

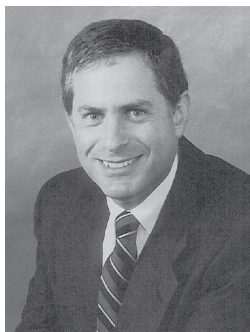


**27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Julian Y. Bernstein  
Distinguished Service  
Awards Ceremony**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
10 Iyar 5782**







## Julian Y. Bernstein

Julian Y. Bernstein, z"l was a well-known and admired leader in the Westchester Jewish community. Some of the organizations that benefited from his leadership were UJA-Federation of New York/Westchester and the Jewish Community Center of Harrison. Julian was also a long-serving Executive Committee member and board member of the Westchester Jewish Council. Julian believed that doing tzedakah was just as important as giving tzedakah. The Westchester Jewish Council Distinguished

Service Awards, named in memory of Julian, is our recognition and appreciation of his visionary leadership, guidance and friendship. It is the highest honor we can bestow on those with whom we celebrate this evening.



The Westchester Jewish Council connects and safeguards Westchester's Jewish communities and strengthens relationships among Jewish organizations and other ethnic and faith based groups, elected officials, Israel and the community at large. The Council provides a wide range of programming, services and resources to help strengthen our community.

Through our Roundtables the Westchester Jewish Council brings professional and lay leaders together to share information, form friendships and strengthen communications and connections. Bonds are formed and best practices are shared on a variety of relevant topics and issues. The expanding list of roundtables, some of which are done in partnership with our member organizations, includes Synagogue Executive Directors, Synagogue Presidents, Agency Presidents, Government Relations, Youth Professionals and Volunteers, Marketing Professionals & Volunteers, Israel Volunteers, Interfaith Volunteers, Parents of Lone Soldiers, Security Volunteers and Liaisons, Mosaic/LGBTQ Inclusion, Jewish Continuity and more.

The Westchester Jewish Council supports extensive and expanding programming that can be found on our Community Calendar at [www.wjcouncil.org/calendar](http://www.wjcouncil.org/calendar). The growing list includes Leadership Development Institute, Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast, Celebrate Israel Parade, Jewish Music and Arts Festival, Night of Jewish Learning, Night of Jewish Music, Israel Education Programming, Jewish History and Heritage Month Celebration, Legislative Breakfast, County-Wide Holocaust Commemoration and tonight's Julian Y. Bernstein Celebration.

**Please go to our website at [www.wjcouncil.org](http://www.wjcouncil.org) to see all the amazing work of the Westchester Jewish Council**





The Jewish Community Relations Council of Westchester Since 1975

Welcome to a wonderful evening. Tonight we are pleased to honor 18 individuals who have dedicated their time and talent to fill needs of the synagogue or organization in which they are involved. Were they asked to fill this role? Sometimes. Did they identify a need and step in to fill it? Sometimes. Were their efforts valued by their organizations? Definitely.

Today, no organization can thrive without its volunteers. Yet, the demands on each of us today can make finding time for volunteer efforts more difficult. Each of the individuals you will meet during this celebration have dedicated themselves to making that time and enriching the lives of so many others in our community. We guarantee that you will learn about and be inspired by their activities.

This evening's program is also the culmination of work by a volunteer committee of the Westchester Jewish Council. They have brought their insights, visions and sensitivities to this event, some for a number of years.

As you honor this year's honorees, we invite you to also recognize and thank our amazing volunteers:

***The Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards Committee***

Arlene Kleinberg

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Julie Rockowitz

Keith Reich

Sheila Spicehandler

Harold Treiber

***Betsy Bernstein and Karen Firestone***

*Co-chairs, Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards*

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### **Program**

#### **Welcome**

William H. Schrag  
President, Westchester Jewish Council

#### **Introduction to the Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards**

Betsy Bernstein

#### **Presentation of the Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards**

Betsy Bernstein, Arlene Kleinberg, Sue Pearson,  
Keith Reich, Julie Rockowitz,  
Sheila Spicehandler and Harold Treiber

#### **Closing**

Elliot Forchheimer, CEO  
Westchester Jewish Council



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# Julian Y. Bernstein

## Distinguished Service Awards 2022 Honorees

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) .....	Adam Waldman
Bet Am Shalom Synagogue .....	Elizabeth Haas Edersheim
Chavurat Tikvah.....	Peter Schlactus
CSS – Community Security Service.....	Guy Shmuel
Congregation B’nai Yisrael.....	Lisa Mazure
Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel (KTI).....	Margot Metzger
Hebrew Congregation of Somers .....	Irene Herz
Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center .....	Bette Sparago
Jewish National Fund .....	Caren Hammerman
Lincoln Park Jewish Center.....	Jack Schweizer
Scarsdale Synagogue – Temples Tremont and Emanu-El .....	David Goldman
Shames JCC on the Hudson .....	Charles Friedman
Sinai Free Synagogue .....	Elizabeth G. Spiro
Temple Beth Abraham.....	Jennifer Povman
UJA-Federation of NY / Westchester Region .....	Michele Gregson
United Hebrew of New Rochelle .....	Jim Staudt
Westchester Jewish Council .....	Darren Peister
Young Israel of Scarsdale .....	Marie Miller



Adam Waldman

## Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

Adam Waldman chairs the Advocacy and Community Outreach Committee (ACOC) of the New York/New Jersey Anti-Defamation League Regional Board. Adam officially joined the Regional Board after the merger of the New York and New Jersey regions in 2019. In addition to chairing its advocacy and community outreach, he is also a member of the Development Committee of the Regional Board.



Under Adam's leadership of the ACOC, the New York / New Jersey Region has maintained and grown its relationships with state and federal elected officials. The ACOC has supported local ADL interest groups in Westchester, New York City, New Jersey, and Long Island as they reach out to village, town and county government officials. In addition, the ACOC has restarted interfaith initiatives such as the interfaith seder.

Since becoming involved with ADL in 2016, Adam has attended either in person or virtually every National Leadership Summit and Never is Now conference – the latter being the world’s largest annual summit on antisemitism and hate. Previously he was involved with organizing and promoting the Securing Justice Dinners in Westchester.

Adam is the Chief Financial Officer of Assembled Universe, a holding company owned by Adam Pritzker, which systematically develops the next generation of consumer, software, and financial services brands and platforms into an ever-expanding universe of companies. In addition to his BS from Cornell University, he earned his MBA from the NYU Leonard Stern School of Business.

Adam and his wife Rebecca have three children, Ari (11), Emmanuelle (9) and Meyer (6). They have lived in Irvington since 2016.

*ADL is a leading anti-hate organization that was founded in 1913 in response to an escalating climate of antisemitism and bigotry. Today, ADL is the first call when acts of antisemitism occur and continues to fight all forms of hate. A global leader in exposing extremism, delivering anti-bias education and fighting hate online, ADL's ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination or hate.*



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## Elizabeth Haas Edersheim

### Bet Am Shalom Synagogue

Elizabeth Haas Edersheim co-chairs the Security Committee for Bet Am Shalom (BAS) Synagogue, a vibrant, egalitarian Reconstructionist congregation in White Plains. In this role, Elizabeth helped to build BAS's Community Security Service (CSS) team and is very active in county-wide CSS activities. Because of the committee and Elizabeth's hard work, more than 60 of Bet Am Shalom's congregants now have CSS training and are part of its security effort. Elizabeth engages with the planning, writing and implementation of BAS's Homeland Security grant applications, as well.



Elizabeth also co-chaired Bet Am Shalom's Craft Show Committee in 2020 and 2021, with a mission of bringing the Jewish community together to celebrate the finest of contemporary Jewish crafts and the artists who create them. Under her leadership, the committee formed a team of over 80 volunteer congregants and launched a virtual craft show with the support and active participation of Hebrew Institute of White Plains and The Leffell School.

Additionally, in April of 2019, Elizabeth unofficially assumed the role of Zoom host and coordinator for remote Friday evening services. She proudly continues in this role for now-hybrid services.

Elizabeth teaches at NYU's Preston Robert Tisch Institute where she co-leads a city-based research and consulting partnership with the Conference of Mayors and advises the dean on the school's strategy. In addition to the many hours she gives to Bet Am Shalom, Elizabeth also spends time advising fellowship teams in the Ashoka Globalizer Program and volunteers at Chalkbeat, American Journalism Project and NYC Community Schools, working on issues that are close to her heart.

Elizabeth is inspired weekly by Bet Am's Rabbi Les Bronstein and Cantor Benji Ellen Schiller, and daily by members, volunteers and staff, who are dedicated to enhancing our collective community and enriching the lives of all. She is continually looking to find new ways to serve Bet Am Shalom and the community.

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*Bet Am Shalom, a Reconstructionist synagogue, warmly welcomes all generations and religious backgrounds, including interfaith families, empty nesters, singles, LGBTQ, the scholarly and observant, and those new to Judaism. The community is bound together by a shared belief in a thoughtful and progressive approach to Judaism. With a deep respect for tradition, Bet Am Shalom seeks to evolve as the world evolves. The creative spirit of its members fuels its community as they learn, share lifecycle events, support each other and commit to Tikkun Olam.*



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## Peter Schlactus Chavurat Tikvah

Peter Schlactus and his wife, Jennifer, joined Chavurat Tikvah 20 years ago after falling in love with its ruach-rich, “family-style” take on Jewish community and worship. Volunteering soon followed because that’s what everyone does in the Chavurah. Peter has served as Newsletter Editor, Archives Digitizer, Retreat Planner, Social Action Volunteer, Holiday Organizer and Co-President, among other roles.



Peter soon gravitated to helping lead music for worship services, holidays, and religious school: singing and playing both the guitar and the cello. He has been honored to lead music at several B’nai Mitzvah ceremonies for former religious school students, including his own now-college-age children, Joshua and Abby.

After contributing cello music to High Holiday services for many years, this past year Peter took on the responsibility (cooperatively with our spiritual leader, Cantor Haley Kobilinsky) of leading Chavurat Tikvah’s High Holiday services, following the “retirement” of friends and mentors, Merri and Ramie Arian, after 40 years. Peter can’t remember working so hard on a project or feeling so gratified by its fruition. The support he felt from fellow chaverim was a testament to the group’s special character.

Peter gives back to the wider community, as well. He leads monthly Shabbat services for The Atria Rye Brook senior living community, where his mother resides. After retiring from a successful 25-year career as an insurance broker, Peter now runs a nonprofit association serving the needs of local delivery drivers. Peter serves on the Westchester Airport Advisory Board and chairs the Rye Brook Airport Advisory Council. He sits on the Board of The Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion and the Westchester Chamber Music Society. His proudest volunteer role, however, was reestablishing and leading Rye Brook Cub Scout Pack #3, which brought with it priceless family memories.

Peter is honored to be thought of in connection with Julian Bernstein and credits the love and support of his immediate family along with the inspiration and mentorship of his chavurah family.

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*Chavurat Tikvah is a congregation of about 24 families with members of all ages and religious backgrounds. We are a participatory community that gathers in each other’s homes for personal, intimate, creative, and meaningful Jewish experiences. Members create and host their own services, organize social action, and choose topics and experiences for their own Jewish learning, all with the help of our spiritual leader. This is a group that cares for each other like family, where we confront the challenges of life together, and where we celebrate and interpret Jewish tradition in ways that make it resonate in today’s world. We are affiliated with the Union of Reform Judaism, and we welcome traditional and non-traditional families and individuals alike.*

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## Guy Shmuel

### CSS – Community Security Service

Guy Shmuel serves as the Regional Manager for Westchester County on behalf of The Community Security Service (CSS), the leading Jewish volunteer security nonprofit organization in the United States.



Guy began his volunteering and training with CSS in 2012 and was subsequently named Westchester Regional Manager where he currently leads all security volunteer operations for synagogues and Jewish events across the county, as well as in The Bronx's Riverdale neighborhood. With a keen understanding of the security needs of local New York-area Jewish institutions, Guy ensures that his volunteer security teams are in the best position to ensure the safety of congregants, particularly as American Jews are facing increased threats of violence and antisemitism. By being involved in the safety and security of one's own community, Guy wholeheartedly believes that such participation is a proven approach to saving lives, as evidenced by the volunteer security model long adopted by Jewish communities across the world. As a senior volunteer, Guy also mentors other regional managers who are in the process of organizing teams in new regions.

Born in Israel, Guy grew up in the United Kingdom and has lived in Westchester for 23 years, where he and his wife have raised their three children. His daughter is currently serving in the Israel Defense Force (IDF) and his son will be starting his IDF service this coming summer.

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*At Community Security Service (CSS), the mission is simple: Protecting Jewish Life and Jewish Way of Life. Partnering with Jewish organizations, governmental authorities, and law enforcement agencies, CSS safeguards the community by training volunteers in professional security techniques and providing physical security. CSS offers training, guidance, and resources to community members who stand ready as volunteers to protect their own against the increasing atmosphere of violent incidents and terrorism.*



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## Lisa Mazure

### Congregation B'nai Yisrael

Lisa Mazure is an attorney who has served the local community since moving to Westchester County over 27 years ago.

Lisa served on the Board of Trustees of Congregation B'nai Yisrael for six years, during which time she co-chaired the Caring & Social Action Committee. For three of those years, she also served as the Vice President of CBY.



She spearheaded the formation of and CBY's engagement in Part One, an organization dedicated to the resettlement of refugees. Part One resettled two immigrant families. "Resettling" included finding housing, raising funds, organizing driving, obtaining government services, organizing mountains of donated items, and helping the families access medical care.

Lisa also started and runs a program in which CBY volunteers lead Shabbat services at the local assisted living facility. This program brings peace and joy to the Jewish residents there. In 2020 Lisa coordinated a mitzvah project for the facility where congregants assembled Chanukah bags at their homes, so everyone had a sense of doing a mitzvah in the worst days of the pandemic. She has also worked with the Director at this facility to ensure that the Jewish residents have other holiday celebrations.

Lisa helped to connect CBY with The Community Center of Northern Westchester. This partnership has provided food, pajamas, backpacks, school supplies, and clothing to the CCNW. The entire CBY community gets involved with food and clothing drives and these efforts bring us together in addition to fulfilling very real needs.

Lisa has also led CBY's annual Midnight Run to bring hot meals and clothing to the homeless in NYC. The efficiency with which the CBY Midnight Run has been done led the Midnight Run Organization to hold CBY up as a model for other organizations on how to organize a successful run.

In her capacity as a practicing attorney, Lisa has handled pro-bono domestic violence cases and has helped families avoid eviction from their homes.

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*Congregation B'nai Yisrael is a warm and vibrant Reform congregation discovering and celebrating positive experiences with individuals of every age. Congregation B'nai Yisrael is a spiritual center where individuals and families, celebrate, commemorate, worship, learn, nurture, give, and grow. CBY come together to celebrate the rich and beautiful heritage of Judaism striving to feel the beauty and fulfillment that comes from seeing the world through Jewish eyes.*



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## Margot Metzger

### Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel

Margot's Metzger's journey at Congregation KTI began when she and her husband, Steve, moved to Rye Brook in 2004. They wanted to join a synagogue where their children could attend pre-school and religious school and where they could be part of a small, vibrant Jewish community. For 18 years, KTI has been their family's Jewish "home away from home."



Margot became progressively involved at KTI as a volunteer and lay leader. In 2007, she joined the Project Reimagine Task Force, which developed and implemented experiential family learning programs for KTI's Religious School. Through this experience, Margot and her family formed bonds with other families, who became the core of the KTI community for them. Margot's participation in Project Reimagine led to her joining the Religious School Board and Board of Trustees. She later joined the Executive Committee as Vice President, Education, continuing to focus on KTI's excellent educational programs. Margot also has enjoyed volunteering on many projects, celebrations, and fundraising, deepening her commitment to the KTI community.

In 2018, Margot became Co-President of KTI and held that position for four years. During that time, KTI experienced many exciting changes, including welcoming a new Rabbi. The past two years during the pandemic presented many challenges and Margot is grateful to her Co-President and KTI's lay leadership, Rabbi, Cantor, administration, and staff for working together to keep the KTI community connected and thriving. Margot continues to serve on KTI's Executive Committee.

Devoting time to KTI has enriched Margot's busy family and professional life while raising two children and working full-time as an attorney. Margot is Vice President & Senior Counsel at Marriott International and previously at Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. Before joining Starwood, Margot was a partner at Bryan Cave LLP in New York. Margot received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from New York University School of Law.

Margot is honored to be recognized for her commitment to KTI and her community.

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*Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel (KTI) is a progressive, egalitarian, and dynamic Conservative synagogue that balances the diverse needs of 21st century Jewish families and individuals with more than 130 years of rich heritage. Led by energetic full-time clergy, we come together as a community for life cycle, spiritual, learning, and social events and welcome congregants from all backgrounds, interfaith families, single-parent families, LGBTQ families and individuals and Jews by choice. Congregation KTI provides a nurturing and supportive educational environment with enriching programs for all ages in our preeminent early childhood preschool program, Religious School, and adult education programs.*

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## Irene Herz

### Hebrew Congregation of Somers

Irene Herz was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She received her BA from Barnard College.



After several years working as a librarian for the Brooklyn Public Library and a brief stint selling the first personal computers on the market, she branched out into the burgeoning world of online computing working for early internet company Prodigy and later to ITT. Transitioning from the corporate to the non-profit world, she worked at the Leukemia Lymphoma Society which led to a freelance career creating websites for small businesses and individuals. Although she did not make as much money, Irene found her freelance work very rewarding.

During her thirty-odd years living in Ossining, Irene served as a Director at her local League of Women Voters chapter. She served for eight years on the board of the Ossining Public Library, one of those as President. Irene was the President of the Ossining Rotary Club and was also President of the Taconic Opera, in which company she sang, joyfully, as a chorus member.

Irene has been a member of the Hebrew Congregation of Somers for about seven years. Soon after she became a member, she joined the Ritual Committee and the Membership Committee. Her first volunteer task was to corral Torah and Haftarah readers for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as enlisting Purim readers. She used her computer expertise to help maintain the synagogue website. She served on the Search Committee for a new rabbi. As a member of Sisterhood, Irene collated and edited a cookbook for Sisterhood. (Yes, there are a few copies still left for sale!) She also designed HCS-logoed greeting cards for congregants to send to friends and loved ones.

More recently she has been writing "Torah Tidbits," a brief take on the weekly Torah portion, aimed at children. She has been creating and sending out HCS' weekly email newsletter, called HCSHappenings, a task that involves her creative skills as well as some sitzfleisch. She currently serves as Recording Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Irene lives in Somers with her husband of 36 years and her cat Flopsy.

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*Hebrew Congregation of Somers is part of a living tradition that evolves along with our changing times. HCS leans Reconstructionist, and encourage living a mitzvah-centered life over a self-centered one. With a spirit of joy, music, and creativity HCS brings more light, more love, more healing, and more justice to the world. HCS celebrates diversity in our community and embrace people of all races, gender expressions and sexual identifications. All members of multi-faith families will find warmth and belonging at HCS.*







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## Caren Hammerman

### Jewish National Fund

Caren Hammerman grew up in a suburban Boston town with a negligible Jewish population, yet her mother always made time for meaningful Jewish engagement, both at home and in organizational endeavors.



Over the past 38+ years she has lived in Westchester, Caren has been active in many Jewish community organizations. Arriving in Westchester, she found that such involvement was the most rewarding way to meet people while doing good, and along the way formed her closest friendships. Caren launched her volunteer career with Hadassah, serving as President of the Aviva-Tamar New Rochelle chapter, then moved on to serve as PTA President of Westchester Day School in Mamaroneck, where her four children went to school. She then chaired the Scarsdale Women's Campaign of UJA.

Caren was privileged to be a Wexner Heritage Foundation Fellow, where she learned about the richness of Jewish history, religion and culture, and drew inspiration from so many dedicated Jewish leaders who participated with her. Graduating from that prestigious program gave Caren the confidence and skills to become President and then Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Westchester Day School.

Over the years, Caren has continued to be active with UJA-Federation, serving on the Marginalized Populations in Israel Committee. She currently sits on the Jewish Life in the Neighborhood Committee.

Overall, Caren's strongest commitment is to Jewish National Fund-USA, in which she was active for a stint in the 1990s. Since 2013, Caren served as President and is currently the Chairman of the Board of Westchester and Southern Connecticut.

Caren's guiding philosophy is that no matter how we choose to observe our Judaism, we are bound by two ideals: "ahavat Yisrael" and "ahavat Torah," love of Israel and appreciation of Torah values. All of Caren's communal involvement has embraced those fundamental themes.

Caren is indebted to her loving husband, Dr. Hillel Hammerman and their four wonderful children, who have encouraged all her efforts. They are also blessed to have four adorable grandchildren.

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*Unparalleled in the Jewish philanthropic world, Jewish National Fund-USA's strategic vision has been and always will be, to ensure a strong, secure, and prosperous future for the land and people of Israel. Everything we do -- every project, initiative, and campaign we take on -- is integral to our vision of building and connecting to our land.*



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## Jack Schweizer

### Lincoln Park Jewish Center



Jack Schweizer and his wife Sara have been members of Lincoln Park Jewish Center since 2007, with affiliation since 1998 when Jack's parents, David and Eva, became members. Jack was born in Ulm, Germany in 1949 and emigrated to the United States shortly after with his Holocaust survivor parents. Upon arriving in the United States, Jack's parents emphasized the importance of Jewish tradition and Orthodox Jewish education with frequent synagogue Shabbat and holiday attendance including conducting the Priestly Blessing as a Cohain. Jack attended Yeshivas in both Manhattan and The Bronx through his elementary school years.

After Yeshiva, Jack graduated from George Washington High School in 1966. At City College of New York, he majored in electrical engineering, graduating with a Bachelor in Electrical Engineering in 1970. His 35-year professional career at Con Edison of New York began in 1970 and encompassed engineering, construction and management positions.

Starting in 2007, Jack assumed leadership positions at Lincoln Park Jewish Center, including Board Member, Building Committee Chairman, Vice President and then President. In cooperation with the Board, Spiritual Leader Rabbi Levi Welton and the LPJC Sisterhood, Jack's achievements included presentations by special guests speaking on topics of Judaism, Halacha, and Secular issues that impact the Jewish Community, organizing and coordinating Purim activities, Passover Community Seders, Succot, Channukah, and Annual Dinner celebrations, spearheading the repair and replenishment of the Eruv for a Bar Mitzvah Project, receiving a New York State Homeland Security Grant for Security Guards and Training, establishing communications and protocols with local law enforcement for security purposes, becoming Gabbai to assist in weekly Torah/ Haftarah readings, serving as a Ritual Committee member for High Holiday organization and preparation and receiving Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Financial Assistance, permitting in-person services during Covid.

Jack and Sara have a married daughter, Ariella, who resides in Colorado with her husband, Matt, and their daughters, Bryce and Elliott.

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*Lincoln Park Jewish Center is an inclusive, Modern Orthodox Jewish Congregation that strives to create spiritual growth through prayer, acceptance, community and fellowship. LPJC'S mission is to foster "HaMakom" meaning "the Place," or a place of love, acceptance and spirituality. LPJC services are vibrant, filled with song and joy, and our learning programs and social activities are dynamic and unequalled. LPJC is diverse in its racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, and includes all levels of observance and Jewish knowledge.*

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## David Goldman

### Scarsdale Synagogue – Temples Tremont and Emanu-El

David Goldman and his family (wife Abby and sons Sam and Ben) have been going to Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont & Emanu-El for nearly twenty years where they have felt warmly welcome by an inclusive congregation and a supportive clergy in Rabbi Jeff Brown and Cantor Chanan Becker.



David grew up in New York City and is a graduate of Stuyvesant High School, Amherst College (BA, Political Science) and Columbia University (MBA). He has been a banker involved in commercial real estate for over thirty years.

At SSTTE, David has been a member of the religious school committee, the Board of Trustees and the finance committee. He learned about the rewards of lay leadership through a program specifically designed to teach those skills at the synagogue.

For many years discussions took place about replacing the temple's nearly half century old sanctuary. The most pressing need, however, was a solution to a stadium seating type of existing space, with many unfriendly stairs to some congregants, especially getting up to the bimah. In order to become a more inclusive space, the floor needed to be flattened.

In 2019 David was asked to lead a group of congregants to plan for a major renovation of the sanctuary. The committee included congregation members, lay leaders, staff, and clergy. Working side-by-side with the fundraising committee, David's architecture committee approved a design that not only made the space more inclusive and flexible, but provided more natural light, and symbolically reused much of the pre-existing interior wood as a bridge to the future. Although the COVID pandemic delayed construction, the new sanctuary opened in late 2021. David and the entire congregation invite all to come visit, pray, and sing in our new and welcoming sanctuary.

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*Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El is an inclusive, dynamic, and progressive Reform Jewish community in Southern Westchester County. SSTE is a Jewish community where you feel connected, engaged and enlightened, recognized as the synagogue where people want to belong, feel they matter and where everyone is welcome.*



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## Charles Friedman

### Shames JCC on the Hudson

Charles Friedman grew up in New Rochelle, where his parents still reside. A graduate of the University of Rochester and Columbia Law School, he practiced as a corporate lawyer in New York City for 35 years and is now semi-retired.



Charles and his wife, Dena, moved to Irvington in 1994, where they raised their daughter, Emily (25). The Friedmans joined the Harold and Elaine Shames Jewish Community Center on the Hudson (JCC) when Emily was a toddler. At that time, the JCC was housed in the “legacy building” on the recently enlarged and refurbished Shames JCC campus. Emily attended nursery school and day camp and participated in the gymnastics and other children’s programs at the JCC. In recent years, Charles has been excited and passionate about the JCC’s new facility and its plans to better serve the various needs of the entire community. He joined its Board of Governors in early 2017.

Since joining the Board, Charles has co-chaired and/or served on several committees, including the Executive Committee, the governance committee, Executive Director search committees, the fundraising committee, and the nominating committee; and has served as pro bono legal counsel to the JCC. Shortly after the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the JCC’s Executive Director left the position, and Charles co-led the search for its new chief executive. Together with the JCC’s Chair, Vice Chair, and others, he helped guide the agency’s management team through this difficult period.

Charles is proud to be part of this renewed and vibrant agency serving the Jewish community and others in the River Towns and beyond, and he has eagerly embraced the opportunity to give back to a community that has been so important his family over the years. Charles is humbled and honored to receive the Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award.

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*The Shames JCC on the Hudson is a welcoming, inclusive gathering place that enriches the greater community by offering social, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities guided by Jewish values. At the JCC, people socialize, take classes, exercise, learn and grow. From toddler drop off to active retirement groups, there is something for everyone. The JCC is a non-sectarian community center, providing experiences for individuals and families throughout their lives.*



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## Elizabeth G. Spiro

### Sinai Free Synagogue

When Elizabeth Spiro was four years old, she had a very severe case of pneumonia and had vivid fever dreams. In one of the most memorable, she was Little Red Riding Hood, holding a picnic basket, skipping along a path, handing people good deeds from the basket. Starting from this point, Elizabeth learned that she feels better when she is able to do good deeds and help others. Because of that awareness, Elizabeth became a teacher and then a school administrator, working in high-needs school districts. She was very active in the district's PTA, serving in several leadership positions. As part of her efforts to educate more volunteers, Elizabeth brought a group of parents to statewide leadership training.



When Elizabeth and her husband, Tim, moved to Mount Vernon, she volunteered with the Mount Vernon PTA, became the Executive Director of Parents Place and then worked for the Guidance Center of Westchester, supervising its Early Childhood programs. Elizabeth and Tim also joined Sinai Free Synagogue (SFS), where Elizabeth became very involved. She served four years as Vice President for Community and is currently serving in her sixth year as Co-President. During this time, Elizabeth proudly established Shabbat Family Dinners, wonderful events that are free for all who attend, as well as many other projects that strive to create an inclusive and warm intergenerational community.

Elizabeth is very grateful to the SFS Sacred Community for providing her with a supportive home where she feels that she can make a difference. She believes she survived the pandemic because she was able to help others by facilitating daily Zoom Sacred Gatherings and is grateful to and wants to thank all the many engaging, interesting and erudite people who share their interests and expertise during those Sacred Gatherings. Elizabeth is both honored (and more than a little bit embarrassed) to receive a Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award for undertaking work that makes her feel so wonderful.

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*Sinai Free Synagogue is a small community with a big heart. It is so much more than just a building, a house of worship, or a school. There is a great sense of community, a true sense of being connected to the values that help us lead Jewish lives. We enjoy sharing our rich Jewish history and culture and we strive to make every individual, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or religious background feel welcome and at ease in our congregation.*



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## Jen Povman Temple Beth Abraham

Raised in Westchester, Jen Povman grew up deeply involved in the Reform movement. A Sleepy Hollow resident, she credits her parents, Professor David and Cantor Helene Reps, for inspiring her to contribute to community and to pursue social justice. With psychology degrees from Brandeis and Columbia, Jen's passion is to connect people to ideas, opportunities and each other.



Recently, Jen completed her term as President of Temple Beth Abraham (TBA). She championed youth engagement and Audacious Hospitality, the inclusion of people with diverse backgrounds and voices. During the pandemic, with TBA's outstanding team, Jen helped to increase fundraising and prioritize messaging and outreach. Jen is proud to have led during both groundbreaking and construction phases at TBA, culminating in the dedication of its beautiful new entrance, lobby, elevator, and meeting spaces, funded by the six-year Bridges Capital Campaign.

Jen served TBA's Board in many roles, including Chair of both the CGC Preschool and Member Services. She started Chai Plus Shabbat and co-chaired annual Interfaith Thanksgiving feasts. As a trustee, Jen served on the UJA Connected Congregations team that facilitated TBA's migration to a flexible dues model. As Vice President, she convened the HR Council and worked with Keshet to implement LGBTQ+ initiatives. With Rabbi Holtz, Jen authored TBA's first Community Haggadah used at the Interfaith Seder, which she co-chaired.

Professionally, Jen worked for 12 years in publishing for W. W. Norton, as Manager of Conventions and Bookstore Relations, marketing textbooks via exhibits, advertising, newsletters and special events.

Jen was active in the Tarrytown public schools, serving on boards of the Dual Language Program, the EPTA and Rivertown Parents. She arranged dozens of community programs and raised funds for student enrichment with the Arts Boosters and the Foundation.

Jennifer is married to Michael Povman, an attorney at BNY Mellon and avid cyclist. They have two grown sons, Benjamin and Marty. Jen loves music, hosting, art, books, travel, hiking, party planning and celebrating all things Jewish.

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*Temple Beth Abraham is made up of families and individuals of all types, including interfaith and LGBTQ. They offer worship services in both the Reform and Conservative traditions. TBA provides its members with opportunities to create meaningful connections to God, the Jewish People and our surrounding communities. TBA is a Hamische place - welcoming, inclusive, unpretentious, positive, and good-hearted.*



## Michele Gregson

### UJA-Federation of NY Westchester Region



Michele Gregson has been involved with UJA-Federation for the past 12 years. Her first experience with UJA was attending a Northern Westchester event and hearing how one of the leaders of the Women's Campaign went from being a fundraiser to a recipient of services, when her son-in-law passed away in his 20's. She knew she needed to learn more about UJA and the work they do, so she attended a Board meeting and never looked back.

After joining the Northern Westchester Women's Board of UJA, she plunged herself into fundraising and programming. She served as the Chair of the Northern Westchester Women's Campaign and then became the Chair of the Westchester Women's Campaign. Currently, she continues as a Northern Westchester Women's Campaign Board member and serves on the overall Women's Campaign Executive Board for New York. Michele has enjoyed her many site visits with UJA recipient organizations, whether in Canada, Havana, Philadelphia or locally.

During her time as Westchester Women's Chair, Michele created a Facebook group called Jewish Women of Westchester, which has the largest following of any Westchester-based organization. She provides weekly information about volunteer opportunities, events, seminars, and activities in the form of videos and conducts weekly interviews with someone who is either the leader of a non-profit or who has done something to support the Jewish community.

In addition to her dedication to UJA, Michele also serves on the Board of Westchester Jewish Council and is the Chair of Friends of Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, a 425-seat theater. She is the alumni representative for several high schools in Westchester for the University of Michigan, from which she received her undergraduate degree. She is an avid tennis player and is the captain of a USTA tennis team in the summer.

Michele is passionate about tikkun olam and feels that UJA personifies the best of, not only Jewish, but all philanthropic organizations. UJA operates globally, but partners with organizations that are community based, with over 100 social service agencies receiving funding in the NY area alone. UJA is in the business of repairing the world and giving hope to those who have none.

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*UJA-Federation of New York delivers real solutions to real challenges: caring for Jews everywhere and for New Yorkers of all backgrounds, strengthening Jewish communities, connecting people to their Jewish heritage, and responding to a wide variety of needs – in times of crisis and every day. They inspire individuals and families to act on their values and invest in our community for the biggest impact.*

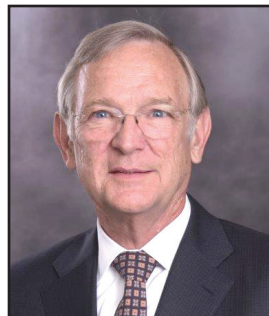


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## Jim Staudt

### United Hebrew of New Rochelle

Jim Staudt has been an enthusiastic volunteer, stalwart supporter and extraordinary leader in his service to United Hebrew of New Rochelle. Volunteering countless hours during the past seven years, serving as a member, past Chair and current Co-Senior Chair of United Hebrew's Board of Directors, Jim has provided vision, guidance and hands-on support to help expand United Hebrew's services to a greater number of seniors in need of compassionate care.



Jim was introduced to United Hebrew while providing legal services. In 2014, he joined its Board of Directors and was named Chair in 2018, while also volunteering for board roles in United Hebrew's assisted living and memory care communities. Jim's financial analysis, business acumen and strategic advice have been instrumental in ensuring United Hebrew's ability to operate with the resources needed to provide the highest level of service to the community.

Jim's leadership and strategic counsel have been critical to United Hebrew's growth. He guided United Hebrew through the financial and regulatory process required to expand its memory care services, as well as during the onset of the COVID pandemic. While a new Board Chair is now in place, Jim continues to be an active member of United Hebrew's Board and community. In addition to the leadership he provides at an administrative level, he spends personal time attending United Hebrew events and getting to know its staff members and residents.

Jim is a partner in the White Plains law firm of McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP. A substantial portion of Jim's practice involves providing legal services and counsel to not-for-profit organizations. He is a past president of the Westchester County Bar Association Foundation and former Co-Chair of the Westchester County Bar, Real Property Section. Jim received his law degree from Villanova University School of Law and a BA, magna cum laude, from Boston College.

Jim and his wife, Kathy, live in Larchmont, New York. They are blessed with five children and two grandchildren.

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*United Hebrew of New Rochelle is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multi-service senior living campus serving the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919. Seniors enjoy life to the fullest at United Hebrew of New Rochelle where a world-class team of caregivers offers support through all the stages of aging. Services include independent senior living, assisted living, skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation, memory care for those with Alzheimer's and related dementias, and home care for those in the community who need supportive care.*

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## Darren Peister

### Westchester Jewish Council

Darren Peister has been a member of Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle with his family for approximately 25 years. Born and raised in Rockland County, Darren's family were members of Pomona Jewish Center and he was quite involved with USY during his youth.



Darren graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts with a degree in Film & TV and became a film/video editor, working with many high profile organizations such as Nickelodeon, PBS, NJPAC, garnering three Emmy Awards along the way. Additionally, Darren has created video content for numerous not-for-profits including WJC, The Maimonides Fund, AJC, ADL, JBFCs, JDRF as well as numerous others. He has volunteered his professional services as a producer/editor creating videos for a variety of Beth El Synagogue Center functions, including its Centennial event, galas, Purim Spiels, and many other presentations. As the self-appointed resident "Candy Man," each Shabbat Darren showers the Haftorah reader with chocolate.

In an effort to teach his children the importance of volunteerism, Darren's family has joined numerous times with Dorot to hand out Passover packages to the elderly in both Manhattan and The Bronx. One recipient, a Holocaust survivor in the Bronx, took a liking to the Peister family and they, in turn, visited her on a regular basis sharing food, music, candle lightings and more. It was an extremely meaningful connection and the children took her plight to heart. Darren's younger daughter attributed this relationship as a catalyst for moving to Israel and joining the IDF.

Darren also volunteers for sporting events such as the New York City and Philadelphia Marathons, triathlons throughout the New York Metropolitan area, and has served as a marshal for the annual MS Ride in Manhattan. He has proudly been the official volunteer photographer for the WJC annual galas for almost a decade. Darren is most appreciative of this recognition and thanks his wife, who is kind, tolerant, and altruistic to his eccentricities.

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*The Westchester Jewish Council is a dynamic organization serving the community by serving as a community connector and convener in good times and challenging times. By providing volunteer and professional resources, we help to foster connections and communication within the Jewish community, to Israel, to our elected officials and to other faith based and ethnic groups*

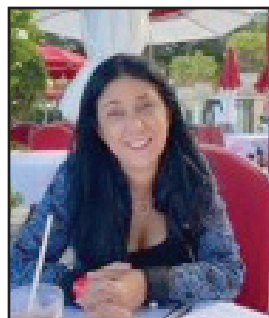


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## Marie (Miriam) Miller

### The Young Israel of Scarsdale

Born in Morocco and raised in Montreal with six siblings, Marie moved to Westchester in 1998 with her husband Ken and sons, Aaron and David, where she immediately immersed herself in the Jewish community. Bringing her traditional Sephardic values of giving and selflessness which she learned from her immigrant parents, Marie was quick to make an imprint in her new community.



Her involvement began as a counselor at Westchester Summer Day Camp. Once Marie's children started Solomon Schechter, frequent substitute teaching turned into a full-time job. Even though trained as a lawyer, her heart desired nourishing the children. Marie's special gift of relating to children and going "beyond the math" made her a treasured asset to the classroom.

Marie's energy eventually focused on her neighborhood shul, The Young Israel of Scarsdale. After years of endless volunteering, she assumed the Sisterhood Co-Presidency. She flourished and tirelessly worked to bring Sisterhood to unprecedented levels. Her boundless energy materialized in fundraising activities which included Channukah boutiques, Purim basket distributions, and food drives. A monthly luncheon connecting the elderly and widows was her favorite new program.

Marie's constant outreach doesn't stop with the institutions. She has always used her personal home for charitable purposes and to bring Jews together. A love of cooking, entertaining and selfless giving is the core of her being. Whether hosting evening study groups for JEP of Westchester or The Jewish Renaissance Experience, clothing drives for Kuphat Ezra, fundraisers for MEOR, or a Channukah Shabbat sleepover for Menorah of Argentina, Marie's home and family is always open to bringing Jews together. But aside from all the communal activities, her purest joy comes from helping those in need one-on-one.

Marie has recently started a new chapter living in Miami where she is a sales agent at One Sotheby's and is immersing herself at the local shuls. While perhaps a relative newcomer, her Shabbat table is still full on a weekly basis and her home-baked challahs are already the talk of the town. If in Miami, please feel free to reach out and join her table for Shabbat.

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*The Young Israel of Scarsdale is Westchester's largest Orthodox synagogue. The congregation aims at realizing the warmth, beauty and meaning of traditional Judaism within a community context. The synagogue is a vibrant center of Jewish activity and offers a wide range of programs to meet its members' religious, educational, cultural and social interests. The congregation is an unusually special place of friendship and fellowship for Jews of all ages and backgrounds.*



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ADL New York/New Jersey congratulates  
**Adam Waldman,**  
member of the Board and Chair of the Advocacy  
and Community Affairs Committee for this  
well-deserved honor. Adam is a thought leader  
and activist who has dedicated himself to partner  
with ADL in the fight against hate and for a more  
just and equitable society. He truly embodies  
ADL's tag line – fighting hate for good!



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With enormous pride and gratitude Bet Am Shalom Synagogue congratulates

**Elizabeth Haas Edersheim**

**2022 Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award Recipient**

Liz was instrumental in identifying Bet Am Shalom's security needs, establishing our CSS team and securing and implementing our homeland security grant.

Liz used her expertise to maintain community during Covid. She built an interactive virtual platform, moving our Judaica Craft Show online and connecting Judaica artists with the wider Westchester Jewish community. Liz Zoom hosted our Friday night service throughout the pandemic, facilitating our spiritual life and connections to each other.

Bet Am Shalom and the Westchester Jewish community continue to benefit greatly from Liz's extraordinary talents, hard work and quiet humility.

**Thank you, Liz.**





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Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

**Peter Schlactus**

on this well-deserved honor.

With love

from your Chavurah Family



*Chavurat Tikvah*

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**The Community Security Service**

wants to congratulate

**Guy Shmuel**

for this well-deserved recognition.

His long-time dedication to volunteer security in  
Westchester is an example for all.

**Thank you, Guy,**

for everything you do to help the Jewish people.

**Mazel Tov!!!**



**COMMUNITY  
SECURITY  
SERVICE**



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## **Mazel Tov Lisa!**

We are so proud of your tireless efforts and incredible work to support and strengthen our congregational family. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to make our community a vibrant, strong, safe, and welcoming place for all. Congratulations to you, Eric, Sara, and Harris!

With deep appreciation and gratitude,  
**The Clergy, Staff, and Leadership of CBY**



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## **Margot Metzger**

Thank you for being an inspiration to all of us, for your tireless work and endless dedication!

You are a true “Woman of Valor”!

Mazel Tov!

Congregation KTI

**Rabbi Ben Goldberg and Cantor Alexis Sklar**  
**Congregation KTI Staff**





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## **Al Shlosha Devarim** על שלושה דברים

Upon three things the world stands:

On Torah על התורה

On Joyous Service על העבודה

On Acts of Lovingkindness - על גמילות חסדים

Add “humor” and have encompassed Irene Herz. A gift to our community and far beyond, May Irene and all of her many students, friends and communities who are strengthened by her study, her singing and her service and sustained by her kindness and humor - go from strength to strength.

**With Love, from the Hebrew Congregation of Somers Community.**



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Congratulations to our valued volunteer

**Bette Keesing Sparago**

on receiving the

Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award

With love and admiration,

**The Board of Directors and Staff at HHREC**





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## **JNF-USA honors Caren Hammerman**

for her longstanding commitment to the land and people of Israel. Her wisdom, thoughtfulness, and deeply-rooted Zionism truly make her a modern day *halutza*, pioneer, and she is an inspiration to us all.

Diana Sklar, JNF-USA Regional President, Westchester & S. CT

Rebecca Zimilover, Director, Tri-State, Westchester & S. CT

Michael Feinman, Executive Director, Tri-State



*Your Voice in Israel*

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Rabbi Elazar said “The disciples of the sages increase peace throughout the world, as it is said, and all thy children shall be taught of the

Lord: and great shall be the peace of thy children. Read not here banayich, thy children, but bonayich, thy builders.” “Those who love your Torah have great peace; there is no stumbling block for them.”

## **Mazel Tov Jack**

on this very well-deserved honor!

You are the heart and soul of LPJC!

**Rabbi and Rebbitzen Welton and your LPJC family**



**Lincoln Park Jewish Center**

311 Central Park Avenue • Yonkers, NY 10704

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Scarsdale Synagogue Temples  
Tremont & Emanu-El congratulates our own

**David Goldman**

on this distinguished award.

David – we thank you for all you do for our  
community and your tireless work building  
us a new spiritual home.

**Mazel Tov.**



**Scarsdale Synagogue**  
Temples Tremont and Emanu-El

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**Congratulations to Charles Friedman!**

Our community is made stronger  
by your dedication and commitment.

With gratitude for your leadership and support,

**Your Shames JCC Family**



Harold & Elaine  
**Shames  
Jewish  
Community  
Center**  
on the Hudson



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## **Thank you Elizabeth**

for your deep commitment to supporting and nurturing our Sacred Community. You found creative ways, even in our darkest hours, to bring us together and nurture our minds and our hearts.

Mazel Tov for this well deserved Honor

**Your Sinai Free Synagogue Sacred Community**



We are proud to honor our very own

**Woman of Valor, Jennifer Reps Povman,**

for her vision, energy and dedication.

**The Clergy, Staff, Officers and  
Congregants of Temple Beth Abraham, Tarrytown.**

May we go from strength to strength!





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UJA joins WJC in congratulating  
and applauding tonight's honorees.  
And we celebrate our UJA-Federation honoree,

**Michele Gregson,**

Creative, outgoing, energetic, always smiling  
and passionate about helping others.

**Mazel Tov on this well-deserved award!**

Tara Slone-Goldstein  
Westchester Regional Chair

Audrey Stein  
Regional Director



*We Salute the  
Westchester Jewish Council on the  
27th Annual Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards  
&  
Congratulate*

*United Hebrew Co-Senior Chair of the Board*

***Jim Staudt***

Rosemary McLaughlin, Chair of the Board of Directors

Rita C. Mabli, President & CEO

**United Hebrew of New Rochelle**



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## Darren Peister

You always help us honor others.  
Tonight we are thrilled to honor you.

**Smile!**



Mazal Tov to our well-deserving members,  
this year's recipients of the

**Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award**

**Caren Hammerman • Marie Miller • Guy Shmuel**

outstanding volunteers in our own YIS community,  
as well as the Jewish National Fund and CSS.

**Yasher Koach to you and your families.**

**Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern • Rabbi Nuriel Klinger**

**Ari Weinberger, Co-President • Stu Zisholtz, Co-President**





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Congratulations  
to all of our honorees

**The Family of Julian Bernstein**

Including our newest addition,  
baby Julia Goldy Bernstein





Mazal Tov

**Elizabeth Haas Edersheim**

**On Being Named a  
2022 Julian Y. Bernstein Award Recipient**

*"It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but you are not free to desist from it either." ~(Pirkei Avot 2:16)*

For Liz, who never ceases to do the work.

Thank you especially for your dedication to the safety of our community and your vision for the artistic nourishment of the wider Jewish community.

With love and respect from

Rabbi Les Bronstein  
Executive Director Lisa Goldberg  
and the Bet Am Shalom Synagogue  
Executive Committee:

Barbara Aloni, Gina Emdin, Jon Gerstel,  
Rachel Halperin, Aaron Jaffe, Ellen Cutler Levy,  
Brian Peters, Laura Solomon, Harry Waizer



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**Charles**

We are so proud of your service and  
commitment to the

**Shames JCC on the Hudson**

Mazel Tov on this well-deserved honor!

We love you

**Dena and Emily**



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**Congratulations Jennifer Povman**

**On Your  
Julian Y. Bernstein  
Distinguished Service Award!**

**From your friends,**  
Herb & Melissa Baer  
Scott & Stacy Berliner  
Jonathan Gleit & Kimberly Marcus  
Dave & Jen Greenspoon  
Diane Gross  
Robin Kolodzinski  
Jodie Lane John & Phyllis Leary  
Steven & Jamie Wilson



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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Liz Haas Edersheim**

on this well-deserved award

You are a passionate visionary with exceptional leadership skills and have inspired each of us on the Craft Show Committee to help artists bring their work into Jewish homes

**The BAS Virtual Craft Show Committee**



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**Mazal Tov to Darren Peister**  
in honor of his well-deserved

**Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award**  
in recognition of his services to the  
**Westchester Jewish Council.**

Rabbi David Schuck, Rabbi Zachary Sitkin,  
Rabbi Jessica Fisher, Cantor Gaby Schwartz  
together with the staff and congregation of  
**Beth El Synagogue Center.**





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Congratulations to our dear friend  
**Caren Hammerman**  
on this distinguished and well-deserved honor.

May you go from strength to greater strength  
in your amazing devotion to  
Israel and the Jewish people.

**Wendy and David Friend**



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To my amazing wife,

**Lisa Mazure,**

and all of this year's honorees:

Thank you so much for the things you do  
large and small to make our community  
and the world a better place.

Congratulations on receiving this award  
and being recognized for your contributions

Love,

**Eric Goodison**



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We are proud of our husband and father

**Jim Staudt**

every day—but in a special way tonight!

Congratulations to Jim and to all of  
tonight's honorees who have so  
generously assisted their communities.

The Staudt Family



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Congratulations to our partner

**Jim Staudt**

on this well-deserved honor for his  
outstanding dedication to  
**United Hebrew of New Rochelle.**

We are proud to work side by side with a man  
who quietly gives so much back to his community  
and sets a fine example for us all.

**Mazel Tov to Jim and all of this evening's  
Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Award recipients!**

With admiration from all of us at  
**McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP**



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Congratulations to all award honorees.

Thank you, each and every one of you,  
for making this troubled world a better place.

And a special shout out to

**Darren Peister**

extraordinary human, stellar community  
member, and dear friend.

Mazal Tov!

**Nina Luban & Scott Bonci**

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**ELIZABETH SPIRO**

Energizer Max

**SINAI FREE SYNAGOGUE**

CONGRATULATIONS! WELL Done!

**MADELYN & MICHAEL DAVIS**



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Delicious, daring, darling

**Darren**

Mazel Tov on receiving this  
well-deserved honor

**Love - NN and VVV**

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**Hi Mom! (Lisa M)**

Congratulations on this  
very well-deserved recognition.

You are an incredible role model to us  
and the entire community.

With all the Love and Appreciation in the world,

Congrats!!!

**Harris + Jackie**



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## **Congratulations, Mom!**

This is such a richly deserved honor.  
You bring so much passion and love  
to all you do, and we are lucky  
to be among the many beneficiaries!

All our love,  
**Sara, Bobby and Albus**

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Congratulations to

**Guy Shmuel, Caren Hammerman,  
Marie Miller and all the honorees**

on your well-deserved honors.  
Your continuous dedication to your communities  
and the Jewish people is inspiring.

**-Karen & Daniel Kosowsky**



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Mazal Tov to all the award recipients,  
and a special thank you to our dear friend

**Darren Peister,**

for all he does for the Council,  
**Beth El Synagogue Center,**  
and the Westchester Jewish Community.

**Lisa, Rob, Emily, Daniel  
and Ella Patchen**

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Congratulations

**Jen Povman**

for this recognition.  
You are an inspiration and a dear, dear friend.

With love - your book club and more,  
**Heidi, Kimberly, Laurie, Leslie and Stephanie**



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With much appreciation for  
**Guy's**  
continued efforts on behalf of  
CSS and our community.

**Linda and Jay Zucker**

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Congratulations to all the honorees.

**Caren and Hillel  
Hammerman**



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**Darren,**

we are so proud of you!

You are a shining example of good in  
this world and continue to set a wonderful  
example of the Jewish value of giving  
to your community.

Yashir koach to all other honorees!

All our love,

**Jayne, Emma and Sophia**

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**Mazel Tov and best wishes to Michele Gregson**

for your tireless efforts!!

May you continue to be an inspiration  
to the entire community!!

With much admiration,

**Joanna Segal**



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I wish to congratulate my dear friend,  
**Michele Gregson,**  
whose generosity of heart is only surpassed by her humanity.  
**XX Georgia Frasch**

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Mazal Tov to  
**Margot Metzger**  
and thank you for your years of  
dedication to Congregation KTI.  
**Rabbi Ben Goldberg**



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**Congratulations Michele**  
on this well-deserved honor.  
You inspire us each day!  
**Cindy and Rob Greenstein**

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Mazal Tov to  
**Marie Miller and Caren Hammerman**  
on being honored. So well-deserved!!  
**Sandra and Ira Greenstein**

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Thanks for everything you do

**Elizabeth.**

**Dan & Fran Heyman**

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**Darren**

**Congratulations. Well done, dude!**

**Vanessa and Adam Kerchner**

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**Mazel Tov To Elizabeth Spiro**

on this well-deserved honor.  
Your devotion and commitment are an inspiration  
to our SFS Sacred Community.

With much love and well wishes,  
**Rona and Bob Sterling**

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Thank you to

**Elizabeth Spiro**

for being a good friend and for creating wonderful at home  
Sacred Gatherings.

**Roseanne Klein**

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**Mazel Tov to Guy Shmuel**

on this long-deserved honor.

You made our community safer for a decade now. Thank you for your leadership, dedication and countless hours of service.

Kol ha'cavod!

**Elizabeth and David Lampert**

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**Dearest Elizabeth,**

Your devotion to SFS, care of our congregation,  
and excellent programming have enriched  
our spiritual lives.

With most sincere thanks,

Fondly,

**Linda and Walter**

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**Michele,**

Congratulations on being awarded the  
Julian Y. Bernstein Award. Thank you for your energy,  
passion and commitment to our Jewish community.

**Pam & Jeff Moskowitz**

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**Dear Jack,**

Mazel Tov on this wonderful recognition in honor  
of all your efforts for

**Lincoln Park Jewish Center.**

**Eileen and Joe Schnitzler**

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**Mazel Tov Caren**

on a JNF job well done!

With love,

**Judy and Elliot Schwartz**

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**Elizabeth,**

you are the gigantic, beating heart of SFS.  
No one deserves this honor more than you.

**Mazel Tov to you and Tim.**

**Love, Joel and Claudia Wald.**

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**To Liz Haas Edersheim**

In appreciation of your many impactful contributions to  
our community and your inimitable quiet fortitude

**Robert & Marilyn Weintraub**

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**Mazel Tov Liz!**

So deserved! You have contributed beyond & beyond!  
With admiration, appreciation, and love,

**Paula**

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**The Baker-Butler Family**

wishes a heartfelt Mazal Tov to our dear friend

**Margot Metzger,**

who is surely a woman of valor! Thank you for your  
tireless efforts to help Congregation KTI survive and thrive.  
You are an inspiration to your friends and KTI's entire lay  
leadership! We love you and are so proud to see you  
receive this well-deserved honor!

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**Elizabeth Spiro**

**Sinai Free Synagogue and Westchester**

are so lucky to have you.

Eshes chayil: A woman of Valor!

Congratulations on receiving this well-deserved honor.

**Myra and Marshall Watnick**

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Congratulations to

**David Goldman**

on this well-deserved recognition!

With gratitude and appreciation for all you do,

**The Chapro Family**

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**Darren**

So proud of all you do!

**Jude**

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**Mazel Tov Liz**

We are so grateful for all you do.

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**Michelle and Gerald Cohen**

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Thanks for all your delicious treats!  
Enjoy this tasty evening!

**Judy Schmeidler**

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**Thank you for all you do!**

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Thank you for all that you do – you are a role model  
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**Margot Metzger.**

With love,

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**Yasher Koach to you!**

**Deb Olstein**

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**Thank you Margot**

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Isaac Ohrenstein .....	Hebrew Home of Riverdale
Rena Fredman .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
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**2020**

Herman Dinkin .....	Jewish Community Center of Harrison
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Nina Luban .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Marlene Lerner .....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Linda Portnoy Goldberg .....	Congregation Sulam Yaakov
Deborah Bleiweis .....	First Hebrew Congregation
Stacey Rosenkranz .....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
Alan Most .....	Hebrew Congregation of Somers
Rachelle Rosenberg .....	The Hebrew Home at Riverdale
Lynn Jacobs .....	Jewish National Fund
Maria Kessler .....	The Leffell School
Michael Safranek .....	Pleasantville Community Synagogue
Esther Mildner .....	Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns
Sinai Free Synagogue.....	Tim Bayless
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Bob Karpel .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila of Westchester
Hillary Rosenthal .....	Temple Sholom
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Amy Gutenplan .....	UJA-Federation of NY/Westchester
Eli Makaron .....	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism/USY
Mark Berger .....	Westchester Jewish Center
Louise Albin .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services



## 2019

Beverly Rosenbaum .....	AJC Westchester/Fairfield
Anthony Pisciotta.....	Community Alliance for Jewish-Affiliated Cemeteries
Pamela Millian .....	Congregation Kol Ami
Joan Taback Frankle .....	DOROT
Rachel Freedman .....	Hadassah-Westchester
Judy Grant .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Gary Joseph .....	Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center
Tara Slone-Goldstein .....	Jewish Education Project
Mark Oster .....	Larchmont Temple
Eileen Schnitzler .....	Lincoln Park Jewish Center
Howard Blitman .....	Reconstructing Judaism
Donna Vitale Ruskin .....	Scarsdale Synagogue-Temples-Tremont and Emanu-El
Lisa Cohen .....	Shames Jewish Community Center
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Judith Grand .....	Temple Israel Center of White Plains
David Itzkowitz.....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Warren Newcorn .....	UJA-Federation of NY/Westchester Region
Pearl Quarles .....	United Hebrew of New Rochelle
David Eppinger .....	Westchester Jewish Council
Michael Muss .....	Young Israel of Scarsdale
Leo Goldstein .....	Young Israel of White Plains

## 2018

Ron Burton .....	American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)
Bobbi Baker .....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Mark Silver .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Joan & Stephen Kass .....	Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester
Fred Schulman .....	Congregation Sons of Israel - Briarcliff
Steven Chill .....	Congregation Sulam Yaakov
Mark Stern.....	First Hebrew Congregation
Deborah S.K. Jagoda .....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
Robert Fischer .....	Hebrew Congregation of Somers
Jonathan Franklin.....	Hillels of Westchester
Edward Sperling .....	Pleasantville Community Synagogue
Adar Gurvitch .....	Solomon Schechter School of Westchester
David Shatz .....	StandWithUs
Evelyn Cohen.....	Temple Beth Elohim
Joel Greenberg.....	Temple Beth Shalom
Richard Leroy .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila of Westchester
Mindy Unger .....	Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester
Marc Klee .....	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism - METNY
Sarra Lorbert.....	Westchester Day School

## 2017

Robin Samot .....	AIPAC
Judy Grant .....	American Friends of Soroka
Emma Abramson .....	BBYO Westchester Region
Joanna Segal .....	Bet Torah
Charles Shapiro .....	Congregation B'nai Yisrael
Deborah Weinberger.....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Betty Knoop .....	Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center
Alexandra Rosenberg.....	JCCA
Chuck Lesnick.....	JCY-Westchester Community Partners
Carla Ifrah .....	Jewish Community Center of Harrison
Ruth Loebmann .....	Metropolitan Jewish Health System (MJHS)
Tania Weiss .....	Sinai Free Synagogue
Gayle Aaron .....	Temple Beth Abraham
Sandra Costin.....	Temple Israel Center of White Plains
Sari Bedevian .....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Carla Fiorentino.....	The New Jewish Home - Sarah Neuman
Shirley Shwiel .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Mona Abramson.....	Westchester Jewish Council
Jerald Seti .....	Westchester Klezmer Program



## 2016

Joan Muss.....	The Alexander Muss High School in Israel
Joan Rosen.....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Donna Bartell.....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Gary Katz.....	Community Alliance for Jewish-Affiliated Cemeteries
Daniela Rosen.....	First Hebrew Congregation
Sherry Padva.....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
Deborah Wiskind.....	Hadassah Westchester
Amy Post.....	Hebrew Congregation of Somers
Stephanie Kirwan.....	JCC of Mid-Westchester
Ed Jacobson.....	Larchmont Temple
Sol Gibbons.....	Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation
Eugene Konigsbach.....	Northeast Jewish Center
Vivian Chang Freiheit.....	Pleasantville Community Synagogue
Elizabeth Spiro.....	Rabbi Max Maccoby Foundation
Karen Chapiro.....	Scarsdale Synagogue
Ross Zelman.....	Solomon Schechter School of Westchester
Andrew Kligerman.....	StandWithUS
Hana Epstein.....	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism/USY
Arnold Linhardt.....	Westchester Jewish Council

## 2015

Gregg Mashberg.....	Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
Elliot Rose.....	AJC Westchester/Fairfield
David Simhon.....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Susan Hope Davis.....	Congregation Kol Ami
Richard Koh.....	Hillels of Westchester
Lisa Rosenshein Todes.....	Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center
Michael Maron.....	JCC on the Hudson
Robert Miller.....	Jewish Community Center of Harrison
Sarene Shanus.....	Jewish Education Project
Michael Salpeter.....	Jewish Family Congregation
Peggy Garfunkel.....	Jewish Womens Foundation
Jessica Morgenthal.....	Rosenthal JCC
David Rolle.....	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
Ruth Greenfield.....	Temple Beth Elohim
Richard Alter.....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Vivian Cohn.....	Temple Shaaray Tefila of Westchester
Trudy Cummings.....	The Mollie and Jack Zicklin Jewish Hospice Residence of MJHS
Robert Mensch.....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Susan Miller.....	Westchester Jewish Center

## 2014

Haina Just-Michael.....	American Friends of Magen David Adom
Andrew Weissman.....	Bet Torah
Paula Markowitz Wittlin.....	Beth Am shalom Synagogue
Alyssa Erber.....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Robin Blum.....	Bronx Jewish Community Council
Arlene Cole.....	Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester
Judy Boehr.....	Congregation Sons of Israel - Briarcliff
Joel Taman.....	Dorot
Mindy Steinholtz.....	First Hebrw Congregation
Vicki Prusnofsky.....	Hebrew Congregation of Somers
Alan Schulman.....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Wendy Hollander.....	JCY - Weschester Jewish Community Partners
Larry Benser.....	Sinai Free Synagogue
Pam Goldstein.....	Solomon Schechter
Melissa & Herb Baer.....	Temple Beth Abraham
Susan Rozin.....	UJA - Federation of NY
Michal Kellner.....	USCJ - METNY United Synagogue Youth



## 2013

Peg Kershenbaum.....	Academy of Jewish Religion
Candy Gould.....	AJC Westchester
John Harris.....	Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
Shari Kibel.....	Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel
Judy Sarch.....	Congregation Kol Ami - White Plains
Phyllis Hartstein.....	Hadassah
Eugene Grant.....	Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center
Joel Rotner.....	Jewish Community Center of Harrison
Alexis Kashar.....	Jewish Deaf/HH Resource Center
David Alpert.....	Jewish War Veterans
Josh Goldstein.....	J-Teen Leadership *
Harriet Leibowitz.....	Mt. Kisco Hebrew Congregation
Leah Leonard.....	Pelham Jewish Center
Grace Fass.....	Rabbi Max Maccoby Foundation
Jay Sellinger.....	Sarah Neuman Center
Clifton Rothman.....	Temple Israel Center - White Plains
Linda Barat.....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Karen Blumenthal.....	Westchester Jewish Community Services

## 2012

Evin Rubin.....	Congregation M'vakshe Derekh
Masoud Radpavar.....	First Hebrew Congregation
Arlene Lowenstein.....	Fleetwood Synagogue
Neil Siegel.....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
Mitchell Maller.....	Israel Bonds
Andrew Benerofe.....	Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester
Iissa Warhit.....	Jewish Student Union
Michael Gold.....	Pleasantville Community Synagogue
Samuel Landau.....	Schnurmacher Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing
Susan Pecker.....	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
Lesli Klein.....	Temple Beth Elohim
Brian Cohen.....	Temple Sholom
Cookie Markhoff.....	The Jewish Education Project
Isabel Merrin.....	Metropolitan Jewish Health System (MJHS)
Susan Truwit.....	Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester
Heidi and Lloyd Widom.....	UJA-Federation of New York/Westchester Region
Cheryl Brause.....	Westchester Jewish Center
Barry Effron.....	Westchester Jewish Council

## 2011

David Fine.....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Susan Rudolph.....	Community Synagogue of Rye
Larry Heligman.....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Wendy Greenberg.....	Congregation Kol Ami
Sandy Waters.....	DOROT
Anne Schaeffer.....	JCY-Westchester Community Partners
Betsy Landis.....	Jewish Women's Foundation of New York
Lew Reznik.....	Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation
Jill Goldenberg.....	Pelham Jewish Center
Meryl Moser.....	Shaarei Tikvah
Larry Prospect.....	Sinai Free Synagogue
Liz Landau.....	Solomon Schechter School of Westchester
Lynn Michaels.....	Temple Beth Shalom - Mahopac
Richard Grayson.....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Harriett Zeller.....	Temple Shaaray Tefila of Westchester
Ellen Brown.....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Naomi Snider.....	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism/METNY Region



## 2010

Geralynn Reifer .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Emily Cohen .....	Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester
Leslie Novack .....	Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel
Susan Darrow .....	Congregation Sulam Yaakov
Marty Tanenbaum .....	Congregation Sulam Yaakov
Barbara & Martin Marks .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Jennifer Shepard .....	Hillels of Westchester
Karen Everett .....	Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services
Edwin Margolius .....	Jewish Community Council of Mt. Vernon
Barbara & John Stern .....	Jewish Family Congregation
Bernhard Storch .....	Jewish War Veterans
Barry Gold .....	Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns
Barbara Fix .....	StandWithUs
Ronit Ben-Tov .....	Tel Aviv Foundation
Jane Agdern .....	Temple Beth Abraham, Tarrytown
Estelle Linz .....	Temple Israel of Northern Westchester
Elizabeth & Alison Schnitzer .....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Malcolm Lazarus .....	United Hebrew of New Rochelle
Russell Mannis .....	Westchester Day School
Samuel Fredman .....	Lifetime Achievement Award

## 2009

Harriet Schleifer .....	AJC Westchester/Fairfield
Fred Claar .....	Jewish Education Project
Mona Abramson .....	David Project
Ella Newman .....	Hadassah-Westchester Region
Minna & Ken Brown .....	JCC Harrison
Naomi Brunnlehrman .....	Jewish Deaf Resource Center, Inc.
Cantor Erik Contzius .....	Kol Hazanim: Westchester Community of Cantors
Rosel Wolf .....	Larchmont Temple
Larry Levy .....	Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation
Ira Mines .....	Rabbi Max Maccoby Foundation
Gerald Cohen .....	Scarsdale Synagogue-Temples Tremont and Emanu-El
Joel Kudlowitz .....	Scarsdale Synagogue-Temples Tremont and Emanu-El
Melody Weisman .....	Temple Beth Shalom, Mahopac
Mark Shainker .....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Fran & Saul Singer .....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Albert Krull .....	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism/METNY Region
Rabbi Neil Zuckerman .....	Westchester Board of Rabbis
Corey Friedlander .....	Woodlands Community Temple
Robert Mitgang .....	Yorktown Jewish Center

## 2008

Cantor Susan Alcott .....	Academy for Jewish Religion
Ron Axelrad .....	Berkshire Hills Emanuel Camps
Fredda Cohen .....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Karen Zaltz .....	Community Synagogue of Rye
AnnBeth Cohen .....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Joseph Askinas .....	Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel
Bonnie & Eric Eilen .....	Congregation Kol Ami, White Plains
Phil Sassoon .....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
Nancy Lonky .....	JCC on the Hudson
Stanton Selbst .....	Jewish Council of Yonkers
Shelley Rasekh .....	Magen David Sephardic Congregation
Hildy Martin .....	Pelham Jewish Center
Barbara Korner .....	Sinai Free Synagogue, Mt. Vernon
Eugene Lubin .....	Special Community Trail Blazer Award
Robert Friedland .....	Special Community Trail Blazer Award
Roy Stillman .....	Special Community Trail Blazer Award
Alan Weissman .....	Special Community Trail Blazer Award
Mel & Marion Lipetz .....	Temple Israel Center
Gary Cohn .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila, Bedford Corners
Karen Kasner .....	UJA-Federation of NY- Westchester
Carol Fasman .....	Westchester Jewish Center
Alan Markowitz .....	Westchester Reform Temple



## 2007

Frank Linde .....	American Jewish Committee
Mitchel Kaphan .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Morris Hartman .....	Beth Emeth Synagogue
Marjorie Sunshine .....	Dorot
Marilyn Berkowitz .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Spencer Rosman .....	Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center
Debbie Schiff .....	Jewish Community Center of Harrison
Amy Iles .....	Jewish National Fund
Terrance Elkes .....	Jewish Outreach Institute
Ruth Hendel .....	Jewish Theological Seminary
Esther Goldman .....	New Rochelle Jewish Coalition
Sylvia Stein .....	Northeast Jewish Center
Randee Horowitz .....	Scarsdale Synagogue-Tremont Temple
Olga Prince .....	Temple Beth Abraham
Aaron Marcus .....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Amanda Bilski .....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Stephanie Gary .....	Union for Reform Judaism-Greater NY Council
Tova Efron .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Harold Aspis .....	Young Israel of Scarsdale

## 2006

Ted Brown .....	Beth Emeth Synagogue
Bertram Schwarz .....	Board of Jewish Education
Annleah Berger .....	Congregation Sons of Israel - Briarcliff Manor
Adrienne Price .....	Florence Melton Adult Mini-School of Westchester
Alan Ganapol .....	Hazon
Stuart Kolbert .....	Hillels of Westchester
Adam Seiden .....	Jewish Community Council of Mt. Vernon
Richard Cohen .....	Jewish Reconstructionist Federation of Metropolitan NY
Isaac Piha .....	Magen David Sephardic Congregation
Linda Altabef .....	Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation
Joseph Gottlieb .....	Rosenthal JCC of Northern Westchester
Ellen Lewis .....	Shaarei Tikvah, Scarsdale
Marlene Subit .....	Sinai Free Synagogue, Mt. Vernon
Georgene Perlman .....	Temple Beth Shalom, Mahopac
Ella Badin .....	Temple Israel Center
Laura Copel .....	Temple Israel of Northern Westchester
Deanne Miller .....	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, METNY Region
Rabbi Lester Bronstein .....	Westchester Board of Rabbis
George Mandel .....	Lifetime Achievement Award

## 2005

Linda Dishner .....	Beth Torah
Norman Gordon .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Lynn Kotzen .....	Beth Emeth Synagogue
Janet & Gary Waller .....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Lorraine Benowich .....	Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel
Harriet & Joseph Fibel .....	Congregation M'vakshe Derekh
Robin Rosenberg .....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
David Rosen .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Trudy & Jack Goldberg .....	Jewish Family Congregation
Helen Schwartz .....	Lincoln Park Jewish Center
Jane Silverman .....	Temple Beth Abraham
Wendy Greenberg .....	Temple Beth Shalom
William Poltarak .....	Temple Israel Center
Herbert Horn .....	The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Civia Mclean .....	Westchester Fairfield Hebrew Academy
Louise Cohen .....	Westchester Jewish Center
Andrew Lewin .....	Youth Centers of Israel, Inc.
Annabelle Wolfzahn .....	Zionist Organization of America



## 2004

Barbara Horowitz .....	Bikur Cholim of Westchester
Laura Leach .....	Community Synagogue of Rye
Lee Schwartz .....	Congregation Kol Ami
Tobi Rogowsky .....	JCC Harrison
Roger Challop .....	Jewish Community Council of Mt. Vernon
Meg Fienberg .....	Larchmont Temple
Ellen Rosenberg .....	Scarsdale Synagogue-Tremont Temple
Daniel Fass .....	Shaarei Tikvah
Harriet Kaplow .....	Sinai Free Synagogue
Raymond Topkis .....	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
Myra & Samuel Ross .....	Temple Beth Elohim
Eric Nodiff .....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Arlette Baker .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila
Alexandra Berdebes .....	The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale
Alan Legatt .....	Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester
Franne Weinberg .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Roberta Roos .....	Woodlands Community Temple
Frances Pugatch .....	Workmen's Circle

## 2003

Harriet Suvall .....	American Jewish Committee
Bruce Rapkin .....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Anita Better .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Sue Merims .....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Nancy & Bruce Lumish .....	Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel
Leonard Fischman .....	Congregation Kol Ami
Robert Stone .....	Congregation M'vakshe Derekh
Doris Reich .....	Fleetwood Synagogue
Adrienne Silver .....	Hadassah-Westchester Region
Jonathan Goodblatt .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Andrew Rothlein .....	Jewish Child Care Association/Edenwald
Arthur Citrin .....	Jewish Community Council of Mt. Vernon
Nancy Klein .....	Jewish Council of Yonkers
Richard Jacobs .....	Sarah Neuman Center for Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Joni Jablansky .....	Solomon Schechter School of Westchester
Marilyn & Robert Harris .....	Temple Beth Abraham
Sari Singer .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila
Bruce Freyer .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Gertrude Landau .....	Zionist Organization of America

## 2002

Howard Lampert .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Dianna Andrus .....	Bikur Cholim of Westchester
Arlene Leiter .....	Community Synagogue of Rye
Judith Uhry .....	Community Synagogue of Rye
Ruth & LeRoy Grayson .....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Monica & Alan Blum .....	Fleetwood Synagogue
Arlyn Vogel .....	Hadassah-Westchester Region
John Lightstone .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Geralyn Rubenstein .....	JCC Harrison
Hal Greenwald .....	Jewish Council of Yonkers
Bob Gross .....	Larchmont Temple
Michael Karnes .....	Temple Beth Abraham
Larry Hepner .....	Temple Beth Elohim
Patricia Lampf .....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Sherry Wolf .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila
Sylvia Nissen .....	The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale
Michael Turek .....	Young Israel of New Rochelle
Judd Rosenblatt .....	Zahal Shalom
Helga Luden .....	Zionist Organization of America



## 2001

Barbara Gordon .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Barbara Morris .....	Bikur Cholim of Westchester
Janet & Stephen Meyers .....	Community Synagogue of Rye
David Tantleff.....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Iris & Isadore Farber.....	Congregation M'vakshe Derekh
Herbert Ratet .....	Hebrew Institute of White Plains
Judy & Stephen Underberg.....	JCC on the Hudson
Barbara Weiss .....	Jewish Council of Yonkers
Carol Scharff .....	Larchmont Temple
Belle Fabel .....	National Council of Jewish Women
Joseph Greenfield .....	Temple Beth Elohim
Helene Handelman .....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Neil Rimsky.....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Manred Moses .....	Westchester Jewish Conference
Susan Weiss.....	Westchester Jewish Conference
Diana Kern.....	Workmen's Circle
Jeffrey Kleinberg.....	Young Israel of Scarsdale
William Gips .....	Zahal Shalom
M. Mac Schwebel .....	Lifetime Achievement Award

## 2000

Ferne Cogan .....	American Jewish Congress
Glen Hockley .....	B'nai B'rith, United Mid-Westchester
Kenneth May .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Michael Stolzlar .....	Community Synagogue of Rye
Honey Neier .....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Jane Dubin .....	Congregation M'vakshe Derekh
Evelyth Lewis .....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
Sue Zeidman .....	JCC Harrison
Roy Raizen.....	JCC of Mid Westchester
Gustave Nathan .....	Jewish Council of Yonkers
James Woolner .....	Sarah Neuman Center for Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Janet Mauro .....	Temple Beth Elohim
Thelma Fixler .....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Zina Klang .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila
Froma Benerofe .....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Marc Schulman.....	Westchester Fairfield Hebrew Academy
Alice Weiss.....	Westchester Jewish Center
William Blumstein.....	Westchester Reform Temple
Laure Kaminsky .....	Zahal Shalom
Jay Miller .....	Zionist Organization of America
Amiel Wohl .....	Lifetime Achievement Award

## 1999

Richard Woodrow.....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Linda Essner .....	Bikur Cholim of Westchester
Gloria & Gene Sosin.....	Community Synagogue of Rye
Carol Slotkin .....	Congregation B'nai Elohim
Rindi Klarberg .....	Congregation B'nai Yisrael
Bernice & Julie Chaiken.....	Congregation M'vakshe Derekh
David Morris.....	Fleetwood Synagogue
Lawrence Ecker .....	Greenburgh Hebrew Center
Stuart Gordon .....	JCC Harrison
Rita Grunbaum.....	Larchmont Temple
Florette Ganis.....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Stuart Kolbert.....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Terri Trieger.....	Westchester Jewish Center
Carol Corbin.....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Rose Shuffman.....	Zionist Organization of America



## 1998

Sue & John Baer.....	American Jewish Congress
Esther Goldman .....	AMIT
Allan Abrahams .....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Bree Robin .....	Bikur Cholim of Westchester
Betty & Henry Krakeur .....	Congregation Kol Ami
Ernest Hammer .....	Congregation M'vakshe Derekh
Robert Immerman.....	Larchmont Temple
Rose Simon.....	National Council of Jewish Women
David Arnov .....	New Israel Fund
Barbara Kessler .....	Temple Israel Center
Jeffrey Simon .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila
Philip Halper .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Nir Barzilai .....	Westchester Jewish Conference
Norma Hurwitz .....	Westchester Jewish Conference
Beth Rosen .....	Westchester Jewish Conference
Sara Trauner .....	Westchester Jewish Conference
Miriam Maderer.....	Women's American ORT
Abigail Mandel .....	Workmen's Circle

## 1997

Ann Schaffer .....	Bet Am Shalom Synagogue
Robert Schepp .....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Mala Hermon .....	Bikur Cholim of Westchester
Elliot Kracko.....	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Marilyn Helmerdinger.....	Congregation B'nai Yisrael
Harley & Richard Lewis.....	Congregation Kol Ami
Michael Iechting .....	Friends of Israeli Disabled War Veterans
Julian Bernstein .....	JCC Harrison
Norton Shargel .....	JCC Harrison
Roy Stillman .....	Jewish Council of Yonkers
Lauren Lefkowitz Curry .....	Jewish Family Congregation
Paula Peck .....	National Council of Jewish Women
Shirley Queen .....	State of Israel Bonds
Allida Stauber .....	Temple Shaaray Tefila
Froma Benerofe .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Carol Grossman .....	Women's American ORT
Yvette & Larry Gralla .....	Woodlands Community Temple
Rose Lott .....	Workmen's Circle
Ellen Lazarus.....	YW&YMHA of Mid-Westchester

## 1996

Aileen Gluck .....	American Jewish Congress
Arnold Bernstein .....	B'nai B'rith of White Plains
Frances Shahar.....	Beth El Synagogue Center
Janet Meyers.....	Community Synagogue of Rye
Barry Konner.....	Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel
Stanley Goodman .....	Congregation Kol Ami
Norman Goodfarb.....	JCC on the Hudson
Susan Tolchin .....	JCC on the Hudson
Arlene Freudenberger.....	Jewish Community Council of Mt.Vernon
Claire Simpkins .....	Jewish Council of Yonkers
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The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Westchester Jewish Music & Arts Festival**

Presented by The Westchester Jewish Council  
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Sunday, August 21, 2022 / 12 noon - 6 pm  
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Enjoy the playground,  
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## Member Organizations and Synagogues (as of May 2022)

Academy for Jewish Religion	Hazon	Shalom Hartman Institute of North America
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AIAPAC - American Israel Public Affairs Committee	Hebrew Free Burial Association	Sinai Free Synagogue
AJC Westchester/Fairfield	Hebrew Free Loan Society	Sprout Westchester
Alma Research and Education Center	Hebrew Institute of White Plains	StandWithUs
American Friends of Israel Sport Center for the Disabled	HIAS	Stein Yeshiva of Lincoln Park
American Friends of Magen David Adom	Hillels of Westchester	Students & Parents Against Campus Anti-Semitism (SPACA)
American Friends of Soroka Medical Center	Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center	Tamid Westchester
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	Israel Bonds (Development Corporation for Israel)	Temple Beth Abraham
American Zionist Movement (AZM)	J Street Westchester	Temple Beth Am
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	JCCA	Temple Beth El - Danbury
Areyvut	Jewish Broadcasting Service (JBS)	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
BBYO Westchester Region	Jewish Community Center of Harrison	Temple Beth Shalom - Hastings
Bet Am Shalom Synagogue	Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester	Temple Beth Shalom - Mahopac
Bet Torah	Jewish Community Council of Mt. Vernon	Temple Israel Center of White Plains
Beth El Synagogue Center	Jewish Deaf (and Hard-of-Hearing) Resource Center	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Birthingright Israel	The Jewish Education Project	Temple Israel of Northern Westchester
The Blue Card	Jewish National Fund of Westchester & Southern CT	Temple Shaaray Tefila of Westchester
Bronx Jewish Community Council, Inc	Jewish Theological Seminary	Temple Shalom
Camp Zeke	Justice Brandeis Westchester Law Society	Touro College of Dental Medicine at NY Medical College
Chabad Center for Jewish Life of the Rivertowns	Keshet	Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester
Chabad of Bedford	Kol Hazzan:im: Westchester Community of Cantors	UJA-Federation of NY/Westchester
Chabad Lubavitch of Larchmont and Mamaroneck	Kol Rina'h, The Jewish Chorale of Westchester	Union for Reform Judaism
Chavurat Tikvah	Larchmont Temple	United Hebrew of New Rochelle
Community Alliance for Jewish-Affiliated Cemeteries (CAJAC)	The Leffell School	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism - METNY
CSS - Community Security Service	Lincoln Park Jewish Center	Westchester Board of Rabbis
Community Synagogue of Rye	Magen David Sephardic Synagogue	Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism
Congregation Anshe Shalom	Mishkan Ha'am	Westchester Day School
Congregation B'nai Yisrael	MJHS Health System	Westchester Hebrew High School
Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester	Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation	Westchester Jewish Center
Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel (KT)	Moving Traditions	Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration
Congregation Kol Ami	New Israel Fund	Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS)
Congregation Shir Shalom of Westchester and Fairfield Counties	New Jewish Home - Sarah Neuman	Westchester Klezmer Program
Congregation Sons of Israel - Briarcliff	New York Medical College	Westchester Reform Temple
Congregation Sons of Israel - Yonkers	Northeast Jewish Center	Westchester/Fairfield Association of Temple Educators (WATE)
DOROT	Parades Institute of Jewish Studies	Woodlands Community Temple
Dror Israel	Pelham Jewish Center	The Workers Circle
First Hebrew Congregation	PJ Library	Young Israel of Harrison
Fleetwood Synagogue	Plaza Jewish Community Chapel	Young Israel of New Rochelle
Friends of Israel Scouts - Tzofim	Pleasantville Community Synagogue	Young Israel of Scarsdale
Friends of the Israel Defense Forces	RiverSpring Health Featuring the Hebrew Home at Riverdale	Young Israel of White Plains
Fuel for Truth	Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns	
Greenburgh Hebrew Center	Sanctuary	
Hadar	Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El	
Hadassah - Westchester Region	Shaarei Tikvah	