



# ***Young Israel of New Rochelle***

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Dear Friends,

While always a special evening for our community, this year's YINR Annual Dinner is a particularly momentous occasion.

We mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of our shul in a house on Coligni Avenue in central New Rochelle.

And it is our 50th dinner, tracing back to the year that YINR moved to our long-time home at 1228 North Avenue.

These are important milestones that we celebrate with great joy, but not only because of the quantity of years, but because of the quality of the years and what we stand for today.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Reuven and Abby Fink -- and an extraordinary team of lay leaders -- YINR today is one of the most outstanding synagogues in the country. We offer wonderful programs and services for all ages. We are a community committed to prayer and learning. Our commitment to chesed and tzedaka -- within our borders and elsewhere -- is unmatched.

Our founders and early members aspired to create a community like today's YINR and together we have realized their dreams.

At this milestone dinner we are honoring devoted members who embody our past, present and future.

Adina Lewis Garbuz and Lawrence Garbuz are a couple whose YINR history reaches back to the early days and will extend well into the future. Adina was born into YINR membership and she and Lawrence set their own roots here where they are raising their beautiful children. We are so grateful for everything Adina and Lawrence have done for our community and look forward to their continued leadership.

The 50th dinner corresponds to Ruth and Bob Lewis' 50th year as YINR members and New Rochelle residents. It is a zechut for us all to be able to honor pioneers of our community who have been instrumental to our growth and development from the earliest days. Ruth and Bob are mainstays who have been sources of great wisdom and humor, and great friendship and kindness to so many.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to YINR in honor of the Garbuzes and Lewises, and to everyone joining us for an evening of celebration. Your support helps ensure that we can continue our service to the community and build for future generations.

And thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this evening such a great success.

Mazal tov to us all.

Mark Semer      Joey Bernstein

One final note: given that this is our final dinner in our leadership role we take this opportunity for an early expression of thanks to the entire community for your support and encouragement during these years. We are grateful for the privilege to serve and optimistic about our future.