

On behalf of the Women's League, congratulations to the 2022 YINR Annual Dinner honorees: Ayala and Yo Helft, and Lauren and Andrew Bochner.

The Women's League supports YINR members and the community in all lifecycle events, including welcoming new members, celebrating births and other smachot, and offering support during difficult times. We provide opportunities for families to build friendships and connect with one another through social events and communal activities. In addition, we raise critical funds to support our shul, our Mikvah, and those in need in the greater Jewish community.

Ayala's contributions to the Women's League are well-known, including her work supporting the Women's League as an executive board member, her years of chairing and planning the annual dinner, her work on the popular YINR Panoply, as well as her work on countless Women's League initiatives over the years including packing mishloach manot, volunteering for the Shavuot Bake Sale or cooking meals for new mothers or shiva homes. Ayala is a role model for all women who want to be immersed in Jewish communal life and we appreciate all of her work.

The Young Leadership Award is a well-deserved accolade and no one has earned it more than Lauren. Over the last few years, we have been blessed with Lauren's involvement in many events and initiatives, including her leadership as chair of the Hospitality Committee. Lauren never stops thinking about ways to make new members feel welcome, including creating a zoom pizza night during COVID, initiating a meal delivery for new members and providing hospitality for prospective YINR families. Lauren's signature event for the shul is the wildly successful annual Challah Bake which she has worked on for the past 4 years, bringing women together to perform the mitzvah of hafrashat challah and enhancing the warm community that YINR offers. Her attention to detail and tireless work on behalf of the community are appreciated by all.

It is only with the help of dedicated volunteers like tonight's honorees and so many others, that Women's League is able to support our community at the highest level. We hope all our members are inspired by our honorees' commitment to our community and become involved in Women's League and the shul. Thank you to both women, and their husbands, for having such a positive impact. Mazal Tov!

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