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Dear Friends:

Congratulations to **Beth El Synagogue Center** on its **Annual Gala** which pays tribute to the immediate past president of Beth El, Mark Silver, and Alan and Allison Kellman, who have been steadfast supporters of the synagogue. Beth El Synagogue has held a special place in the Southern Westchester community since the 1920s. The Synagogue created a space dedicated to contributing to the civic and religious life of our community.

I would like to acknowledge the honorees for their commitment to the synagogue and to the broader community.

Mark Silver, past President of Beth El Synagogue, took on a leadership role during an incredibly uncertain time, as the pandemic shut down so much in the lives of so many. He led the congregation with calm, steadfast vision and innovative solutions during the first fifteen months of the pandemic. Mark's presence as President was a source of information and compassion during times of fear and uncertainty.

Alan and Allison Kellman are active congregants of Beth El Synagogue, and they worked diligently to utilize technology, increase membership, and involve other congregants in services through torah readings. Both Alan and Allison have served on a number of committees for the synagogue. Allison has served on the Nursery Board for a number of years among other commitments, and Alan is a member of the Ritual and Clergy-Search committees, while also holding a number of different roles.

Congratulations to Beth El Synagogue, for the wonderfully positive impact that it continues to have on the community, which has only grown more important these last few years. Congratulations to Mark Silver and Alan and Alison Kellman for their steadfast commitment to the Synagogue and to uplifting the spirits of those around them.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley B. Mayer".

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