



## Debbie and David Felsen

The Felsens became involved in the Beth Sholom community almost immediately upon coming to Potomac. Debbie is the quintessential Jewish hostess, opening her home to

friends and visitors. Debbie also provides support for various programs throughout the shul. David served on the Board of Directors and served three terms as President. During David's tenure, Beth Sholom made significant changes, including the hiring of Rabbanit Fruchter and Executive Director Jessica Pelt and the initiation of CSS. The Felsens are involved in learning, fundraising and hospitality throughout the shul and the greater Jewish Community. Their eldest, Briana, is an Associate Area Director for AIPAC. Their son, Sammy recently made Aliyah to join the IDF.



## **CSS Volunteers**

Community Security Services is a nonprofit organization that works to augment the security of Jewish organizations, institutions, and events. More than 40 people actively

participate in CSS at Beth Sholom, and many others were instrumental in getting it started. They train in security procedures and regularly spend hours training, scheduling, developing and planning evacuation and lockdown drills, and taking shifts on Shabbat and holidays. Our volunteers help with other shul programs and events, and are outside rain or shine (preferably shine), in heat or freezing cold, often arriving before 8:00 every Shabbat. They work closely with the office, law enforcement and Federation.



Pearl Bassan Pearl has been an essential part of Beth Sholom for more than 50 years. She has worked with 6 rabbis, 4 executive directors, two cantors and two buildings. An essential component of the transition from 13th and Eastern to Potomac, she takes pride in how she actually became friends with many of our members and still keeps in touch with them. Pearl started her Jewish communal career with her husband Jake when they directed the Hillel at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. She brought that same dedication to the entire Washington Jewish community. In addition to her commitment to Beth Sholom, she has been very active in the Chevra Kadisha,

Bikur Cholim and Amit, importantly helping train the next generation in performing taharot. We are going to miss her and wish her much happiness as she now has more time to spend with her family.

Please join us on 21 Shevat 5779 / January 26, 2019 at 8:00 pm as we celebrate the contributions of this year's honorees:

Pillars of Community:
Debbie and David Felsen
CSS Volunteers

Special Recognition in Appreciation for 50 years of Service:

Pearl Bassan

Teen Honorees:

Renee Fuller, Lili Panitch and Benji Wilbur

RSVP by January 7, 2018

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For questions, please call 301.279.7010



## Annual Honoree Celebration Committee

Event Co-Chairs Kathy Katz Lissa Shorr Evelyn Marcus-Wheeler Committee (as of 12.7.18)
Stephanie & Mark Eidelman
Miriam & Mordecai Feinberg
Briana Felsen
Marissa & David Fuller
Sara & Paul Glashofer
Stephanie & Gene Gurevich
Kim & Arnie Hiller
Angela Gadsby & Avi Hofman
Judy & Fred Kranz
Debra Panitch
Rochelle & Bruce Wiener
Deborah & Josh Wilbur

Rabbi Nissan Antine, Senior Rabbi Rabbanit Hadas Fruchter, Assistant Spiritual Leader

