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Dear Beth El Synagogue Center Community,

The New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence is delighted to congratulate Jodi and Rob Scheinfeld on receiving the Beth El Synagogue Center President's Ne'emanim Service Award. We also congratulate Beth El on the occasion of its 65th Annual Gala, honoring Marjorie and Mark Seidenfeld and Ellen and Rick Barlis, who will be receiving the Lapis Award.

Jodi and Rob Scheinfeld have long been integral partners of the Fund. Our Jeremy Scheinfeld Publishing Center was named for their eldest son, a young man who loved to write and took great pleasure in sharing his work. Through the Scheinfeld family's commitment to, in their words, "the beauty of a child's voice," the beloved *Poetry Out Loud* program came into being.

Last May, this festival of children's poetry celebrated its 20th anniversary, having afforded more than 1,600 young poets from New Rochelle's public schools the opportunity to read their original poems on stage at New Rochelle High School and receive beautiful bound books containing their works. For their generosity and enthusiasm in the inception and actualization of *Poetry Out Loud* and its sister programs, *Arts Out Loud* and *Authors Out Loud*, the Fund remains ever grateful to our friends Jodi and Rob.

Again, our congratulations to all involved with tonight's Gala. With you, we appreciate the Scheinfelds and applaud the meaningful achievements of the Seidenfeld and Barlis families.

As always, we sincerely wish Beth El continuing success.

Warmest Regards,

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