation of Southern Maine; Chairman of Combined Jewish Appeal, Portland, Maine; National Chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet, United Jewish Appeal. Outside the Jewish community, he also served as Trustee and Corporator of Maine Medical Center; Trustee and President of Spurwink School, Corporator and President of Boys and Girls Club Greater Portland; and President of the Bowdoin College Alumni Council. He was a successful businessman and always supported community fundraising efforts. Joel and Linda's friends seeded the Joel and Linda Abromson Award, an award given by the JCA of Southern Maine to fund projects that afford adult applicants the opportunity to explore Jewish life in a unique and creative way.

Linda Elowitch Abromson (1939-2017) started her professional career as a middle school math teacher and then spent the next several years raising their three children.

In 1974, Linda began what would become an illustrious political career, serving on the Portland School Committee for six years (two as Chairman) and 12 years on the Portland City Council, including a term as Mayor in 1982-83. After stepping down from elected office, Linda served for nine years on the Maine Human Rights Commission, a position she was passionate about.

In 1973, Linda and Joel participated in the first mission of American Jews to Poland to witness first-hand the remnants of the atrocities committed by the Nazis in Europe. That trip changed their lives, and Linda became a passionate speaker to adults and school children all over the country about the Holocaust, always reminding her audiences that we must "Never Forget."

Linda was an ardent fundraiser for the Jewish Federation and served on the Boards of the National Council of Jewish Women, Temple Beth El, United Way, the Portland Public Library, and the Maine Medical Center.

In recognition of the tremendous positive impact Joel and Linda have had on the Greater Portland community, in 2003 the 33,000-square-foot "Joel and Linda Abromson Center" was constructed on the campus of USM, including the 520-seat Hannaford Lecture Hall. The State of Maine is lucky to have had the Abromsons' friendship and example.

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HE WAS CERTAINLY AN MVP
IN OUR FAMILY'S
HALL OF FAME.



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#### THE ADELMAN FAMILY

Hiram and Katherine, Milton and Gloria, Yale and Mary, and Elizabeth and Jack Mazer





Hiram and Katherine

#### THE ADELMAN FAMILY

Hiram and Katherine, Milton and Gloria, Yale and Mary, and Elizabeth and Jack Mazer

The Adelman family has contributed to civic and Jewish life in Aroostook County for three generations. Hiram, an immigrant from the Ukraine, opened a dry goods store in Mars Hill in 1903. In 1908, he married Katherine Goldsmith from Old Town. They had five children: Gertrude, Elizabeth, Yale, Neil and Milton. Their store and farm flourished and became a family enterprise, with Yale returning home from the University of Alabama to run the farms, Elizabeth and her husband Jack coming back from New York to manage the store, and Milton returning home after the navy and college to assist with the farm.

During the 1930s, Hiram helped initiate a committee in order to establish an organized Jewish community in Aroostook County and neighboring New Brunswick, Canada. In 1948, Hiram and Katie donated a Torah and presented it to the B'nai B'rith that met over the H.B. Green store in Presque Isle.

When Hiram passed away in 1951, his legacy garnered the support of the northern Maine Jewish community, particularly in helping to establish a synagogue. In October 1953 the newly built Aroostook Hebrew Community Center in Presque Isle was dedicated.

Upon his death, his children and their spouses continued his legacies. Yale, Jack and Milton were active in Rotary, the Masons and B'nai B'rith. Yale was a leader of the local mental health association, the founder of the Aroostook Health Center, a Vice President of the Camp Lown Association and a University of Maine Presque Isle trustee. Milton was a board member and then Chair of the Aroostook Medical Center in Presque Isle.

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Mary and Elizabeth served as Officers of the Aroostook Hebrew Community Center. Gloria, an active and supportive member of the synagogue, served as the first director of nurses at Fort Fairfield Hospital and then the administrator of The Aroostook Health Center nursing home. Mary, Elizabeth and Gloria all served on various committees of the school board and also focused on local organizations that assisted those in need.



Milton and Gloria





Elizabeth and Jack Mazer

In Mars Hill today is the Hiram Adelman Memorial Fire station, plagues at the town's pool and activity center indicating Adelman support, land donated to the town by the Adelman family for a small park, the Gloria Adelman wing of the Aroostook Health Center, and high school scholarships awarded in memory of Yale and Mary Adelman.

The work and lives of the Adelman family reflect the pioneer spirit and dedication to the community through which Jewish men and women became the anchors of life in rural Maine.

### L'DOR VADOR

We are words and we are stories, we are pictures of the past We are carriers of wisdom, not the first and not the last."

> Thank you to The Maine Jewish Museum and the volunteers and staff who made a vision come to life

## The Adelman Family

The Descendants Hiram and Katherine Adelman zt"l Mars Hill, Maine

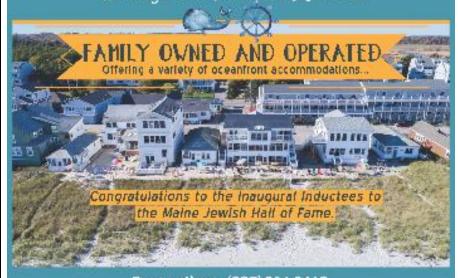
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#### IN MEMORIAM



#### JUDGE MORTON A. BRODY



Morton Aaron Brody was born in Auburn, Maine and graduated from Edward Little High School, Bates College, and the University of Chicago Law School. He began his legal career in Washington, D.C. and returned to Maine in 1961. In 1980, Governor Joseph Brennan appointed him as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court; he thereafter served as Chief Justice of the Maine Superior Court from 1985 to 1990. In 1991, Governor John McKernan appointed Morton Brody to be an Associate Justice on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. President George H.W. Bush nominated Morton Brody to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Maine; he served with distinction until his untimely death on March 25, 2000.

Along with his wife and life partner Judy, Judge Brody was committed to his Judaism and his beloved State of Maine. He was an incredibly dedicated father to his three children Ronald, Elizabeth and John and would have enjoyed more time with his nine grandchildren.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Beth Israel Congregation in Waterville and on the Boards of Trustees and Overseers for Bates College. He served the City of Waterville as City Solicitor and was Waterville's Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1981. He was a Member and President of the Waterville Area Boys and Girls Club, Member of the Board of Trustees of Mid-Maine Medical Center, Member of the Board of Directors at the Bank of Maine.

Judge Brody was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to the First Circuit Gender, Race and Ethnic Bias Task Force. He was Chairman of the Civil Justice Advisory Committee and Advisory Rule Subcommittee and was a Member of the Federal Bench/Bar Liaison Committee. He was an active member of the Judicial Council of the First Circuit Committee on Criminal Law99 and of the First Circuit Judicial Council.

Colby College, where Judge Brody was an Adjunct Professor, annually presents The Judge Morton A. Brody Distinguished Judicial Service Award to a United States federal or state judge who embodies the qualities of integrity, compassion, humanity, and judicial craftsmanship. Judge Brody's commitment to excellence and integrity commanded the loyalty and respect of his associates, and he developed many warm relationships with colleagues, neighbors, and associates throughout his career.

Judge Brody's wife Judy and their three children will be here with us today to accept his Award.

#### SAM L. COHEN

Sam L. Cohen (1915-2003) was most often described by those who knew him as a mench. He grew up during the depression in a close-knit Jewish community in Biddeford, where lifelong friendships were formed with the Oshers, Nathansons, and many other families. As part of a thriving, loving family, when Sam's father passed away, Sam took on the role of provider to the family and his six siblings. With charisma and business acumen he made a great success of the family business along with his brother Bernard - York Bottling Co. Sam continued his success in the commercial real estate development business in Maine and investment in the founding of Golden West Savings and Loan.

Described as loving practical jokes and possessing a keen interest in politics and the law, friends and family also characterized Sam as being a thoughtful observer with strong opinions. Echoing these sentiments, former Senator George Mitchell remarked of Sam, "He was a good friend and a wise counselor who gave frank advice - he would give you the truth with the bark off, as they say. And he had a great sense of humor, so you got good advice and great jokes at the same time."

Sam was instrumental in maintaining the well being of Etz Chaim Synagogue in Biddeford and was a fixture there behind the scenes, making sure everything was taken care of during holidays and Sabbaths as well as doing Bar Mitzvah tutoring when needed. As president of the congregation he was instrumental in keeping it going and in its rebirth.

Sam lived Tzedakah, gave willingly and before being asked. "If he got up in the morning and went to bed that night and felt he didn't help someone, he didn't sleep" explained Lester Cohen, his brother. Every year at Christmastime he would consult with Catholic priests and other ministers in the area as to who might need Thanksgiving dinners or Christmas dinners. Sam established the Swimming Pool at the Biddeford YMCA and Physical Therapy Center at the Cedars in honor of his parents Julius and Celia Cohen and contributed to Gary House in honor of his brother Bernard. Sam was dedicated to helping children with cancer and founded the Sammy Fund at the Maine Children's Cancer Center. His generosity was felt throughout the state.

Sam's legacy continues with The Sam L. Cohen Foundation, a philanthropic foundation supporting non-profit organizations established by him. The Foundation strives to ensure that all people have the opportunity to develop their potential and provide healthy, productive futures for themselves, their families, and their communities. The Foundation concentrates its efforts in southern Maine and supports a wide variety of organizations that: provide access to educational opportunities, promote culture and the arts, contribute to civic improvement and community well being, increase access to health care, or preserve Jewish traditions, culture, and community. Since Sam's passing, the Foundation has awarded over \$23,410,358 to 449 nonprofit organizations.

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## **GERDA SCHILD** HAAS





Gerda Schild Haas is a survivor of the Theresienstadt concentration camp and founder of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. She is author of "These I Do Remember; Fragments of the Holocaust", and the children's book "Tracking the Holocaust." Her organizational and creative papers reside in the Edmund S. Muskie Archives at Bates College. She and her husband Dr. Rudolph Haas, who passed away in 2006, have four children, eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her youngest son David is here to accept the award on her behalf.

Gerda was born in 1922 into a religious family in the small town of Ansbach, Germany. Her father was a kosher butcher and her extended family including sister and grandmother lived above the store. Following Kristallnacht, November 9, 1938, the family was forced to sell their building and move to Munich. Gerda went on to study nursing at the Jewish Hospital in Berlin prior to deportation at age 17. After liberation to Switzerland, she wrote to the International Red Cross and found her father in the United States, the only other family member to survive. Gerda immigrated to New York in 1946, became a US citizen, married Rudolph, and settled in Lewiston.

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#### HAAS CONCLUSION / ISAACSON BEGINNING

In 1969, Gerda enrolled at Bates College and graduated two years later *summa cum laude*. She then studied for, and received a Masters in Library Science from the University of Maine, Orono in 1974. Gerda served as a catalog librarian at Bates College from 1972 to 1984. During this time, she worked on and published her first book which chronicles the lives of nine victims of the Shoah, including herself.

In the late 1970s, Governor James B. Longley appointed Gerda to the State of Maine Board of Education. In 1982, Gerda received a grant to organize a conference and a state-wide outreach program focused on the Holocaust. In 1985 she became the founding director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, whose mission is to promote universal respect for human rights through exhibits, education and events. "Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other events past and present, we encourage individuals and communities to reflect and act upon their moral responsibilities to confront prejudice, intolerance and discrimination."

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#### DR. BERNARD LOWN

Dr. Bernard Lown, 1985 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, an organization which he co-founded with Soviet cardiologist Yevgeny Chazov, has effected major advancements in medical technology on an international scale throughout his medical career. Dr. Lown is the original developer of the directcurrent defibrillator (for cardiac resuscitation) and the cardioverter (for correcting rapid disordered heart rhythms) and he introduced a new use for the drug lidocaine to control heartbeat disturbances. Dr. Lown has focused on two major medical challenges throughout his career; the problem of sudden cardiac death, which claims nearly 500,000 lives annually in the USA and the role of psychological stress on the cardiovascular system. In 2008, Governor John Baldacci signed into law an act renaming South Bridge which connects Lewiston and Auburn to The Bernard Lown Peace Bridge.

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Born to a Jewish family in Lithuania, the son of a distinguished business man, Dr. Lown immigrated with his family to the United States at the age of 14. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maine and received an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1945. Dr. Lown is Professor of Cardiology Emeritus at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Senior Physician Emeritus at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is the founder of the Lown Cardiovascular Center and Lown Cardiovascular Research Foundation. He recently founded the Lown Institute, which aims to reform both the health care system and society.

Dr. Lown has been a principal and leader of Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Committee of Responsibility for War Injured Vietnamese Children, and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. He has received 24 honorary degrees including five from the state of Maine.

Dr. Lown currently resides in Massachusetts with his wife Louise. He will be represented here today by his daughter Anne Lown and her husband Warren Green as well as by his son Fred Lown and his wife Barbara, who will be accepting the award.

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#### PHILIP LOWN

Philip Lown was born in Lithuania in 1890, the son of a Lubavitcher Hasid and an equally pious mother. He arrived in the U.S. at age 17, and although penniless, he worked his way through high school while learning English. He went on to the University of Maine where he received a chemical engineering degree. While at the U. of M., he helped organize the Menorah Society and start the Hillel Foundation. He then spent several years working as a chemist in Rhode Island. In 1935, he purchased a shoe factory in Lewiston and moved there with his wife Anne (Rubin) and their daughters, Dorothy and Louise.

Philip Lown and Israel Bernstein formed the Maine Jewish Council and established UJA appeal committees throughout the State. He served as honorary president of the American Association of Jewish Education (AAJE) and established Camp Lown in Oakland, Maine, where thousands of Jewish children from New England and New York enjoyed a rich camping experience during its 30+ year existence. In his role as honorary president of the AAJE, he worked to enrich the Jewish experience and provide knowledge to young Jews.

Mr. Lown served as trustee at Brandeis University, where he launched and endowed the Philip W. Lown School of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. He served as trustee, president, and Board Chair to the Hebrew College in Boston, and was the College's first recipient of the Medallion for Leadership in Jewish Education. His work in Israel included funding of the Lown Community Center, the Library of Education of Hebrew University, and a Hadassah program.

Mr. Lown was also actively engaged with helping survivors of the Holocaust reach Palestine, and in the establishment and defense of the State of Israel during the War of Independence. He was a co-founder of State of Israel Bonds, and he served as Treasurer of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission and received the Jewish Theological Seminary of America's medal for distinguished contribution to Jewish education.

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The Minsky Family

Myer and Bess, Leonard and Renee, and Norman

Myer Minsky, the son of and grandson of ordained rabbis, was born in Kreva, Russia in 1888. He emigrated to Boston in 1904 and then to Bangor. Following service in WW1, he opened the National Confectionary Co. which he ran until his death. Myer organized the first Zionist group in Bangor and later the Sons & Daughters of Zion. He became a leader in the Zionist movement within New England and served on several national committees. He was also prominent in bringing Jewish National Fund activity to Bangor, (an effort that continues for the last 25 years under the leadership of his son Norman), the Jewish Relief Fund and B'nai Brith, of which he was a founder. He was a key member of the group that established the Bangor Jewish Community Center. In addition, his wife Bess held local and New England leadership positions with Hadassah and was a founder of the Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood.

His sons, Leonard and Norman, continued the Minsky family contributions to community and Jewish life in the Bangor region.

Following graduation from the University of Maine, where he was President of Hillel, Leonard immediately joined National Confectionary, assuming leadership of the paper products division, which emerged as a stand-alone entity-Superior Paper. That business became a state-wide enterprise under Leonard's leadership. In his business career, Leonard served as President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, was a founding director of Merrill Merchants Bank and was a recipient of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce's Dowd award.

He is an active alumnus of the University of Maine. He was Chairman of the Patron of the Arts for over 30 years and he and his wife Renee, have been the recipients of numerous awards and recognition. Leonard is a past president of the Jewish Community Council and past treasure of Jewish Community Endowment Associates. The Minskys are members of Congregation Beth Israel.

Leonard and Renee's philanthropy extends to a number of Jewish and civic organizations. They have endowed funds that support NGOs in Israel and art programs in public schools from the primary grades to the university level. Major gifts that bear their name are located at the University of Maine, Eastern Maine Medical center and the Bangor Public library.

Norman Minsky earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Boston University. A member of the Gross, Minsky, Mogul law firm, he also has a long history of professional, political, community and philanthropic involvement. Norman served two terms on the City of Bangor Planning Board and two years as Chairman; two terms on the Bangor City Council, one year as Mayor; and two terms in the Maine House of Representatives. He was president and a long-standing board member of each of the Bangor Public Library, Bangor Symphony Orchestra, Jewish Community Endowment Associates and Counseling Center as well as an original member of both the Baxter State Park Advisory Board and the Collins Center for the Arts Advisory Board. He was also a founding board member of Merrill Merchants Bank.

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Professionally, he is a member and was president of the Penobscot Bar Association; and is a member and was Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Maine State Bar Association.

Norman is an honorary alumnus of the University of Maine, is responsible for the establishment of the Judaic Studies program at the University of Maine. He is a member of Congregation Beth Israel, served as its President for twelve years and established the shul's endowment fund during his tenure.