

**Barry Shrage**

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Barry Shrage is currently a faculty member of Brandeis University. At Brandeis he teaches at the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program. He is also a fellow at the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies where he works on issues related to the Jewish identity of our next generation.

Previously he served as president of CJP—Boston’s Jewish Federation—since 1987. Under Barry’s leadership, CJP focused on three priorities: Jewish education and engaging future generations, strengthening our connection to Israel through community-to-community and people-to-people partnerships, and creating a caring community in Boston and overseas. He champions true partnerships between CJP, donors and recipient organizations—inspiring the Jewish community to contribute more than \$67 million to CJP’s 2018 Annual Campaign.

Barry has been instrumental in the creation of several cutting-edge programs designed to engage the next generation in meaningful Jewish life, and create a welcoming, inclusive Jewish community. Projects include *Me’ah*, an intensive Jewish adult education curriculum; and significant efforts to engage interfaith families, Jews with disabilities and the LGBTQ community. He also helped create IACT aimed at engaging post Birthright College students in Jewish life on campus. Finally Barry helped raise \$7 million for “Bridge to the Future”, an outreach program currently being developed at CJP for young adults and young families

After graduating from City College of New York, Barry earned a master’s degree in social work from Boston University. He worked at JCCs from 1969 to 1977 and at the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland from 1978 to 1987. He and his wife Ellie live in Newton, where they raised their two children. They have six grandchildren.

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