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## **For Immediate Release**

### **ARNA POUPKO FISHER AND GLORIA R. LIPSON APPOINTED TRUSTEES OF THE JEWISH FOUNDATION**

Arna Poupko Fisher and Gloria R. Lipson, skilled, experienced and dedicated community leaders, have been appointed as the two newest members of The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati's Board of Trustees. These appointments bring the number of Trustees on the Foundation Board to its maximum of 11, and in joining Bret Caller and John Stein – who were elected in 2014 – Ms. Fisher and Mrs. Lipson will fill seats vacated by the last of the original Jewish Foundation Trustees.

“As The Jewish Foundation approaches its 20th year, we are delighted that Arna Fisher and Gloria Lipson will be bringing their unique talents to our Board” said Jewish Foundation President Beth Guttman. “To meet our mission of investing to make Cincinnati the most vibrant Jewish community in North America, the addition of these two leaders will contribute significantly to our collaborative efforts with our partners throughout the community.”

Ms. Fisher is an acclaimed educator and speaker who brings more than 30 years of experience teaching, working and volunteering within the Jewish community. She is a core faculty member of the Wexner Heritage program, which just concluded its first class of Cincinnati participants, and she is a frequent Scholar in Residence for synagogues and federations throughout North America. Ms. Fisher is the Vice President of Leadership Development for the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, and has served as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council, and as a board member of Cincinnati Hillel, the Center for Holocaust & Humanity Education and Jewish Family Service. In 2014, Arna and her husband, Bobby Fisher, co-chaired a high-level Israel mission for two dozen of Cincinnati's most influential business and civic leaders.

A lifelong teacher, Arna was the first individual to become a permanent, full-time Scholar in Residence for a federation when she began her pioneering work as the Judaic Consultant of the Montreal Federation in 1993. She is currently an adjunct faculty member in the University of Cincinnati's Judaic Studies Department, where she teaches Bible and Jewish Thought.

"The ways in which our Jewish Foundation has created a communal platform which is, at once, supportive and collaborative yet innovative and truth-seeking, is remarkable and, from the standpoint of North American communities, thoroughly original" said Ms. Fisher. "I am most grateful for both the challenge and opportunity of participating in its noble mission of moving Jewish Cincinnati toward greatness."

A native of Lexington, KY, Mrs. Lipson brings a long track record of activity and accomplishment within and beyond the Jewish community, which she credits to her family's emphasis on working together to better their entire community. She has served as a Trustee of the Isaac M. Wise Temple and the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, as well as on the boards of the Cincinnati JCRC, Glen Manor and Cedar Village, and as Vice President of the National Council of Jewish Women and Cincinnati Hillel. She is currently on the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where she and her husband, the late Alvin Lipson z"l, underwrote the Pastoral Counseling Division on the Cincinnati campus. In addition, Mrs. Lipson served as a senior caseworker for Jewish Family Service and was the co-director and founder of the Alan R. Mack Parent Center at JFS.

In the civic community, Gloria has been on the advisory board of the City of Cincinnati's Department of Human Services and the Adolescent Clinic of Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She is currently the President of Midwest Centers, Ltd., and Urban Management, Inc., both local real estate companies.

"The Jewish Foundation is an outstanding leader in in this community, and I have been continually impressed with the Foundation's ability, through strategic investment, to insure the continuance of a wonderful quality of life for our entire community" said Mrs. Lipson. "I am honored and I look forward to working with this group of dedicated and informed board members, and I hope that we can continue the legacy of positive transformation through strategic philanthropy."

Ms. Fisher and Mrs. Lipson will both be eligible for election to full five-year terms as Trustees at the Jewish Foundation's Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Mayerson JCC on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

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*The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati invests in high impact, transformational initiatives in the areas of Unmet Basic Needs, Jewish Educational Opportunities, Leadership Development, Continuous Jewish Involvement and Israel Connection. Since its founding in 1995, the Foundation has significantly enhanced the cohesiveness and culture of the Cincinnati Jewish community, and has invested more than \$100 million in a vision to make Cincinnati one of America's great cities for Jewish life.*