



**2018 Community Leader
Community Service/Volunteerism Award**



Charlotte Gendler

Charlotte was Controller of the now Buffalo Jewish Federation for over 28 years. There, she was instrumental in bringing the record-keeping of the century old charitable organization into the new world of computers, creating an entire new universe of financial and donor data for not only the Federation, but for other agencies in Buffalo's Jewish community.

Currently, Charlotte is president of the Jewish Federation Cemetery Corporation, which maintains nine old Jewish cemeteries whose founding synagogues have gone out of business but still need looking after. An often difficult and thankless job, these cemeteries depend on the kindness of people like Charlotte and others who have done so much, including repairing the cemeteries, righting downed stones, finding grants to upgrade the fencing and landscaping, or fixing other damaged areas.

She serves on a committee of Weinberg Campus, and was on the boards of Jewish Federation Housing and Kadimah Academy. She is immediate past president of the Bureau of Jewish Education, and North American Federations Controller's group. Charlotte also received a Community Service Award for her work in support of Muslims from Syria and Jews from the Former Soviet Union in the Jewish Family Services resettlement program.

For her selfless acts of kindness and quietly giving her time and devotion to others, the NFJC proudly presents Charlotte Gendler with the 2018 Community Leader Award in Community Service/Volunteerism.



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