

FROM OUR BETH EL 2020 GALA CHAIRS WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Welcome to the 66th Annual Beth El Synagogue Center Gala! Tonight we gather to celebrate and honor Sandy and Jack Gruenberg, and pay tribute to Jayne and Darren Peister, this year's recipients of the President's Ne'emanim Service Award, and to Julia Keltz and Zach Seiden, this year's Lapid Award recipients. We are inspired by our honorees' distinguished leadership and devoted service to Beth El Synagogue Center, resulting in this year's well-deserved recognitions.

The theme of this year's Gala is a quote from Pirkei Avot: "Who is wise, the one who learns from every person." I think this means that if you all want to be smarter, you better start learning from our honorees and the numerous contributions that they have made to our Beth El community.

We are sincerely grateful to Linda Newman ~~and~~ for her endless hours of effort in making this event a huge success. We also want to thank our Executive Director Erica and her staff: Abby, Alise, Jade, Marilyn, Olivier, Stephanie, and Zoe; and the entire maintenance staff – we appreciate your hard work. We thank the entire Gala committee for their great efforts to ensure the success of this most important special event.

To our guests and donors, we extend our deepest appreciation for your generous support. We are thankful for your commitment to Beth El Synagogue Center and your warm expressions of recognition to our worthy honorees. We join you in our celebration of Sandy, Jack, Jayne, Darren, Julia, and Zach. Enjoy the evening!

Vicki and Nate
Karine and Salo