

## **Journal Letter for the 59th Annual Dinner**

It is our distinct pleasure to celebrate the 59th year of the Young Israel of New Rochelle on May 3. Our incredible community continues to grow and flourish under the leadership of our Marah D'Atra Rabbi Reuven Fink and our Associate Rabbi Chaim Axelrod, together with our beloved Rebbetzins Abby Fink and Yael Axelrod.

**עשה לך רב:** This year, we are privileged to honor Rabbi Chaim and Yael Axelrod for ten years of dedicated service. From the moment they arrived in 2016, they have helped shape the heart and soul of YINR, and became an integral part of the YINR fabric.

**זקנה לך חבר:** We also honor Tamar and Jon Croog, recipients of the Community Service Award, whose deep roots, dedication and friendship have been a boundless wellspring of support for our community.

Together, our honorees perfectly exemplify the theme of this year's dinner.

The thriving nature of our shul is evident in the vibrancy of our membership. This past year, we were thrilled to welcome 17 new families who have chosen the Young Israel of New Rochelle as their home. Our daily schedules remain full with multiple minyanim, shiurim, and diverse programming, from our active youth department to the Ruach program for senior members. Torah learning continues to flourish through daily Daf Yomi, 929 tanach program, the Women's Initiative for Jewish Studies, and the Semichas Chaver Program.

We are thrilled to share that we have officially commenced the project to expand and renovate 1137 North Avenue, which will include a state-of-the-art Beit Midrash for our teens and multipurpose rooms for our youngest members. This investment in our infrastructure ensures that YINR will continue to be a center of spiritual growth and fellowship for generations to come.

We are a community powered by our volunteers—the true engine that runs our shul and propels it forward. We encourage everyone to step up and find their own

way to contribute to our shared home. In that spirit, we owe a debt of tremendous *hakarat hatov* to the volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talent to make this dinner a success, alongside those who labor tirelessly behind the scenes in all our communal efforts. We are deeply grateful for your leadership and steadfast support.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Elly Goldenberg, President

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