



Our Honorees



LINDA & ART MONT

Forty six years ago, Linda and Art, along with their daughter Beth-Ellyn, visited several synagogues in the area. They were looking to find a temple where they could feel comfortable. They found Temple Beth El. The warmth and friendliness of the congregation was exactly what they were looking for.

The inclusiveness of the members of the congregation was the reason that Linda joined the temple board and eventually became a vice president. She was also vice president of both Sisterhood and the *Chai* Club. Linda taught fourth grade and special education in the Religious School.

Of note, several years ago, Linda made the beautiful golden curtains for the ark in the sanctuary. Arthur has served as president of Brotherhood. A long-time active member, he has also helped to build the *sukkah* and take it down for many years.

Linda and Art participated in remarriage ceremonies in the sanctuary twice; at 18 years and again at 36. Their son Jonathan was the president of the youth group and he met his future wife, Robin, at the temple when they were just teenagers. During their 45 years of temple membership, both of their children became *B'nei Mitzvah*, and had their confirmations and marriages. Linda and Art recently returned from a trip to Israel with a group from the temple. It was made all the better because of the camaraderie among all who were there. Linda and Art still feel that Temple Beth El is a warm and inviting place and enjoy being a part of the congregation.

Elaine and Barry moved to Huntington, where their son Daniel was born in 1976. Through friends, they heard how great Temple Beth El was and decided to attend an open house. They loved everything about it...the warmth of the people, and how Rabbi Shallat remembered their names after meeting them once. They were hooked and joined when Daniel started kindergarten, becoming full members when he entered third grade.

Elaine joined Sisterhood, helped out at the rummage sales and volunteered in the office. Twenty years later, she became a part time office employee, which she still is today. She has served as the treasurer for Sisterhood and currently is the treasurer of the *Chai* Club. Early on, Elaine signed Barry up for the Brotherhood and he has remained a member for all these years. Barry has also been the editor of the *Chai* Lites for the last 20 years.

Temple Beth El has been at the center of Lynne and Daniel's Jewish life for as long as they can remember. It's the first synagogue where Lynne started to regularly attend services and where Daniel attended his first High Holy Days services. Dan became a *Bar Mitzvah* and then a Confirmand. They were married there in 2002, their younger daughter Melanie had her baby naming there and their oldest, Hannah, became a *Bat Mitzvah* there in 2020.

Daniel and Lynne are also proud that their family has given back to the temple. On the *bimah*, both of their daughters have been regular fixtures at Family Friday Night for the past ten years. Daniel and Lynne have both chanted *torah* on Friday nights, and Daniel has also had the honor of chanting from the *torah* on *Rosh Hashanah*. Hannah continued that tradition during last year's *Rosh Hashanah* *torah* service. Hannah has been a *madrachim* (student teacher) for the past several years. Daniel was a member of the board for six years and is the current chair of the Technology Committee. Together, Daniel and Lynne have been the co-Chairs of the Religious School Committee for the past five years! The Eigs really are a family that has been a part of Temple Beth El from generation to generation.



THE EIGS: Elaine & Barry/Lynne & Daniel



PHOEBE KRANE & SANDY HOFFMAN

Phoebe's Story...

I moved to Huntington in 1959. At that time, Temple Beth El's services were in a church on New York Avenue, years before our current building. Over the years, I got involved in many projects. The first was the Bulletin Editor, typed on a manual typewriter. I was in the choir for 36 years, where I met Sandy. At Bingo, I sold cards; Sandy was the caller.

After my daughters became *B'not Mitzvah* in 1972 and 1975, I decided that I wanted to. Girls did not do that when I was 13. In March of 1978, I became a *Bat Mitzvah* at Temple Beth El. I was also involved in the founding of the *Chai* Club and have been active ever since. Along the way, Sandy and I served for two years as co-presidents.

The temple has been a big part of my life. I was so happy that one of my grandsons joined the temple and got married there. I'm looking forward to my great-granddaughter's *Bat Mitzvah* in about eleven years!

Sandy's Story...

I joined Temple Beth El in 1979, when I moved to the Huntington area. Compared to Phoebe, I am a relative newcomer. I met Phoebe at the temple when we were both in the choir. Back in the day, I worked at the temple's Bingo nights and as a volunteer for the Social Action Committee. I also took a Hebrew reading course with Cantor Sherry, which ended with me becoming a re-*Bar Mitzvah*. Temple Beth El has been my second home for more than forty years. At Temple Beth El, we feel great ties to Judaism. It's a place where we preserve traditions while being open to progressive values. My years at Temple Beth El have made me a more involved and better person.