

The Fanny Goldstein Merit Award: Presented to Ronda Rose by Ellen Cole

Ellen Cole, librarian of the Levine Library of Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles, is a well-known reviewer of Jewish books for children and adults. She is the 2007 recipient of AJL's Fanny Goldstein Merit Award and the 2001 recipient of AJLSC's Dorothy Schroeder Award for Outstanding Service. Recently retired as co-editor of the Children's Section of the AJL Newsletter, she is past chairperson of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee, and a speaker on children's books and creating home Jewish libraries. Ellen received her MA from the Johns Hopkins University's Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, her BA from Goucher College, and her library training from HUC in Los Angeles.

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To know Ronda Rose is to know her smarts, dedication, leadership talent, loyalty and net working skills extraordinaire. No matter what her office – high or low - she is always willing to work hard; what is more: she does! I am honored to present her well deserved Fanny Goldstein Merit Award. Ronda pours time, energy and knowledge into our organization, strengthening it and at the same time, empowering us. She is a renowned librarian and a model executive.

Ronda is the Library Director of Beverly Hills' Temple Emanuel Kosofsky Library, serving still in the same synagogue where she began her professional library life 32 years ago. Armed with a degree in education from USC, Ronda soon jumped from public school teaching to Jewish Librarianship. She began Emanuel's Library while president of the parent teacher havarah. The first person assigned to run the Library was quickly assigned by her doctor to bed rest; Emanuel turned to Ronda to take over; the rest is history. At Emanuel Day School she honed her multi-tasking talents, assisting other offices while she also performed as Librarian. When it came time to reconstruct the Library, Ronda supervised the project. Ronda received the first Asha Kyle award from Temple Emanuel's Day School at its inception in 1985: as noted then and today, we honor a true Woman of Valor.

Our multitasking executive balances family life and professional offices with her career. Ronda is married to the adorable Fred Rose, a convention attendee as loyal as any official AJL member, known and beloved by us all. They have three children living in three states across the country: Pamela, Debbie and David. Undaunted, jet setting Ronda finds time to visit them all for every special occasion! When not with them, Ronda is a black belt worry wort! Thanks to these wonderful children, Ronda and Fred enjoy 3 1/2 grandchildren and still find time to travel the globe. Further, Ronda supports and cares for a huge extended clan from her brother and his family, to Fred's siblings and their families, to myriad cousins. Family simchas are attended in record numbers, thanks to Ronda.

Ronda has a sterling history of service to national AJL. She advanced from Chapter Representative, Parliamentarian, and National Chapter Chairperson, to Vice President, President Elect and President. Retired from our presidency she copied John Quincy Adams and returned to national service at once. Snow and ice never keep her from mid-Winter. She is still on Council

through her positions as Stipend Committee Co-Chair and Registration Chair for Seattle convention. No matter when or what her position Ronda has that enviable gift for acceptance and understanding the other side. As a leader, she calmly handles opposition anger, channeling disagreements into positively charged results. Unflappable, she is not to be ruffled; she makes her colleagues feel included, their ideas wanted.

Ronda's local professional activities in LA are equally to be praised. A 15 year member of LA's Bureau of Jewish Education, her voice at meetings is strong, backed by experience. She served her local chapter, AJLSC, as President, Parliamentarian, Vice President for Membership and chair of countless committees. She is currently our Treasurer, dragging us into the 21st century, by nagging our chapter to incorporate, by insisting on our personal CPA. For her achievements in her numerous offices and volunteer positions, Ronda received AJLSC's highest honor: The Dorothy Schroeder Memorial Award.

As her friend and colleague I would like to think AJL had done half as much for Ronda as she has done for us. AJL is a finer organization because of Ronda. We thank you; we salute you. Ronda, I am proud of you and I love you! Congratulations.