

Susan R. Friedman

Susan Friedman is the Managing Director of UJA-Federation of New York's Jewish Communal Network Commission (JCNC), which oversees 82 million dollars in core operating support grants to a global network of 105 Jewish institutions. Susan also supervises JCNC's wide array of capacity building, and collaborative opportunities, which help its Network of agencies achieve excellence in the delivery of programs and services and mission alignment with UJA-Federation's strategic priorities.



Prior to joining UJA-Federation, Susan spent nine years in the field of philanthropy as the Executive Director of the Grotta Foundation, and as a consultant to the Silverman Charitable Trust and the Fund for the Jewish Community. Susan initiated the first national survey on synagogue-based programs and services for older adults in collaboration with Brandeis University. As a result she launched a pilot project, Synagogue HOPE (Help, Opportunities and Programs for Elders) to engage synagogues in developing and integrating senior programming into the life of their congregations, and guided its growth to a consortium of 21 congregations in Northern New Jersey. She is co-author of the forthcoming guide "Putting Elder's on the Synagogue Agenda: A Congregational Primer," and has written and spoken extensively on this topic.

An expert in the area of family elder caregiving, Susan co-chaired the National Advisory Board for a PBS documentary on caregiving "And Thou Shalt Honor" which aired in 2002. In addition to her work in philanthropy Susan has nearly 25 years of experience in planning, policy, program and resource development within a variety of institutions including: the New York City Department for the Aging, CityMeals on Wheels, the New School For Social Research, the Community Service Society of New York, and the Philadelphia Geriatric Center. She is author of a fundraising textbook "More Meals for the Homebound" through Public Private Partnerships, and a number of articles.

Susan holds a Bachelors of Arts from Stern College of Yeshiva University, including a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She has a Master's Degree in Social Planning and Research from Bryn Mawr College and her Postmaster's Degree in Gerontology is from the Brookdale Center on Aging of Hunter College.

Susan lives in South Orange, New Jersey, with her husband. They have two grown children.