

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING VIVIAN AND IRWIN MILLER  
ON BEING AWARDED THE  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
BY THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on June 7, 2015, the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (“JHSFC”) will be holding a celebration marking its 30th Anniversary and presenting its Lifetime Achievement Award to Vivian and Irwin Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, Vivian and Irwin Miller were initially responsible for creating and maintaining both the JHSFC and its archives, which today are the resources for discovering, explaining and preserving local Jewish history; and

**WHEREAS**, Because of Vivian Miller’s original efforts beginning in 1984, Stamford today houses the only Jewish archives in Fairfield County open to students, families and scholars; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Stamford educator, Vivian Miller understood the value and need of collecting documents and memorabilia that would inform present and future generations in our area and the nation of the character and contributions of the Jewish community, and as her husband’s helpmate and supporter, Vivian travelled with Irwin throughout the region and to other states seeking historical data, studying original documents, conducting interviews and photographing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Irwin Miller was one of the eight original incorporators of the JHSFC that was officially approved by the Secretary of the State of Connecticut on March 13th, 1984, and served as its Founding President from 1983 -1988; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, Irwin Miller has worked tirelessly to further the heights and horizons of the JHSFC. In addition to writing numerous articles and lecturing on topics relating to the history of the Jewish Community in Fairfield County, he is the co-author of The Jewish Communities of Greater Stamford, published by the Arcadia Press in 2002 and still available on Amazon, at the Archives and at many other Jewish museums throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Irwin has also delighted many citizens as a favorite tour guide to many places of Jewish significance, the latest being the American Jewish Museum in Philadelphia of which he is a founding member.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives thanks Vivian and Irwin Miller for the contributions to the Stamford community and congratulates them on their receipt of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County Lifetime Achievement Award.

*Approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk