

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

In Honor of

Rabbi Samuel Kastel

Dan Glassman

Dr. Lori Weintrob

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Case Statement

Out of the tragedy of the Holocaust, the survivors chose to preserve and continue their rich Jewish heritage and traditions. Today, the second and third generation families of the survivors flourish, living full Jewish lives. These families, along with those who work to ensure that our history is not forgotten, serve as a testament to those who are no longer with us. It is our hope that you continue to pass down our rich Jewish heritage to the next generation so that our light unto this world is NEVER extinguished! May HaShem bless you all.



Sandy Conrad, President

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun



Welcome everyone and thank you for being with us today and supporting Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. We remember and commemorate Kristallnacht 83 years ago when the world watched and became part of the madness that almost destroyed it. It is also an opportunity to celebrate our survival and the good work done on behalf of peace and remembrance. Certainly our honorees today, Rabbi Sam Kastel, Dan Glassman and Dr. Lori Weintrob exemplify the commitment of today's generation, be it 2nd, 3rd or now 4th generation of survivors of the Holocaust. They have a story to remember and tell.

Rabbi Sam Kastel has been the Rabbi at CBJ for 10 years now and has been a steady presence imparting his love of Judaism and learning. His kindness and involvement as our Rabbi and his ongoing work as a hospice counselor for those at the end of their lives serves as a model to us all.

Dan Glassman has singlehandedly brought CBJ into the age of computers. Dan had a key role in ensuring that we were able to continue experiencing Shabbat and Yom Tov services and support each other as a community during the pandemic. He has also lent his skill and talents to other worthy organizations and continues to do so. The word "No" is not in his vocabulary.

Wagner College's Holocaust Center with Dr. Lori Weintrob as its driving force has taken the lead in teaching and inspiring the current generation thus ensuring that we and subsequent generations will not forget. Her programs are so interesting and well done. Always well attended, moving and timely she is an example of how one person's vision and talents can indeed make major changes.

So join me today in celebration and gratitude as a people and in honor of our honorees. I close with a quote from Psalm 133: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."



Honoree Bios





Rabbi Samuel Kastel (known as Rabbi Sam) for the past eight years has served as the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. As the son of well known Rabbi Kasriel Kastel, the program director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization, he had deep roots into the Lubavitch movement. Nachama, his mother, born in Shanghai, China (Daughter of Moshe Yehuda Blau and Chaya Hena Shochat), had fled Lithuania with her family just before the Nazi onslaught. They were able to survive through the heroic efforts of Chiune Sugihara's visas from the Mirrer Yeshiva where her father was a student.

Raised in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, Rabbi Sam's studies took him around the world from Brunoy, France to Melbourne and Sydney, Australia to Petropolis, Brazil. Through his global insight into the Jewish Diaspora it led to a departure from his Lubavitch centered childhood to the Conservative movement as a more representative outlet for his spiritual experience. The last eighteen years Rabbi Sam has been serving as a hospice spiritual counselor through The Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Rabbi Sam acknowledges his wife, Dora and the newest addition to their family, one year old Zahava, who inspire him in his spiritual work.





Dr. Lori Weintrob

Dr. Lori Weintrob is the founding director of the Wagner College Holocaust Center and Professor of History. She received her B.A. from Princeton University and her MA and PhD from the University Of California (UCLA).

Lori has connected over 5,000 youth in New York and New Jersey to Staten Island's Holocaust survivors. They learn lessons of empathy and courage in the face of rising anti-Semitism and hate. She is co-editor of *Beyond Bystanders: Educational Leadership for a Human Culture in a Globalizing Reality* (2017). Among other scholarly projects, she is co-chair of the international symposium to be held on June 15-16, 2022. *Heroines of the Holocaust: New Frameworks of Resistance*.

A 2019 Staten Island Woman of Achievement, Lori has also received awards for interfaith social justice from the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center and the Jewish Community Center.

Lori thanks her husband Phil for his support and is the proud mother of two daughters, Joelle and Sophia. [Click here to view events for Wagner College Holocaust Center](#)





Dan Glassman is a professional information technology leader. As a board member of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, he is utilizing his expertise as head of technology, working tirelessly fostering the Jewish community growth.

He is a technical advisor for the Wagner College Holocaust Center Advisory Committee. His family roots stem from his grandmother, Stefania Hecht, an Auschwitz survivor, and his uncle, Dr. Alex Hecht, who was instrumental in creating the Northern Transylvania Holocaust Museum. He continues to work for the Jewish Community Center and our Jewish community taking on new projects to promote Jewish learning. Dan was honored to receive awards from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and the Leadership and Community award from UJA-Federation.

Dan's wife, Jennifer, and their adorable children Zane, Kailey, Scott, and Dean bring such joy to every service they attend at CBJ.



Gold Tributes



One person's candle is a light for many

Dan Glassman
Rabbi Sam Kastel
Dr. Lori Weintrob

*Your candles burn
brightly in our community.*

~ Susan and Jack Bender



In honor of

Dan Glassman

Rabbi Samuel Kastel

Dr. Lori Weintrob

~ Murray Berman

We, Stefania Hecht (Danny's grandmother), Robert Hecht (Danny's uncle), Dr. Alex Hecht (Danny's uncle) and Elvira Glassman (Danny's mother) want to say how very proud of him we are!!!

Danny has chosen to not only apply his expertise to his job to support his beautiful family, but he is also working very hard to help his Jewish community. He always worked hard. At 14 years old he insisted that he wants to work in a grocery store. He then moved on and worked for many years in a Florist setting up and working on their computer so that they can sell gift baskets and flowers online. He was way ahead of the times of shopping online!!!

He then went to PACE University where his professors recognized his talents he became their computer lab professor's assistant. He was so needed that he hardly had time for his own classes. He felt he was more needed to help the students and the professors than himself. Just as he is doing now.

As can be seen it's not enough for him to work he has this internal need to help and be Part of our Jewish Community. Rabbi Sam from B'nai Jeshurun, Professor Lori Weintrob from Wagner College Holocaust Center, And the Jewish Community Center, I thank you for recognizing his talent and bringing him in to help you in your very important work.

Danny's heart is filled with happiness with the knowledge that his talents ARE very important to help the Jewish community. It's a win win situation. And thank you for recognizing his work at this amazing luncheon!!!

Danny we are so proud of you!!!! You are an amazing role model for your children!!!





Bronze Tributes






*Congratulations and
Kolha Kavod to*

Rabbi Sam
Dr. Lori Weintrob
Dan Glassman
for this honor, it is so well deserved.

Thank you all for making such a huge difference and
positive impact on Holocaust remembrance in our
community and beyond.

~ Marc, Seva, Maia and Andrew Konowitz





Congratulations to All Our Honorees!

*Rabbi
Sam*

It has been our pleasure to know you as our spiritual and educational leader for these past eight years.
YASHER KOACH!

*Dan
Glassman*

During the recent COVID pandemic you kept us connected and functioning due to your technical expertise and generosity of time.
WHAT WOULD WE HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU?

*Dr. Lori
Weintrob*

Your efforts to educate students and the community about the Holocaust is necessary and so admirable.
THE WORLD SHOULD NEVER FORGET!



Ruth and Iz Greenwald






In Loving Memory of

Sydney Rothstein

May 10, 1924 - October 14, 2021

With Appreciation to Rabbi Sam

~ Lynn and Paul Rothstein






Congratulations to

Rabbi Sam
Dr. Lori Weintrob
Dan Glassman

*~ from Marcia and
Dr. Stephen Kulick*





We congratulate



Dr. Lori Weintrob

for her inspiring commitment to Holocaust education to ensure the next generation learns the lessons of the Shoah.

We admire her dedication, passion and caring to better the community and beyond.



Love,
~ Mom and Dad, Phil, Joelle and
Sophia, Uncle Stanley and Aunt
Sondra and the entire family.





Tribute Messages



Congratulations to the honorees!

We applaud Dr. Lori Weintrob! She is a true visionary and we are proud of the important work that she does on campus and in the community on behalf of the Wagner College Holocaust Center.

With Best Wishes,

~ Wagner College Chai Society, Wagner College

~ Holocaust Center and Wagner College Hillel



In Appreciation for all the important work in
keeping the flame of memory alive and our
Jewish community strong

Mazel Tov to Dr. Lori Weintrob
and all of the honorees

~ Hillel at the College of Staten Island



Thank you to Rabbi Sam for his gift
of hospice spiritual care.

~ Lynn and Paul Rothstein



Congratulations

*To all our honorees whose tireless
efforts provide an inspiration to
our CBJ community*



Dr. Esther Grushkin

CENTER for ARTS + CULTURE

In honor of Dan Glassman, with thanks for so
expertly keeping our website updated.
Mazal tov to all of the honorees.

Remember the Women Institute
~ *Rochelle G. Saidel, PhD*
Founding Director



Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach on a well-deserved honor

Daniel Glassman
Rabbi Samuel Kastel
Dr. Lori Weintrob

Thank you for your dedication to the Jewish
Community of Staten Island

~Sharon and Joel Brimmer



Congratulations to

Rabbi Kastel
Dan Glassman
Dr. Lori Weintrob

for all of the great work you do for the
community. May you continue to be blessed
with good things!

COJO of Staten Island
~ *Mendy Mirocznik - President*
~ *Scott Maurer - CEO/Executive Vice President*



Wishing this year's honorees a hearty Mazel Tov.

Rabbi Sam Kastel, you are the heart and moral compass of CBJ.

Dan Glassman, you are the glue that held us together
throughout the pandemic.

Dr. Lori Weintrob, your work in Holocaust education is important
to combat the rising intolerance and prejudice in today's world.

Congratulations to these shining examples of Yiddishkeit.

Best Wishes,
~ *Tamar Owens and family*

Danny

Mazel Tov on this well deserved honor.

We are so proud of all the chesed you do on
behalf of the Jewish community.

May HaShem bless you with everything your
heart desires.

~ Donna, Yossie, and Family



Congratulations to

Rabbi Sam Kastel

Dan Glassman

Dr. Lori Weintrob

For all their dedication they do for CBJ

~ Eleanor and Stuart Zorfias



Congratulations to

Rabbi Kastel
Dan Glassman
Dr. Weintrob

~ *Shelly Blackman*



CONGRATULATIONS
and warm wishes to our CBJ honorees:
Rabbi Sam Kastel & Dan Glassman

On this well-deserved honor! We so
appreciate all you do for our shul! Your
dedication and hard work is an inspiration!

We would also like to extend a hearty
Congratulations to our Community Honoree:
Dr. Lori Weintrob

For her tireless work on behalf of the Jewish Community!
~ *Lenora and Mark Gillerman*

Our gratitude to...

Rabbi Sam Kastel
Dr. Lori Weintrob
Dan Glassman

For your contributions to our community.

Yasher Koach!
~ *Ruth and Myron Lasser*



Thank you and Congratulations to
Our Honorees

~ Jeff and Bonnie Rothman



Congratulations to

Rabbi Sam Kastel
Dan Glassman
Lori Weintrob

What a well-deserved honor to all of you!
Thank you for all you do for the Jewish Community
as Leaders, Educators and Builders.

Kol Hakavod!

~ Rob, Andrea and Ethan Schweitzer



***Mazel Tov to our friends Lori, Dan, and Rabbi Sam!
We are grateful for all you do to make Staten Island a
better place to live!***



Joan & Alan Bernikow
Jewish Community Center
of Staten Island

***Susan Sappin
President, Board of Directors***

***Orit Lender
Chief Executive Officer***

Pirkei Avot 2:16 says, "It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

Congratulations to our honorees Rabbi Samuel Kastel, Dan Glassman, and Dr. Lori Weintrob for your tireless work and dedication to further Jewish education for the future generations. Mazel Tov.

~ Arleen Klapper, Vickie Gimbelman, Arlene Rachman

Mazel Tov and Congratulations
on this well deserved honor

Rabbi Sam Kastel
Dan Glassman
Lori Weintrob

To carry one's Share
And to Rejoice in one's labor
This is the gift of God - Ecc. Chap. 5

~ Sandra and Michael Conrad



We want to thank Dr. Lori Weintrob for everything she
has done for our community!

We are so proud of her work with the Chai Society, the
Wagner community and all of Staten Island!

Keep up your incredible work!
You are an inspiration!

~ Victor and Kim Avis



Rabbi Sam Kastel
Dan Glassman
Dr. Lori Weintrob

ZACHOR

We must always remember, so we never forget!
In your own way, you have each contributed enormous
amounts of time and energy to ensure that we never forget!

May you forever be blessed with good health and the
strength to continue to impact the lives of the Staten
Island Community and beyond.

~ Joyce & Howard Lieb

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Reciprocal Results

Roy Moskowitz

&

Ann Price-Moskowitz

*Wish Mazel Tov to our Shul
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun*

&

Today's Honorees

Lori Weintrob

Rabbi Sam Kastel

&

Dan Glassman

Mazel Tov Danny on this well-deserved
recognition. We are so proud of you.

Love,
~ *Lisa and Iris and Families*



Greetings from Friends



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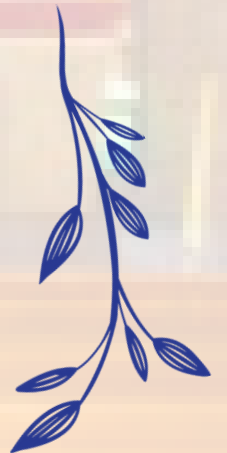
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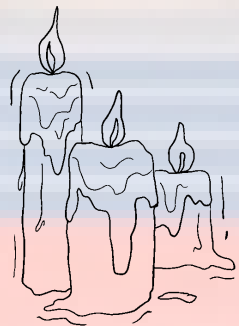
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Thank You

for all that you have done!



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