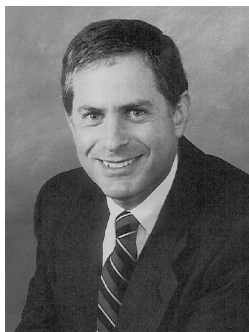




*Silver Anniversary*  
**25<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Julian Y. Bernstein**  
**Distinguished Service**  
**Awards Ceremony**

Thursday, June 4, 2020  
12 Sivan 5780





## 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

We are excited to have you join us this evening as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Westchester Jewish Council's Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards.

Each year as we review the nominations submitted for these awards, we are impressed by the achievements of the volunteers being described. Their work is invaluable to their nominating organization, whether it is hyperlocal or worldwide.

Distinguished Service Award honorees are often unsung heroes who work quietly behind the scenes, expecting no honor or recognition. These are the people who prepare a weekly Shabbat Kiddush or a monthly Shabbat dinner, make sure religious services run smoothly, ensure the safety of communal spaces, work around the clock when a roof leaks or the power goes out, spend hours with those at the end of their life, or beautify an aging cemetery in decline.

We also have honorees whose efforts are more visible, both at home and around the world. They provide vision and leadership; have created inclusion jobs and homes in the community; fed the hungry; built schools; and brought Jewish life and learning to those in the US, in Israel and around the world.

What each of our honorees across the past 25 years has in common, however, is the fact that they selflessly dedicate their time and talents to improving our community and our world ... and there is no stopping them.

Our special honoree this year, Donald Fleishaker, exemplifies the dedication of our Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award recipients. A member of the first class of honorees in 1996, Donald remains an active, vital volunteer, continuing to share his leadership and wisdom. For this we are thrilled to honor him again this year for his commitment and achievement.

Please be as inspired and impressed as we are as we celebrate this year's amazing honorees.

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

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### **Program**

#### **Welcome**

Lisa Roberts

President, Westchester Jewish Council

#### **Presentation of Silver Anniversary**

#### **Special Recognition Award to Donald J. Fleishaker**

Lisa Roberts

#### **Introduction to the Julian Y. Bernstein**

#### **Distinguished Service Awards**

Betsy Bernstein

#### **Presentation of the Julian Y. Bernstein**

#### **Distinguished Service Awards**

Ron Arsham, Betsy Bernstein, Karen Firestone,  
Sue Pearson, Keith Reich, Julie Rockowitz, Jane Silverman,  
Steve Silverman, Sheila Spicehandler

#### **Closing**

Elliot Forchheimer, Executive Director  
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**Julian Y. Bernstein**  
**Distinguished Service Awards**  
**Silver Anniversary Special Recognition**  
**Donald J. Fleishaker**

Donald Fleishaker is an attorney who has been practicing in New York City since 1952 when he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Brooklyn Law School. He has been a real estate investor and hotel developer/operator for over 50 years. Despite a strenuous practice, work and travel schedule, Donald has always made Jewish causes and his Jewish family life a priority. His ties to the Jewish community worldwide are testament to this dedication.

His local involvement began when Donald and his late wife Dorothy moved to Westchester in 1956. The young couple became very involved with The Genesis Hebrew Center in Tuckahoe. Donald served as president for several terms, chairman of its religious committee for many years and he took a major part in the congregation's merger with Emanuel Synagogue in Mt. Vernon, selling both properties and creating what is now the Shaarei Tikvah Synagogue-Scarsdale.

In the years that followed, Donald has had a widespread, distinguished volunteer career in Westchester. He served as chair of the Westchester Division of the UJA-Federation Campaign, on its Overseas Board, Human Resources Development Committee and Westchester Cabinet. For his work with UJA-Federation, he was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the Westchester Jewish Council in 1996, the inaugural year of this award.

Currently, Donald is an honorary member of the HIAS Board, having served for 20 years on its Executive Committee and Speaker's Bureau and having helped create its scholarship program. Donald is an honorary director of the Westchester Jewish Council as well as Beth El Synagogue Center and a board member of the JCC of Mid-Westchester. He was an active member of the Hutchinson Chapter of B'nai B'rith, and was honored by this organization in 1982.

Support of Israel is important to Donald and he has visited Israel many times. He provided a Torah to a new moshav in Israel and has gone to Ethiopia to assist in bringing immigrants "home."

In 2018, Donald was honored by Beth El Synagogue for his support and dedication to sharing and imparting the knowledge he gained thru his lifetime of synagogue and community involvement. In memory of his beloved Dorothy, he created and endowed the Dorothy L. Fleishaker Religious School Enrichment Fund. Donald remains active in the congregation, helping conduct Beth El's religious services on holidays, Shabbat and its daily minyan.

Since Dorothy's passing, Donald continues to live in Scarsdale and takes great pride in the fact that his four children are carrying on the Fleishaker legacy of being involved with Jewish causes. He enjoys his wonderful family, which now includes many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Westchester Jewish Council is thrilled to be again recognizing Donald Fleishaker for his ongoing dedication to the Westchester Jewish community on the Silver Anniversary of our Distinguished Service Awards.

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# Julian Y. Bernstein

## Distinguished Service Awards 2020 Honorees

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

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# Herman Dinkin

## Jewish Community Center of Harrison

Herm Dinkin was born in Gary, Indiana in 1925 to Russian Jewish immigrants. He served in the Second World War in Normandy and in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star. After the War, Herm attended Northwestern University where he earned his BS and MA in theater. He went on to have a successful acting career in New York under his professional name Herb Duncan, and was known for his roles on soap operas such as “The Guiding Light,” and on commercials for Bumble Bee Tuna, Bounty paper towels and Reese’s Pieces. He was a frequent cast member of “The Eternal Light,” a radio program produced under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Herm and his wife Lois moved to Harrison 51 years ago and immediately became members of the JCCH. He served as the Temple Vice President and on the Yom Kippur committee and has continued to be an active member over the years. He and his wife Lois have had the great pleasure of hosting members of the Israeli choir who have enriched the High Holiday service for the last ten years. Herm has played an integral part of the Yom Kippur afternoon thematic program, reading Jewish plays and stories. He directed a play written by our beloved JCCH member, the late Sylvia Dinoffer, which was performed and enjoyed by fellow congregants.

The Dinkin home is known for its warm hospitality and love of Israel. Through an organization, Shalom Yisrael, he and Lois have hosted Israeli soldiers, social workers, nurses, and first responders while they were here in the US for two weeks of much earned R&R.

In the last twelve years, one of Herm’s greatest joys has been his work volunteering as a speech instructor for the bar and bat mitzvah students of the JCCH, coaching them in the delivery of their Divrei Torah. He loves utilizing his acting experience for this purpose and guiding these incredible children on their road to becoming young Jewish thinkers. He is honored to receive the Julian Y. Bernstein award and proud to be a devoted member of the JCCH.



*The JCCH is a vital, energetic, traditional egalitarian Conservative congregation. Founded in 1959, the JCCH was designed to be a center not only for worship and education, but also to fulfill social and recreational requirements of children, youth, and adults. Today the JCCH remains true to that mission, with an inclusive religious community, a highly respected Religious School, engaging Men’s Club, Sisterhood and Youth programming, a progressive Keruv - Interfaith Program: a diverse offering of learning opportunities for all ages and stages; and continued active involvement among both founding and new members.*





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# Laura Solomon

## Bet Am Shalom Synagogue

Laura Solomon chairs the Tikkun Olam Committee for Bet Am Shalom (BAS) Synagogue, a vibrant, egalitarian Reconstructionist congregation in White Plains. In addition to its other social action work, about four years ago, the BAS congregation decided to take on a long-term commitment to study and action regarding immigration. These concerted immigration-related efforts have largely been chaired by Laura almost since the beginning.

In large part through Laura's leadership, BAS earned qualification from HIAS to help resettle a refugee family and now co-sponsors (with Woodlands Community Temple) an Afghan family in White Plains. More than 80 congregants have been involved in every aspect of this family's life.

With a focus on education, advocacy and direct service, Laura's Tikkun Olam committee works closely with the BAS Education Director to sponsor annual intergenerational events including:

- Mitzvah Day: children from Abbott House, a transitional residence for children who crossed the border into the U.S. without a parent, work along with BAS families in activities that "give back"
- Meals in a Jar: congregants of all ages join on MLK Day to prepare 130+ meals that get distributed to families at El Centro Hispano
- Annual dinners catered by recent immigrants, with keynote speakers: Dreamers, Afghan refugees, scholars, and immigration lawyers
- Afghan cooking classes taught by a local refugee
- Bimonthly food distribution at El Centro Hispano, where BAS has also provided legal services support and tutoring

Laura also leads a new initiative, research into BAS becoming a fully-functioning sanctuary congregation. Most recently, she agreed to represent BAS as part of a newly formed coalition of White Plains synagogues coming together to focus on immigration and refugee issues.

In addition to her work as Tikkun Olam chairperson, Laura co-chairs the annual synagogue Yom Kippur Break Fast, participates in Shorashim (a free open Sunday morning program for children 0-5 and their parents/caregivers), and serves on the synagogue School Board.

Laura works full time at IBM designing leadership development programs for managers and executives. She and her husband moved to White Plains eight years ago from Ridgefield, CT, where she chaired the social action committee at her prior synagogue.



*Bet Am Shalom is a fully egalitarian, "hands-on" synagogue, where participation by all members is considered essential to maintaining the warmth and vibrancy of the synagogue community. Congregants attend services, organize special events, serve on committees, take and teach courses and chant Torah. Participation is the special characteristic of Bet Am Shalom. Members vary widely in levels of Jewish education and observance, and opportunities abound for learning. Bet Am Shalom welcomes all family configurations.*

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# Nina Luban

## Beth El Synagogue Center of New Rochelle

Nina joined Beth El Synagogue Center when her family returned to New York from Los Angeles in the early 2000's. Her early volunteer work there all revolved around her growing son, Matthew.

Nina joined Beth El's Inclusion – or Keruv – Committee, which she now co-chairs with fellow congregant, Elise Richman. Nina retired in 2019 and jumped into volunteering with what can only be described as “a vengeance.” She upped her work with Keruv by submitting and winning a grant application for UJA's Synagogue Inclusion Project. As a result of the grant, Nina has been spearheading a group that is identifying ways to ensure that individuals with disabilities feel comfortable in, and enriched by, life at Beth El.

Post-retirement Nina also was invited by Beth El President Mark Silver to join him as co-chair of the “Vision Action Team,” a group of volunteers and staff charged with implementing Beth El's strategic vision for the future. This vision grew out of a congregation-wide strategizing initiative that had occurred the prior year. The charge is a broad one, encompassing social, ritual, and financial matters, the combined staff-and-volunteer co-ownership of Beth El's future, and the creation of the Den, Beth El's new community space for study, and spirituality.

Volunteering outside of Beth El includes work with a group of childhood friends to repurpose the building and land which held the former Congregation Shaare Zedek in Far Rockaway and since Hurricane Sandy remains in ruin. Additionally, she co-hosts *The Ballot Box*, a monthly radio show sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle. Her co-host is Tamar Tait, a New Rochelle League board member and fellow Beth El member.

Nina is inspired weekly by Beth El Rabbis David Schuck and Zach Sitkin, daily by its Executive Director Erica Leventhal, and throughout her work by volunteers and staff singularly dedicated to enriching the lives of all who walk through Beth El's doors.

Nina adds this final note to her son Matt and husband Scott: Without their loving support she could not possibly be as happy as she is doing what she is doing.



*Beth El Synagogue Center is a large, multi-generational, egalitarian congregation, located in New Rochelle, New York. Their energetic members and guests of every age come to Beth El for spirituality, learning, socialization and recreation. Whatever brings you to Beth El, you will see that they pour their enthusiasm and their love for each other into all they do. At Beth El you will find more than you expected - and you will feel very much at home. The congregation includes traditional and non-traditional families, couples and single individuals of all ages, able-bodied and differently-abled, intermarried, gay and lesbian couples; all people are welcomed at Beth El.*

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## Marlene Lerner

### Congregation Anshe Sholom

Marlene Lerner is undoubtedly one of Anshe Sholom's longest standing members. She joined the synagogue in 1961 after moving to New Rochelle from Arlington, Virginia believing it was "the friendliest shul in town" and conveniently, right nearby.

She immediately joined Sisterhood and jumped into volunteering. There were fashion shows in which she modeled and Broadway plays where she ran the lighting. Marlene helped set up rummage sales, art shows and became the treasurer for Boy Scout Troop 13 which met at the synagogue.

Soon her long-term dedication to the synagogue's Annual Journal began and Marlene became the Journal Chairman. After decades, she finally found the only way to extricate herself from this yeoman's task was to agree to be honored, along with her husband Armand, at the synagogue's annual testimonial dinner. However, to this day she continues to proof the Journal and serve on the Dinner Committee.

Marlene's latest contribution has been the establishment and running of the "Golden Group" for the synagogue's senior citizens. She finds guest speakers who come to speak on relevant topics she feels will both interest and benefit her audience.

Honored with the School Spirit Award, Marlene retired as a math and computer science teacher at Pelham Memorial High School in 1995. Since that time, Marlene has been a member of the synagogue's Board of Trustees. She was synagogue vice president until she stepped down, reluctant to become its first woman president.

Marlene attends synagogue every Shabbat and holiday and attends or supports every event large or small. What makes Marlene stand out is her quiet volunteerism. She is behind the scenes and never seeks attention for what she does. She feels an obligation to give back to organizations with which she is involved. She currently serves as co-chairman of her 70th high school reunion coming up this May, and is on the fundraising committee for her college class.

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*Anshe Sholom is a friendly, intimate, growing, modern Orthodox congregation, with an open door policy. It offers beginner education in Hebrew and Basic Judaism, and a full range of adult and youth opportunities. Women speak from the pulpit after services and at events and functions, and hold positions on the Executive Committee and Board, but do not participate in service leadership or receive aliyot. The synagogue boasts an active programmatic agenda including adult and youth activities. The congregation also features an active sisterhood.*

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# Linda Portnoy Goldberg

## Congregation Sulam Yaakov

Active at Sulam Yaakov since its inception, Linda has served as founding co-president, board member and weekly Torah reader. But most of her volunteering has been as an educator. She co-founded the religious school, developed curriculum and taught 4th-6th graders and teens. She also tutored Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, adult Torah readers, conversion students, and a very special special-needs child.

Following a long, productive business career - including 26 years at IBM, co-founding a consulting firm, and being CEO of a managed care company - Linda realized her dream and became a rabbi for the unaffiliated in 2016. As such, she works with Jewish and interfaith couples and families to craft meaningful, positive Jewish experiences. To date, there have been more than 50 weddings and 35 other events, where Linda works with care and acceptance to celebrate lives and bring people nearer to their own unique Judaism.

Linda deeply appreciates the support and encouragement of Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski and the remarkable Sulam community for her calling. She also treasures the support of dear friends and family - most of all, her husband of 54 years, Michael - their son, Andrew, daughter-in-law, Colleen, and grandchildren, Amelia and Charlie. Living in Los Angeles, Andrew is co-creator of the hit Netflix series, *Big Mouth*.

From a large committed Jewish family, Linda is one of 7 temple presidents and 3 rabbis – soon to be 4! She is a graduate of Wellesley College and native of New Bedford, MA. Growing up, she was active in Young Judaea, serving as New England Region president and representing them on the yearlong Institute for Youth Leaders in Israel.

Linda is very grateful for this honor, particularly as it bears the name of Julian Bernstein, z"l. She worked closely with Julian when he was board chairman and she was president at JCC of Harrison, and he continues to inspire.



*For anyone who has been searching for an inclusive, spiritually enriching community rooted in traditional values, one needs look no further than Congregation Sulam Yaakov. Walking into this beautiful and inviting synagogue, one immediately feels the excitement of spiritual engagement- filled with warmth and passion, a rich repertory of classic and contemporary music that lifts the soul, and deep words of prayer and study that challenge the mind. Egalitarian and democratic, every member is a vital part of the whole and participation is welcomed and encouraged.*

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## Deborah Bleiweis

### First Hebrew Congregation

Deborah Bleiweis grew up in Maryland in a home where her parents modeled how to serve the Jewish community in many different ways. Their lessons left a lasting impression of the importance of volunteerism, education and involvement.

Deborah and her husband, Bruce, have been members of First Hebrew Congregation (FHC) in Peekskill for 24 years. After spending a couple of years observing the workings of the congregation, Deborah joined the Board of Education which guided the religious school at FHC. She eventually became the Chair of the Board, overseeing the hiring of a new principal of the religious school. Only when her four children graduated from the program, did Deborah step down from the Board. During this time, she was selected to serve on a Rabbi search committee.

Currently, Deborah is the Chair of the Bikur Holim (visiting the sick) committee. In addition to visits, the committee sends cards to those recuperating from illness, provides meals on occasion and arranges transportation to medical appointments, when needed. Deborah is also the head of a new program committee working closely with Rabbi Dana Bogatz. She volunteers as a member of an Interfaith Committee which plans the Yom Hashoah service at FHC as well.

As an intellectual and spiritual challenge, Deborah has learned several Torah readings for Sisterhood Shabbat and the High Holidays. More recently she has studied Haftarah trope and to date has chanted three Haftarot, including the Yom Kippur Haftarah. It is a challenge!

Deborah has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's of Social Work degree from Adelphi University. She was a social worker in the geriatric field for many years and is now retired. She is involved with the Alumni Association of B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp, where she met her husband as fellow campers and spent several years as staff together. Deborah is delighted and humbled to be receiving this award.

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*First Hebrew's mission is to enrich their vibrant egalitarian Jewish Community through education, worship, charity and social interaction, and to support each person in their pursuit of Jewish learning, values, and spirituality. First Hebrew Congregation has served the Jewish community in Peekskill/Cortlandt and the surrounding areas for over 120 years. They warmly welcome interfaith and LGBTQIA families and individuals along with those who are differently abled.*

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# Alan Most

## Hebrew Congregation of Somers

Alan, his wife Ellen, and their children have been members of Hebrew Congregation of Somers for over 22 years. After moving to the “boondocks” of Mohegan Lake from Forest Hills, they sought a Jewish community that was small, informal, and welcoming. At the recommendation of their friends, Audrey Sherman and Bob Fischer, they visited HCS and soon afterward became members. Even when they moved farther away to Peekskill, they remained very involved with the community.

Alan was a Hebrew school teacher for a number of years, working with the Hay kids, and later developed and ran the youth group. He always kept in mind his traditional Hebrew school on Long Island, and spent long hours developing lesson plans that would be fun, interactive and joyous. Additionally, he viewed his prep and teaching as a way for him to learn more as he went along.

Concurrent with the synagogue beginning its rabbi search, Alan strongly advocated for HCS to join the Reconstructionist movement and then to hire rabbinic student Fred Schwalb (who, after receiving his smicha, became HCS’ rabbi).

Alan chairs the Ritual Committee, coordinating weekly services, High Holidays, and b’nei mitzvah. He works with HCS’ new rabbi, Shoshana Leis, to enhance the worship service to make it more meaningful and spiritual.

Since moving to Peekskill three years ago, Alan joined the Board of Trustees of The Field Library and has helped reinvigorate the library’s “friends” organization. He has also started serving as a tour guide at the historic Russel Wright home and property, Manitoga.

Professionally, Alan has worked in the publishing industry for 40 years, serving as a sales manager, marketing manager, field editor, and sales representative. His favorite account? The US Military Academy at West Point.

Alan and Ellen are the proud parents of Hannah, Robin, Evan, and Andrew. He is the father-in-law of Lawrence, Alessandra, and Erica, and the family has five wonderful grandchildren: Miles, Charlie, Zoe, Elliot and Caroline.



*Hebrew Congregation of Somers is Northern Westchester and Putnam’s Reconstructionist Synagogue. They offer a warm, friendly atmosphere, formal Hebrew School program, teen youth group, Shabbat and High Holy Days services, monthly family services, festive holiday celebrations, adult education, community outreach, and an active Sisterhood. Hebrew Congregation welcomes members of all ages and family compositions, including interfaith families, the LGBTQ community, and those with little formal knowledge of Judaism who want to learn.*

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# Rachelle Rosenberg

## The Hebrew Home at Riverdale

Rachelle Rosenberg was born in Boro Park, Brooklyn. She is a graduate of Brooklyn College and earned a Master's degree in Library Science from Columbia University. She has worked at the libraries of Pace University, Adolph Schreiber Hebrew Academy and Pearl River Public Library and retired from the Nanuet High School library in Rockland County after twenty-five years of service. Rachelle has volunteered at numerous organizations in Rockland, including the Association for the Visually Impaired, Tomchei Shabbos and at Rockland Jewish Family Services, where she tutored Yemini immigrants, organized the JCC library and conducted friendly home visits with the elderly.

It was this experience that led Rachelle to volunteer at the Hebrew Home for the Aged when she and her husband, Marc, moved to Riverdale in 2015. Under the wonderful guidance of Josephine Catalano and Dorothy Clune, she manages and organizes the library for residents, their families and the staff. Rachelle ensures that there is high-quality reading material, including large print books, for everyone to enjoy. She also brings books to the rooms of residents who are not able to come to the library to select one for themselves. She maintains lovely and long-standing relationships with some of the residents who are avid readers and who look forward to her weekly visits and book discussions.

Rachelle lives in Riverdale with Marc, her husband of forty-five years. They are the proud parents of Jeffrey and Shoshana. They are blessed with three darling grandchildren: Andrew, Lily and Arielle. Rachelle is honored to have been nominated by the Hebrew Home for the Aged for this outstanding recognition and is so happy to have been selected. She also wishes to recognize all the dedicated volunteers who strive every day to make The Hebrew Home a place of comfort and dignity for all its residents.

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*Founded in 1917 as a shelter for aging immigrants in Harlem, The Hebrew Home at Riverdale is now part of RiverSpring Health which includes senior housing communities, home care services, managed care insurance and the Weinberg Center for Elder Justice. For over one hundred years, their pioneering programs and services have brought compassion, respect and safety to countless older adults. RiverSpring Health empowers over 18,000 older adults to live forward each day.*

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# Michael Safranak

## Pleasantville Community Synagogue

Michael has been involved at Pleasantville Community Synagogue for over 15 years, most notably for his robust singing during Shabbat morning services, where he is a constant fixture. His own unique twist on the Aleinu, with a rousing emphasis on the ending “B’yom hahu,” has infected many of our graduating students (and even inspired some adults) to emulate joy in worship. With an infectious enthusiasm, he raises the level of each service through his voice, and his readiness to engage with congregants and visitors alike.

Michael served as a Trustee for nine years, eight of those as an officer of the Board. He was president at our critical transition from the founding rabbi after 18 years and shepherded the community through with compassion and understanding, minimizing potential rifts and divisions.

During the five years since leaving the Board, Michael has served on the Religious Practices committee, and regularly leads services in the Rabbi’s absence. Michael’s favorite role in the synagogue is Head Gabbai. In addition to regular weekly gabbai duties, Michael rehearses the service choreography for the b’nei mitzvah students. He particularly enjoys working with the families to instill confidence and provide meaning in the rituals of the service.

Michael’s impact is just as frequently felt in the small, less visible deeds, helping out wherever there is a need. During services year-round and on High Holidays, he can be seen staying near the bimah to ensure the rabbi has what is needed. On each Shabbat morning during musaf he ensures the kiddush is set up, checking with the helper or making the coffee himself. He attends shivah minyanim as needed, and shares responsibility for driving a developmentally disabled congregant to services.

Whether loudly or quietly, we appreciate how Michael helps to elevate our spiritual practice.

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*Pleasantville Community Synagogue is a warm, welcoming and diverse congregation that weaves close social and personal ties among its members. Congregants from all Jewish backgrounds, interfaith families, Jews-by-choice, spiritual seekers, LGBTQ and guests of all faiths are welcome and valued in their unaffiliated, trans-denominational community.*

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# Esther Mildner

## Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns

Esther Mildner began her involvement in Jewish life at the Lincoln Park Jewish Center in Yonkers, where her parents, Irving and Rhoda Elkin, were long-time, dedicated members. Esther began volunteering as a junior congregation leader and bat mitzvah tutor. She attended Hebrew school at Lincoln Park, graduated from the Hebrew High School at Beth El Synagogue in New Rochelle and attended Camp Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, where she was inspired by the joyfulness of prayer.

In the early 2000's, Esther's family was among several others that formed Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns, a member-led congregation. Since its inception, Esther has been a constant presence at religious and social events. On a moment's notice, Esther has arranged shiva minyans and provided meals and visits to congregants in need. She caters weekly kiddush lunches and when a member is celebrating a simcha, Esther will surely include a favorite food or dessert at the post-service luncheon.

Esther has served as Treasurer and President of Rosh Pinah and remains on the organization's board. As President, Esther actively promoted the Chavurah's mission of making services available and accessible to any Jew looking for a warm and friendly place to belong.

Esther serves as a Torah gabbai, often leads services, reads Torah and chants Haftorah. She is often the first person to introduce herself to someone new and play "Jewish geography" - and chances are that Esther has a mutual connection!

Esther is well known in Westchester as an attorney specializing in residential real estate. For nearly thirty years, she has managed a successful solo practice. Esther earned a B.S. from the ILR School at Cornell and a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University. She remains an active Cornell alumni volunteer and was recently appointed to the Cornell University Council. Esther and her husband Mark live in Ardsley and are the parents of three adult daughters, Alana, Carrie, and Erica.

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*Rosh Pinah is a Conservative, egalitarian, member-led Chavurah. Their members lead services, read Torah, teach, learn, socialize and perform community service in an atmosphere of joy, camaraderie and respect. They have services every Shabbat morning at 9 am as well as services during the holidays. Rosh Pinah Chavurah is also involved in communal, cultural and social activities throughout the year.*

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# Tim Bayless

## Sinai Free Synagogue

Tim Bayless is originally from Southern California. As a child, he took piano lessons and availed himself of almost every music class offered in his school. He earned an undergraduate degree in music from Indiana University in 1981 and in 2001, a Master's degree in education from Lehman College. Tim then began teaching at DeWitt Clinton High School where he is still employed.

Tim worked as a freelance musician in California and then in Brooklyn, New York where he also began giving private piano lessons. In 1998, Tim married Laurel Cohen who is also a musician. Laurel and Tim moved to Yonkers in 2002 where their son, Eli, was born. The family joined Sinai Free Synagogue in Mount Vernon and gradually became involved in various musical projects there under Rabbi Morris Barzilai and Cantor Elizabeth Sternlieb. Laurel proposed the creation of a family Shabbat and Tim and Laurel became the house band for this monthly service. Tim eventually joined several congregants in a lovely musical Shabbat service created by the cantor. They also started a klezmer band for the religious school students which continued for 6 years.

When Cantor Amy Goldstein came to Sinai Free Synagogue, Tim contributed his musical skills to some new programs such as the congregational talent show, and the congregational choir which now performs at select services and plays a major role in the High Holiday services.

Tim very much enjoys helping with the music at Sinai Free Synagogue and he looks forward to continuing his involvement there.

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*Sinai Free Synagogue, a Reform Jewish community, is known as the small community with the big heart. They strive to nurture a vibrant Jewish identity through Torah, worship, loving deeds, cultural and religious education, and by fostering a love of Israel. They are multigenerational, interfaith, interracial, and they are welcoming to all lifestyle choices. Sinai Free boasts a great sense of family and a true sense of being connected to the values that help us live Jewishly. They strive to make every individual, regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation, feel welcome and at ease in our congregation.*

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# Diane Gross

## Temple Beth Abraham

Diane initially became involved in Temple Beth Abraham (TBA) when her children attended nursery school at TBA's Children's Garden Center. Upon joining the Nursery School Board, she worked on the annual fund-raising auction and was appointed Treasurer. While her children were in the religious school program, Diane participated in adult education classes led by Rabbi David Holtz as she believed it was also important for her to increase her knowledge of Judaism.

In 2015, Diane was asked to join the TBA Board of Directors as Treasurer, bringing to the role experience from a career working for non-profits in the health sector. Her tenure in this role began during the Temple's transition from a dues structure to an untested voluntary contributions model. As part of the leadership team responsible for instituting this new contribution structure, she helped guide the process including implementing new procedures to help ensure a smooth transition.

She is currently involved in several committees including TBA's Capital Campaign Committee and recently agreed to step in as Recording Secretary when the position was vacated. Diane brings her professionalism and passion for Tikkun Olam to all of her volunteer work. She is committed to ensuring a lasting vibrant Jewish community and is particularly interested in maintaining a welcoming environment for interfaith families.

Diane holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rochester and a Master of Public Health from Columbia University and has over 25 years of experience in the healthcare arena. She presently works for the Lupus Research Alliance where she leads patient education and engagement programs and advocacy initiatives for people living with a chronic illness. In addition to having developed some of the organization's signature programs, she represents the organization by serving on advisory boards and committees. She lives in Westchester where she was raised and has raised her two children. Diane is honored to be recognized by the Westchester Jewish Council.



*Temple Beth Abraham is fully egalitarian and functions under the philosophy that Jews have too much in common to allow a desire to pray in a certain way from preventing the creation of one synagogue community. Families of every configuration and singles are welcome. Although affiliated with the Reform movement, Temple Beth Abraham holds Shabbat and Holiday services in both Reform and Conservative modes in separate sacred spaces. The energy that results permeates all activities, from an innovative religious school to a communal commitment to social justice.*

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# Hillary Rosenthal

## Temple Sholom

From 2001 to 2013, Hillary Rosenthal devoted her life to planning and executing fundraising programs as Director of Special Events for a non-profit organization. Hillary enjoyed her role, which showcased her innate ability to help others and give back to the community.

After spending a few years away from her fundraising career to raise her daughter, Hillary's dedication to local fundraising efforts returned. Her daughter entered the Selma Maisel Nursery School at Temple Sholom in Greenwich, CT. It became clear that Hillary would immerse herself, once again, in the nonprofit world, beginning with the role of "class mom."

After an extremely warm welcome from the Associate Executive Director at Sholom, and during casual conversation, it became evident that Hillary's professional background could be utilized in this new environment. Hillary was excited for this new way to share her talent. She was hooked!

Hillary was asked to chair the nursery school fundraiser, and with trepidation, she agreed. This fundraiser led to a wider role at Temple Sholom, where she has chaired the synagogue Gala for the last 3 years. The most recent celebration, with over 400 in attendance, honored Senior Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz' 25 years of service.

A synagogue decision to skip a year of gala led Hillary to develop and spearhead a 2019 Brick Campaign for the Temple. Again, the success of the campaign far outweighed expectations.

To help foster and develop community relationships within the religious school cohort, Hillary agreed to chair the Temple Sholom Learning Center Parents Association. In this role she, together with a committee of lay leaders, has engaged families through community-building events such as: Dads and Bagels, Lox Box Fundraiser, Hanukkah celebrations, Family Bingo and more.

Hillary, her husband Michael, and daughter Jordan have been Stamford residents since 2013. Hillary is incredibly thankful to them for their love and continued support.

Hillary is an organizer and planner, but prefers to "fly under the radar." She graciously and humbly accepts this Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award in honor of her commitment and passion to Temple Sholom and her community.



*Temple Sholom is the largest and oldest synagogue in beautiful Greenwich, Connecticut. They are a vibrant traditional egalitarian Conservative synagogue that values worship and education, respects diversity, and encourages tzedakah, and community involvement. Temple Sholom seeks to create a family-friendly and multi-generational congregation and a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment using a "Big Tent" (Ohel Gadol) approach to welcome Jews from across the Conservative Jewish spectrum.*

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# Faith Berland

## Tzahal Shalom

Faith Berland moved from Manhattan to Northern Westchester in 2012 and attended her first Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester parlor meeting in 2015. In 2016, Faith and her family hosted a lone soldier for dinner, which inspired Faith's daughter to begin a letter writing campaign amongst her friends and family to thank Israeli Defense Forces soldiers for their hard work and dedication to Israel. In December 2016, Faith's daughter became a Bat Mitzvah at Masada in Israel surrounded by family and friends, a long-standing tradition in the Berland family.

While in Israel, the Berlands had the opportunity to visit a soldier from one of the first Tzahal Shalom delegations. This inspired Faith to apply to the position of Program Director for Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester. She recently completed her third and final year in this leadership role. After her term as Program Director came to an end, Faith joined the Tzahal Shalom Board of Directors, where she continues to be extremely passionate about the program that brings a bit of Israel to Northern Westchester.

Faith's dedication to Tzahal Shalom comes from the belief that this program is a gift to the Northern Westchester community. She has found her role tremendously rewarding. Through Tzahal Shalom, she has fostered long lasting friendships with delegates from Israel as well as a diverse group of like-minded supporters of Israel in her own community. She enjoys connecting Israelis with every demographic of Northern Westchester. Faith recently returned from Israel where she and her family celebrated her son's Bar Mitzvah and connected with many past delegates, who have become extended family.

In addition to the work Faith does with Tzahal Shalom, Faith is Vice President of Finance for City Dining Pass, Inc., on the Board of the Byram Hills Education Foundation, a member of the HCC Wellness Steering Committee and is an active participant in the Byram Hills PTSA. Faith enjoys spending time with her family, skiing, cooking and traveling.

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*Since 2006, Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester has been welcoming a delegation of seven active duty combat officers and reservists from the Israeli Defense Forces. Their mission is to connect with our community, to bring a bit of Israel into our homes, and to meet with seniors, adults, college students, teens and children. These IDF officers/reservists come from different military branches and are chosen for their bravery, their stories, and their ability to communicate in English. Tzahal Shalom is a much anticipated program that is embraced by the Northern Westchester community each year!*

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Mazal Tov,  
**Laura Solomon**  
On Being Named a Julian Y. Bernstein Award  
Recipient For 2020

*“The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as  
one of your citizens; you shall love them as yourself,  
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”*  
~(Leviticus 19:34)

Thank you for all you do.  
For your community and the world  
and especially for your dedication to  
the immigrants and refugees in our midst.

With love and respect from  
**Bet Am Shalom Synagogue**

**Rabbi Les Bronstein**  
and the Executive Committee:  
Ilene Semiatin, Susan Roth, Barbara Aloni,  
Joy Brownstein, Ann Crane, Vicky Farhi,  
Jon Gerstel, Elise Goldman,  
Brian Peters, Roni Sarig

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Congratulations

**Nina!**

Thank you for bringing the same distinguished  
service – compassion, thoughtfulness,  
and joy – to the community as  
you bring us each day.

We love you!  
**Scott and Matt**

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**Linda**

For what you have accomplished,  
and for what you contribute to our  
community, there cannot be too much  
tribute and recognition.

Your friend,  
and with admiration,

**George Bruckman**

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**MAZEL TOV HERM DINKIN!**

With loving appreciation for your devotion  
to our family over the years, for your  
patient counsel and unyielding support,

and

With pride and admiration for your being  
honored for your years of service to your  
extended family at the  
**Jewish Community Center of Harrison.**

We Love you,

**Lois, Kenny, Beth, Marc,  
Casey, Toby, Max, Joelle, Ben, Rickie,  
Katara, Avery and Sophia**

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**Mazel Tov to our grandfather,  
Donald Fleishaker**

on being recognized for his  
distinguished service to the  
Westchester Jewish Community  
over the past 25 years!

We are all so lucky to have you as our role model.

We Love you,

Your Grandchildren,

**Elissa, Jason, Allison, Michael, Rachael,  
Erica, Scott, Josh, Andrea, Jonathan, Kara,  
Max, David, Sabrina and Adam**

And Great-Grandchildren,

**Arden, Bryce, Naomi, Emmett, George,  
Ezra, Derek, Maya, Evan,  
Ethan and Noah**

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**Dad**

We are so proud of your commitment  
to the Jewish Community of Westchester,  
and the World.

Thanks for setting such a great example.

**L'dor V'dor**

Love your children  
**Sandy, Tim, Rhoda, Craig,  
Abbe, Sheryl and Aaron**

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**To Lynn Jacobs:**

Thank you for being such  
a cherished friend.

We love you  
**Caren and Hillel**

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Congratulations to

**Maria Kessler**

whose time and effort to the education  
of the children of The Leffell School  
is shared selflessly and so naturally,  
with kindness and graciousness.

*With Pride and Love,*

Your Loving Family

**Steve, Rachel, Michael, Alison,  
Papa, Grandma and Medley**

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Mazel Tov and Congratulations  
to our friends

**Lynn Jacobs**

**&**

**Donald Fleishaker**

and to all the other honorees  
as we recognize your outstanding  
service to the Jewish Community

**Miriam Lipton**

**Harriet Kaplan Suvall**

**Ruth Kaplan Treiber**

**Janey Varvara**

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**Hillary**

Your family is so very proud  
of this achievement.

Congratulations!!!!

**Jordan and Michael Rosenthal  
William, Charlotte,  
Jessica and Jim Huetter  
Susan and Mark Manski**

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We are proud to honor

**Michael Safranek**

for the JYBDSA award from  
Pleasantville Community Synagogue

And

Our Congregant

**Amy Gutenplan**

**Leyla Nakisbendi**

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Congratulations to

**Hillary Rosenthal**

on this wonderful honor!

Your family already knows you are the best!

Now other people do too!

*All our love and support always!*

**Michael and Jordan**

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Mazal Tov to our congregant  
and volunteer extraordinaire

**Hillary Rosenthal**

on this wonderful honor!

May your commitment to community service  
inspire others to follow in your footsteps,  
and may you continue to be a source of  
strength in the Jewish community.



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Congratulations to

**Bob Karpel**

On This Well-Deserved Honor

**Keri and Stuart Zaro**

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**Herm**

Congratulations on your recognition!  
We are delighted to celebrate with  
so deserving an honoree!

**Deb and Denis**

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**Congregation Anshe Sholom**  
congratulates

**Marlene Lerner**

on this well-deserved award

We are honored to have you as part  
of our congregation

**Mazel tov!**

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Congratulations to all the Honorees!  
Special Mazel Tov to our Dear Friend

**Donald Fleishaker**  
**Tova and Barry Efron**

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Mazel Tov to

**Hillary Rosenthal**

on a most deserving recognition for her  
community service and for the selfless giving  
of her time and talent to make the  
Greenwich community a better place.

With Gratitude and Friendship,  
**Rebecca and Marshall Cooper**

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Mazal Tov to  
**Nina Luban, Donald Fleishaker**  
and  
**Maria Kessler**  
**Janis Di Martini**  
**Barbara and Bob Cohen**  
**Erica and Larry Epstein**  
**Elise and Bob Schepp**

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Mazel Tov to  
**Nina**  
on receiving the  
Julia Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award.  
So well deserved for your commitment  
over the years!  
**Roberta and Mark**

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“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

**Eli**

We are so proud of you for ALL of your achievements at just 17 years old!

We can't wait to see what you do next!

**Mom, Dad and Ava**

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Congratulations to this evening's  
**Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Award recipients**

With a special Mazal Tov to Donald Fleishaker,  
Beth El Synagogue Center friend and mentor.

Grateful appreciation to the Westchester Jewish Council  
for its energy, creativity, and integrity

- Connecting Westchester's Jewish communities to each other and to their neighbors
  - Giving voice to diversity
  - Helping to keep us safe.

Elliot Forchheimer, Pam Goldstein, Donna Bartell,  
Lori Kurlander, Helene Schonbrun, Margo Lampert,  
and Joi Baum, thank you for all that you do.

**Nina Luban and Family**

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**Temple Shaaray Tefila**

Celebrate • Learn • Pray • Connect

The Leadership and Staff of  
Temple Shaaray Tefila thank

**Bob Karpel**

for many years of dedicated service  
to our community.

Thank you, Bob, for being a shining light  
for all of us!

With love,

**Your Temple Family**

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PLEASANTVILLE  
COMMUNITY  
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*“The beginning and end of the Law is kindness.”*

Congratulations and *yasher ko'ach* to  
**Michael Safranek** and **Amy Gutenplan**  
who have always exemplified what it  
means to be a mensch.

The PCS community has been extraordinarily  
blessed to have them as congregants – and  
both past presidents! – and it is our  
absolute privilege to honor them now.

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## **Esther**

Congratulations!

Your dedication and devotion to Judaism  
and community are truly something to be  
admired and celebrated.

You are a role model and inspiration.  
We are so proud of you!

Love your extended family in Westchester,  
Cherry Hill, Jerusalem and Kulpville.

**The Rosenberg's, the Fischel's and the Silverman's**

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Mazel Tov to our dear  
Wife, Mother and Savta!

**Rachelle**

With much love from  
**Marc, Jeffrey, Shoshana, Andy,  
Lily and Arielle**

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Congratulations to our dear friend  
the Incomparable,

**Bob Karpel!**

You are truly one of a kind  
and a treasure to our community.

With all our love and support,  
**Jack and Karyn Zitomer**



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Jewish National Fund is proud to join the  
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in honoring

**Lynn Jacobs**

For her dedication to JNF's Mothers' Circle,  
the Westchester Jewish Community,  
and the land and people of Israel.

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**Mazel Tov**

to two of the most deserving lights  
in our community!

**Micheal Safranek and Amy Gutenplan**

With much gratitude for all the warmth  
and love you share

~ **The Reisman Family**

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Mazel Tov and a huge Thank You  
to such an inspiring group of volunteer leaders.  
You make us all better.

A special shout out to my friend and mentor

**Nina Luban** and to **Faith Berland**

who is sharing my journey toward the

**Golden Rule Mindset.**

Thank you

**Westchester Jewish Council**

for all you do to strengthen and bond our

Westchester Jewish community.

**Proud WJC Executive Board Member**

**Jessica Morgenthal**

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Our very best wishes to our dear cousin

**Herm Dinkin**

on this most deserved honor.

**With love,**

**Annette, Debbie, Paul, Laura and Julia**

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With Love,  
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and helps to **safeguard** Westchester's Jewish  
communities and strengthens relationships among  
Jewish organizations, to Israel, to our elected officials,  
to other ethnic and faith based groups  
and to the community at large.*

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Mazel Tov to  
**Maria Kessler**  
on this well deserved award!  
**Robin, John & Isabelle**

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Mazel Tov to all of the honorees.  
Special shout out to our  
wonderful friend and neighbor,  
**Maria**  
**Lynn and Steven Gruenstein**

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Mazal Tov  
**DONALD FLEISHAKER**  
At every age and stage  
You are an inspiration!  
May we continue to benefit from  
your leadership for many, many years to come!,  
**-Beth Grafman**

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**Esther**

May you continue to go from strength to strength.

**Helen and Neal**

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Congratulations

**Louise**

on a well-deserved honor!

Even in your retirement you continue to generously teach  
those that want to bring their gifts to the world.

What a role model.

Thank you!

**The Blumberg Family**

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It has been our privilege to work with

**Faith**

as fellow Tzahal Shalom program directors.  
We are so excited to help recognize the amazing  
impact she has made on the Jewish community.

Faith is dedicated, kind, compassionate  
and someone that we feel lucky to call our friend!

With love,

**Ali, Dana, Deb and Robyn**

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Dear **Linda,**

Mazel Tov on being honored with the

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

We are not able to attend on March 17  
but will be thinking of you and  
We wish you a wonderful evening.

**~Joan and Andy Frankle**

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Mazel Tov

**Laura!**

**Marisa Jackson and Neil Faden**

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**Mazel Tov Maria on a well-deserved honor.**

**We appreciate all you have done for The Leffell School  
students and our entire kehilah.**

**The Leffell School PTO Board  
2019-2020**

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**Greenburgh Hebrew Center**  
proudly congratulates

**Stacey Rosenkranz**

on her unwavering devotion to our community  
and her untiring work in making the  
PJ Library program a huge success.

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Congratulations

**Hillary!**

Thank you for everything that you do for  
our community and Temple Sholom.

We love you!

Love,

**Jana, David, Ava & Emma Friedman**

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**Congratulations Maria!**

Love,

**The Martini Family**

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Congratulations

**Stacey**

for an incredible and well-deserved honor.

An amazing community leader, a loving mother,  
daughter, and wife, and a beautiful human being.

We love you,

**Shiran, Sabrina, Julia, Mom, Dad, Ima, and Aba**

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**Eli**

So very proud of you

and your commitment to USY

Mazal Tov

**Aunt Judy**

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**Maria Kessler**

For your countless hours to the  
Schechter/Leffell community....

THANK YOU!!

Your fans,

**Paula, Jeff and Eli Weiss**

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## Friends

Sheila Aisenman-Katz  
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Mindy Unger .....	Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester
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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 Bedeviano.....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
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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 Chapro.....	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 Shalom
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 Shalom
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**

Gerallynn 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 Hazzanim: 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 Askinasi .....	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 Effron .....	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 Pihl .....	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 .....	Bet 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
Robert 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 Shalom
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 Shalom
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 Stolar .....	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 Heimerdinger.....	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
Bobbie Cohan .....	Jewish Family Congregation
Sanford Stogel .....	Jewish War Veterans of White Plains
Sherry Salzman .....	Jewish Women International
Richard Rosen .....	Linens for Olim
Mina Crasson .....	National Council of Jewish Women
Marilyn Shebshaievitz.....	Temple Emanu-El
Rita Rosen .....	Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Reta Koch .....	Temple Israel of Northern Westchester
Donald Fleishaker.....	UJA-Federation of NY-Westchester
Philip Schussel .....	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Judith Cohen .....	Westchester Jewish Conference/Singles Network
Helen Brauner.....	Women's American ORT
George Mandel.....	Workmen's Circle
Aba Ward .....	Zionist Organization of America

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AIPAC - American Israel Public Affairs Committee	Hebrew Free Burial Association	Shalom Hartman Institute of North America
AJC Westchester/Fairfield	Hebrew Free Loan Society	Shames JCC on the Hudson
Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI)	Hebrew Institute of White Plains	Sinai Free Synagogue
Ameinu, Project Rozana	HIAS	SPACA
American Friends of Leket Israel	Hillels of Westchester	Sprout Westchester
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American Friends of Soroka Medical Center	Israel Bonds (Development Corporation for Israel)	Stein Yeshiva of Lincoln Park
American Friends of The Hebrew University	Israel Policy Forum	Temple Beth Abraham
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	J Street	Temple Beth Am
American Jewish World Service	JCCA	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
American Zionists Movement (AZM)	Jewish Board	Temple Beth Elohim
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	Jewish Broadcasting Services (JBS)	Temple Beth Shalom - Hastings
Areyvut	Jewish Community Center of Harrison	Temple Beth Shalom - Mahopac
BBYO Westchester Region	Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester	Temple Israel Center of White Plains
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Bef Torah	Jewish Deaf (and Hard-of-Hearing) Resource Center	Temple Israel of Northern Westchester
Beth El Synagogue Center	Jewish Education Project	Temple Shaaray Tefila of Westchester
Birthright Israel	Jewish National Fund of Westchester & Southern CT	Temple Shalom
Blue Card	Jewish Theological Seminary	Touro College of Dental Medicine at NY Medical College
Bronx Jewish Community Council, Inc	Jewish War Veterans of the USA/Westchester	Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester
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Chabad Center for Jewish Life of the Rivertowns	Kol Hazanim: Westchester Community of Cantors	United Hebrew of New Rochelle
Chabad of Bedford	Kol Rinah, The Jewish Chorale of Westchester	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism - METNY
Chavurat Tikvah	Larchmont Temple	Westchester Board of Rabbis
Children's Jewish Education Group	The Leffell School (formerly Solomon Schechter School of Westchester)	Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism
Community Alliance for Jewish-Affiliated Cemeteries (CAJAC)	Lincoln Park Jewish Center	Westchester Day School
Community Synagogue of Rye	Magen David Sephardic Synagogue	Westchester Hebrew High School
Congregation Anshe Shalom		Westchester Jewish Center
Congregation B'nai Yisrael	Mishkan Ha'am	Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS)
Congregation Eranu-El of Westchester	Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation	Westchester Klezmer Program
Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel (KTI)	Moving Traditions	Westchester Reform Temple
Congregation Kol Ami	New Israel Fund	Westchester/Fairfield Association of Temple Educa- tors (WATE)
Congregation Shir Shalom of Westchester and Fairfield Counties	New Jewish Home - Sarah Neuman	Westchester Workmen's Circle School
Congregation Sons of Israel - Briarcliff	New Rochelle Jewish Coalition	Woodlands Community Temple
Congregation Sons of Israel - Yonkers	New York Medical College	Yorktown Jewish Center
Congregation Sulam Yaakov	Northeast Jewish Center	Young Israel of Harrison
DOROT	Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies	Young Israel of New Rochelle
First Hebrew Congregation	Pelham Jewish Center	Young Israel of Scarsdale
Fleetwood Synagogue	PJ Library	Young Israel of White Plains
Friends of Israel Scouts - Tzofim	Plaza Jewish Community Chapel	Young Judeoa
Friends of the Israel Defense Forces	Pleasantville Community Synagogue	Zicklin Jewish Hospice Residence of MJHS
Greenburgh Hebrew Center	Rabbi Max Maccoby Foundation	
Hadar	RiverSpring Health Featuring the Hebrew Home at Riverdale	
Hadassah - Westchester Region	Rosh Pinah Chavurah of the Rivertowns	