

Adat Shalom Synagogue  
2019 Annual Dinner  
June 2, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Honoring  
*Liz and Barry Bar-El*

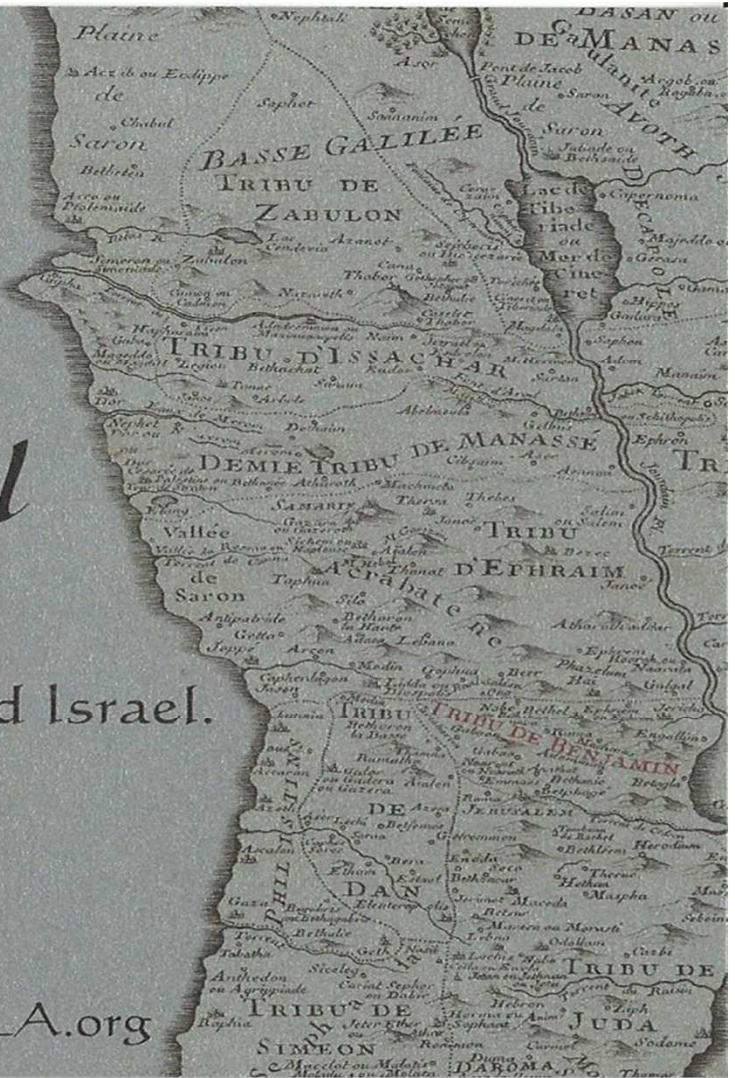
An evening in appreciation of their  
years of dedication to our community and Israel.



# ADAT SHALOM

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*To Liz and Barry*

*You are extraordinary people with a commitment and passion for Adat Shalom that sustained the community through challenges and into a new and thriving era for the synagogue. We are grateful for your dedication and your friendship.*

*Kol Hakavod!*

*Janet Schulman Trask and Phil Trask*

“Give what you can; Take what you need.”  
-Lesson #1, Habonim Dror Labor Zionist Movement

It has been our honor to give what we can.  
Seeing our community thrive is all that we need.  
We are humbled to be honored by Adat Shalom this evening.  
  
Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this  
a fabulous and memorable event.

*Barry and Liz Bar-El*

Dear Liz and Barry,

I am grateful for the serendipitous experience of entering this community while the two of you served as leaders. Liz, your presidency changed the direction of this community for the better. Your bold style and attention to detail allowed me to learn and grow as a Rabbi here. You were always willing to make tough decisions and speak your truth. As a community, we needed to hear it.



Barry, your kind and easygoing nature brought a delicate and compassionate touch to all ritual matters. You were the glue that held services together before I arrived and you were and continue to be a great sounding board for me. Together, we reimagined the Jewish Advisory Group.

Even more than our working relationship, I value our friendship together. I am glad that you have accepted this honor tonight because you both deserve it. You are being honored tonight for your collective leadership in the synagogue, and you are being recognized for leading lives filled with Jewish values of Torah, Israel, and acts of loving kindness. Thank you for being you, for being part of this community, and for being part of my life.

Mazel Tov to you both,

Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz



## *Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz, Our Favorite Rabbi:*

Your Sensitive Sermons always touch the heart,  
Your Amazing Answers are way beyond smart.

You infuse life into Bible Stories for big and small,  
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Your Love for Judaism and Israel defines your identity,  
Your Love for Family (Adat Shalom Family as well as Your Personal Family) runs deeper than infinity.

May Hashem Always Bless You, Blair, Shelby, Simon and Maddy  
125 Gebentschtah Years and More!!!  
For Each of You With Only the Best Blessings of Life Galore!!!

With All Our Love Always!!!

Dad and Mom

Adam, Talia, Sammy, Ethan and Emma Fay  
Danny, Hopee, Ella, Maya and Jacob

# **ADAT SHALOM WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

*Uniting women across the generations in service to our synagogue*

## ***Honoring Liz and Barry Bar-El***

*For their tireless work to revitalize our Adat Shalom community*

AND

Congratulating the Recipients of our Special Recognition Awards

*Joanna Garcia and Cesar Olivares*

*Barbara Stone and Sandy Helman*

*Erica Kopman and Laura Bierman*

**Kol HaKavod to Liz and Barry Bar-El**  
for their leadership in helping build our Adat Shalom community

In recognition of:

**Joanna Garcia and Cesar Olivares**  
for their dedication and passion for our community

**Barbara Stone and Sandy Helman**  
for their contribution to the creation and organization of our new library

**Erica Kopmar and Laura Bierman**  
for their creativity and planning of family programming



*Barry and Liz,*

“Thank you” doesn’t express the depth of  
our gratitude for all you have done for Adat Shalom.

Your tireless efforts over the years,  
in good times and in bad,  
have brought our community  
to a place where we can look forward to  
a bright and rewarding future.

Sandra Kass

Liz and Barry Bar-El,

You are such gifts!

With Gratitude...

Art and Beth Ojena

**Dear Liz and Barry,**

**We are so proud of you!**

Congratulations on being honored by the congregation of Adat Shalom for your leadership and hard work in the synagogue and in the Jewish community. You have contributed greatly to the growth of Adat Shalom and of Habonim Dror.

Your history at Adat Shalom goes back to the Bar Mitzvahs of Ziv and Lior, paving their way to enter and participate in the Jewish world. Barry's twelve years on the Temple Board, Liz's four plus years as Temple President, make us very proud.

**Mazel tov! We love you very much,**

**Bill and Lenore Lambert (Dad and Mom)**



**To Our Special Honorees**

***LIZ and BARRY BAR-EL***

For your dedicated efforts to revitalize and celebrate our Adat Shalom Community

AND

**To The Recipients of Our Community Recognition Awards**

***JOANNA GARCIA and CESAR OLIVARES***

For your dedication and love for our Community

***BARBARA STONE and SANDY HELMAN***

For creating our new much needed Adat Shalom library

***ERICA KOPMAR and LAURA BIERMAN***

For planning our wonderful Family Programs

***Todah Rabah and Mazal Tov to all!***

**Naomi & Irv Friedman**

*Liz and Barry Bar-El*

**MAZEL TOV**  
**to a hard working couple**  
**Thank you for all you have done for Adat Shalom.**

**And Congratulations to all of our Special Recognition Honorees!**

*Harold and Sara Lewis*

**HONORING  
LIZ and BARRY BAR-EL**

For Their Leadership on the Bima and in the Boardroom

**RECOGNIZING**

**Joanna Garcia and Cesar Olivares**  
For Managing Everything

**Barbara Stone and Sandy Helman**  
For Organizing Our New Library

**Erica Kopmar and Laura Bierman**  
For Planning Family Programs

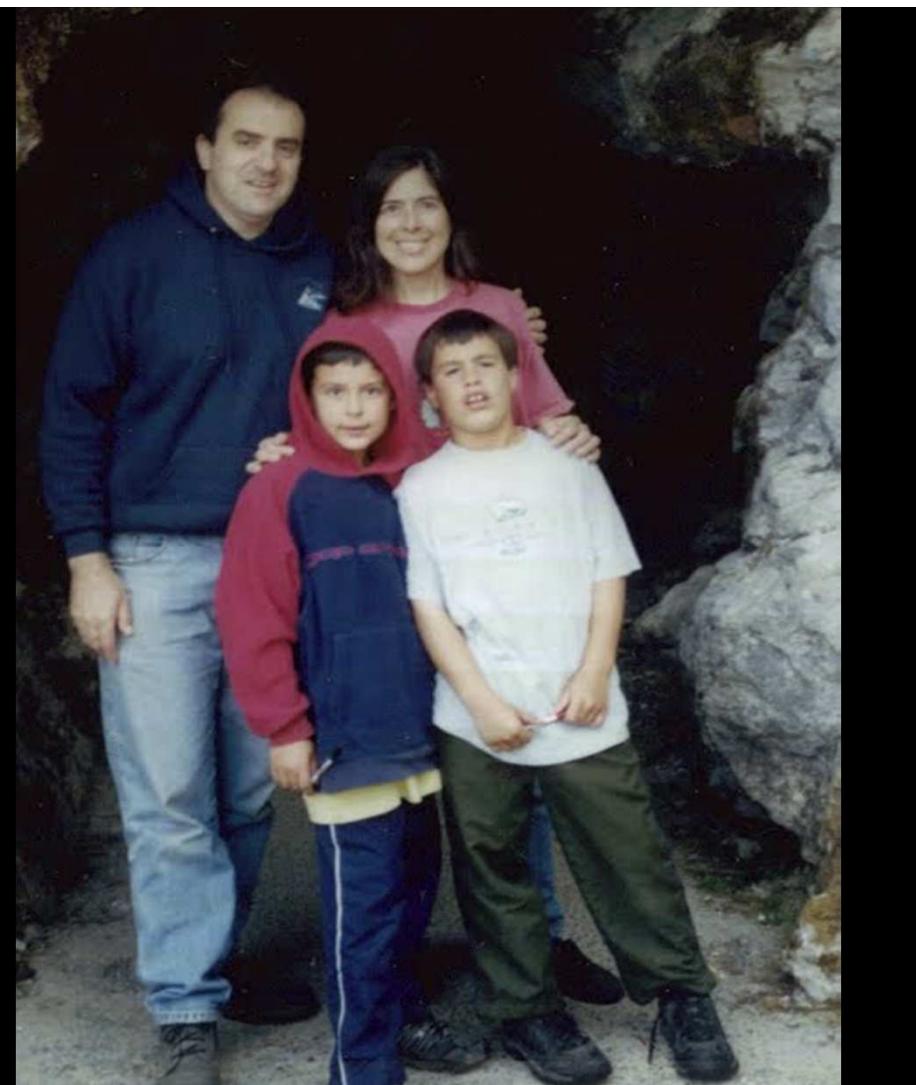
You are all:

**Appreciated Dedicated Amazing Talented  
Superior Hard working Achievers Leaders Outstanding Mazel Tov!!**

**Cynthia and Michael Diament  
Debby and Jerry Rotter**

Our deepest gratitude and admiration to  
Liz and Barry Bar-El  
for their enduring dedication  
to the welfare of Adat Shalom.

*Lew and Diane Sternfels*



*Liz and Barry*

The time, energy, and heart  
you have given to the congregation over the years  
is an example for all of us.

Thank you for all you have done and, we know, will continue to do.

*Mazel Tov!*

*Love,  
Elana, Chris, Mira and Laila Dixon*

# *Forever Grateful to Liz and Barry*

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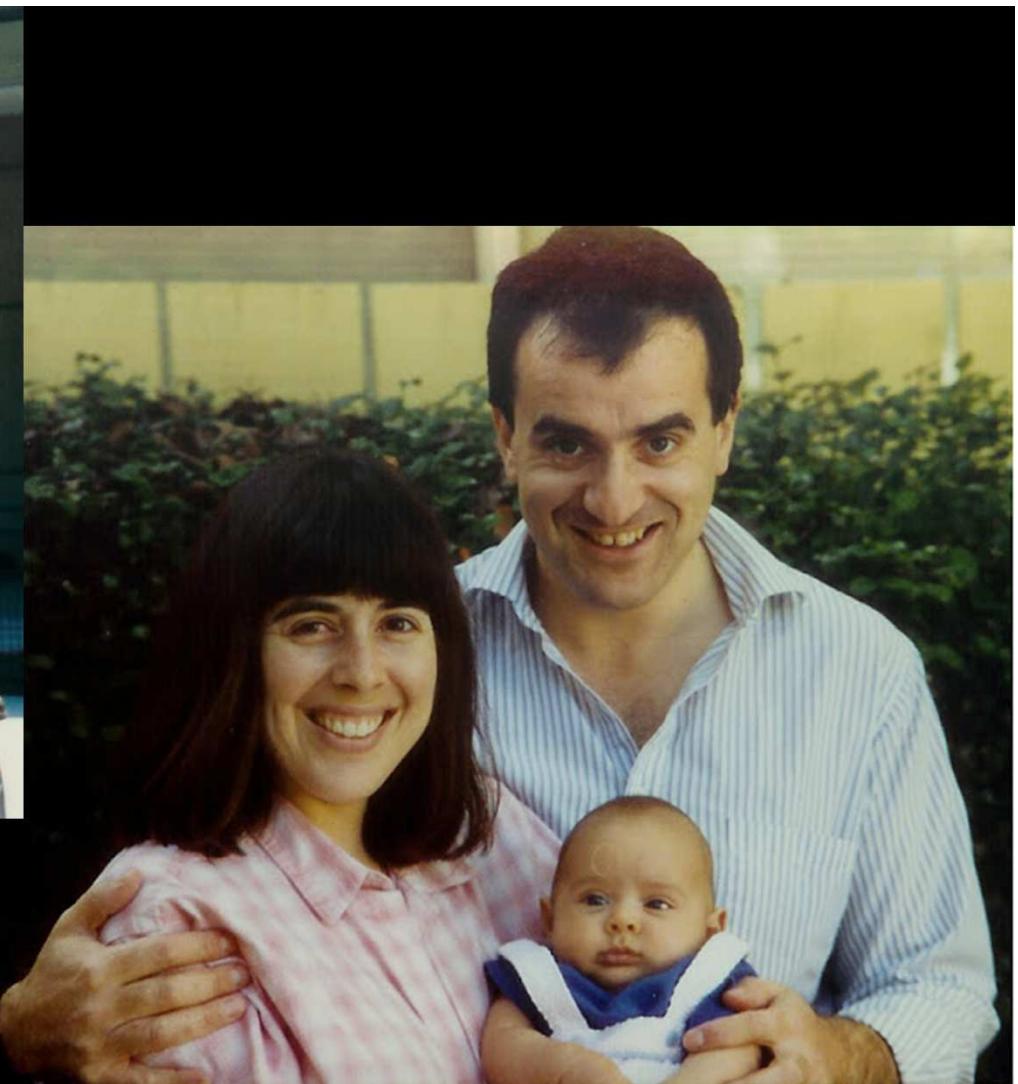
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We would like to thank the Annual Dinner Committee, the Synagogue leadership and staff for many hours of dedicated work in an effort to create an evening of community, fundraising and a celebration of the people and spirit that make Adat Shalom a special place to be.

Thanks to the contribution of each of the people listed below, tonight's event will help strengthen and enhance the synagogue so we may continue to grow and provide community to our members.

Marla Knoll, Committee Chair  
Janet Schulman Trask, President

**Committee:**

***Elana Dixon***  
***Holly Factor***  
***Henny Gordon***  
***Miriam Hearn***  
***Erica Kopmar***  
***Judy Paz***  
***Rose Ziff***

**Adat Shalom Leadership:**

***Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz***  
***Renalee Pflug***



**Adat Shalom Staff:**

***Joanna Garcia***  
***Leslie Katzman***  
***Melody Javid***  
***Cesar Olivares***

A heartfelt thank you and mazal tov to our honorees,  
**Liz and Barry Bar-El**, and our Recognition Awardees,  
**Joanna, Cesar, Barbara, Sandy, Erica and Laura**.  
We appreciate all that you bring to our community.

*Janet Schulman Trask*

*Elana Dixon*

*Karen Yaghoubian*

*Hilary Lottenberg*

*Ari Kopmar*

*Michael Gabai*

*Carin Schachat*

*Judy Paz*

*Allan Cohen*

*David Factor*

*Naomi Friedman*

*Marla Knoll*

*Esther Margulies*

*Beth Ojena*

*David Shemano*

*Richard Destin*

*Henny Gordon*

*Miriam Hearn*





To Liz and Barry-  
In recognition of your many years of  
generous volunteerism and leadership to  
our community we say *YASHER KOACH!*

**Adat Shalom Men's Club**

For an increased golden age of American Judaism  
and a vibrant, tolerant Jewish state.

From strength to strength.

*Dick and Leah Bernstein*

# THANK YOU!

## LIZ AND BARRY BAR-EL

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You have contributed so much to Adat Shalom and its community members. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

From,

Richard Miller M.D., West Tower Pediatrics  
Rosemar Miller R.N., Family Home Care: Elderly  
Residential Care  
Marci Miller  
Joshua Miller



**Liz and Barry,**

*“It is not incumbent upon you to finish the task, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it.” Pirkei Avot*

Kol Hakavod on all that you have done to build the Adat Shalom community!

Mazal Tov,

Renalee & Robert Pflug

*Liz & Barry,*

*Mazal Tov on your well deserved honor for all you have accomplished!*

*May you go from strength to strength!!!*

*—Richard Silverman*

*Liz and Barry,*

We so appreciate  
all that you do for our  
synagogue and community.

*Cesar and Joanna,*

Our heartfelt thanks for  
all you do.

*Stephen and Hilary Lottenberg*

**Joanna and Cesar**

Thanks for the years and months and days  
and hours of dedication to our community.  
Your work does not go unnoticed.

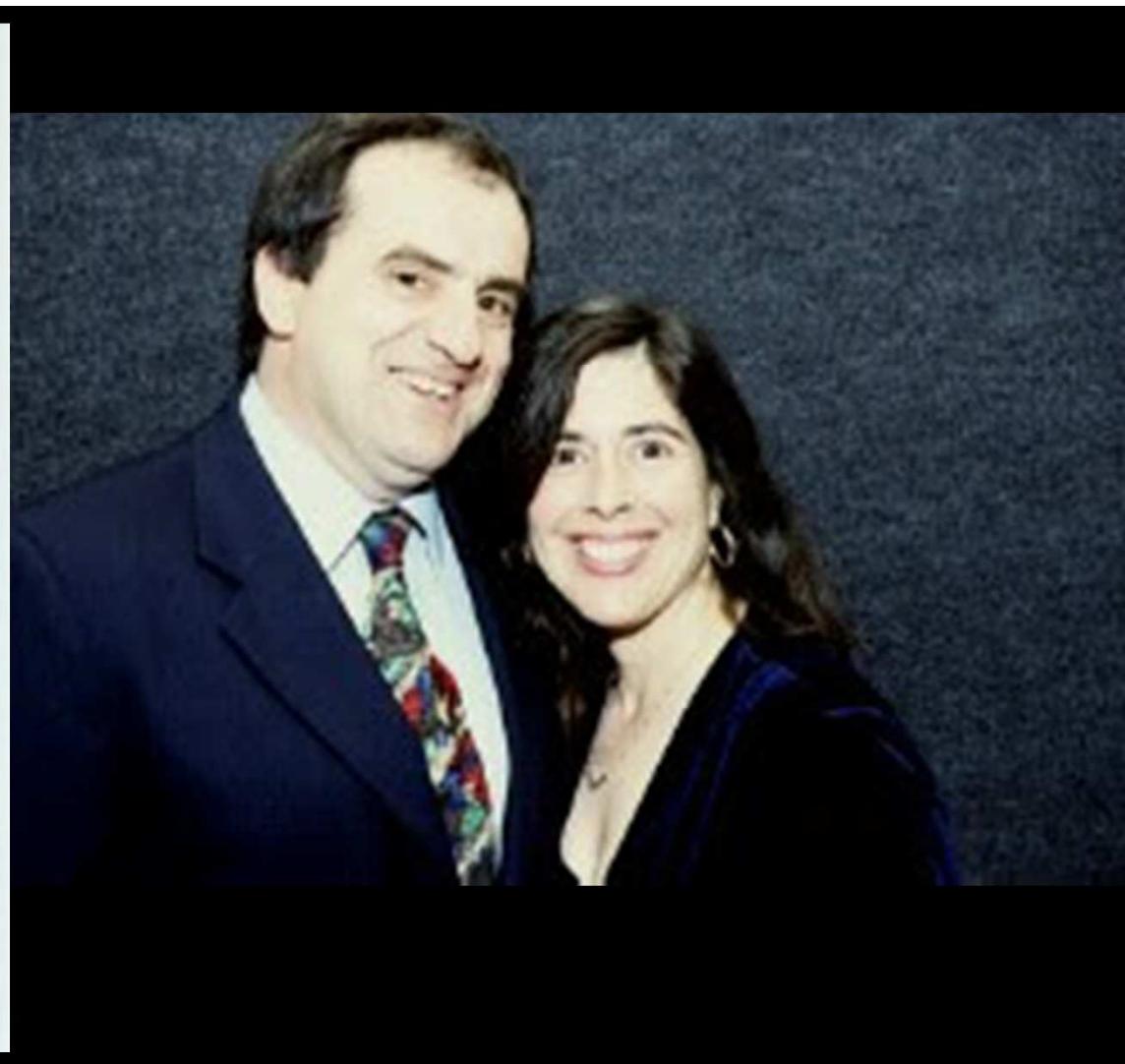
**Barbara, Sandy, Erica and Laura**

Your efforts, time and willingness to lend a hand have  
made Adat Shalom a better place.

**Liz and Barry**

We appreciate the time, energy, creativity and heart  
that you have given to our synagogue. Your efforts  
have enriched our community.

**Lorrie Levin**  
**Jaime and Marla Knoll**  
**Jonah, Hannah and Sam Knoll**



*To Joanna and Cesar:*

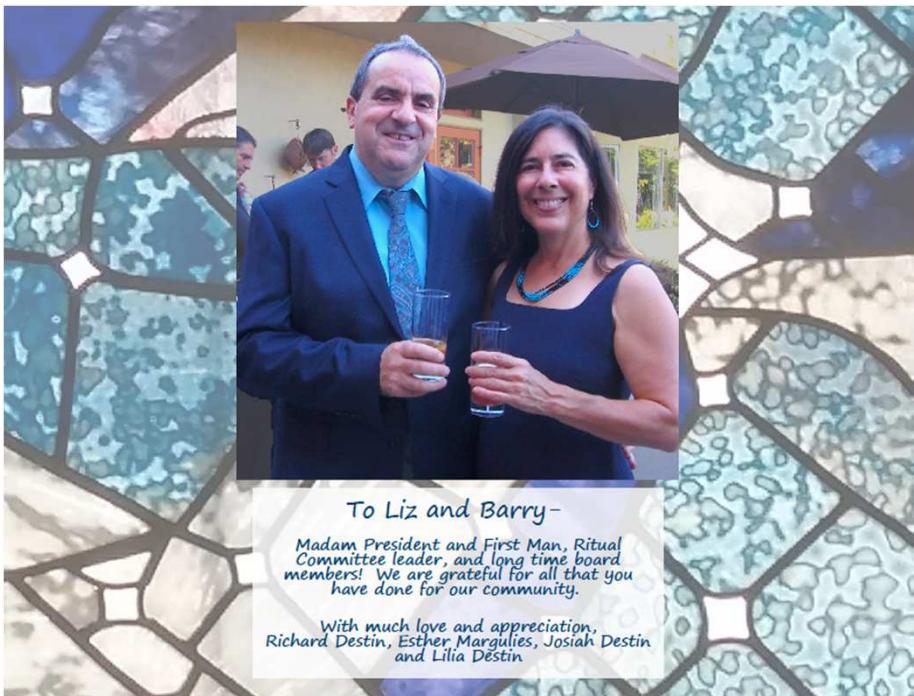
*Our gratitude is boundless  
for the care you provide  
for all of us  
and for Adat Shalom.*

*Lew and Diane Sternfels*

**Thank you for another great year!**

**The Dekofsky Family**





Our Adat Shalom community is immeasurably richer, stronger and more special because of the wonderful people being recognized tonight.

Kol Hakavod to **Liz and Barry** for this well-deserved honor. We are truly grateful to you for your years of tremendous hard work, dedication, vision and spirit . . . and for your friendship.

And congratulations and thank you to **Joanna and Cesar, Barbara, Sandy, Erica, and Laura** – such committed, talented and deserving recipients of our Community Recognition Awards.

**Holly and David Factor**

## *Cesar and Joanna*

You are the core of our community:

*ALWAYS HELPFUL.*

*ALWAYS PATIENT.*

*ALWAYS SMILING.*

I cannot imagine Adat Shalom without the two of you.

Thank you for all you do for us.

**SANDRA KASS**

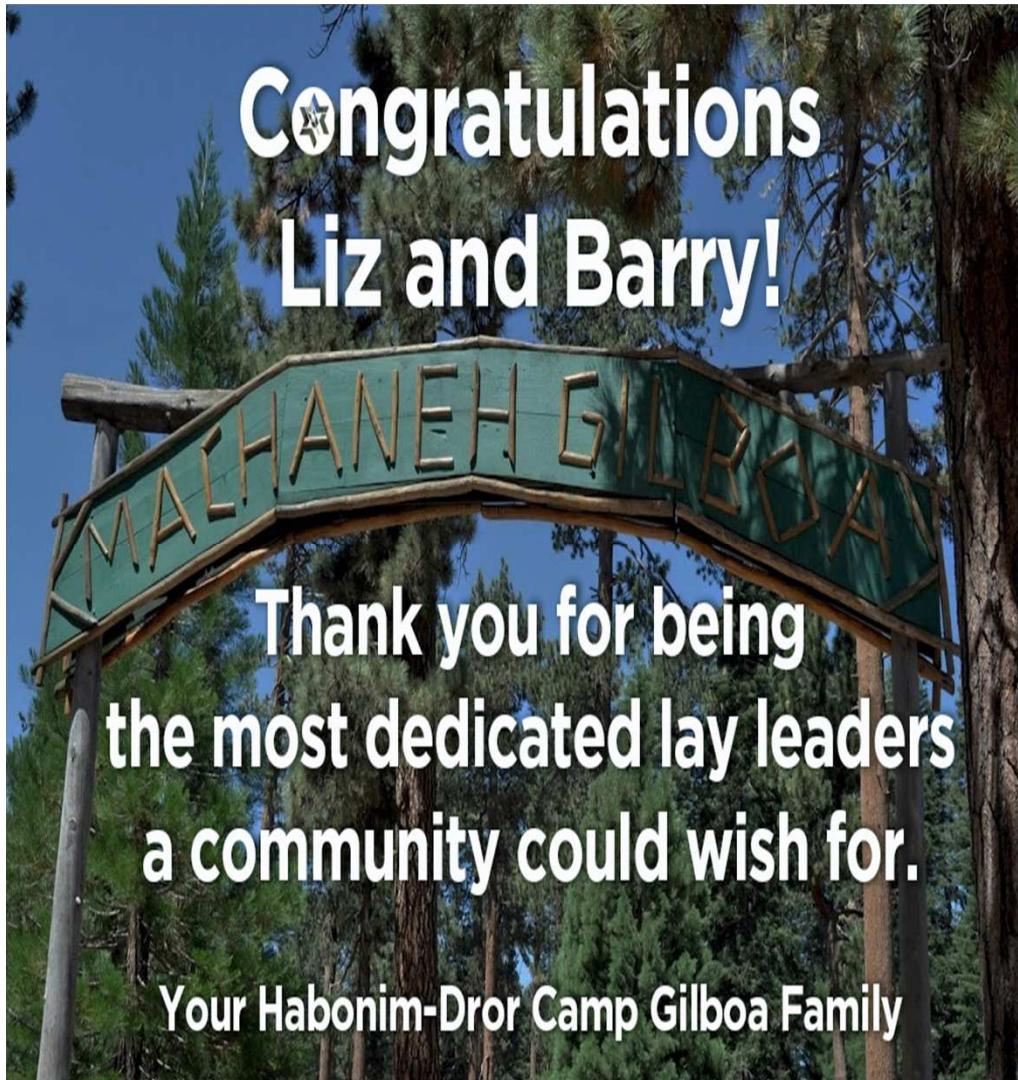
The Adat Shalom community welcomes

## **Renalee Pflug**

as our new Executive Director!

We are grateful for all the work you have done so far and look forward to many years of building our community together.





Immediately prior to the expression of The *Shema* is a page of Love language, the love of God, Who gifts us Life and *Torah*, and the love of people who unite to engage these gifts as a community. Rabbi Lebovitz introduces these passages with a prompt to consider important loves in our contemporary lives.

And then, as we gather our *tzitzit* and consider the fullness of our people, we include **Joanna Garcia and Cesar Olivares**, who support and enable us in so many practical ways with noble character and good work.

And we include **Barbara Stone and Sandy Helman**, who underpin and highlight the importance of our synagogue library.

And we include **Erica Kopmar**, and we include **Laura Bierman**, who give substance and attention to our fabulously successful family programming.

And we include **Liz and Barry Bar-El**, of whom it might more accurately be said, “They include us!”, as they move mountains to gather us around them and secure the enduring strengths of our spiritual home.

**The Schatz Family**



To Liz and Barry-  
The Adat Shalom **Chaverim** thanks you for supporting our softball team. We especially thank Barry for letting us steal away Liz for 12 weeks on Monday nights and Sunday afternoons so she can participate in our fun, community-building activity!



## CONGRATULATIONS to Liz and Barry Bar-El

From all of us at the  
**JEWISH JOURNAL**

### Joanna & Cesar

Thank you for everything you do for Adat Shalom. We would not be here without you!

Esther and Richard

Congratulations to Cesar Jr. on his graduation!

**Mazel Tov to Liz and Barry!**

**~Jerry and Sandy Helman~**

Enjoy a good “Jewish Book”

One of my best accomplishments as  
president was hiring Cesar.

Tonight's tribute is well deserved.

Congratulations, Cesar and Joanna!  
Mort and Lorraine Schrag



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MAZEL TOV

TO ALL

THE HONOREES

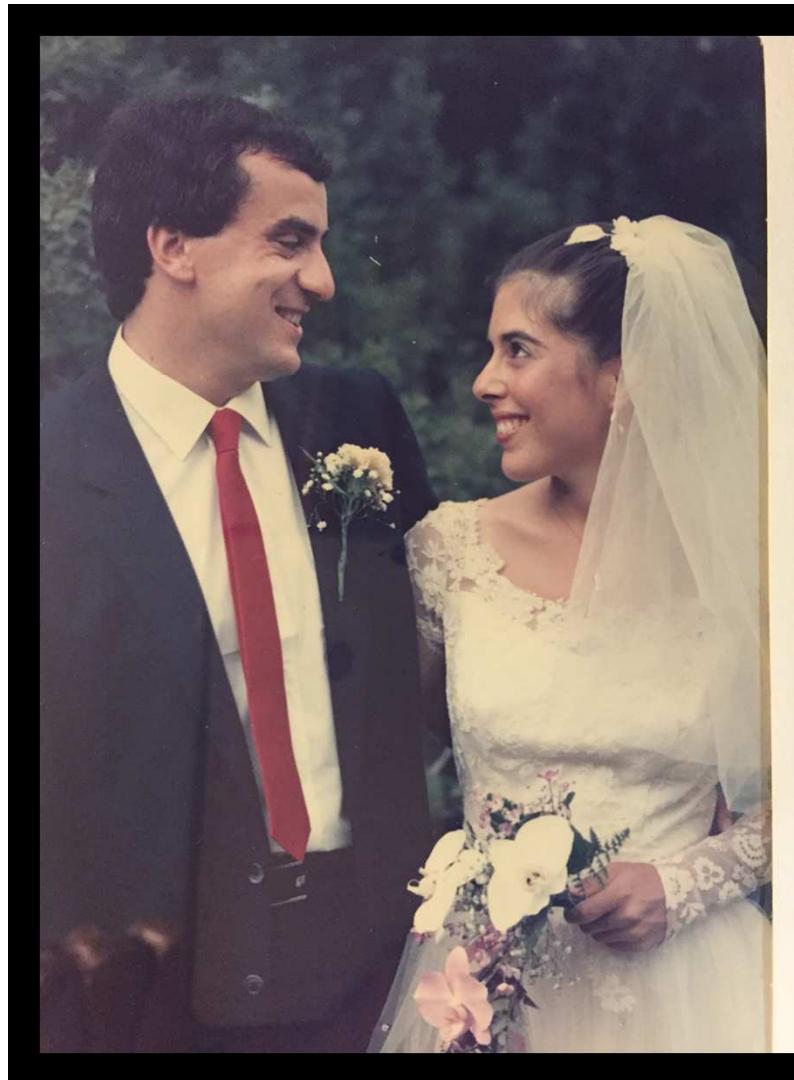
Allan, Liz, Tali, and Zach Cohen

Congratulations,

*Liz and Barry,*

for your outstanding leadership.

Lorraine and Mort Schrag



Congratulations!

Mazel Tov to our honorees,  
Liz and Barry Bar-El

Judy Miller



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*Liz and Barry*

*Mazel Tov on this well deserved honor!  
Your friends at the Bagel Factory*

***To my Chaverim,  
Liz & Barry!***

***Another home run!!***

***Mazal Tov!!!***

***Jerry Siegel***

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Congratulations to Liz and Barry Bar-El  
May you go from strength to strength!

**Joanna & Cesar--**

*For all your efforts behind the scenes...  
what you do is very appreciated by us,  
each and every day.*

*We are lucky to work with you!*

Melody and Leslie

**Dear Joanna & Cesar,**

Your contribution, passion and compassion touches everything you do, with everyone you encounter, every single day!

Congratulations on this well deserved honor!

**Renalee Pflug**

<p>Congratulations and thank you to <b>Barry and Liz</b> Your hard work and endless contributions have made Adat Shalom a better place.</p> <p><b>The Shemano Family</b></p>	<p>With deep appreciation and gratitude to <b>Liz and Barry</b> for all you have done for our beloved synagogue.</p> <p>The Hartstein Family</p>	<p><b>Liz and Barry,</b> Thank you for your years of work and dedication for our community. We appreciate you both very much.</p> <p><b>Dubi and Judy Paz</b></p>	<p><i>Heartfelt</i> <b>Congratulations!</b></p> <p>Sy and Frances Strasberg</p>
<p><i>“It is not your duty to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it.”</i></p> <p><b>To our honorees and friends:</b></p> <p><b>We appreciate your dedication to Adat Shalom</b></p> <p><b>Natalie and Doug Stanger</b></p>	<p>In appreciation for the generous contributions from the Violet Harris Fund that broaden the scope and depth of our Adat Shalom programming.</p>	<p>Our warmest wishes to a deserving couple.</p> <p><b>Joseph and Maureen Hoffman</b></p>	<p>Mazel Tov and Thank You to <b>Barry and Liz Bar-El</b> and also to <b>Joanna and Cesar</b> for all of your hard work.</p> <p>It is very much appreciated.</p> <p>Dennis and Shirley Cozen</p>



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