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It is a pleasure to join the Young Israel of New Rochelle community as we celebrate the Jubilee Anniversary Dinner.

Mazel Tov to Adina and Lawrence Garbuz, on being honored as the Guests of Honor at this year's YINR 50th Anniversary Dinner. It is evident that there is nothing that the two of you would not do for our Shul. From being on committees, to taking on lay leadership roles, you are always ready to be called on to assist the Shul. Accepting this honor is yet another great act to help further the vision of the YINR. Yael and I thank you for all you have done for the community in the past, and we are confident that both of you, together with your children and extended family, will continue to assist in the success of our congregation. May Hashem bless you with the reward of those who are faithfully involved in the needs of the community, sending blessing and success in all that you do.

The YINR finds itself today in a magnificent building with a robust membership. However, in truth, the YINR stands on the shoulders of giants, its founding member families. Mazel Tov to Drs. Lewis, on being honored as the Jubilee Honorees. The two of you, together with the other founding families, created the potential for the Shul to become all that it has. Even as newcomers, we recognize all the effort that was put into establishing a fully functional Shul. May Hashem bless you both with good health, and may you enjoy much nachat from your beautiful family, and from the Shul you helped to build.

Six months have passed since we have joined YINR as Assistant Rabbi and Rebbetzin. This Dinner is a perfect occasion for us to offer our thanks for bringing us here. We thank Rabbi and Rebbetzin Fink for being so welcoming, as well as providing mentoring and guidance with a sincere care for our well-being. We thank Mark Semer and Joey Bernstein, as well as the members of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees, for supporting and guiding us during our transition into the community. We thank Barbara and Rhetta for showing us the ins and outs of the YINR building, and how the day to day activities of the Shul run smoothly. We thank the members of the YINR family for opening your Shul and community to us and our family. We thank Hashem for giving us the opportunity to join an amazing congregation, and to help play a role in furthering the success of the New Rochelle Jewish community.

We look forward to sharing this milestone and celebrating with you all!

Chaim Axelrod