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**“Some people make you laugh a little louder, your smile a little brighter, and your life a little better.” --Anonymous**

When I think about our honoree for this year’s Journal dinner, I cannot help but smile. We are celebrating our President, Jeff Liss, someone who has put GHC ahead of almost everything else for the last two years and taken us through a very challenging period. Through it all, Jeff makes sure to do his best to get everyone near and far, to laugh, to smile, and to be a little happier. We have so many things to celebrate Jeff for, including the various roles he has served in at GHC, but of course ultimately for the last 4 years as Executive Vice President and President of our community.

Jeff has left a positive mark on our community over the last few years contributing to and leading a number of key initiatives, to name just a few:

- Bringing GHC into the 21st Century by re-structuring our weekly newsletter, GHC News.
- Introducing an online credit card payment process and contributing to our updated website.
- Supporting the efforts to secure our financial stability during the pandemic.
- Serving as a key member on some very important committees to search for our new Cantor and our Planning for the Future Task Force.
- Enhancing our marketing and advertising presence and even appearing on a local radio talk show.

Jeff’s love for the GHC community is unmatched by few, and tonight we celebrate his commitment to us!

As I lead our Fundraising Committee at GHC, I am challenged by maintaining the amazing work of those before me and how to bring innovation and meaning to the role as we evolve. The committee, as well as those who have stepped up to participate by supporting this event, have all given that much more in support of us all. I am so lucky to have them all by my side to help make tonight a memorable and fun evening.

I want to thank all of those on the Fundraising Committee, who were involved in the planning and executing of this fabulous evening and creating our terrific Journal. It is the dedication of so many that allows us to raise funds throughout the year for GHC’s multitude of programming and events. Thank you to our Journal co-chairs Alan and Caryn Kravitz, whose attention to detail for the ads, contributions, and timelines, was impeccable. This will be Alan and Caryn’s last year leading this effort, and after 12 years of supporting this task – we cannot thank them enough for their leadership of this critical element of the event. Thank you to Naomi Feinkind who has supported me in helping to lead all the event planning, invitation production, catering coordination, fundraising, and so many other components of this evening. I am grateful to all the committee members for this event, and for supporting all our initiatives throughout the year – Leslie Liss, Mara-Lee Bierman, Becky Lazar, Karen Greenbarg, Nora Contract, Rhonda Baskin, Howard Baskin, Jay Lutzky, Jo-Ann Lutzky Davin Milun, and Sheila Greenwald. A special thank you to Shiran Pasternak, for our amazing Journal cover. My sincerest appreciation to all who have helped our Fundraising initiatives, both large and small, this year.

To Rabbi Stein, Cantor May, Andy Lewit, Madaline Bruno, Wellington Castro, and Jacqui Walker, your consistent assistance to our Fundraising efforts is truly appreciated.

To all our congregants, vendors and friends who sponsored ads for our journal, we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Sincerely,  
David Luftig – VP Fundraising

A vibrant egalitarian Conservative Jewish community in Westchester County,  
embracing our traditions while actively participating in our changing world.