

Robin Cohen

Born in the Philadelphia area, Robin became involved with Jewish leadership at an early age. In her teens she served on the Regional and International Boards of USY as well as her synagogue. While serving on International Board (pre-college) she met Mark, her husband of 45 years. She is a graduate of American University and The George Washington University paralegal program.

Robin worked as a paralegal for many years. In 1988 she founded Galerie Robin, a mail order catalog business featuring contemporary Judaica art and jewelry. She sold the business 9 years later and ended her career as an Admissions Analyst at Vanderbilt's Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Robin and Mark moved to Nashville in 1986. Four months later, their beloved daughter Jennifer came into their lives. Her birth connected them to the Nashville Jewish community meeting lifelong friends. Robin served on many boards including The Jewish Federation (Co-chaired the Grants Committee and Chaired the Partnership Committee), West End Synagogue (Co-chaired two annual fundraisers), The Temple (Co-chaired the Beautification Committee, Co-created The Temple Art Collection Tour App, and Co-Chaired the Caring and Concern Committee). She also co-chaired the NCJW Senior Friends Project for many years and twice co-chaired the Women's seder.

The concept of Chesed, loving kindness, has always had an influence on how Robin operates. She joined the JFS Board 6 years ago and was honored to have been asked to serve on the Board of an organization that is stellar in both its leadership and devotion to Chesed. She has Co-chaired the Chesed Dinner, and Co-chaired the Annual Campaign twice and is a volunteer extraordinaire.

Robin also served 3 years on The Red Door Bash Committee for Gilda's Club, as well as volunteered in the art therapy area of Abe's Garden.

Her love of art history and all things colorful led her to serve as docent for the past 20 years at The Frist Art Museum and served on the Docent Advisory Guild. When living in DC, she served as a docent at The Phillips Collection and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

For fun, Robin walks, practices yoga, reads and plays mahjonn and canasta.

Robin loves being able to serve both the Jewish and secular communities, but her greatest joy comes from her family, Mark, Jennifer and her partner Nate, and their adorable dog, Pilot.