

The Pelham Jewish Center GALA 2025

HONORING

LARRY AND DIANE COHEN

BETH YELSEY

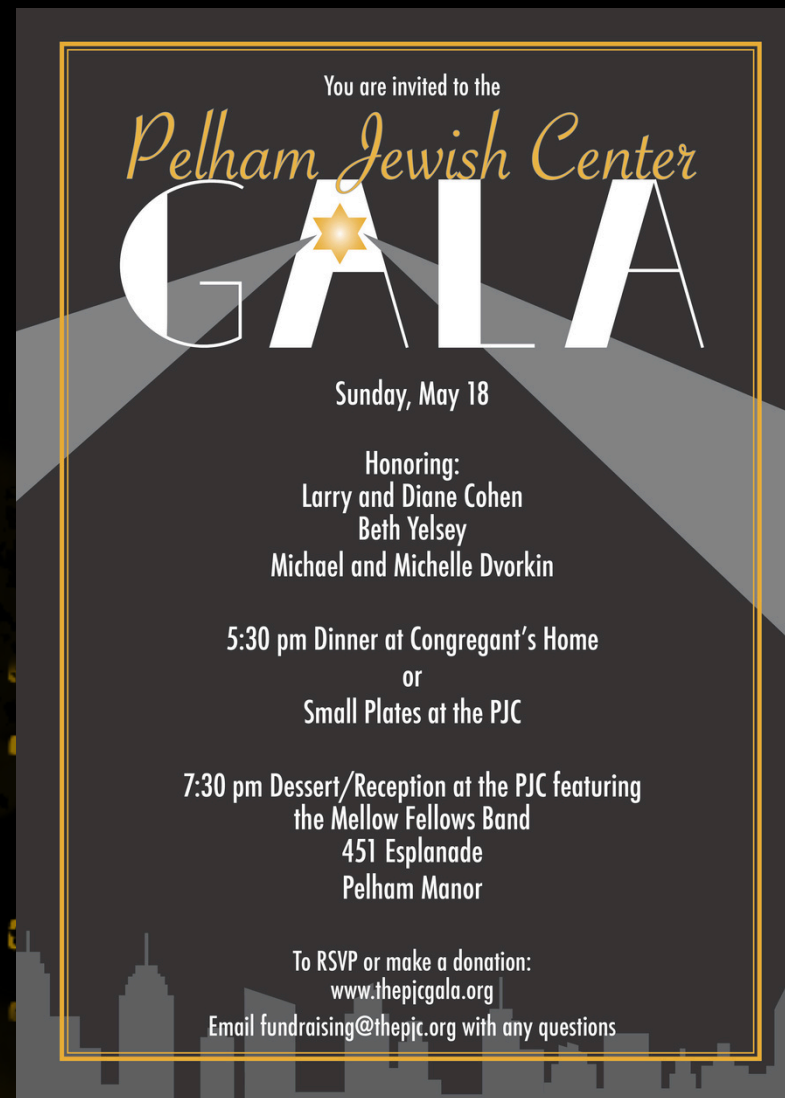
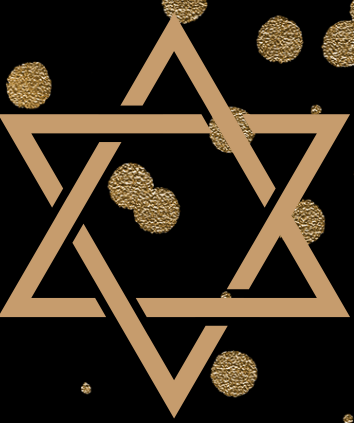
MICHAEL AND MICHELLE DVORKIN



Diane, Larry, Michelle, Michael and Beth:

Your passionate commitment to the PJC is a constant source of inspiration. I consider myself extremely lucky to work alongside lay-leaders who are so thoughtful, caring, dedicated and wise. It is an ongoing blessing, both professionally and personally. I am simply in awe of--and so very grateful for--all that you do for our community. Thank you.

-Rabbi Ben Resnick



To our Treasured Honorees,

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our PJC community. We are better for it.

Congratulations and Mazel Tov!

With great respect and admiration,

-The Pelham Jewish Center Board of Directors

Yasher Koach for all the incredible contributions you have made
to building and sustaining our amazing PJC community.

We are so excited and honored to celebrate
Diane and Larry, Michael and Michelle, and Beth:
you are an inspiration!

Best wishes,

The Radvany Family
David, Jeanne, Rachel and Andy



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CONGRATULATIONS TO
LARRY & DIANE COHEN, BETH YELSEY,
MICHAEL & MICHELLE DVORKIN

*"FIND YOURSELF A TEACHER;
FIND YOURSELF A FRIEND;
FIND YOURSELF A LEADER" -Pirke Avot 1:6*

THANK YOU FOR BEING ALL THAT AND MORE TO
THE PJC

ELAINE & MARC PRAGER



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Congratulations to this year's honorees,
Larry and Diane Cohen, Beth Yelsey, and Michael and
Michelle Dvorkin.

Thank you for your service to the PJC community.

The Lieberman Family
Meredith, Seth, Oliver, Casper and Sadie



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To All Our Honorees:

Thank you for your devotion and commitment to the PJC.

Blood drives, midnight runs to feed and clothe the homeless, making sure mourners are comforted, that our sick are visited, ensuring our sacred space is beautiful and our minions are complete - you do it all.

You give your time, your energy and your passion, always without recognition. Now we say "thank you" for all you do for us.

- Sandra and Bob Goldman



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TO OUR HONOREES:
AS WE HONOR THESE SPECTACULAR LEADERS OF OUR
COMMUNITY, WE ARE REMINDED OF PIRKEI AVOT 2:2:

...And all who labor with the community, should labor ... for the sake of Heaven, and God will credit [the community] with a rich reward, as if [the community] had [actually] accomplished [it all].

Larry, Diane, Michael, Michelle and Beth:
We thank you for all that you do to
enrich our community in and outside the Pelham Jewish Center.

As Rabbi Gamliel says your work brings us all merit.

Love,
The Krulak/Levene Family



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Mazel tov to
Larry, Diane, Beth, Michael, and Michelle:
Thank you for supporting our community
with your great strength and spirit!

- Naomi and Marshall Jaffe

Mazal Tov to all our Honorees!
**Thank you so much for being there, for your love,
and for your efforts to strengthen this community.**

To Larry and Diane Cohen: You light up a room. You have made our family feel welcome from the very first day we walked into the PJC.

You've laughed with us, cried with us, and given us hugs when we needed them.

To Beth Yelsey: you are always thinking about this community and the PJC. You are a true friend. You reminded me that the kids needed a fire safety program even though your kids had graduated and since that day we have been a team.

To Michael and Michelle Dvorkin: You are truly lights in the world and you get the job done. Midnight Run, Blood Donation, Thanksgiving in a Box... Others talk, you do. You inspire us.

We are thrilled to celebrate the Pelham Jewish Center with all of you tonight!

-Marjut and Jonathan Herzog



Mazel Tov

Diane and Larry Cohen

Beth Yelsey

Michael and Michelle Dvorkin

Thank you for everything you do for our community
and for your commitment to the Pelham Jewish Center.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

-Jill and Barry Goldenberg

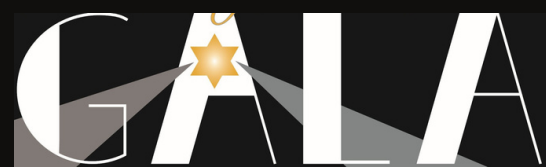
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Thank you Diane, Larry, Beth, Michelle and Michael for
all you do to make the PJC such a special place.

May you all live to be 120 so we can honor you all
again and again

Enjoy the moment.

Love, Rob Rossman



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“Optimism is the belief that things will get better.
Hope is the faith that, together, we can make things better.
Optimism is a passive virtue, hope an active one.” -Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Kol HaKavod

Beth, Diane and Larry, Michelle and Michael

You give us all hope and show the way to brighter
days for the PJC, the Jewish people and the greater
world.

With enormous respect and gratitude,

Hildy and Steve Martin

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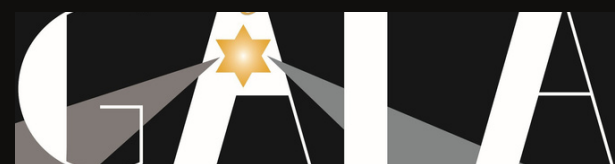
To Larry, Diane, Beth, Michael and Michelle,
Thank you for keeping the bar high for all of us.
Thank you for your continued inspiration.

With gratitude and affection,

- Lisa and Andy Neubardt

Thanks Larry, Diane, Beth, Michael and Michelle for
making our PJC community the warm
and inviting place that it is!

- Adam & Jen Gerber



Sustainers

To Larry, Diane, Beth, Michael & Michelle,
Thanks for all you do. The PJC would not be what it is
today without your selfless dedication.

Fondly,
Joel and Beth Serebransky

Congratulations to Larry, Diane, Michael and Michelle
on this well deserved honor!

-Beth and Neil Yelsey



Sustainers

DEAR LARRY, DIANE, BETH, MICHAEL AND MICHELLE,
Thank you for all of the time and love you have given to the
Pelham Jewish Center.
Your devotion to our congregation has helped create a warm
and supportive home for us. With gratitude,

-Liz Tzezto and David Ploski



Sustainers

Kol HaKavod to
All of the Most Deserving Honorees.
Thank you!

Evelyn & Gary Trachten

Congratulations to all the honorees!
Thank you for all that you do for the PJC
community!

Karen Dukess and Steve Liesman

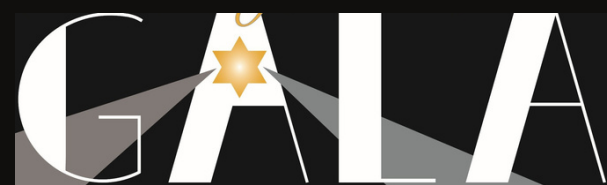


Promoters

RONNIE AND SPENCER BARBACK
CONGRATULATE ALL THE HONOREES.

Our synagogue would not be the warm,
welcoming and just a good feeling place-to-
be without YOU.

MAZEL TOV!



Benefactors

Congratulations to the 2025 Gala Honorees
--pillars of the PJC--
for their selfless dedication to our community
and to all those in need.

We are in awe of your commitment to Tikkun Olam,
which you exemplify in word and action.

Michael & Donna Weissman



Tali and I are overjoyed that the PJC is honoring Larry and Diane Cohen,
Michelle and Michael Dvorkin, and Beth Yelsey.

These extraordinary individuals have shaped the Pelham Jewish Center with humility, strength, and unwavering devotion. They are the kind of leaders who don't seek the spotlight, just the next task that needs doing, the next person who needs care, the next idea that will strengthen our community.

I had the privilege of working with Larry during his presidency and respected his leadership and wisdom. I already had deep affection for him and Diane, and of course for Daniel and Erin too, but his time as president enabled me to learn directly from him. Larry brought common-sense and steadiness to moments of growth and change, and he was never flustered by the challenges we inevitably faced. Diane has a magnificent eye and helped ensure that the aesthetics of our religious spaces reflected the ethos of the shul and our shared vision for spiritual life, among the many things that Diane did for the PJC.

Beth's impact was felt across the next generation, from High Holiday youth programs to membership outreach to helping us build a youth culture that was serious and spirited. I also cherished building relationships with Beth and Neil's children, Ben, Lisa, and David.

Michelle taught me how to hire people well, a skill that has proved invaluable in my growth as a rabbi. Her voice on the board was always coherent, to the point, and full of insight. And while I was at the PJC, Michael was leading our social action efforts, always urging us to do more acts of chesed and creating opportunities for healing in the world. I loved talking baseball (boo Mets!) with him and spending time with their daughters, Alana and Lynn (who are still just little kids, right?).

I had the privilege of serving as rabbi alongside each of them, and from each I learned what it truly means to lead a Jewish community with heart, with hands, with love for Israel, and deep love for the shul. Some of the most meaningful years of my rabbinate were spent growing with them, building with them, and calling them friends.

We wish the whole community mazal tov and many more years of vibrancy as the PJC thrives, and we hope the honorees will feel admired and respected by the community on this special evening.

David Schuck and Tali Aldouby-Schuck



Dear Honorees,

We extend our sincere gratitude for your contributions and dedication. Your involvement in so many synagogue activities has benefited our community immeasurably.

- David Haft and Jacqueline Schachter

Congratulations to all the Honorees, with a special shout-out for Beth Yelsey who has been such a good friend to Dana and me over the years! Mazel tov and thank you for the hard work of all of you!

-Jacqueline Stein



Congratulations to the Honorees
Thank you for everything you do for our Pelham
Jewish Center.

-Laura and Sam Temes

Mazal Tov!
Thank you for putting your hearts
into all you do.

-Maria Abeshouse



To my dearest niece, Beth Yelsey

We are so proud of the work you do to help your synagogue.

You are carrying on your parents' legacy.

Love, Uncle Bobby, Dona and the Scharmett Family

Congratulations to all our honorees!

Aren't we lucky that the PJC has such a deep bench!

With great admiration for all of you,

Frederica and Efrem Sigel



Congratulations to each of the honorees.

Every synagogue needs only a few of its members to run everything. Most choose to have the benefits without the work. We congratulate each of you for stepping up and leaping in.

To do this successfully requires time and effort that are scarce. And each of you pushed those considerations aside to provide everyone else with a more meaningful experience.

Thank you from the depths of our heart for your dedication and work that makes the PJC the wonderful community it continues to be.

-Joel and Shelli Peck

Congratulations to the wonderful, deserving honorees!

With love,

Jack Klebanow and Marcela Hoffer



Congratulations and best wishes to Larry and Diane Cohen as honorees of the Pelham Jewish Center.

Their efforts and dedication to the PJC over the years is nothing less than remarkable and continues to leave an everlasting impact on the synagogue and its congregation. Their compassionate participation and supportive endeavors have enriched so many in the community.

Kudos to Larry and Diane and their commitment!

Keep up the good work!

- Margo and Larry Fink

Congratulations to our honorees!

Thank you for making the PJC such a vibrant and welcoming community!

-Rebecca and Matthew Schwarz

Dear Larry, Diane, Beth, Michelle and Michael,

We can feel the love emanating from your hearts and souls through all of your contributions to the Pelham Jewish Center. Mazal tov for being honored and thank you for your dedication to making the PJC the special place it is!

Love, Jeremy, Sari, Daviel & Mira

Thank you for all your wonderful contributions!

Looking forward to seeing what we do next.

With Love, Emily & Justin Pauley

Congratulations to the PJC Honorees

-Rhonda Singer

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Mazal Tov Beth.

You are the quintessential volunteer, a true professional.
You have many talents that you share generously. We are
so proud of your work and are thrilled to join you this
evening.

Our parents would be so proud.

Love, your sisters, Rachel and Judy



Mazel Tov, Mom!

We're overjoyed to be honoring all the amazing work you've done at the PJC!
The devoted volunteering you've done for so many years is an inspiration,
and we're so proud to be celebrating you.

We love you!

Your children (Ben Lisa and David) daughter in law (Paula) and grandchildren (Galen and Rayna)

GALA Family / Friends

We wanted to express our deepest gratitude for Beth's kindness when we both came down with Covid last year at the same time (we'd made it through 4 years of Covid, but it finally found us!). Beth's thoughtful gesture of organizing a "meal train" was such a lifeline and a great help to us. Not having to worry about cooking, especially when we were feeling our lousiest, was an enormous relief. It allowed us to focus on resting and recovering without that added burden. And everything was delicious!

(PJC has some great cooks!)

Beyond the wonderful meals, we also want to acknowledge how much we appreciated Beth ensuring we received calls and check-ins from PJC and the community. Knowing we were in people's thoughts and having that contact was very comforting and helped allay some anxieties.

The meals and the calls made a challenging period so much easier to navigate.

Thank you, Beth, for all you do for others in your quiet, modest way.

To the supportive members of the PJC. We all appreciate you!

With heartfelt thanks,
Florence Grossman and Sarah Grossman



Congratulations to my wonderful brother and sister-in-law. The love and support they show their family and community cannot be matched!

MUCH LOVE, Cindy Cohen and Debbie Birnbaum



I am so proud to make this donation in honor of my Uncle Larry and Aunt Diane. To me, they embody true generosity and strength—showing up for their family, friends, and community with open hearts and unwavering commitment. I love you both deeply and am so proud to see you honored in this meaningful way.

Love Always,
- Robin Birnbaum

Congratulations Larry and Diane Cohen
Best Wishes, Philip Axelrod

Congratulations Larry and Diane.
You guys are great role models!
- Patricia and Art Antin



I am very proud of Larry and Diane. Their hearts and homes are always open to everyone. I love you both very much. I know your father is watching down on you both and he would be very proud, as I am. – Mom (Lee Cohen)



Diane and Larry,

You both play important roles in our lives—our beloved Mom, Dad, Auntie, Uncle, and Cousins. And your commitment to family and community is evident through your contributions to the PJC. Congratulations on your well deserved honor!

We are deeply proud of you. In celebration and with love,

Daniel & Nicole, Erin & Will, William & Alan, Shana & Q

Congratulations on your well-deserved honor and contributions to your PJC community

– Paula Soares Traldi



GALA Family / Friends

Mazal Tov to the Honorees!

Hosts: Andrea and Peter Rothberg

Hosts: Joel and Shelli G. Peck

Host: Sybil Rosenberg

Hosts: Rebecca and Matt Schwarz

Hosts: Mike Bowen, Judy Shampianier

Hosts Maria and Eugene Lief



Many thanks to the honorees for all that you do for the PJC.

 Amy Hersh, Dan Rubock 

 Susan Davis and Minno Mariottini 

 Sue Simpson, Steve Handelman 

 Melanie and David Samuels 

 Alexandra and Sam Charney 

 Janice Goldklang, Dan Kushnick 

 Gabrielle and David Sasson 

 Melanie Stern, Zach Ehrenreich 

Many thanks to the honorees for all that
you do for the PJC.

Michael & Alexy Scholl Teitelbaum

Claudia and Darren Lee

Shelley and Fred Klein

Marcelo Nacht & Cheryl Goldstein

Mark & Linda Levine

Tracie and Jason Cohen

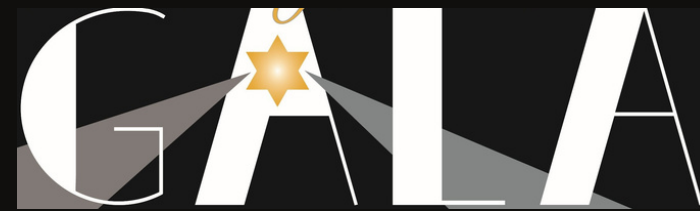
Mitchell & Julie Cepler

Doris Patt Smith

Ana & Neco Turkienicz

Kathy Tchorni





Religion creates community, community creates altruism and altruism turns us away from self and towards the common good... There is something about the tenor of relationships within a religious community that makes it the best tutorial in citizenship and good neighborliness.

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks



Thank You!

The Gala Committee: Marjut Herzog, Kathy Tchori, Barbara Saunders Adams, Rebecca Schwarz, Liz Tzetzso, David Ploski, Jessica Winkvist, Chris Winkvist, Sandra Goldman, Hildy Martin, Maria Abeshouse



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