This spring, across the country, school auditoriums were empty on graduation day. Birthdays, bar/bat mitzvahs, and other lifecycle events were canceled, contracted, delayed, or digitized. The daily hurdles crossed, the hard-fought victories, and the small-but-big wins were all experienced largely alone or greeted by smiles across a screen. In recent months, many of us have become more keenly aware of the need for and value of being seen… of being celebrated.

At Footsteps, this is a familiar feeling. When new members walk through our door in pursuit of a self-determined life, we know it often comes at the consequence of familial and communal relationships. The intense isolation that many of us have felt in this era of social distancing is something that “Footsteppers” routinely face in the process of recreating community and finding a chosen family. This is why it has been a cherished tradition to host Footsteps Celebrates in the spring. It is a night when we get to honor the small steps and huge leaps that all of you took in the past year – whether earning a GED, landing an internship, or securing a divorce. It is a night when our supporters get to fill the seats, schepp naches, and become the most raucous cheering section.

Of course, this year, hosting an in-person event was impossible. But we knew that it was more important than ever to honor your resilience, to break through the tedium of technology, and to ensure that you felt seen and celebrated. So we turned to all of you for your stories and dedications, and to our donors and extended community for their words of encouragement to share with our honorees.

Welcome to the first ever Footsteps Yearbook! In the pages that follow, you will read about Footsteppers’ triumphs, which are all the more epic given the year’s context. From Hayden, who is on her way to Germany as a Fulbright Scholar, to Shua, who sought and received treatment for past trauma and today is feeling amazing, to Bina, who has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 emergency here in New York City as an EMT. ALL OF YOU – whether in the 2020 Yearbook or not – are heroic and essential. Each page also includes kudos and kvelling, because there is power to seeing praise in print.

This Yearbook is but one way that Footsteps has adapted and innovated since the pandemic hit. With the incredibly generous support of our donors and extended community, Footsteps was able to move our programming online practically overnight, to make sure we reached all of you with our remote services, and to provide critical emergency assistance where it was needed. But beyond the support that Footsteps has facilitated, we have also witnessed all of you showing up for each other. You are experts at navigating through the unknown, and you continue to inspire the team at Footsteps and everyone who believes in our work.

As we look ahead, a lot remains unknown. But we know this: Footsteps and its tight-knit community of members, staff, board, supporters, allies, and volunteers will always find a way to say, “I see you and I celebrate you.”

Best,

Lani Santo
Chief Executive Officer
October 2020
Dear Graduates.

I’m so proud of all of you! It was my pleasure to give you a scholarship from Footsteps to help you on your way — it was the most favorite part of my job! I wish you luck in your future endeavors and know you will succeed in meeting all your life goals!

Your cheerleader, Betsy

Betsy Fabricant

All my best wishes for your brave journey.

Laurent (Montreal)

You are an inspiration to us all.

Courtney Lobel

Our congratulations on your choices and successful “Footsteps”!

Debra & Bruce Ettenberg

The world benefits greatly from your decisions and achievements — carry on!

Irv Goldfein

Footsteps is a wonderful organization and you should be so proud of yourself!

Marian and Ed Saltzman

You will go far. Life can be tough but you are tougher!

Oksana Stowbunenko

Mazal Tov! You did it!!!!

Sara Waisman

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DEDICATIONS

Congratulations on all you have and will accomplish!
Anne and Paul Corwin

Continue the soul searching work. May you find your peace, happiness and success in a new world.
Anonymous

May you continue to go from strength to strength. Congratulations.
Sara Schupf

Wishing you all success in your future lives.
Anonymous

Warmest congratulations!
Miriam Solomon and John Clarke

Congratulations to an impressive group charting their own destiny!
Amitai Bin-Nun

Continue your growth and push forward. You have the support of millions.
Sofie Trachten

Wishing you much success in your future endeavors.
Anonymous

Congratulations and wishing you all the best of success!
Anonymous

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Devorah

**I am celebrating** standing up to my family and the ultra-Orthodox community, deciding to leave my abusive husband, and filing a complaint against a psychiatrist who misdiagnosed and medicated me.

**Motto**

“Better to fail at doing the right thing than to succeed at doing the wrong thing.”

Devorah, I am completely blown away by your resilience and strength. It is incredibly hard doing what you did. Good luck with the rest of your journey. — Hoda ElMahdy

Eli

**I am celebrating** finishing my first year of grad school at University of Chicago and having my second essay published in the New York Times.

**Motto**

“Be humble, stay hungry.”

Eli, you are a master of the written word and the Twitter RT! What a year you’ve had. Your tenacity is admirable and I know it’s just the beginning! Congrats! — Yael

Eliezer Mishulovin

**I am celebrating** earning my BS in Neuroscience from University of Minnesota Twin Cities, participating seriously in a neuroscience academic research paper, completing a web developer boot camp, building a garden in my backyard, and other things too!

Wow! I am blown away by your accomplishments, Eliezer! Congratulations on all these exciting new endeavors, and I hope this year proves to be fulfilling and joyful! Best of luck! — Chavie

Research Subjects I have been involved in computational neuroscience research involving (among other things) neuroscience, engineering, programming, and monkeys, which has been super exciting!

Elah

**I am celebrating** leaving my religion, getting divorced, coming out as OTD and bi to my family and many of my friends, and making a wonderful group of OTD friends. I also moved into my own apartment (with roommates) for the first time.

Elah — what a HUGE year for you! When people live their truths, whether as members of the LGBTQ+ community or the OTD community, it makes it easier for those around them to live their truths, too. Congratulations, and thank you.

Quarantine Life

The new normal — virtual communication — has allowed me to become less fearful about reaching out to old friends and family. I’ve been trying to see the silver lining during these complex crises, and the pandemic, in a way, has given me carte blanche to communicate with people by video chat — especially those who live in other countries.

Elah, I am completely blown away by your resilience and strength. It is incredibly hard doing what you did. Good luck with the rest of your journey. — Hoda ElMahdy

Elizabeth

**I am celebrating** leaving my abusive marriage that I was completely trapped in for 27 years. I was not allowed to work or finish my four-year degree while I was married. Now I am working an essential job at FedEx, which is going well, and I have my own apartment. My accomplishment is that I’m free, free, free after so much misery!

**Favorite Hobby**

Hiking

Elizabeth, you are fierce and are an inspiration to so many women. Thank you.
To Grace and the Class of 2020,
Congratulations on your remarkable courage
and accomplishments!
Lynda Mandlawitz

You can do anything you dream of.
Don't stop dreaming.
Shmarya Yeret

Your bravery is an inspiration to all of us.
We wish you all great success.
Robin Gingold & Howard Kantrowitz

Stay strong! Education is the key to all your dreams, best of luck!
Anna Karp

Never give up — you can do it.
A new life awaits you!
Anonymous

“Follow your bliss.” —Joseph Campbell
Hersh Stern

Congratulations to all the graduates and achievers! May you continue to live your lives on your terms.
Susan Wishnow

Congratulations!! Bright future ahead!
Anonymous

I am in awe of your strength and achievements. Keep going!
Nicole Minkoff

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Celebrations

Israel Edery

I am celebrating becoming independent by finally moving and living outside the community I grew up in. I also ended my first semester at Brooklyn College with pretty good grades.

Motto

“Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.”

―Zuska Wilhelm

Congratulations, Israel! You’re making big moves AND rocking it academically. (Also, your grades were more than “pretty good” your first semester. If you won’t brag, we’ll do it for you!) —Ayelet

Levi

I am celebrating earning my High School Equivalency (TASC) and enrolling at Rockland Community College.

Motto

“The truth at all costs.”

Go Levi! From someone who started with a TASC diploma and received an A.S. from RCC and is now further along on the journey — keep putting one foot in front of the other! You can do this!

Schneur Zalman Newfield

I am celebrating having my academic book, Degrees of Separation: Identity Formation While Leaving Ultra-Orthodox Judaism, published by Temple University Press this year.

Motto

“To dare is to lose one’s footing momentarily. To not dare is to lose oneself.” —Soren Kierkegaard

Congrats on having impressive accomplishments and for being an equally impressive person. I am so grateful for your brilliant mind & much-needed contributions to this community, and also for your kind heart and support to others. —Hoda ElMahdy

Musically Minded

I play guitar and sometimes I sing in my sleep. Also, I created a band when I was 18.

Sam “Ushy” Katz

I am celebrating earning my PhD in Immunology from the University of Cambridge.

Motto

“Anything worth doing is worth doing badly.”

―Jack Gilbert

Congratulations on your PhD in immunology from Cambridge, Doctor Katz! What an incredible accomplishment! —Julia and Lani

My Non-OTD OTD Inspirations

Remy from Ratatouille
Hermione Granger from the Harry Potter series
Kimmy Schmidt from Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt
Clifton Fadiman from The Wine Lover’s Daughter
Asma Khan from Chef’s Table

Congratulations on your PhD in Immunology from Cambridge, Doctor Katz! What an incredible accomplishment! —Julia and Lani

Felicity Nagelberg

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Congratulations, Felicity! You’re making big moves AND rocking it academically. (Also, your grades were more than “pretty good” your first semester. If you won’t brag, we’ll do it for you!) —Ayelet

Dr. Raizy Reider (Blau)

I am celebrating receiving my Doctorate in Educational Literacy from The Sage Colleges in Albany.

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―Zuska Wilhelm

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The people you help are proof that a good mind is a terrible thing to waste.

―Sorrelle Green

For the great support you give to those who need it.

―Carol Woodward

Mazel tov for being so brave and best of luck with your promising futures.

―Felicity Nagelberg

Congratulations on all you have achieved. May you go from strength to strength.

―Ira and Miriam Parness

Congratulations!

―Robert Spiegel

Congratulations to all those and their accomplishments.

―Harry Breaux

You don’t know me and I don’t know you, but I support your bravery and journey.

―Michelle O’Doherty

Mazel tov!

―Anonymous

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Sarah

I am celebrating my short film, “Part of Your World,” which explores the culture shock aspect of being OTD, being accepted into four film festivals.

Motto
“What would Hermione do?”

Sarah, your short film is phenomenal and deserves all of the acclaim you’ve received! To think that you finished this project while working and plotting your next academic steps — truly incredible. Congrats on a stellar year! — Yaël

Sarah Landau

I am celebrating graduating with a degree in Economics from Pomona College and writing my thesis on sustainable investment in Germany.

Dear Sarah, Congrats on this incredible accomplishment! We are all so proud of you on the Footsteps staff. — Emma Kraft

Sarah

I am celebrating earning my Master of Science in Marketing Analytics from Baruch College and graduating with honors. When I was awarded a Footsteps Career Fellowship two summers ago, I had just begun an internship in market research. Today, I have been in the field for several years and am an integral part of my team.

Congrats Sarah! So wonderful to see your progress! Baruch is very lucky to have you! — Dave Ruder

Shira Ansbacher

I am celebrating becoming a doctor; I received my MD from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.

Congratulations on becoming a doctor, Sol! This is an incredible accomplishment, and it’s been amazing to see some of your journey unfold. You are going to make an incredible doctor, and we are so happy for you and proud of you! — Julia and Lani

Shua

I am celebrating finally getting the support I needed to enter into treatment for my abuse trauma. I successfully finished my treatment and I feel amazing.

Favorite Foods to Cook
1) Stir fry
2) Cholent
3) Salmon
4) Impossible meat
5) Gourmet foods

Shua, you’re taking very hard and important steps towards building the life you want for yourself. Congrats on standing up and facing huge challenges head-on. — Hoda ElMahdy

Sol Feuerwerker

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Please know that those of us outside your community welcome you with love. Best of luck in your journey.

Anonymous
Mazal Tov!
Sonia Glazer

Congratulations to all of the 2020 Footsteps graduates!

Lori Levine
Kudos! Bravo!
Susan Krause and Allen Nimensky

“Oh! The places you will go.”
Rita Davidson

Your courage and vision are inspiring to me and so many others!

Ahouva Steinhaus

Mazel tov on graduation and on living your truths — chazak v’ematz!

Eli Sprecher

Keep doing this incredible work.
Rebecca Schwartz Smith

You Are Amazing!
Marian Geller

We are so proud of you all for your bravery, discipline, talent, and visionary thinking.

Pat Richter and Don Crocker

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Celebrations

Tzivia Miller
I am celebrating getting into nursing school.

Congratulations on your acceptance to nursing school!

Signature Dishes
• Shakshuka
• Meatballs
• Matza ball soup
• Boiled potatoes with sautéed onions (my favorite)
• Mushroom barley soup

Yonah Kohn
I am celebrating reaching a turning point in my willingness to speak out about my own experiences as part of my continued advocacy for survivors of child sexual abuse and for mental wellness.

Yonah, you continue to inspire us! —Stephanie Oster and Mark Lee

Fun Fact
Coincidentally, I once slow danced with Don Rickles on stage in Las Vegas.

Motto
“I wish you what I have, and that is people who care.”
—Don Rickles

Zee Frank
I am celebrating graduating with a Master of Social Work from NYU.

Zee, congrats on completing your studies! The world of Social Work is incredibly lucky to have you amongst their ranks! —Arielle Schwartz

Motto
“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” —Albert Einstein

Words of Advice
If you want something really bad, go for it really hard.

Yankele Friedman
I am celebrating reaching 350 hours of flight time.

Motto
“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.” —Mark Twain

Congratulations on reaching 350 hours of flight time, Yankele! What a cool and amazing accomplishment. You are an inspiration to members around what is possible when you follow your passions. —Julia Zee Frank

You are all incredible, Mazel tov! —Laurence Bard

You are all HEROES!!!! Continue to be strong, brave, and do seemingly impossible things. —Kathe Korak

Way to go, all of you! —Jonathan Stettin

Rooting for you wildly from the stands! —Taffy & Claude Brodesser-Akner

I loved reading Bina, Levi, and Hayden’s success stories! Sad to think society would have been robbed of their talents. —Alan Kennedy

Mazal Tov to all the Achievers and all who strive for a healthy and true life. —Rabbi Gerald Friedman

Thanks so much to Footsteps! In my extreme time of need you were there supporting me. And still are. —Elizabeth Rosenberg

Congratulations to all upon your amazing achievements! May you all continue to be the best versions of yourself each of you can be! —Penny Gold

Congratulations! Resilience is about the ability to adapt to a new reality and thrive in it. We have all done that! So proud of being one of us, and celebrating together! —Chani Getter

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Meet Two of the Footsteps 2020 Scholarship Recipients

“If you want to go fast you go alone. If you want to go far, you go together.”
—Lev

“I never had people who wanted to support me... it’s so incredible that there are people who care about me.”
—Hindy
Footsteps
We’re celebrating a year full of achievements as both an organization and a community — take a look at some of the highlights below!

Motto

Quarantine Life
In March, Footsteps made the decision to go remote to help curb the spread of COVID-19. Since then, we’ve been working from our home offices (or bedrooms, or living rooms...) to provide remote programming and resources for our members. We know that this has been a particularly difficult time for many of you, and we are so grateful to the supporters who helped us provide extra support through two rounds of emergency funding. And so many of you have shown up for each other in our virtual groups; we are thrilled to see more of our distance members, parents, and others who usually find it difficult to access our in-person services. We promise to keep working hard to stay connected from a distance until it is safe for us to return to in-person services!

Back to School
Nothing stops Footsteps members from pursuing their educational goals! Footsteps will award $501,475 in grants to 135 scholars for the 2020/2021 Academic Year — that’s more scholars and more scholarship money awarded than in any previous year. We’re already getting excited for what our 2021 Yearbook has in store.

Hello, Hello!
In September, we launched “Footsteps Phone”, a warmline for Footsteps members and others leaving or who have left insular ultra-Orthodox communities to get support, guidance, and help navigating Footsteps’ resources! Footsteps Phone is staffed by our Peer Connectors, members of our Footsteps community who have joined Footsteps’ staff to provide support and guidance to current and prospective Footsteps members and to help you navigate the full range of resources that Footsteps has to offer. This Peer Connector line will also offer support for those members and potential members who are more comfortable speaking Yiddish. You can reach our Peer Connectors at (877) STEPS-55 on weekdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, or at connect@footstepsorg.org.

A First from the Before-Times
It may feel like ages ago, but back when we were still able to safely gather, we came together January 25-26 for Choice & Change: A Footsteps Convening — the first-ever event of its kind. The convening brought together 275 members, service providers, academics, allies, philanthropists, fellow travelers, and sister groups from across the globe to explore the central questions, opportunities, and needs of the formerly ultra-Orthodox community. The convening also served as a springboard for Yotzim Without Borders, a group of organizations serving formerly ultra-Orthodox people in Israel, Europe, Australia, and the US, to share best practices. With it, Footsteps stepped into our role as international convener and movement builder — both as an organization and as a community.

Oh, the Places We’ll Grow
This past year, nearly 200 formerly ultra-Orthodox people joined our community, bringing us closer and closer to 2,000 Footsteps members. And that’s not the only way we’re growing: this year we held more 1:1 meetings than in any previous year (especially among our economic empowerment team, who’ve conducted nearly 3x the meetings this year as they did in 2018) and matched more members with volunteers than ever before. We’ve grown our Community Engagement and Clinical programming in response to increased demand, and we’ve introduced new programs, such as volunteer-led creative workshops on poetry, cooking, and storytelling and a drop-in group for those navigating the complexities of parenting during COVID-19. We are so excited to continue to grow with you in 2021!

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An OTD Reading List
This has been a great year for books on the formerly ultra-Orthodox experience. Here are some of our favorites, in no particular order:

Off the Derech: Leaving Orthodox Judaism
by Ezra Cappell and Jessica Lang (featuring a chapter from Footsteps CEO Lani Santo and former staff members Rachel B. Berger and Tsivia Finnman)

Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman
by Abby Stein (Footsteps member)

Degrees of Separation: Identity Formation While Leaving Ultra-Orthodox Judaism
by Dr. Schneur Zalman Newfield (Footsteps member)

Hidden Heretics: Jewish Doubt in the Digital Age
by Dr. Ayala Fader
Celebrations

With special thanks to the Footsteps Scholarship Committee for their tireless efforts in supporting our Footsteps scholars:

Jamie Hooper, Chair
Laura Blankfein
Ulrika Citron
Monette de Botton
Betsy Fabricant
Gary Freilich
Mike Gantcher
Anne Germanacos
Meir Grossman
Joshua Halberstam
Ann Kirschner
Yosef Rivkin
Ari Rosenberg

The Footsteps Board of Directors is immensely proud of the 2020 Footsteps scholars and achievers. To those who shared their celebrations and to those who did not, congratulations on pursuing your truth. We stand beside you on your journeys.

Debra Fine, Board Chair
Elie Gordis, Vice Chair
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Steve Eisman
Shelley Fischel
Gary Freilich
Jamie Hooper
Yoseph Horowitz
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Miriarn Moster
Phin Reisz
Ari Rosenberg
Nitza Rubin
Merle Woldenberg
Gonchar

We are especially grateful to the following supporters in helping us reach our campaign goal:

Phin Reisz and Anat Volfovich
Joshua Rosenthal
Judy and Stanley Zabar

“THE ROOTS OF EDUCATION ARE BITTER BUT THE FRUITS ARE SWEET.
—Aristotle
"

We are with you on your learning journey!
Ann Kirschner

Life is not a having and a getting, but a being and a becoming
—Matthew Arnold

Congratulations to the 2020 Footsteppers on your becomings!
Merle and Eric Gonchar

Congratulations to an incredible group of people who have overcome extraordinary obstacles to get here. We are very proud to support you!

Randy & Rona Nelson

Our hand is outstretched
Our heart is open
Your steps are not taken alone
S. Robert Levine
CONGRATULATIONS to the hard-working and accomplished graduates and to the Footsteps staff who helped so many advance their personal goals!

Ellen Klein and Michael Gunther

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON YOUR AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS! WE CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY YOUR STRENGTH, HARD WORK, AND SUCCESS.
— Carrie Shapiro & Peter Frey & the Marietta and Andrew Romay Foundation

We wish all the graduates and achievers our very best. We so admire your courage and strength!

Debbie and Lou Salkind

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The Stein Family

We dedicate this to all of the Footsteppers whose strength we admire and whose personal destinies we celebrate.
We wish you all success and a future full of love, joy, and peace.

With love,
The grandchildren of Morris and Sylvia Trachten

The Borgenicht Foundation congratulates all Footsteps members on your progress, achievements, and dedication to reaching your goals. May you go from strength to strength, knowing you are admired and appreciated for the light you bring to the world.

Robert Cannon

You are an exceptional group of people with so much to offer the world.
Keep up the great work!

Diane and Michael Werner
Congratulations, Footsteppers!
Your hard work, your brilliance, and your perseverance are all such an inspiration.

Jamie Hooper, Footsteps board member and Scholarship Committee Chair

YOUR CHOICES SHINE A BRIGHT LIGHT FOR ALL THOSE FOLLOWING YOU!

Debra Fine
and Marty Schneider

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.
—John Dewey

Dear friends,
I am writing this from Geneva, Switzerland — a long way away from New York — but you are all in my thoughts a lot. I want to congratulate you on taking whatever steps you are taking, large or small, to make your future better. It takes tremendous courage and determination, so you should be proud of yourselves. There will be obstacles along the way but keep remembering where you started and you will see how far you have already come.
I wish you all the peace and happiness that you deserve.
With a big hug, Rachel

Very best wishes to the graduates and recipients of this year’s scholarships.

Mark Lipton

We are proud to support all of you on your journey.

The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation

Congratulations to everyone on these wonderful achievements.
You are all so determined, brave and strong!

Shelly and Howard Kivell

We congratulate each of you on this milestone.
You are an inspiration to us and to the many who will follow in your footsteps.

Best of luck to you as you embark on the next journey.

Julie Persily and David Lefkowitz

I honor the courage it required for each of you to emancipate yourself, taking your first steps out of your insular ultra-Orthodox communities. In having done so, you inspire the rest of us to dedicate ourselves to making the most serious use possible of this precious human existence.

Eliezer T. Margolis, MA
(Jewish Communal Service), PhD
director, The Returning Wealth Philanthropic Fund
Congratulations to all on your tremendous achievements. You’ve worked so hard to get where you are today, and I hope you are taking the time to reflect on your work with pride.

Joshua Rosenthal

It fills us with joy and pride to know of your successes. We wish you all the love and happiness as you move into the next chapters of your lives.

Gary Freilich and Katie Workman

Wishing all you Footsteps Scholars the very best in your inspiring and brave journey; may you live your best lives.

Ulrika and Joel Citron

Congratulations to all the graduates and the fine work Footsteps is doing during these difficult times.

—Marion and Irving Levine

We are proud to support the Footsteps community and congratulate the 2020 graduates and achievers!

Wishing you continued success on your journey.

On behalf of all of us at the Jeffrey H. and Shari L. Aronson Family Foundation

Jeffrey H. and Shari L. Aronson Family Foundation

WE DEDICATE THIS TO THE STAFF OF FOOTSTEPS WHO HAVE HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE.

Judith and Stanley Zabar

We dedicate this to the staff of Footsteps who have helped so many people.
The Gantcher family is proud to support Footsteps and all of their brave members!
Best of luck to all of the scholarship recipients!

Mike and Christina Gantcher

"THE HIGHEST FORM OF WISDOM IS KINDNESS."
The Talmud

"Congratulations to everyone on these wonderful achievements. You are all so determined, brave and strong!"
—Shelly

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Elie and Avra Gordis

It is an honor for me as a volunteer to play a small role in the self-discovery process of Footsteps members and their re-examination of the challenging realm of interpersonal relationships with families and former communities, and how they mold themselves into their present world and develop community during these challenging times. These are unprecedented times and are a true test for each of us. Lean in and hang in there…

David Reiff

Click to view a special video message from Jane and Michael Lockshin
Footsteppers — you inspire all of us to forge our own destiny and build lives of our own choosing. Congratulations on your impressive accomplishments!

From all of us at the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation

Footsteps Graduates 2020,

We continue to be inspired by your accomplishments, and in awe of your strength.
May this chapter be your best yet!
All of us at the Jewish Social Justice Roundtable are proud to be in community with you.

Wishing you a sweet and healthy new year,

The staff and leaders of the Jewish Social Justice Roundtable
It’s been an honor to support you and to be a small part of your journeys. You continue to inspire us and motivate us.

Sending lots of strength and love,
The Natan Community

Jewish Foundation for Education of Women celebrates the extraordinary achievements of the JFEW Footsteps Scholars. We are so proud of you!