

## Marcella Bobinsky, Board Member

Marcella Jordan Bobinsky is a new Maine resident. As a native of New Hampshire, I proudly grew up on a dairy farm and attended the University of New Hampshire. In 1978 my husband and I moved to Indianapolis, Indiana then on to Springfield, Illinois where we raised two children. Throughout my professional life I worked in social services. The family attended Temple B'rith Sholom , a classically reformed synagogue, where I served on the Board as Treasurer and President. I reveled in being a member of the Temple Choir. After earning a Masters in Public Health, my second husband, Tim, and I returned to New Hampshire where I worked in senior services and then served for ten years in the New Hampshire Division of Public Health.

After retirement, Tim and I moved to Portland. I reached out to Bet Ha'am during Covid and became a part of a Tikun Olam book discussion group. I zoomed Torah Study and Friday Services. It was nearly a year before I stepped inside the Bet Ha'am sanctuary.

As a Jew by Choice, I am a spiritual Jew. I believe that G-d is in each of us and her goodness is realized because of us. Only you and I can heal the world through kindness, justice and mercy. I still have much to learn about the holidays and Jewish culture. I enjoy reading about the neighborhoods and families of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century immigrant communities. I am also challenged by the current writings that outline and discuss today's injustices.

It is an honor to be placed in nomination for the Bet Ha'am Board.