BETH SHALOM VOLUNTEER AWARDS

MAZAL TOV TO OUR HONOREES!

Lester A. Hamburg Member of the Year Award
HELEN & RICHARD FEDER

Nathan E. Snader Distinguished Service Award
TODD RASCOE

Ethel & Bernard Halpern Young Leadership Award
JESSICA HAMMER

Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle Volunteer of the Year Award
JONATHAN WEINKLE

Youth Member of the Year Award
BENJI HIMMEL & ELANA KOLKO

Staff Member of the Year Award
DALE CAPRARA

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A simple thank you does not begin to express our deep appreciation for your many years of service and the countless hours spent dedicated to Congregation Beth Shalom and the greater Pittsburgh Jewish community.

Our congregational family salutes you for your dedication, leadership, and commitment. You promote the values of Judaism and *tikkun olam* in our daily lives. We are fortunate to have members such as you, who are the pillars of our congregation, and who set an example for future leaders. You are truly cherished here.

May you all continue to go from strength to strength as you join an esteemed circle of past honorees recorded in our Synagogue's history.

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We apologize for any accidental omissions or errors in the production of this program.

PROGRAM

Welcome	**Sandy Zaremberg**
Anthems	**Lisa Steindel**
D'var Torah	**Rabbi Seth Adelson**
Executive Committee Message	**Kate Rothstein**
Hamotzi	**Benji Himmel**
Presentation	**Lester A. Hamburg Member of the Year Award** **Presented to: Helen & Richard Feder** **Introduced by: Sabina Robinson and Joe Jolson**
	Nathan E. Snader Distinguished Service Award **Presented to: Todd Rascoe** **Introduced by: Shira and Amallia Rascoe; Accepted by Ariel Rascoe**
	Ethel & Bernard Halpern Young Leadership Award **Presented to: Jessica Hammer** **Introduced by: Chris Hall**
	Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle Volunteer of the Year Award **Presented to: Jonathan Weinkle** **Introduced by: Debi Gilboa**
	Youth Member of the Year Award **Presented to: Benji Himmel** **Introduced by: Marc Sender**
	Youth Member of the Year Award **Presented to: Elana Kolko** **Introduced by: Marissa Tait**
	Staff of the Year Award **Presented to: Dale Caprara** **Introduced by: Steve Schwartz**
Closing Remarks	**Sandy Zaremberg**
Birkat Hamazon	**Elana Kolko**

HATIKVAH

כֹּל עוֹד בַּלֵּבָב פְּנִימָה
נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה,
וּלְפַאֲתֵי מִזְרָח, קָדִימָה,
עַיִן לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה,
עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִקְוָתֵנוּ,
הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שְׁנוֹת אַלְפַּיִם,
לִהְיוֹת עַם חָפְשִׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ,
אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלָיִם.

Kol od balevav penimah
Nefesh Yehudi homiyah
Ulfa'atey mizrah kadimah
Ayin leTzion tzofiyah.

Od lo avdah tikvatenu
Hatikvah bat shenot alpayim:
Lihyot am hofshi be'artzenu
Eretz Tziyon viYerushalayim.

As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart,
With eyes turned toward the East, looking toward Zion,
Then our hope will not be lost — the two-thousand-year-old hope —
To be a free people in our land,
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see
by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled
banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?

LESTER A. HAMBURG MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HELEN & RICHARD FEDER

Helen and Richard Feder have been active members of Beth Shalom since they joined Beth Shalom in 1997.

Helen and Rich moved to Pittsburgh in 1980 from Cleveland. (They had lived in Pittsburgh before moving to Cleveland.) Helen has worked as a computer software developer for the past 40 years and currently is a Principal Systems Software Engineer at Carnegie Mellon University. Rich is semi-retired after working for over 25 years at the Port Authority as Director of Planning and now teaches as an adjunct at both Carnegie Mellon University and University of Pittsburgh in the area of Transportation and Community Planning. Helen and Rich have two wonderful daughters, Jennifer and Emily and son-in-law, Aaron Bobb (married to Jennifer) and three beautiful granddaughters, Rena, Ella and Naomi (ages 6, 3, and 10 months). Two of Helen's three sisters, Margaret Angel and Barbara Feuer and their families also live in Pittsburgh and are active in the Jewish community.

Rich has been active on several committees over the years at Beth Shalom. Most recently he has volunteered with the Solar Committee and has helped work with the coordination on the grant for that project and selection of contractors for the roof replacement and solar installation. In addition, Rich has been active with the Chesed committee for several years. He is a regular attendee at weekly study sessions at Beth Shalom and weekday evening services. Rich also actively volunteers in the general community.

Helen has served as Sisterhood president, officer, and board member, and is currently the treasurer of Sisterhood. She has served on several nominating committees for the congregation
as well as on the search committee for a transitional Rabbi after Rabbi Werbow left. Helen was an active member of the Library Minyan and served as the Torah reading coordinator for many years. Helen and Rich continue to periodically read Torah at services.

Prior to the pandemic, Rich and Helen regularly led the Wednesday evening minyan at Beth Shalom, and both have helped lead services on Shabbat and weekdays.

LESTER A. HAMBURG MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

PAST HONOREES

Bruce Rollman	2019
Lisa Steindel	2018
Mindy J. Shreve	2017
Ronna and Dan Askin	2016
Nancy Zionts	2015
Stephen Neustein	2014
Dorita Krifcher	2013
Judy Kornblith Kobell	2012
Julian Elbling	2011
Marlene Behrmann Cohen	2010
Paul Shapiro and Michael Samuels	2009
Natalie Rosenbloom	2008
Gerald Kobell	2007
Harvey Robins	2006
Sanford Zaremberg	2005
Shirley Zionts	2004
Norma Kirkell Sobel*	2003
Yale Rosenstein	2002
Arnold H. Lazarus*	2001
David Graff*	2000
Ethel Helfant Feldman*	1999
Milton Eisner* and Harriet Kruman	1998

*Of Blessed Memory

NATHAN E. SNADER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

TODD RASCOE

Todd grew up in Pittsburgh and has had a life-long commitment to the Conservative movement. Todd and his wife Batia became members of Beth Shalom when he moved back to the United States in 1995, and has been devoted to the schul ever since. Every Saturday, Todd could be seen at service with his children, Shira, Ariel, and Amallia. He has joyously led services, has read Torah, and has brought seasonally appropriate tunes to the congregation. He has been blessed to celebrate many life cycle moments – a baby naming, b'nai mitzvah, children's USY elections, and an aufruf – with his CBS family. Todd has brought his business and organizational expertise to give back to Beth Shalom for years as a Board Member, Finance VP on the Executive Committee, and the JJEP Chairperson. In the wider Pittsburgh Jewish community, Todd dedicated himself as a member of the Federation's Community Relations Council Steering Committee and as a Board Member and Technology Chair for Community Day School. He has also worked tirelessly to connect Pittsburgh and Israeli communities. He lived there, married there, worked for an Israeli software firm, and visited yearly with his family. Being part of both communities, he has brought experiences and knowledge to his roles as the Israel Programming Chair and Israel Teen Program Scholarships Chair at the Federation and as the President of Bnai Zion.

NATHAN E. SNADER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

PAST HONOREES

Ira Frank 2019
Judith Kadosh 2018
Lidush Goldschmidt 2017
Dee Selekman 2016
Sheldon Catz 2015
Gerald Kobell 2014
Moshe Baran 2013
Ann Gould*..... 2012
Helen Feder 2011
Sondra Izenson Glasser 2010
Jan Levinson..... 2009
Ruth Fauman-Fichman 2008
Dorothy Greenfield 2007
Bernice Meyers 2006
Ellen Gordon Spatt* 2005
Stanley Maharam 2004
Marlene Silverman 2003
Gloria Elbling Gottlieb 2002
Alex Kiderman 2001
Bunny Morris 2000
Ida Bluestone* 1999
Sophie Goldman* 1998
Irving Elbling* 1997
Ruth Ganz Fargotstein* 1996
Sarita Eisner 1995
Bernice Elinoff* 1994
Ruth Foreman* 1993
Jules Kruman* 1992
Chelle Rosenfeld* 1991
Ida Rubenstein* 1990
Milton Weiss* 1989
Sidney Blitz* 1988
Ruth Zaremberg* 1987
Isadore Berkowitz* 1986
Ernest Nachman* 1985
David Lichter* 1984

*Of Blessed Memory

ETHEL & BERNARD HALPERN YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

JESSICA HAMMER

Jessica Hammer is the Thomas and Lydia Moran Assistant Professor of Learning Science, jointly appointed in the HCI Institute and the Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University. She has been named a World Economic Forum Young Scientist, received an Okawa Award, and participated in Project Horseshoe. She won Carnegie Mellon's Teaching Innovation Award in 2018. She is also an award-winning game designer, including winning the national Shape of Health competition in 2019 with her game Frolic.

During her time at Beth Shalom, Jessica has assisted with the strategic planning process, chaired the Membership committee, led High Holiday services, led workshops, and more. She is incredibly grateful to Beth Shalom for providing an environment where she can be fully and seriously Jewish, and for providing such a wonderful environment for her daughter Ada to grow up in.

ETHEL & BERNARD HALPERN YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

PAST HONOREES

Shoshanna Barnett 2019
Kate Rothstein..... 2018
Chris Hall 2017
Jennifer Murtazashvili 2016
Debby Gillman 2015
Aviva Lubowsky 2014
Dana Himmel 2013
Steve P. Albert 2012
Joel Greenhouse 2011
Jonathan Weinkle 2010
Judith Kadosh 2009
Nancy Zionts 2008
Lisa Schlar 2007
Steven Berger 2006
Carol Beth Yoffee 2005
Anna Wecht 2004
Sharon Dobkin 2003
Louis Plung 2002
Peggy Kundin 2001
Sally Levenson 2001
Elaine Beck 2000
Robert Rubinoff 1999
Barbara Oleinick 1998
Lois Kopolow 1997
Stanley Maharam 1996
Ira Frank 1995
Neila Bendas 1994
Ann Davis 1993
Shelly Sher 1992
Sanford Zaremberg 1991
Steven and Lynn Hecht 1990
Steven Cohen 1989
Elinor Zaremberg 1988
Carol Lederer 1987
Natalie Rosenbloom 1986
Reva Neiman 1985
Leslie Itskowitz 1984
David Rosenbloom* 1983
Iris and Edwin Smith 1982
Robert Morrow 1981
Nadine Sales 1980
Judy Palkovitz..... 1979
Arthur Sales 1978
Lonnie Wolf 1977

*Of Blessed Memory

PITTSBURGH JEWISH CHRONICLE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

JONATHAN WEINKLE

Jonathan Weinkle became a doctor because family and friends kept telling him that being a rabbi was no kind of job for a nice Jewish boy. That didn't stop him, however, from continuing to love Jewish learning and lifting his voice in tefilah and Jewish song. Jonathan is a veteran of Tzaha'l, a former summer camp songleader, and a singer-songwriter who weaves subtle references to Yehuda HaLevi and Megillat Ruth into his lyrics. As a doctor he works in a Federally Qualified Health Center serving a primary care population ranging from the Lubavitch to the Lingala-speaking refugees from the Congo, and striving to treat all of them as human beings created in God's image; he has even written a book on the subject, and blogs about related issues for the Jewish Chronicle/Times of Israel. As an amateur chazzan, he has helped lead services in congregations in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Sarasota and Jerusalem, as well as small towns like Wheeling, WV and Meadville, PA. He has served Beth Shalom over the years as a b'nai Mitzvah tutor, religious services chair, member of committees ranging from nominating to interim Rabbi search to Coronavirus, frequent darshan, leyner and davener for Shabbat services. His proudest recent contribution was organizing the Scholar in Residence Weekend with Rabbi Jeffrey Schein and Dr. Deborah Schein this past January, just in the nick of time before the pandemic closed the shul. He is only able to do this because his wife Vita Nemirovsky and his sons Eitan, Akiva and Adi Weinkle allow him the time and space to do so, for which he is immensely grateful.

PITTSBURGH JEWISH CHRONICLE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

PAST HONOREES

Adam Kolko 2019
Tammy A. Hepps 2018
Steven M. Albert 2017
Joel Smalley 2016
Danny Rosen 2015
Bruce Rollman 2014
Ronna Harris Askin 2013
Robert Katz 2012
Elinor Young 2011
Cindy Goodman-Leib 2010
Lea E. Davidson* 2009
Sharon Schwartz 2008
Stephen Moritz 2007
Howard Valinsky 2006
Gary Goldberg 2005
Alan Kopolow 2004
Stephen Neustein 2003
Sandy Oker 2002
Jean Reznick 2001
Alex Kiderman 2000
Lynne Robins* 1999
George Stern* 1998
Ruth Foreman* 1997
Arnold Huttner* 1996
Ruth Ganz Fargotstein* 1995
Judy Palkovitz 1994

*Of Blessed Memory

YOUTH MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

BENJI HIMMEL

Benji has grown up at Beth Shalom from preschool to Bar Mitzvah to the BSUSY board. He is currently the regional President of Central Region USY, as well as one of the international NOAM Olami Education Coordinators. Benji is also involved with The Second Floor, StandWithUS, and AIPAC. He attended Alexander Muss High School in Israel as a sophomore for two months, which strengthened his love for Israel and his community. Benji is a senior currently at Allderdice High School.

ELANA KOLKO

Elana Kolko started her Jewish journey in Kindergarten at Community Day School. During those years she spent numerous summers at camp Ramah in Canada. She currently attends Pittsburgh Taylor Allderdice where she's on the Volleyball team and played in the Concert Band. She had been an active member in Beth Shalom USY as well as her region, CRUSY. This past summer she participated in Hadar's Teen Davening Fellowship. She has a sister Dalia Kolko who's a 10th grader at Allderdice, and is the proud daughter of Eydie and Adam Kolko.

STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

DALE CAPRARA

Dale is a Pittsburgh 'lifer' growing up in Forest Hills and graduating from Churchill (now Woodland Hills) High School. He attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania earning his BS degree in Accounting in 1982. After a brief stint in restaurant management Dale moved on to be the Assistant Golf Professional at Edgewood Country Club, where he met his wife Lisa. Dale earned his class A-8 professional status in March, 1989.From there Dale changed his career path to Accounting, accepting a position at the Materials Research Society. Eleven years later he moved to the for-profit world working for Ed Berman at Allied Electric Supply Company. When Allied was sold Dale moved on to The George Delallo Food Company before eventually landing at Beth Shalom in July, 2004. Dale and Lisa reside in Monroeville and will be married for 31 years this December. They have two children who both live locally; Courtney (27) and Alex (25).

BETH SHALOM VOLUNTEER AWARDS BRUNCH

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