



Gail J. Nebenzahl

Gail was born and raised in San Francisco where she still lives. She holds a BS from the University of California and an MA in Anthropology from San Francisco State University. After college she married Bernard Nebenzahl. While raising three children, she worked as a dental hygienist. During that time, she was active in the desegregation/integration of the S.F. public schools, marched and attended rallies during Civil Rights demonstrations (with children in tow). She served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committees of Cross-Cultural Family Center, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and Women's Interfaith Dialogue on the Mideast. She also was active in fundraising for the San Francisco Day School, serving as co-chair of several of its fundraising events. She received her MA in Anthropology at age 60 and briefly taught anthropology at the College of Marin prior to becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate to three children in year 2000. In 2005 she joined the Board of Directors of San Francisco Court Appointed Special Advocates (SFCASA), chaired the Development Committee and was a member of the Executive Committee. In 2009, she started an auxiliary for SFCASA which continues to flourish today as its major fundraiser. In 2014 she was named by the Governor "Volunteer of the Year" for the State of California.