



*Pelham Jewish Center*

# GALA 2025

*Tribute Journal Honoring*

LARRY AND DIANE COHEN

BETH YELSEY

MICHAEL AND MICHELLE DVORKIN

You are invited to the

# *Pelham Jewish Center* GALA

Sunday, May 18

Honoring:  
Larry and Diane Cohen  
Beth Yelsey  
Michael and Michelle Dvorkin

5:30 pm Dinner at Congregant's Home  
or  
Small Plates at the PJC

7:30 pm Dessert/Reception at the PJC featuring  
the Mellow Fellows Band  
451 Esplanade  
Pelham Manor

To RSVP or make a donation:  
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## *Message from the Board*



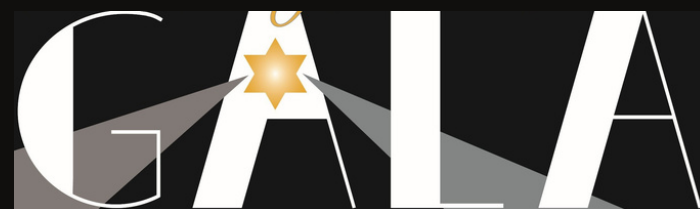


Yasher Koach for all the incredible contributions you have  
made to building and sustaining our amazing PJC  
community.

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

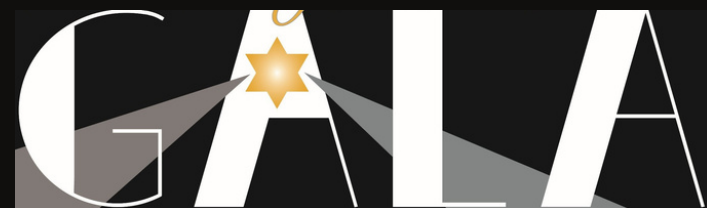
Best wishes,

The Radvany Family  
David, Jeanne, Rachel and Andy



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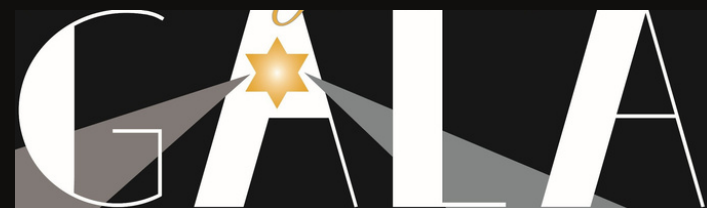


CONGRATULATIONS TO  
LARRY & DIANE COHEN, BETH YELSEY,  
MICHAEL & MICHELLE DVORKIN

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

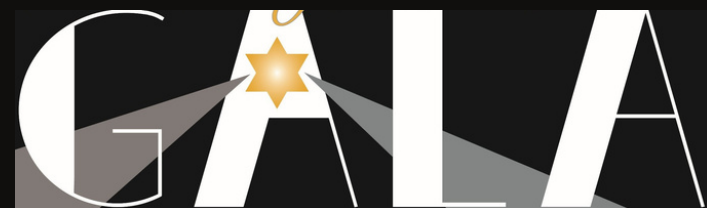
THANK YOU FOR BEING ALL THAT AND MORE TO  
THE PJC

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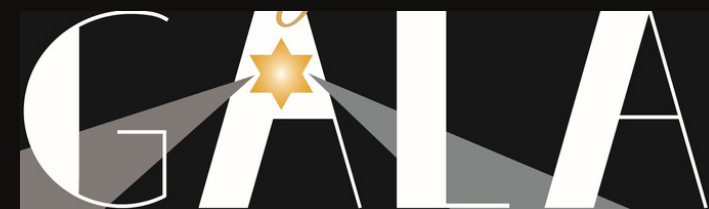


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Mazel tov to  
Larry, Diane, Beth, Michael, and Michelle:

Thank you for supporting our community  
with your great strength and spirit!

- Naomi and Marshall Jaffe



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**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.

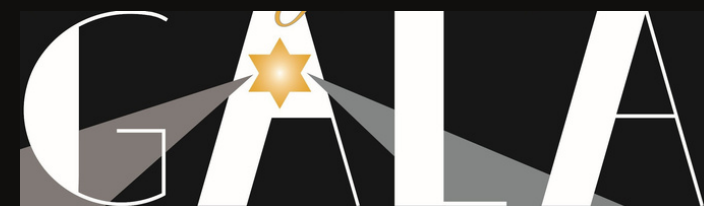
You've laughed with us, cried with us, and given us hugs when we needed them.

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

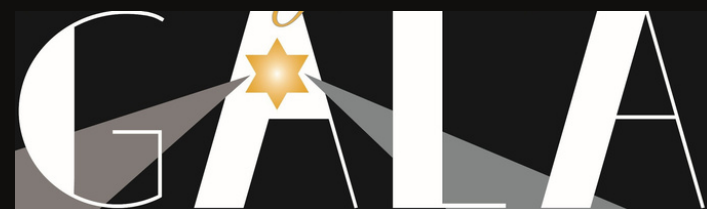


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Congratulations to this year's honorees,  
Larry and Diane Cohen, Beth Yelsey, and Michael and  
Michelle Dvorkin.

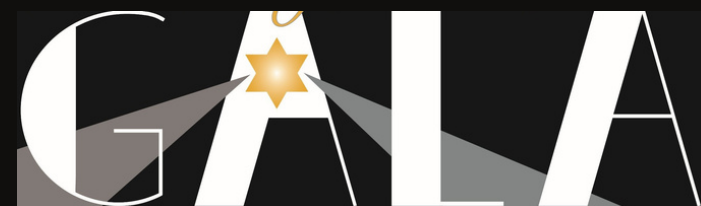
Thank you for your service to the PJC community.

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



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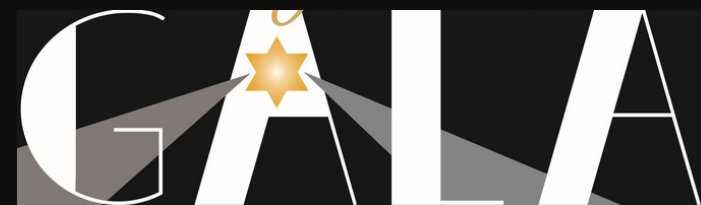
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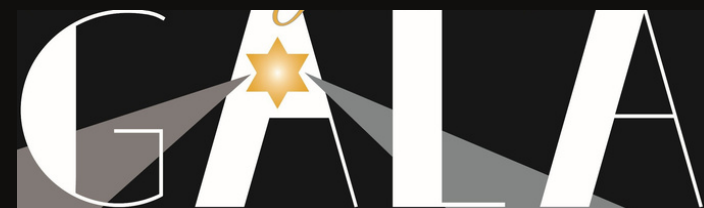
To Larry, Diane, Beth, Michael and Michelle,  
Thank you for keeping the bar high for all of us. Thank you  
for your continued inspiration. With gratitude and affection,

- Lisa and Andy Neubardt

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

- Adam & Jen Gerber



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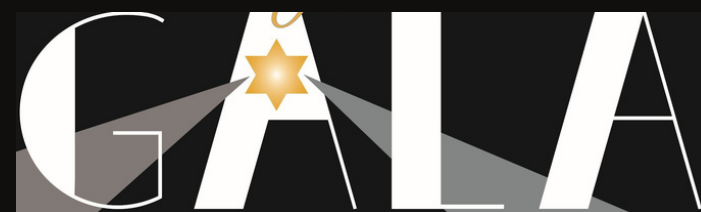
To Larry, Diane, Beth, Michael & Michelle,  
Thanks for all you do. The PJC would not be what it is  
today without your selfless dedication.

Fondly,  
Joel and Beth Serebransky

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

*-Beth and Neil Yelsey*



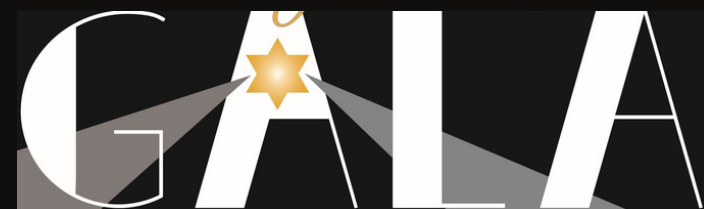
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*Kol HaKavod to  
All of the Most Deserving Honorees.  
Thank you!*

*-Evelyn & Gary Trachten*

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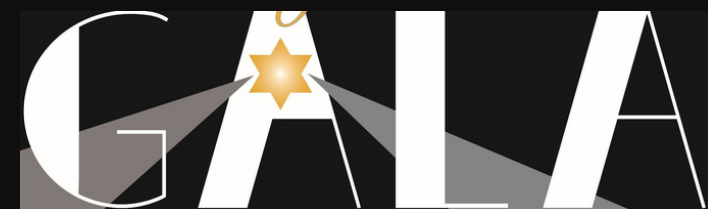


*Promoters*

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!

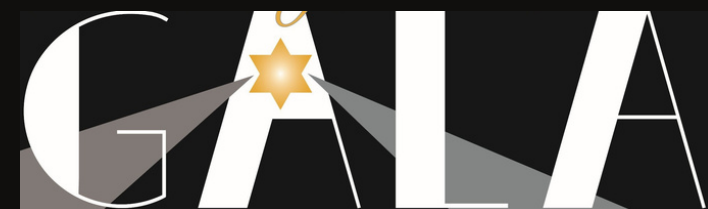


*Benefactors*

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



*Benefactors*



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. The PJC is so blessed with Rabbi Ben Resnick as your spiritual leader, a brilliant rabbi who is devoted to serving the community with sensitivity and humor. You could not be luckier.*

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

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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





*Contributors*



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

Their efforts and dedication to 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.

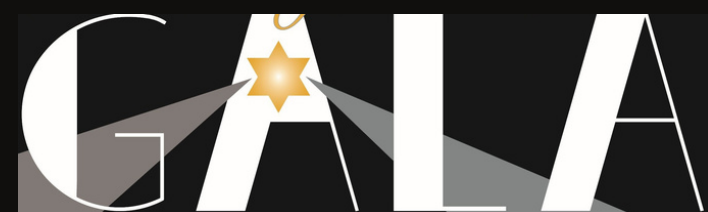
Kudos to Larry and Diane and their commitment!

Keep up the good work! - Margo and Larry Fink

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Maria Abeshouse





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Congratulations to our honorees!

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

-Rebecca and Matthew Schwarz

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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!

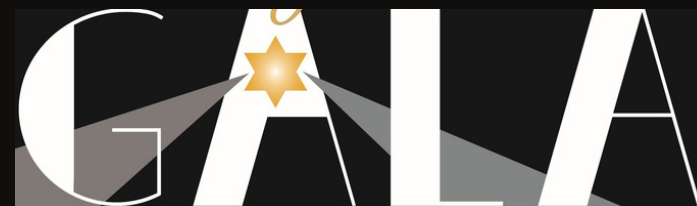
Love, Jeremy, Sari, Daviel & Mira

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Thank you for all your wonderful contributions!

Looking forward to seeing what we do next.

With Love, Emily & Justin Pauley



*Supporters*





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



**GALA** *Family / Friends*

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• Congratulations to the wonderful, deserving honorees!

With love,  
Jack and Marcela

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**GALA** *Family / Friends*



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

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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

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Congratulations Larry and Diane Cohen  
Best Wishes, Philip Axelrod

“Congratulations Larry and Diane.  
You guys are great role models!”

– Patricia and Art Antin

**GALA** *Family / Friends*





Diane and Larry,

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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

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**GALA** *Family / Friends*

• Congratulations to our honorees, and many  
• thanks for all that you do for the PJC.

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• Doris Patt Smith

• Amy Hersh, Dan Rubock

• Susan Davis and Minno Mariottini

• Sue Simpson, Steve Handelman

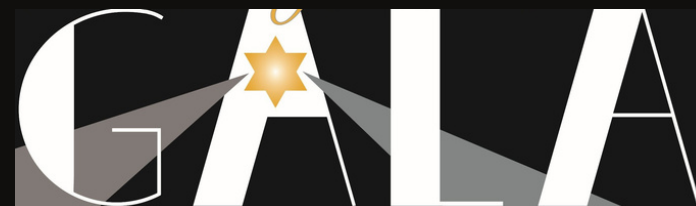
• Melanie and David Samuels

• Alexandra and Sam Charney

• Janice Goldklang, Dan Kushnick

• Gabrielle and David Sasson

• Melanie Stern, Zach Ehrenreich





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• thanks for all that you do for the PJC. •

• Michael & Alexy Scholl Teitelbaum •

• Claudia and Darren Lee •

• Shelley and Fred Klein •

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• Mark & Linda Levine •

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• Maria and Eugene Lief •

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# Mazal Tov to the Honorees!

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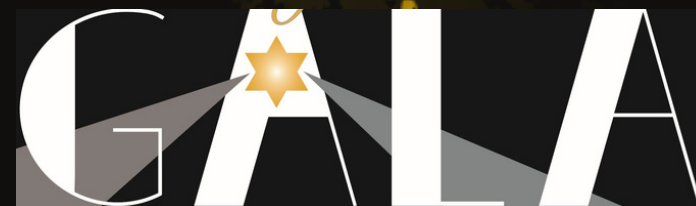
		
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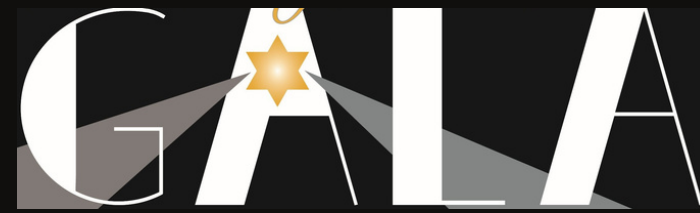
		
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Religion creates community, community creates altruism and altruism turns us away from self and towards the common good... There is something about the tenor of relationships within a religious community that makes it the best tutorial in citizenship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

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

# Thank You!



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