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Please join us for our 70th Annual Honoree Celebration

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Parshat Terumah
March 4, 2017 / 6 Adar 5777

Ruth Berger
Jocelyn Krifcher
Bashi Packer
Community Builder Awards

Jonathan Engler
Member of the Year

Jacob Glassman
Teen Leadership Award

8:45 am
Shabbat davening
and presentation
to honorees followed by
a community kiddush

12:30 pm
Shabbat lunch
(reservations required,
babysitting available)

RSVP by February 21, 2017

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70th

Sapphire Anniversary Celebration



Ruth Berger

Community Builder Award

Ruth has been a member of Beth Sholom for over twenty years and cannot say enough about how blessed she is to be part of what feels like an extended family. For the past five years she has taught a fun class at Beth Sholom, designed to explore the meaning and magic of the Siddur, Chumash, and Tanach through familiarity with the workings of the Hebrew language. In consultation with Rabbi Antine and Maharat Fruchter, she is excited to be teaching a new adult Hebrew Literacy Class for beginners as well as for those who would simply like to brush up on their Hebrew reading skills. Together with Gayle Nadler, Ruth was responsible recently for compiling a booklet of Additional Blessings and Prayers that are printed in Hebrew, English, and a transliterated Hebrew so as to make them accessible to as many congregants as possible. Ruth is a certified clinical therapist and works at the Jewish Social Service Agency. However, she considers her most valuable contribution to our Jewish community to be her daughter and son-in-law, Jocelyn and Danny Krifcher, and their four extraordinary children — Alon, Galit, Yael, and Avital.



Jocelyn Krifcher

Community Builder Award

Jocelyn is a seasoned community volunteer and activist. Nationally, she is on the boards of the Jewish Federations of North America, Israel Action Network, Prizmah Center for Jewish Day Schools, and AIPAC's National Council. In Washington, Jocelyn has held many leadership positions at the Federation, including Secretary, VP for Women's Philanthropy and for Israel and Overseas, and chair of the Endowment Fund's Grants Committee. She is on the Federation's Board of Directors, Campaign Cabinet, and is a trustee of the Endowment Fund. She is on AIPAC's Washington Council, and serves on the Boards of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and Sunflower Café. She is also a co-founder of Operation Embrace and a Wexner Heritage Fellow. Jocelyn has received numerous awards in recognition of her service to the community, including the Jack Kay Campaigner of the Year award from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, and the Community Leadership Award from the Jewish Community Relations Council. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Hebrew University, Jerusalem and a Master's degree from Brandeis University. Jocelyn and her husband Danny have been members of Beth Sholom since 1994 and are the proud parents of Alon, Galit, Yael, and Avital.



Bashi Packer

Community Builder Award

Bashi moved to Potomac from Philadelphia in 1990. She and Roger have been loyal members of Beth Sholom for 26 years. In her early years at the shul, Bashi was on the board, and introduced birthday kiddushes, old member/new member parties, and Purim Shpiels to the shul. A child of Holocaust survivors, Bashi is a volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, where she does research on victim histories. She also volunteers for Operation Embrace, ASIRT, Sunflower Bakery, Beth Sholom ECC, Bikur Cholim, and the Chevra Kadisha. In her past life, as a biomedical engineer, she worked in pharmaceutical R&D, and in bioinformatics at the NCI. She is a devoted wife to Roger, a proud mother to Zavi and Mike, a doting Bubby to Annie, David, and Ayelet, and a lifelong Cubs fan. Bashi greatly appreciates the openness and supportive nature of Beth Sholom and our community.



Jonathan Engler

Member of the Year

Jonathan has been a member of the Beth Sholom Board of Directors, and Chair of the Youth Committee, for the past three years. In partnership with the professional leadership and his colleagues on the Board and Youth Committee, Jonathan has been very involved in efforts to develop sustainable and inclusive youth programming at Beth Sholom for young people of all backgrounds. He is an international trade litigator, and the proud spouse of Beki Bahar-Engler and together they are proud parents of three children, Benjamin, Olga and Erez.



Jacob Glassman

Teen Leadership Award

Jacob is a senior at Churchill High School. He is a weekly layner and shaliach tzibur in the teen minyan and serves as gabbai for Shabbat mincha. This past year, Jacob tutored many bar mitzvah boys. He also created and led a tutor training session for teens interested in becoming b'nai mitzvah tutors. As a freshman and newcomer to the public school system, Jacob founded the Jewish Student Union. It has since become one of Churchill's largest and most vibrant clubs, attracting approximately 100 students to each meeting. Jacob will always consider Beth Sholom his home and is grateful to have grown up in such a warm and special community.