

# Daniel Thursz Distinguished Jewish Communal Service Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Daniel Thursz Distinguished Jewish Communal Service Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual currently functioning in a professional capacity at a Jewish communal organization in greater Baltimore and who has demonstrated outstanding professional work and a lifelong commitment to the field.

**PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016.**

Nomination guidelines:

## Eligibility:

1. The nominee should have demonstrated leadership and exemplary professional skills.
2. The nominee should be a communal visionary for Baltimore.
3. The nominee may be from any Jewish communal service discipline.
4. The nominee must have worked in a Jewish communal organization for at least 20 years and must be currently serving the greater Baltimore community in a full time capacity.
5. The nominee should not currently be in their retiring year.

## Background:

In 2000, Dr. Daniel Thursz was honored posthumously in recognition of his achievements as former Dean of the University of Maryland School of Social Work and co-founder of The Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development (formerly BIJCS). He also had served as former Executive Vice President of B'nai B'rith International. Previous recipients of the award bearing Dr. Thursz's name include:

- 2001 Janet Kurland, Jewish Family Services
- 2002 Rena Rotenberg, Macks Center for Jewish Education
- 2003 Lou Jacobs, Jewish Big Brother Big Sister League
- 2004 Steve Solomon, Jewish Family Services
- 2005 Carol Pristoop, Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center
- 2006 Ken Gelula, CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc.
- 2007 Nancy Kutler, The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore
- 2008 Louis "Buddy" Sapolsky, Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore
- 2009 Joan Grayson Cohen, Jewish Community Services
- 2010 Dale Busch, Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore
- 2011 Leora Pushett, Macks Center for Jewish Education
- 2012 Dr. Paul Schneider, Krieger Schechter Day School
- 2013 Karen Nettler, Jewish Community Services
- 2014 Michael I. Friedman, The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore
- 2015 Debra S. Weinberg, ACHARAI The Shoshana S. Cardin Leadership Development Institute

**This award will be presented at DFI's Celebration of Professional Leadership on Monday, April 18, 2016 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at Chizuk Amuno Congregation (8100 Stevenson Road, Pikesville).**

Please submit applications for nomination to Shirley Hott at [shott@thedfi.org](mailto:shott@thedfi.org) by Monday, February 15, 2016.

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# Daniel Thursz Distinguished Jewish Communal Service Award Nomination Form

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1. Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of years professionally employed in the field of Jewish communal service \_\_\_\_\_

3. Current place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Current position/title \_\_\_\_\_

Address of organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please attach a one-page document briefly detailing nominee's volunteer and work history.

5. Please attach two letters of support from colleagues or lay leaders.

6. How long have you known the nominee and in what capacity?

7. Please tell us on the following page, in 750 words or less, how the nominee demonstrates the following attributes:

A. Excellence in Jewish communal service, ethical leadership, social vision, professional skills, creativity and resourcefulness

B. Commitment to strengthening and enriching Jewish life and Jewish identity, serving as a visionary for the Baltimore Jewish community

C. Serves as an agent for social change

D. Serves as a role model/mentor for less experienced Jewish communal workers



8. Name of person submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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