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Goldberg becomes first Jewish woman sworn in to statewide office

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State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg being sworn in.

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On Jan. 21, former Brookline Selectwoman Deborah B. Goldberg was sworn in as Mass. State Treasurer using her father Avram Goldberg's bar mitzvah Bible for the swearing-in ceremony in the State House Senate Chamber. Rabbi William Hamilton of Congregation Kehillath Israel delivered the invocation and was preceded by Cantor Scott Sokol of [Temple Beth Sholom in Framingham](#), who sang "America the Beautiful." The two then sang the Shehechyanu prayer in Hebrew and English. In her inaugural address, Goldberg thanked her predecessor, Steve Grossman, and pledged to carry forward his initiatives.

