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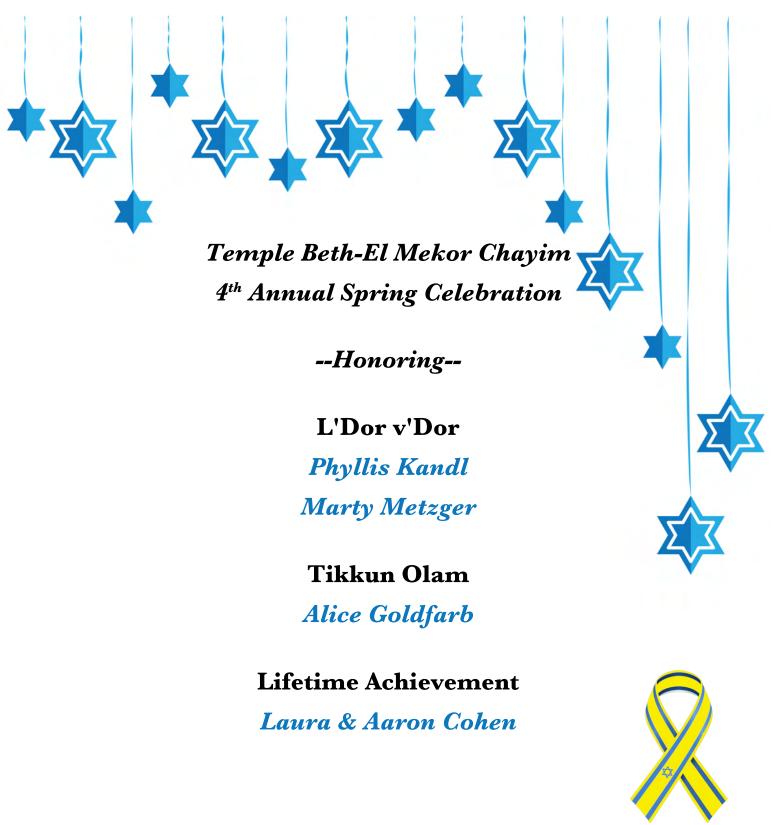
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### 2024 Spring Celebration Committee

### A Message from Rabbi Paul Kerbel

"The Day is Short and The Task is Great...

You Are Not Required to Complete the Task, But Neither Are You Free to Walk Away From It."

These two proverbs, found back-to back in The Ethics of the Fathers, share some valuable teachings. When the Mishnah says "The Day is Short", the rabbis of the Talmud were not speaking about 'one day' but, 'one's lifetime.' The Mishnah, "You are not required to complete the task..." recognizes that some things are not achievable in one's lifetime and G-d does

not expect us to complete it - alone. But the Mishnah goes on to say, you should not refrain from starting a project or working toward a goal just because of the overwhelming magnitude of what lies ahead. The Rabbis are saying: "start it, work on it, and others will complete it."

Our honorees represent these wonderful values. They represent the best of what every synagogue and Jewish non-profit organization requires: commitment, dedication, perseverance, and financial contributions to ensure that our congregation and the many volunteer responsibilities that they have collectively contribute to are here for us and our community. To Marty and Phyllis, Laura and Aaron, and Alice: Thank you for all that you have done, continue to do and will do in the future for TBEMC and our community. Thank you for your devotion and selflessness. Thank you for all that you do to make TBEMC a special congregation and spiritual home for you and your family.

This annual celebration of leadership, of gemilut hasadim, of community service and community responsibility reflects on the vibrancy of our congregation and the unique role it plays in our lives. Mazal Tov to our honorees and Mazal Tov to all of us to enable us, shehechiyanu, v'kiyemanu. v'higiyanu lazman hazeh - to enable us to reach this special occasion.

Babbi Paul Darid Kerbel





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Today is the day TBEMC Celebrates! Today is a celebration of all things TBEMC – our members, our honorees, our glorious past and our limitless future. It is a celebration of the love we share for our Temple community. On a Sunday afternoon in early June, we have come together in a joyous feast, a jubilee, a festival for our TBEMC family to raise our glasses and celebrate everything that makes Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim the Jewish Heart and Soul of our community. Today is a day for smiles, for warm embraces and for hearty congratulations! Today is the one day of the year where we unabashedly celebrate the people who comprise our Temple family, a Temple family filled with caring, supportive, spiritual, giving terrific people - the people who make TBEMC a Warm Place and a Cool Shul every single day!

Our community is enriched by the spiritual leadership and pastoral guidance of Rabbi Paul Kerbel.

the creativity and enthusiasm of our Education Director, Ellie Barkin, and the energy and drive of our Temple's Office Administrator, Allison Champer. But we know that those three people alone cannot deliver all that our TBEMC community needs. That gap is filled by so many wonderful volunteers.

Our Spring Celebration is our opportunity to honor and salute some of the Heroes of TBEMC – heroes who are generous with their time, their spirit, their involvement, and their contributions to our Temple. Heroes such as this year's Lifetime Achievement Award winners Aaron and Laura Cohen, Past Presidents who continue to serve TBEMC tirelessly, chairing our Ritual and SPM committees, while serving as an inspiration through their work in the community with the MS Society and the Y in Elizabeth.

Heroes who epitomize continuing service to our community, such as our Tikkun Olam honoree, Alice Goldfarb, whose generosity and commitment to TBEMC, is second to none, capped most recently by her sponsorship of last month's Jewish Composers of Broadway songfest

Volunteers who have made an indelible mark on our Temple from generation to generation, such as our very first L'Dor V'Dor honorees Phyllis Kandl and Marty Metzger, whose parents brought them to TBEMC at a young age and who have remained devoted and committed leaders of our Temple ever since.

But even more than an opportunity to celebrate our Heroes, the Spring Celebration is an opportunity for each of us to follow their examples. Be creative and throw your support behind a new and innovative program or event. Spend time in our building -- to volunteer, to help beautify, to usher, to greet, to serve and clean up. Welcome the opportunity to get passionately involved in our Temple community. And be generous so TBEMC can thrive and continue to be on the cutting edge of Jewish life.

Very special thanks to the Fundraising Committee led by BJ Solomon. Like a Master Chef, BJ tasted, tested, improved the recipes, stirred the pot and encouraged the Committee to deliver a veritable feast for the senses, making this 2024 Spring Celebration a resounding success. Kudos to everyone who served on this year's Fundraising Committee, including Marissa Domasnki, Andrew Feldman, Heidi Farber, Adrienne Fitzer, Shira Goldberg, Debbie Kaplan, Shari Kopla, C. Mindy S. Kipness, Jenny Solomon, Sidney Solomon, & Joy Weinstock. They produced the Ad Journal, coordinated with the caterer, brought us world-class entertainment, provided VIP treatment for the honorees and their guests, decorated, managed seating and transformed our Social Hall into a Banquet Hall for one truly memorable Sunday afternoon. It takes many volunteers to make an event a success. Imagine how many volunteers it takes to ensure that our Temple delivers our religious services, our programs, our events, our commitment to charity, education, and service not only to our TBEMC Family, but to our community. Thank you to our honorees, our donors, our advertisers, and to all of you for your steadfast support.

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

Todah Rabbah!

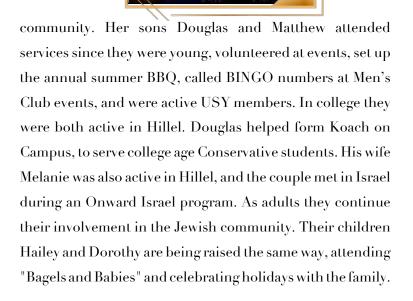


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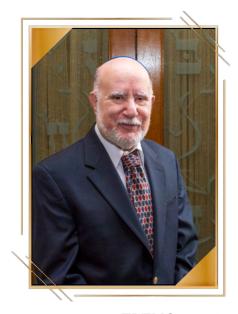
# L'Dor v'dor Award Phyllis Kandl

Phyllis Kandl grew up in Cranford and has been a member of TBEMC her entire life. Her parents, Burton z''l and Doris z"l Mandell, joined Temple Beth El in September 1958. Phyllis followed in her family's footsteps, always being active in the Jewish community. Phyllis and her family attended services weekly. Her father was a USY advisor for many years, first in Morristown and Lake Hiawatha, then for TBE's chapter for more than 10 years. He also served as a synagogue trustee, officer, and vice president. Phyllis's mother was active in B'nai B'rith Women and was president of the local chapter in the late 1970s. She was an active participant in numerous synagogue and Sisterhood activities. Phyllis's grandmother was also president of her B'nai B'rith chapter. Phyllis's brothers Steven and David have been active in USY, Hillel, and their synagogues. Synagogue involvement runs strong in this family!

As for Phyllis, she was also active in USY as a teenager, followed by Hillel involvement in college. After marrying Lance, the couple helped organize Beth El Lites for young members, as original founders. Phyllis was active in the TBEMC Board of Education, first as a member, then as copresident, and finally as president for many years. She continues to be active on the Education committee, B'nai Mitzvah committee, and has been an officer and member of the Board of Trustees. Phyllis and Lance are members of TBEMC's Legacy Circle. Phyllis raised her children as she was raised to be active members of the synagogue



Phyllis has wonderful memories of growing up in the temple, including helping set up for Oneg Shabbats as a teenager, Israeli dancing in the lobby on Friday nights after services, and all the wonderful lifelong friendships she has made along the way. Raising her children in the same synagogue is very meaningful to her, and TBEMC has truly been her second home. Professionally, Phyllis is the program manager of the Hemophilia Center and Sickle Cell program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. She is responsible for managing both programs, securing grants and other funding to ensure these patients are provided with the best care. Phyllis is honored to receive this L'Dor v'Dor (from generation to generation) award, as she feels she has followed in the footsteps of her ancestors and is passing on the importance of being an active member of the Jewish community to her children and grandchildren.



Marty Metzger grew up at TBEMC, starting when h parents joined in 1956. The temple was then on Sout Avenue. His mother was active in Sisterhood and h father was a temple vice president. One of Marty's ear memories is watching them paste up the temple bullet on the dining room table. Marty, his sister, nieces an nephews all became b'nai mitzvah at TBEMC. "I don remember what I did yesterday, but I can recite a lot of m haftarah from memory," Marty says. That's a long time, a Marty was proud to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with friend and family at the temple recently.

After becoming an adult, Marty joined TBEMC on h own. "I quit the temple for a short period, but came bac as I realized the temple was my home," he says. He passe by it several times a day, as it's close to his house. It was TBEMC he met Rosi, the love of his life. "It's the best thin I ever did through the temple," he says. Through Rosi, h has three wonderful stepchildren, two grandsons and looking forward to a granddaughter in September.

Marty is handy, starting his own garage door sales and repair company a year after working as a compute programmer. This handiness led him to work on many temple projects over the years, serving as House Chair fo three decades. Those projects included installing a fir and burglar alarm system, new windows, makin

# L'Dor v'dor Award Marty Metzger

is	renovations after a flood and fire, adding a ramp and lift in
h	the social hall, installing air conditioning throughout the
is	building and a steam system, an A/V system in the youth
ly	lounge, new bathrooms, and many more.
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ı't	In addition to building projects, Marty served on the
iy	TBEMC Board of Trustees for many years, and also on the
as	Cemetery Committee. He headed the Yom HaShoah
ls	candle project for 10 years, out of respect for the Sperlings.
	He and Rosi proudly donated and hung the American and
	Israeli flags in the front windows. "Overall I've had great
	satisfaction working for TBEMC," he says.
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es	While the temple has been a big focus, Marty has also
al	served on the Federation Board and has been involved
ng	with the Cranford Clergy Council. Through the latter, he
ne	was recognized with the Martin Luther King, Jr. award.
is	And now he is being recognized at TBEMC. "I am pleased
	to be honored with terrific company: Alice, Laura and
ıd	Aaron, and Phyllis."
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# Lifetime Achievement Laura & Aaron Cohen

Laura and Aaron Cohen have a long and wonderfully involved history with TBEMC, and with the greater community as well. Members for 43 years (so far), they served together as TBEMC co-presidents. Laura and Aaron have both been president of the YM-YWHA of Union County as well. Laura currently is on its executive board. Laura and Aaron were honored as the 2015 recipients of the Y's Community Leadership Award.

The Cohens have also both been members of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey Board of Trustees, with Laura taking on a Board officer role as well. Laura has been a trustee on the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest's board. While many of their community involvements align, they have taken different leadership paths, even in the same organizations. Aaron got his start with his Y service on the Early Childhood Committee and was a founding member of the Save The Y effort in 1985. He was also instrumental in the rebirth of the Y's Sharks swim team in 1989. He has also been honored with the Y's Abe Isak President's Award.

At TBEMC, Aaron has been a member and now chair of the Sustainable Pledge Model committee that introduced TBEMC's highly successful flexible dues model. Laura is well known for her adult education "Torah with Laura" classes, and her dedication in recruiting teens and adults to participate in Torah chanting, Megillah reading, haftarah and other ritual skills. She's at Shabbat services most Saturdays as its ringmaster, assigning alivot and coordinating (and overseeing) Torah and haftarah readers. Laura does all this in a volunteer capacity. Always encouraging to new and current participants, she is quick to warmly praise and thank those who step forward.



Outside the Jewish community, Laura and Aaron have been active in fundraising and advocacy for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS). Laura was recognized by the NMSS in 2019 with the Circle of Distinction award for raising over \$1 million as captain of the Walk MS fundraising team. "The Mitzvah Squad" got its start at TBEMC in 2002, and by 2023, ranked 8th nationally for fundraising as a friends and family team. Laura just completed her chair position of a three county NMSS Community Council, and she remains a council member. Aaron has volunteered in many capacities on community boards and committees including as the current vice president of the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled. He is also current vice secretary of The Pointe at Garwood Condominium Board, and is a past networking group leader and job transition mentor for the ETP Network. Aaron graduated from Brown University with ScB and ScM degrees in computer science. Before retiring in 2021, he was a software development executive and consultant with extensive experience managing the translation of critical business needs into technical solutions.

Laura earned an MBA in finance from Rutgers Graduate School of Management, a BA from Simmons University, and a Bachelor of Jewish Education from Hebrew College in Boston. In 2020, Laura retired from a career in the banking and leasing industries, most recently as a senior credit analyst underwriting global leasing transactions at Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Financial Services Company.

Laura and Aaron are proud parents to Sarah Cohen (Daniel) Portilla, Aviva Cohen (Rabbi Scott) Roland, and Jonathan (Alyssa Nydick) Cohen, and grandparents of five grandchildren.



Alice Goldfarb has been a beloved member of TBEMC Roth, Marvin Tokayer, Jack Wertheimer, Mark Levy and since 1985, when she moved to the area and married Peninnah Schram. Some of these were part of Mickey Katcher. She quickly became active, serving as Shabbatons, with weekend scholars attending Friday Sisterhood president from 1987-1990, followed by night dinners, Saturday lunches and Seudah Shlishit, and chairing the Adult Education Committee from 1990-2011. events for sponsors. Some were held at Alice's home in In that role, Alice created programs and planned trips, Livingston, where she lived with her husband David, including Shabbatons, bus trips, film and commentator whom she married six years after Mickey's death. series, cultural series, and scholar-in-residence events. If you think this is a comprehensive, diverse and dedicated People have fond memories of weekends at the Raleigh, set of programming, you're not alone. In 1992, Temple carpooling together and gathering with other families. Beth El received the Norman Glikin Award for Adult Some of the other memorable trips include bus trips to the Education, thanks to Alice's work. She has been honored, U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., West Point, as well, with United Synagogue's Keter Shem Tov visiting Jewish Philadelphia and Baltimore, the Yiddish Leadership Award in 2007 (along with husband David), Book Center in Amherst, MA, the New Deal community of and she's been honored by Cranford and Livingston Roosevelt, NJ, Ellis Island, the Gomez Mill House in New Hadassah chapters. York state, to New York City to tour the United Nations. Jewish Theological Society, Yeshiva University and While TBEMC has been fortunate to have Alice museums, and attending Broadway shows like The Last Goldfarb's talents and friendship, other communities are Night of Ballyhoo and Parade. Last but not least, she blessed as well. When living in Knoxville, TN, Alice was organized a trip to Livingston's Beth Shalom for Dudu deeply involved in her synagogue, Sisterhood, Hadassah, Fisher's performance. JCC and Federation. In New Jersey, Alice has served on the Women's Philanthropy Board of Greater MetroWest Alice planned other cultural activities too, most recently Federation and is currently is on the regional board of Israel's United Hatzalah service.

the Jewish Composers on Broadway event at TBEMC. In the past, she's organized Jewish film and commentator series presented by Rabbi Azriel Fellner, and co-chaired While Alice is a committed TBEMC supporter, she has a four-synagogue cultural series with Thelma Purdy of another home at Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston, Temple Beth Or. Other programs included a presentation where she co-chairs an active Adult Education program by Rabbi Noah Golinkin on "Learning Hebrew in One called "Talks & Treks," which includes many of the same Day", or another program called, "You know more amazing types of programs she has arranged for TBEMC Yiddish than you think." Educational programs varied over the years. Alice is the proud mother of Deborah, who from scholar teachings, to "serious fun and discussion" made Aliyah 16 years ago and lives in Jerusalem, and of series held in homes, and co-chaired with Dorothy Diane, who lives in Atlanta. Alice deeply loves her Steinbach. TBEMC members learned from scholars like grandchildren Benjamin and Goldie, and greatthese over the years: Rabbis Benjamin Gampel, Neil grandchildren Penelope and Marion. Gillman, David Golinkin, Josh Heller, Ron Isaacs, Debra Orenstein, Jonathan Porath, Mayer Rabinowitz, Joel

## Tikkun Olam Alice Goldfarb

# Memories



































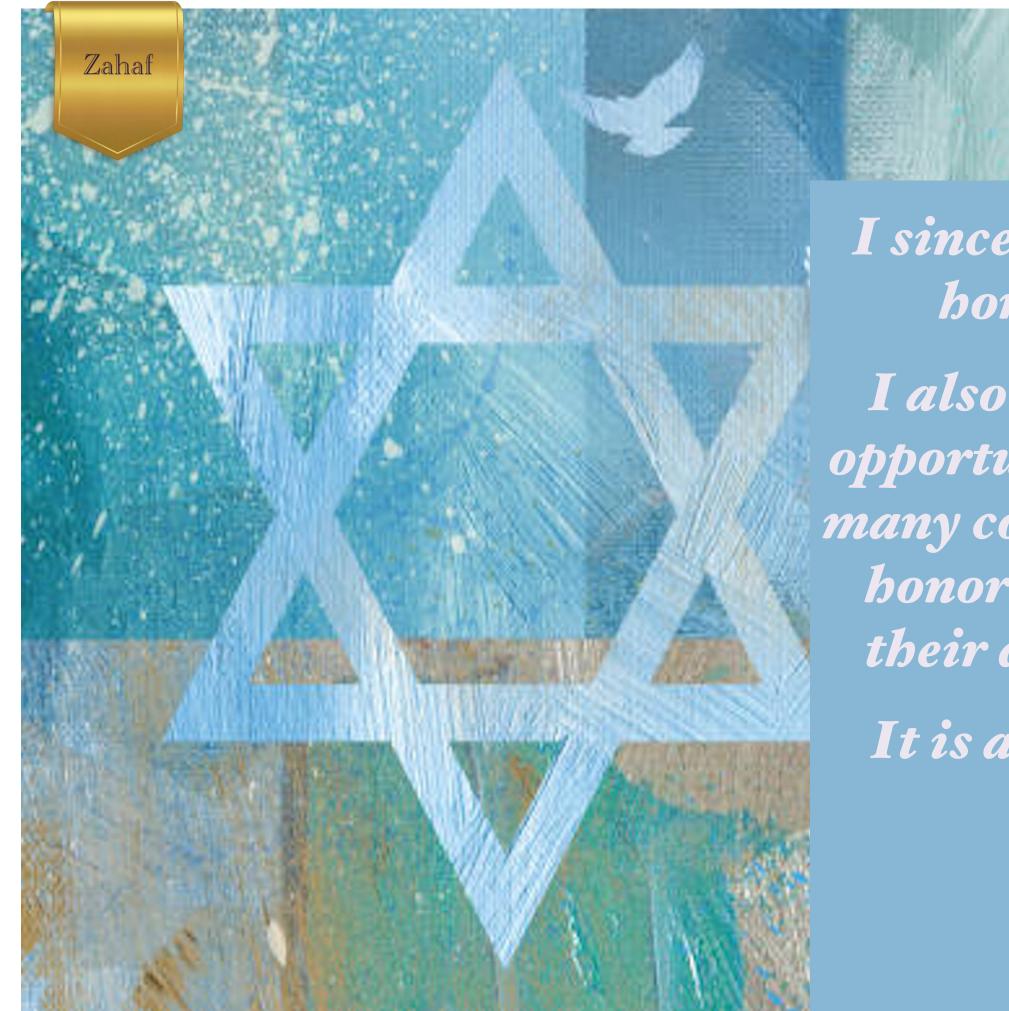












I also would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many contributions by the other bonorees and thank them for their dedication to TBEMC.

It is a privilege to share this day with them



# I sincerely thank TBEMC for bonoring me this year.

Alice Goldfarb

Congratulations Laura & Aaron Cohen Alice Goldfarb Phyllis Kandl Marty Metzger

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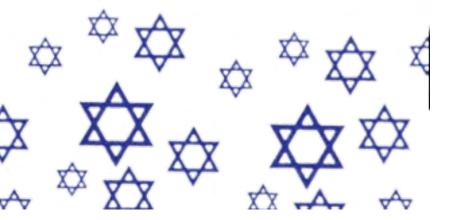
All who labor with the community, should labor with them for the sake of Heaven, for the merit of their ancestors sustains them, and their righteousness endures for ever. And as for you, I credit you with a rich reward, as if you yourselves had actually accomplished it all.

> Congratulations to Laura, Aaron, Alice, Phyllis, and Marty for a well-deserved honor!

> > Patty and Art Werschulz

וְכָל הָעֲמֵלִים עִם הַצִּבּוּר, יִהְיוּ עֲמֵלִים עִמֶּהֶם לְשֵׁם שֶׁמַיִם, שַׁזְכוּת אֲבוֹתָם מְסַיַּעְתָּן וְצִדְקָתָם עוֹמֶדֶת לָעַד. וְאַתֶּם, מַעֲלֶה אֲנִי עֲלֵיכֶם שָׂכָר הַרְבֵּה כְּאִלוּ עֲשִׂיתֶם:

Pirkei Avot 2:2



To this year's bonorees...

Alice Goldfarb Laura & Aaron Cohen Marty Metzger **Phyllis Kandl** 

I'm so proud to call you friends.

Laura Rubin

to the other honorees.



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# It is a privilege to share the honor with

### you

- Laura & Aaron Cohen

David & Sandy Springer wish a hearty



to Alice Goldfarb **Phyllis Kandl** Marty Metzger Laura & Aaron Coben

Thank you for your dedication to TBEMC!



Thank you for being great volunteers and supporters of the TBEMC community. You have been role models of perseverance, dedication, and generosity. Thank you for setting such good examples. You truly deserve this wonderful honor.

> Lance, Douglas, Melanie, Matthew, Hailey & Dorothy Kandl



Phyllis Kandl **Marty Metzger** Laura Cohen **Aaron Cohen Alice Goldfarb** 

Thank you very much to

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for creating an environment that has helped us make lifelong friends!

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  - of honorees and friends!
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### For all that you have done for TBEMC! With deep gratitude! Melissa & Rabbi Paul Kerbel

# Thank you all!

Prayers for Israeli victory and freedom of the hostages

Mindy & Itan Kipness

### Mazel Tov to our amazing mother, Alice Goldfarb, on your Tikkun Olam Honor at TBEMC!

You exemplify "Tikkun olam" in a myriad of ways on a daily basis, whether by organizing programs, (speakers, concerts, or trips) for your synagogues, introducing new neighbors to your shuls and local Jewish organizations, taking food to the sick, taking neighbors to doctor appointments, sending birthday surprises to neighbors during Covid, volunteering doing agricultural work in Israel during our wartime labor shortage, and through your support of organizations such as your synagogues, The Friendship Circle, Hadassah, Federation, and the Yiddish **Book Center.** 



We are certainly proud of you!

May you continue to go from strength to strength



Love, Debbie & Diane



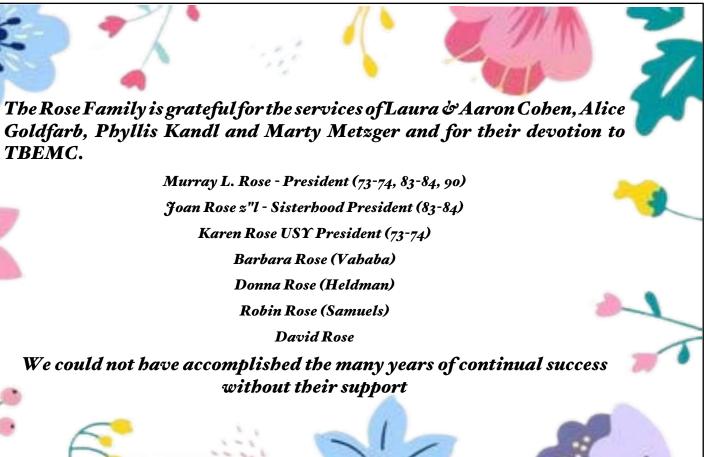
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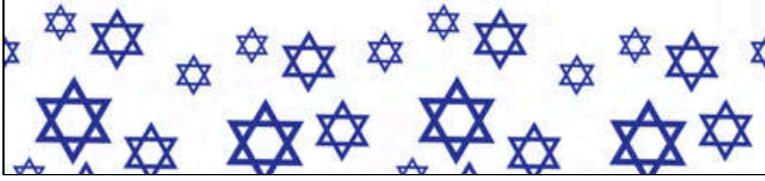
to all the honorees! BJ& Duncan Jolomon



Todah Rabah for all you have done and for all you continue to do. Your dedication to TBEMC insures our continuance to the next generation!

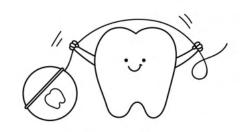
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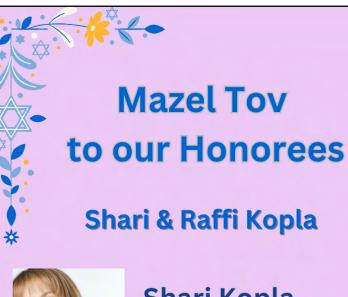
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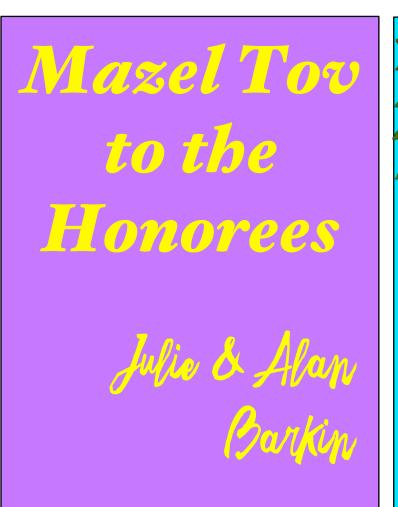
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### Sincerest Wishes, Neil Mayer







from Brenda, Mark, and Arielle Sherman

Mazel Tov to Laura & Aaron Cohen from Madeline Forman

MAZEL TOV

To the honorees for all that you do for TBEMC

Joanie Finkelstein **Renee Herz** David and Judy Kupferberg Harriet Mazur Sandi Sussman Lois Waldman





Mazel **Phyllis** You are from a family who were taught from an early age, the need to actively be involved and dedicated to your community. You have had big shoes to fill, and you have filled those shoes to all the 7010111 Mazel Tov on this bonor, and we look forward to bearing of your continued involvement! 2024 honorees Love Steve and Laura, and David and Lois Jackie & Jerry Baranoff Elliot & Janet Ballen

Mazal tov to all the honorees A special Yashar Koach to our parents and epic Bubbie and Zadye Laura and Aaron Cohen



Thank you Alice, Marty, Phyllis, Laura, and Aaron for your inspiring legacy of service and tzedakah!

Lauren & Andrew Feldman



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to all the honorees

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### Mazel Tov to Our Honorees

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