



# Beth Jacob Congregation

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Dear Dotan and Phil,

On behalf of Beth Jacob Congregation, its officers and board of trustees, it gives me great pleasure to wish you a hearty "*Mazal Tov*" on the occasion of your 107<sup>th</sup> year Annual Gala! While this past year has been a challenging year, it is inspiring to see Ahavas Sholom once again rise to the challenge with its first virtual gala!

Your honorees this year are truly exceptional. My dear friends, Eddie & Lily Friedman are worthy recipients of the *Amud HaChessed Award*. In addition to Eddie's longtime presidency of the Columbus Community Kollel, the Friedmans are supporters of every Jewish institution in the city with humility and a generosity of spirit. Columbus is truly lucky to have a family like the Friedmans in our midst.

There can be no more deserving recipient of the *Lev Tov Award* than Gary Covell. Gary is a beloved member of our community with deep relationships across the community. His history of community service and clever humor truly speak to his *Lev Tov*- his good heart.

I also take this opportunity to salute your esteemed Rav, Rabbi Claman *Shlit"a*. Rabbi Claman's stature as a *Talmid Chochom* and leader in our community is well known. Columbus is truly lucky to benefit from someone of his caliber.

For 107 years Ahavas Sholom has been a pillar of Torah and *Yiddishkeit* in Columbus. May you continue to go *MeChayil el Chayil*, From Strength to Strength and shine the light of Judaism for the next 107 years and beyond!

Warmest Regards,

Rabbi Avi Goldstein