

# PILLARS of COMMUNITY

Parshat Terumah  
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Ruth Berger  
Jocelyn Krifcher  
Bashi Packer  
*Community Builder Awards*

Jonathan Engler  
*Member of the Year*

Jacob Glassman  
*Teen Leadership Award*



# 70<sup>th</sup>

Sapphire Anniversary Celebration



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### **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 RandD, 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.

Dear Friends,

This Shabbat is so exciting to us because it is all about community! This Shabbat is about five individuals who have stepped up throughout the years to make our community the strong, loving, and vibrant place that we all care for so deeply. It is also about the rest of us recognizing and honoring them for their leadership.

Here are some ways that we, from the clergy perspective, are particularly grateful to our honorees, in addition to all of the other things that they do for Beth Sholom and the broader community.

**Ruth** — We have so many in our shul whose lack of Hebrew knowledge makes it difficult for them to connect to our tefillah which is such an important part of what we do. Your Hebrew classes for congregants and converts are so vitally important in their lives. You don't only teach Hebrew--you teach people how to live meaningful Jewish lives through our holy language.

**Jocelyn** — We are trying to find a board of a community organization, that we believe in that you have not been on! You are a model of community service. You teach all of us that if you are passionate about an issue, it is not enough to talk. We have to act. Your deep love for Israel and the Jewish community shines through so much of your service and is a source of inspiration to all of us.

**Bashi** — You are a volunteer extraordinaire! You can always be counted on when people are in need. We are particularly touched by the way you support friends and community members during the shiva week and beyond. Your love and friendship goes beyond your inner circle as you are always one of the first to invite new members and make them part of your ever expanding network of friends and people that you care about.

**Jonathan** — Four years ago, for the first time in decades, our shul found itself with only one full time rabbi. We were particularly concerned that Youth Services would fall through the cracks. You made sure that this did not happen. You were a constant presence in the office. You offered guidance, developed programs and so much

more. You had the vision of bringing in a shlichah from Israel and you even travelled to Israel to meet with our wonderful shlichah Rena to ensure that the program happened! We are so indebted to you.

**Jacob** — Sometimes we have to remind ourselves that you are still in High School! You lein, lead davening and serve as Shabbat afternoon Gabbai. You were instrumental in creating our new teen-led B'nai Mitzvah tutoring program. You model to all of us what it means to deepen your Judaism while you are primarily in a secular school environment. So many of our younger kids love to lein and daven and have joined teen minyan because of you.

We also have so much gratitude for those who have worked so hard to ensure the success of our 70th Annual Honoree Celebration: Our Event Chairs, **Evelyn Marcus-Wheeler, Toni Waldman** and **Arnie Hiller**, have been amazing and have given so much of their time because they love our community so much.

*Acharon Acharon Chaviv* (We save the best for last...) — Thank you to our extraordinary office staff led by our new Executive Director Jessica Pelt. Jessica works so many hours each and every day for our community. She leads her amazing staff of Stevie Friedman, Aviva Kelsey, Pearl Bassan and Wendy Katz. Without our dedicated and committed staff, none of our events would be successful.

Finally, thank you to all of you for your very generous donations. We are personally grateful for your support.

In so much gratitude;

Rabbi Antine and Maharat Fruchter





Dear Friends,

For the last 70 years, Beth Sholom Congregation and Talmud Torah has celebrated its distinguished members. This year we have the good fortune to honor **Ruth Berger, Jocelyn Krifcher, Bashi Packer, Jonathan Engler** and **Jacob Glassman**. Each honoree is a pillar of our Beth Sholom Community. Each honoree does good for Beth Sholom and does good for the greater Jewish Community.

When we recognize our honorees, in a way, we recognize what makes the Beth Sholom Community special. We recognize that, as a community, we have created a place of worship, spirituality and personal growth dedicated to Jewish values. Our honorees help us showcase what we have built together.

This event could not have come together without the tireless efforts of so many people. Our event chairs, Arnie Hiller, Ev Marcus-Wheeler, and Toni Waldman have planned out every detail. They worried about menus, numbers, awards and logistics. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. Our staff, especially, Jessica Pelt, Stevie Friedman, and Aviva Kelsey have been wonderful making sure that all the plans and logistics come together. The host committee and all who contributed to either sponsor, participate in the program book, or participate in any way, have helped to make this event a success.

Over the years, the way we honor our Pillars of the community has changed. Years ago we had large banquets. Now we have a celebration that brings the entire community together, for the sake of our honorees and for the sake of Beth Sholom. While the style in which we celebrate may change over time, one thing does not. Our honorees represent the best of what Beth Sholom is. Our honorees represent the dedication and commitment to Judaism that defines Beth Sholom.

Mazal Tov to all our honorees. Thank you for everything you have done for our community and thank you for everything you will do. Thank you for helping us build a better Beth Sholom, and for standing as Pillars of Our Community.

David Felsen  
President



Dear Friends,

This Shabbat, as we celebrate Beth Sholom's 70th Annual Honoree Celebration, we recognize the actions of five community leaders. Each of the honorees is, in their own right, an amazing contributor to both the Beth Sholom family and the wider Jewish community. Each person exemplifies how dedication to community can make a substantive difference both in the lives of individuals as well as in the well-being of the community as a whole.

To each of **Ruth Berger, Jocelyn Krifcher, Bashi Packer, Jonathan Engler** and **Jacob Glassman** — Thank You! Thank you for the time you have given to Beth Sholom and the wider Jewish community. Thank You for the dedication you show to the tasks you undertake. Thank You for the example that you set for the rest of our community.

And to the Berger, Krifcher, Packer, Engler and Glassman families — we are also grateful for the contributions that you have made. We are grateful for the support that you've given Ruth, Jocelyn, Bashi, Jonathan and Jacob. We are grateful for your understanding for the time that each person has spent away from you. We know that, because of your support, our honorees are able to give so much of themselves to both Beth Sholom and the greater Jewish community.

Yasher Koach to our five Pillars of Community. To Ruth, Jocelyn, Bashi, Jonathan, and Jacob — I hope that you continue your involvement in Beth Sholom for many years to come. May you explore new areas of interest, push forward the projects that you believe are important and continue to be an example to everyone around you.

On a related note, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the event co-chairs, Arnie Hiller, Evelyn Marcus-Wheeler and Toni Waldman. Without the three of you, this Shabbat would not have happened. And a very special thank you to the office staff. Thank you to Stevie Friedman, Aviva Kelsey, Wendy Katz and Pearl Bassan. You are the shul's behind-the-scenes force. You are the ones who keep things moving. Thank You.

Jessica Pelt  
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 70th Annual Honoree Celebration; it is our Sapphire Anniversary and we are pleased to pay tribute to five amazing people: **Ruth Berger, Jocelyn Krifcher** and **Bashi Packer** with our Community Builder Award; Jonathan Engler with our Member of the Year Award; and Jacob Glassman with our Teen Leadership Award. All five of the honorees have provided so much to our Shul and to our Community much of which goes unnoticed, but not unappreciated.

Thank you to each one of our honorees, and their families who continue to support the hard work, the commitment of time, and their dedication to making Beth Sholom a wonderful community.

An event like this does not happen without individuals generously contributing their time and talent, and we are especially grateful to the many folks who helped us as we planned and organized the event.

- Jessica, Stevie, Aviva, Wendy, Pearl and the office staff who faithfully assisted with all the details ensuring that no item was forgotten.
- Junior Ortiz and the rest of the maintenance staff (Julio, Ricardo, Marco, Santos and Sylvia) worked tirelessly to prepare for this event. We appreciate their efforts today and always.
- Gideon Sasson, Betsy Goldfeder and Carmel Caterers staff, whose professional approach to preparing for this event has made the planning a breeze!
- Gamliel Kronemer who worked with Potomac Wine and Spirits for our wine pairings.
- Ken Falk whose design skills and good humor allowed us to “look good” through our invitations, poster, and program journal.
- Julie Skolnick who contributed her flair to the lunch’s décor.
- The Committee members who helped throughout the past couple of months and who undertook whatever task given and saw it through to completion.
- Those unnamed in the program, who shared their experience and expertise as we worked through a myriad of details.  
Todah Rabba!

Finally, to each of you who supported this event and Beth Sholom today and throughout the year, we are grateful to you for your contributions. Together, we can continue to build the Beth Sholom community.

Shabbat shalom,

Arnie Hiller, Evelyn Marcus-Wheeler and Toni Waldman

# PILLARS of COMMUNITY

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March 4, 2017

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to everyone attending Beth Sholom's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Honoree Celebration. This is an auspicious occasion, and I am proud to join you in recognizing tonight's honorees: Ruth Berger, Jocelyn Krifcher, Bashi Packer, Jonathan Engler, and Jacob Glassman.

For more than a hundred years, the congregation now known as Beth Sholom has faithfully served the Jewish community. First in Washington, DC and later moving to Montgomery County, your congregation has provided a welcoming place for prayer, study, and activities for all ages. In particular, your commitment to early education has made an important difference in helping to instill an early love and appreciation for Jewish culture, history, and tradition in the youngest members of the congregation.

In difficult times, people often turn to their places of worship for help and guidance. At Beth Sholom, your initiatives to assist fellow congregants and efforts to give back to those in need, in keeping with the traditional Jewish value of *tzedakah*, are truly inspiring. On this special occasion, I applaud the long and proud history of Beth Sholom Congregation and thank all of you for what you have done for others.

Congratulations to all of tonight's honorees, whose contributions to the Beth Sholom community and in service to the faithful are worthy of the highest praise. *Mazel tov* and best wishes for a joyful celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Cardin".

Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator



**Chris Van Hollen**  
U.S. Senator

March 4, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to wish a hearty *MAZAL TOV!* to this year's Pillars of Community.

Beth Sholom is known for being a caring and compassionate community. Its members are close-knit, always there for each other and engaged together in worship and during both joyous and sad times. Its members take their obligations of *tikkun olam* seriously and are engaged in critically important causes throughout the community both locally and globally.

To Ruth, Bashi, Jonathan and Jacob -- you are exemplars of what makes Beth Sholom such a special community. You have each been involved in activities within the shul, within our local community, and in Israel. You have made a difference in countless lives through your good works.

A special shout-out to Jocelyn, who has been my advisor, my confidant and, most importantly, my friend for so many years. I take special pride in your being selected for this honor.

To all the Pillars and to the Beth Sholom community -- thank you for all you do to touch the lives of others. May you each continue to go from strength to strength!

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator



LARRY HOGAN  
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March 4, 2017  
70<sup>th</sup> Annual Honoree Celebration  
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**A Message from Governor Larry Hogan**

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honoree Celebration hosted by the Beth Sholom Congregation! I am honored to provide this message to you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's honorees: Ruth Berger (Community Builder Award); Jocelyn Krifcher (Community Builder Award); Bashi Packer (Community Builder Award); Jonathan Engler (Member of the Year); and Jacob Glassman (Teen Leadership Award). As Governor, I commend each of these individuals for their service to our communities. They are examples to the rest of us, and I am convinced that the results of their work will be felt for years to come.

Again, I welcome you to this event, express my gratitude to all those who made it possible, and offer each of you my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan  
Governor



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March 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

I would like to wish you a fulfilling and inspiring 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Honoree Celebration, Pillars of Community. Our district is fortunate to have a vibrant and active Jewish community dedicated to empowering those around them. As we gather here today to celebrate this congregation's work, I would like to specifically recognize the accomplishments of Jonathan Engler, Jacob Glassman, Jocelyn Krifcher, Ruth Berger and Bashi Packer.

Jonathan Engler, I commend you for being recognized as Beth Sholom's Member of the Year. Your professional leadership on the Board of Directors and your work to engage the younger generation is an inspiration to us all.

Jacob Glassman, thank you for exemplifying model citizenship and for mentoring and tutoring your fellow students. I applaud you for receiving the Teen Leadership Award.

Finally, I want to congratulate Jocelyn Krifcher, Ruth Berger and Bashi Packer for earning Community Builder Awards. Spending your valuable time and effort to build up the community for the betterment of all is worthy of praise. I admire each of you for your hard work, passion, and commitment.

Your exceptional accomplishments and steadfast commitment to your community is evident and will have a lasting impact. I wish you all the best and I look forward to hearing more about Beth Sholom's accomplishments in the future.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature of John K. Delaney, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'D'.

John K. Delaney  
Member of Congress



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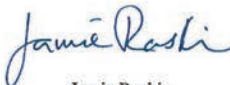
March 4, 2017

Shabbat Shalom to my wonderful friends at Beth Sholom Congregation and Talmud Torah!  
Please accept my warmest wishes on the occasion of the 70th Annual Pillars of Community  
Honoree Celebration. Mazel tov to the honorees.

As the largest orthodox synagogue in the Washington, D.C. area, your congregation plays a vital  
role in shaping the direction of the Greater Washington Jewish family, and indeed the entire  
community. Today's honorees – Ruth Berger, Jonathan Engler, Jacob Glassman, Jocelyn  
Krifcher and Bashi Parker – have all dedicated their precious time and awesome talent towards  
creating accessible spaces for learning and engaging, a labor of love that benefits not only this  
congregation, but the larger Jewish Community. It is clear that their abundant passion for Jewish  
activism and Jewish learning stems from their desire to heal and repair the world.

Although this celebration focuses on recognizing these outstanding individuals, it also casts light  
on the values of this entire congregation and the importance that you all place on fostering and  
strengthening community. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress

ANTHONY G. BROWN  
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March 4, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to my friend, Jocelyn Krifcher upon receiving the Community Builder Award from the Beth Sholom Congregation during their 70th Annual Honoree Celebration.

From her the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington to the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School to AIPAC to Operation Embrace and countless more worthy causes, few people have a more remarkable record of philanthropy and service and have done more for the Greater Washington Jewish community. Jocelyn's values are rooted in the Jewish faith and tradition, especially in her commitments to *tikkun olam*, the obligation to repair this world in pursuit of social justice, and *tzedakah*, the *mitzvah* of giving.

In today's climate of growing global anxiety and alienation, and rising intolerance and hatred we are inspired by the example of community pillars like Jocelyn. Jocelyn truly believes in our collective responsibility to shape a more inclusive, better world - one where all people can live free from fear; one where peace is founded upon justice; and one where all of our children can look forward to a more hopeful future.

On this important occasion, I am honored to join friends, family and community in saluting Jocelyn and all the other honorees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AG Brown".

Anthony G. Brown



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Isiah Leggett  
*County Executive*

March 4, 2017



Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Beth Sholom Congregation's 70<sup>th</sup> annual honoree celebration and to extend my heartfelt congratulations on behalf of Montgomery County residents to Ruth Berger, Jonathan Engler, Jacob Glassman, Jocelyn Krifcher and Bashi Packer. How fortunate we are to have such stellar role models right here in Montgomery County.

It is fitting that Ruth Berger, Jocelyn Krifcher and Bashi Packer are this year's recipients of the Community Builder Awards. Each of these women have contributed to the enrichment of the Beth Sholom Congregation through their volunteer, leadership and educational roles in the community.

Additionally, Jonathan Engler serves as a source of inspiration for his efforts to develop sustainable and inclusive youth programming at Beth Sholom, and is highly deserving of this year's Member of the Year Award.

The Teen Leadership Award recipient, Jacob Glassman's dedication to assist youths in studying and understanding the Jewish faith and culture is commendable; while his establishment of the Jewish Student Union at Churchill High School is both impressive and inspirational.

Congratulations to all of the Beth Sholom Congregation honorees and for the great work you do to make Montgomery County a better community for all. Enjoy the evening!

Sincerely,



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This event could not have happened  
without the tireless efforts of our co-chairs.

To Arnie Hiller, Evelyn Marcus-Wheeler  
and Toni Waldman,

Thank You!

Your insight, knowledge, and vision are what has  
enabled us to have such a wonderful event today.

May your commitment to Beth Sholom  
be an example to all.

Rabbi Nissan Antine    David Felsen    Jessica Pelt



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*Community  
Builder Awards*

**Ruth Berger**

**Jocelyn Krifcher**

**Bashi Packer**

*Member of the Year*  
**Jonathan Engler**

*Teen Leadership Award*  
**Jacob Glassman**

**Jocelyn**, we are tremendously grateful for your outstanding leadership and commitment to The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Your passion for *tikkun olam* and our Jewish community inspires us all. Mazel tov to you and to all honorees on this well-deserved recognition.

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Alon, Galit, Yael, Avital, Ella,  
Ava, Liam and Jack

Mom / Grammy,  
We have witnessed your quiet  
dedication to our  
Beth Sholom community  
and to your colleagues  
and clients at JSSA;  
we take pride in the admiration  
you receive from all who know you.  
But, most of all, we are blessed  
with your boundless energy,  
remarkable devotion  
and extraordinary love.



May you go from strength to strength!  
Jocelyn, Danny, Alon, Galit, Yael and Avital

Jocelyn / Mom,

You inspire us every day.....

.....to see others as unique and created in Hashem's image

.....to forge our own paths in creative and out-of-the-box ways

.....to support the ones we love and push them to grow

.....to maintain a strong moral compass

.....to recognize that every individual has a role to play

.....to provide love and support, free of hesitation or judgment

.....to recognize the good in every person

.....to share our love for the Jewish people

.....to lead by example

.....to care, deeply

.....to bring Hashem into our lives

.....to strive for better world in all ways possible

We love you so much!

Alon, Galit, Yael, Avital and Danny





**Kol HaKavod to the 2017  
Beth Sholom Honorees for  
their commitment to Israel  
and our community.**

**From The FIDF Washington  
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Mazal Tov to all the  
spectacular honorees!

Your commitment  
to the shul  
and our community  
is inspiring!

Thank you!!!

Allyson and Adam  
Oliver, Chase and Henri Fishman



AIPAC APPLAUDS

*jocelyn krifcher*

MAZEL TOV TO JOCELYN  
ON THIS WELL-DESERVED HONOR!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND  
FOR ALL YOU DO TO EDUCATE  
AND INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY.

FROM YOUR AIPAC FAMILY IN BALTIMORE  
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*From strength to strength, with heart and passion, you have supported Beth Sholom congregation, our Jewish community and klal Yisrael. May you continue to serve as an inspiration to others by your endeavors, your vision and your warmth.*



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the greater Washington  
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and by extension  
to the Jewish community  
around the world.

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In honor of Ruth Berger  
and Jocelyn Krifcher,  
extraordinary role models.  
“Honesty, sincerity, simplicity,  
humility, pure generosity,  
absence of vanity,  
readiness to serve others —  
qualities which are within  
easy reach of every soul —  
are the foundation  
of one’s spiritual life.” Nelson Mandela

With much appreciation,  
Fay-Ann and Jonathan Brodie  
Beryl Meyer  
Nicki Brodie and Ezra Fishman  
Kerry Brodie and Tomer Yavetz  
Neville Brodie



Sincerest congratulations to

**Jocelyn Krifcher**

on receiving a  
Beth Sholom Congregation  
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**Community Builder Award**

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Bashi, Mommy, Bubby

You are our pillar!

With love...

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Zavi, Ophir, Ayelet

Mike, Rachel, Annie, and David

יישר כחכם

Ruth

Jocelyn

Jonathan

Jacob

Thank you  
for all that you do  
for our community!

the Packer family

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Mazel tov to Jocelyn Krifcher!  
With gratitude and admiration for  
the invaluable contributions you  
make to our community.  
May Hashem bless you and  
your family with long years of  
happiness, fulfillment  
and good health.

Manette and Louis Mayberg



Mazel Tov to Bashi, Jacob, Jocelyn, Jonathan and Ruth!

Thank to each and every one of you for your contributions to Beth Sholom.

With gratitude, Rabbi Joel and Aviva Tessler



Jocelyn,

You are an inspiration of vision & strength. Thank you for your commitment to community and to Jews around the world. We have experienced so many personal moments together which has sealed our bond of friendship forever. You were with me from the very beginning in co-founding Operation Embrace and you continue to be there for me. I love you.

Bashi,

You are a constant source of goodness and kindness. After traveling with you to Mad, Hungary, we appreciate your dedication to Jewish community and Jewish destiny even more. Thank you for being everyone's cheerleader.

Ruth,

If only our world were made up of more Ruth Bergers, just imagine how much better our world would be! You exude compassion, modesty and wisdom. Thank you for being a role model to our community in what it means to be a student of Torah and a "do-er" of Mitzvot.

Jonathan, thank you for your making our youth program even more outstanding.

Jacob, thank you for shoveling our driveway, without even being asked!

Jonathan  
Congratulations  
on the honor  
of being named  
Beth Sholom's  
Member of the Year

Your friends and colleagues  
at Adduci, Mastriani  
and Schaumberg LLP



Dear Jocelyn and Ruth —

Mazel Tov  
to you both on this  
well-deserved honor!

Your consistent commitment  
to the community  
inspires us all.

We love you!

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to all the honorees  
from  
Sharon and Larry  
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and  
The Shalom Group.

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Mazel tov Jacob  
on your  
well-deserved honor!  
We are blessed by you  
and are proud of  
your accomplishments.  
You are a  
bright shining light  
who sets a wonderful  
leadership example  
for all of us to emulate.

We love you!

Mom and Dad, Avi and Aaron,  
Bubbie and Granpoppy, Gramma and Zaydie,  
and all of the rest of your loving  
and admiring family and friends

To Jonathan

Deep appreciation  
and thanks for being  
an amazing role model  
to all the Engler kids,  
and for caring, organizing,  
leading youth initiatives at  
Beth Sholom to benefit all of  
the community kids.

Much love,

Beki, Ben, Olga, Erez

Dr. and Mrs. Arnold and Eva Engler

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Dora Debahar



# Mazel Tov to the Honorees

Sam and Debbie Charnoff and Family

Mazel Tov to all the honorees!  
Special love and congratulations  
to our dear neighbors  
Ruth and Jocelyn.

We are so fortunate to have you,  
not only in the community,  
but on our block!

Such well deserved honors,  
may you all go  
from strength to strength.

Gideon and Debbie



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Jocelyn,

Thank you for all  
you do on behalf  
of the  
Federation system.  
Kol HaKavod to a  
true woman  
of valor.

William, Stephan,  
and all your friends at  
The Jewish Federations  
of North America  
and the  
National Federation  
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Congratulations to all of the Honorees  
Jonathan, Jacob,  
Ruth, Jocelyn and Bashi

TAKE A BOW!

Your friends,  
Melissa and Mark Arking  
Jordana and Greg Ashe  
Joy Sturm and Ken Drexler  
Helene Drobenare and Russ Horwitz  
Eva and Steve Kreisler  
Ilana and Keith Molkner  
Heather and Hank Strauch

Mazal Tov to Jocelyn, Ruth, Bashi,  
Jonathan and Jacob

Your dedication to the shul and the community  
are what makes Beth Sholom so special.

With great admiration,  
Kim and Arnie Hiller



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of the much deserved recognition  
of honorees Ruth Berger and Jocelyn Krifcher.  
Your accomplishments and exemplary leadership  
are an inspiration to us all.  
With admiration for your vision and results,  
we congratulate you  
and are honored to be your family.

Lots of love,  
Peter and Pamela Shrock  
Aviva Shrock Pinto and Lou Pinto  
Kevin and Natalie Shrock  
Darryl and Pam Shrock  
and their families

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of Greater Washington  
wish Mazel Tov to our dear friend,*

**JOCELYN KRIFCHER**

*on receiving the Community Builder Award.*

*May you, and all the honorees,  
go from strength to strength*

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# MAZAL TOV!

CESJDS congratulates all of the extraordinary individuals during Beth Sholom's Annual Honoree Celebration. We extend a special Mazal Tov to members of our CESJDS family:

**Ruth Berger**  
**Jonathan Engler**  
**Jocelyn Krifcher**  
**Bashi Packer**

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Congratulations  
and thank you  
to all our  
Honorees  
and to the  
Beth Sholom  
community

— Debbie and  
David Felsen

Mazel tov  
Ruth, Jocelyn, Bashi,  
Jonathan, and Jacob  
Thank you for all  
you have done  
for our community

From your  
Potomac Springs friends:  
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and Tracer/Korenman  
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Our very best wishes  
to our good friend, neighbor,  
and the "Mayor of Mary Cassatt", Bashi.

May you and the other  
well-deserved honorees  
continue to inspire us all.

Love,

The Bashein, Chermerinski, Cytryn, Ehrenkrantz, Green,  
Lieberman, Marais, Meister, Morgan, Panitch, Polonetsky,  
Rosenberg, Roth, Sadikman, Schwartz, Sussman,  
Weiner, Weitzner, and Winston Families.

Mazel Tov and Best Wishes  
to all the Honorees.

Yasher Koach to  
Ruth Berger and  
Jocelyn Krifcher  
on their  
Community Builders Award  
and to Jacob Glassman  
on his  
Teen Leadership Award.

May you all continue to  
be an inspiration  
to the entire community.

Congratulations,  
Allison, Larry, Yael,  
and Noah Green

Dear Jocelyn  
and Grammy,

What a fitting award for  
two incredible women who  
are leading our community  
with their example and  
hard work. From your warm  
home, to your thoughtful  
advice, to your creative  
ideas, to your delicious  
challah, you are women we  
admire and respect so much.  
Congratulations on this  
well deserved honor.

Kevin, Devorah, Jonah,  
Caleb and Zachary Berman

Yasher Koach  
to all our honorees.  
Your efforts on behalf of  
the shul and  
the community are  
truly inspiring.



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Congratulations to this  
year's honorees.

Linda Cahill  
Kathleen Hayden  
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Kol Ha Kavod to Bashi,  
Jonathan and Jacob  
on your well-deserved  
honors recognizing the  
work that you do for our  
Beth Sholom Community  
and the community  
at large!

With admiration,  
The Krifcher and  
Berger Families

Congratulations  
to Ruth Berger,  
baker of the best  
challah in the world,  
from the many fans  
of your challah  
and desserts!



*Challah By Ruth*



Congratulations to  
all the honorees!  
We appreciate all that  
you do for Beth Sholom.

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# Mazel Tov Jocelyn

...love from  
your sweetest sisters  
of Cohort Bet!

To our good friend  
Jocelyn who,  
time and again, has  
shown  
her commitment  
to our community.  
A well  
deserved honor.

Your friends,  
Michael and Susie Gelman

Jonathan/  
Uncle Jonathan  
We are so  
proud of you!  
Mazel Tov on this  
well deserved  
award.

All our love,  
Eric, Julie, Dalia, Avi, Eitan  
and Tigger Skolnick

ויקחו לי תרומה מאת כל איש אשר ידבנו לבו

And they shall take for Me an offering — from everyone  
whose heart prompts him to give  
(Exodus 25:2 Parshat Terumah)

Jocelyn

Because you epitomize the woman whose heart prompts  
her to give of herself in a myriad of wonderful ways,  
how fitting that Beth Sholom should be honoring  
you on Shabbat Terumah.

Hashem blessed me with you, and you turned out to be  
the gift that keeps on giving!

My love, my gratitude, and my pride, know no bounds.

Mom

Mom and Jocelyn  
Kol hakavod!

We are so proud of you and we love you!  
Michael, Brian, Katrina and the kids

Mazel Tov  
Ruth & Jocelyn

Two wonderful women who give so much!

Jen & Dan Mendelson



With deep gratitude to  
Ruth and Bashi for all that you do.

Rachel Leiser Levy



Mazel Tov and best wishes to all the honorees with admiration.

Yasher Koach

Gabe and Ellen Herman



Mazel tov to all the honorees ! You make our shul a warm and  
learning environment for the community. Thank you.

Elizabeth Singer and Nathan Fox



Our Bubby is awesome! We are so proud of her.

תזכי לשנים רבות בריאות ונעימות. באהבה

Annie, David and Ayelet



Jocelyn, Ruth and Bashi,

Mazel tov to 3 amazing women

Sara, Laurie and the Sunflower family



In honor of Jocelyn, Ruth and Bashi  
With love and gratitude for all you do.

Laurie and Robert Wexler



Mazel tov to our honorees.

You are true builders and leaders of our community!

Meryl and Sam Rosenberg



Mazel tov to the honorees!!  
Well deserved! Yasher Koach!  
The Melnick family



Mazel Tov to Our "Chai Five"  
Ruth, Jocelyn, Bashi, Jonathan and Jacob  
Todah Rabbah — Toby and Phil Berman



Mazel Tov to our honorees  
May you go from strength to strength  
Tanya and Al Lampert



In honor of Jacob Glassman for all of his hard work at  
building the largest JSU club in the region. We are so proud of  
your accomplishments. —Atlantic Seaboard NCSY



In Honor of Jocelyn, our GNO Gal, who always inspires us. May we continue  
to live, love, pray, eat and drink together for as long as we possibly can!  
— Anne, Aviva, Avivah, Debbie F., Debra W., Lori, Suzanne



Thank you for all you do  
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We are so very proud of the well deserving, unbelievably  
committed mother-daughter team of Ruth and Jocelyn!  
You are so lucky to have them! Love, Sheri and Jimmy Krell



Jocelyn,

Kol HaKavod on this much deserved honor.

Paul and Nancy Hamburger



Jocelyn, congrats on the recognition for your  
extraordinary service to our Jewish community.

Mark Levitt and Kay Klass



To Aunty Ruth Berger: Your gracious ways and sensitive demeanor are rare  
qualities in our post-modern epoch. Many Blessings for now and into the  
future. We love and miss you! Sheila, Jillian, Shelley and Robin.



To our capable, caring and committed niece and cousin, Jocelyn. You are  
making a significant contribution to our world. Keep on keeping on!!

With much love, Auntie Sheila and cousins Jillian, Shelley and Robin



Mazel Tov to all the honorees.  
Thanks for your hard work!  
from the Kreitman family



Mazel Tov Bashi, Ruth, Jocelyn, Jonathan, and Jacob  
Great Honorees!  
Hannah and Alan Fisher



Mazel Tov to the amazing honorees!  
Jules Polonetsky, Naama Lewin, Doron and Maytal  
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Congratulations to our wonderful teacher, Morah Ruth  
and to Jocelyn, Bashi, Jonathan, and Jacob  
The Thursday night Hebrew class



Congratulations to all the honorees  
Basil and Marlene Herzstein  
Jeffrey and Freida Paskow



Mazel Tov to all the honorees ~ Thank you for your continued  
service ~ And to my dear friends Ruth and Jocelyn, who lead  
by example with heart and character ~ Lori Baker



Mazel Tov, Jonathan, from your friends and neighbors on Whistler  
Court! From: The Greenblum, Charnoff, Glashofer, Wilbur, Skolnick,  
Greenblum/Rubin, Ship, Hamberger, Sunshine and Eidelman Families.



# TRIBUTES

Kol hakavod to Ruth and Jocelyn,  
Community builders extraordinaire.  
With love and gratitude, Robin and Matthew



To Jocelyn, You welcomed us into this community  
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Jocelyn and Ruth  
Congratulations to  
two wonderful and  
deserving women.  
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especially when we  
needed your  
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With much love,  
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