

Young Israel of Jamaica Estates



37th Anniversary Dinner

Honoring

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

Saturday night, February 6, 2016 • 28 Shvat 5776

Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation

8:00pm

The Young Israel of Jamaica Estates

cordially invites you to attend our

Thirty-Seventh Anniversary Dinner

honoring

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

recognizing their 25 years of devotion

to our community

Saturday night, the sixth of February

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From the Rabbi's Desk

It is my privilege each year to highlight on this page the worthiness of the Shul's Annual Dinner honorees. It is with great pride and no exaggeration that I salute my beloved Karen as most deserving of this timely recognition as she continues to devote her heart, soul and mind to creating innumerable new innovative projects to complement the equally immeasurable and annually replicated mega-events for our Shul, community, and Israel, in addition to her extraordinary and inspiring professional and altruistic endeavors for the global Jewish community; all of which she selflessly dedicates her abundant energies and unlimited talents.

Karen and I both feel exceedingly fortunate, and grateful to HaKadosh Baruch Hu for placing us in Jamaica Estates, in a Shul where there is a conscious, non-judgmental effort to make all feel welcome and become friends for a lifetime, where members continually seek opportunities for spiritual and personal growth through formal and informal learning, and passionately share life's Simchos, successes and challenges as extended, yet intimate family. We applaud each of you for the contributions which you have made to make our Shul the special place which it is.

We have been blessed with wonderful Shul, Men's Club and Sisterhood presidents, officers, boards and committees who voluntarily devote their time, energy, wise counsel and abundant skills to the Tzibbur, often sacrificing their own personal desires for that of the community.

Karen and I are continually exhilarated and energized by the continual stream of men, women, and children - including many who have grown, and married - who include us in their lives in so many ways; discussing Halachic, Hashkafic, and personal issues; earnestly seeking the Torah's insights into every life-decision; sharing personal family events; studying Torah with us individually or through the myriad of Shul shiurim, lectures and classes (special thanks to all the talented and insightful "LITE" teachers!) And, of course, by the extraor-

dinary level of private and public Chesed performed in our community - with kudos to those who dedicate their time and talent continuously and instantaneously as Gabbaim, Gomlei Chesed, and food providers - always "on call."

But, most important of all, we enjoy and take great pride in the exemplary level of Shalom V'Achdut - harmony and unity - in our Shul, where Jews of diverse backgrounds and philosophies all join together as part of the Tzibbur, placing the Tzibbur above themselves, aspiring to grow within the authentic Torah framework of Halacha with YIJE as a welcoming center for communal activity and bonding.

As we celebrate 25 years together, we extend our personal wishes that Hashem bless us individually and collectively with the bracha of "25" - in Gematriya = "כה" - as in the Torah's preface to Birkat Kohanim -

"כה תברכו את בני ישראל". With this three-fold bracha we bless our children each Shabbat, Yom Tov, and wedding - asking for their material success, spiritual growth, but crowned above all, with Shalom - peace and harmony. For the blessings of prosperity, wisdom, knowledge, children, power, and glory, are a source of real Nachas only if they are experienced in the context of the peaceful communal relationships which we so enjoy at YIJE.

May Hashem bless us and all of Knesset Yisrael to see continued Nachas from each other, and may He bless us with eternal peace. *ישא ד' פניו אליך וישם לך שלום.*

At the same time, we would like to express our special thanks to Harold Biller, and Mayer and Estee Waxman, and the entire Journal and Dinner Committees, for their untiring efforts to ensure the success of this evening, as well as President Michael Schreiber and his administration, and to our indefatigable Linda Brukner, to whom we each owe a tremendous debt of gratitude. May we be zoche to join together for many Simchot in the future in good health.

Shlomo Hochberg

Greetings from the President

It is a great honor and pleasure to salute the honorees for the 37th Anniversary Dinner of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates. Tonight we honor Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg, as we celebrate their 25 years of service to our community.

This is truly a milestone event. Celebrating a quarter century of the Rabbi and Karen's leadership evokes enormous communal pride and shevach v'hodaa l'Hashem Yisborach.

As I approach the end of my term as President, I look back to the time I was contemplating whether to accept the position. Rabbi Hochberg and Karen met with me in their home and we discussed the mission of the shul, our hopes and dreams for what it could become, and a driving strategy to get us there. We agreed upon, and the Board of Directors embraced, the pillars of our community; davening, learning, growth, and celebration.

להתפלל - לעבדו בכל לבבכם ובכל נפשכם

A key element of our relationship with the Creator is to "serve Him with all your heart" (Deut. 11:13) The gemara in the opening lines of Masechet Ta'anit (2a) expounds on this pasuk that this is accomplished through tefillah: a labor of awakening the hidden love within the heart until a state of intimate union with the divine is achieved.

For 25 years Rabbi Hochberg has served us, and more importantly Him. Whether he is leading the congregation with his stirring davening on the Yomim Noraim or merely sitting in the corner at daily minyanim, modeling the proper way to daven, Rabbi Hochberg has shown us all the power of tefillah.

ללמוד - אם בחקתי תלכו

The Torah portion of Bechukotai, begins with the words "If you follow My statutes (Levit. 26, 3) and observe My commandments and perform them." Rashi explains that "following the statutes" cannot be referring to fulfilling the mitzvot since that is explicitly mentioned when it says "observe my commandments." Rather it refers to toiling in the study of Torah.

While weekly drashot and frequent shiurim would be enough, Rabbi Hochberg went further and developed our LITE program (Learning in the Estates) a diverse collection of classes taught by Rabbinic and lay leaders catering to all levels of learning. Under his direction, we have also enjoyed numerous Scholar-in-Residence Shabbatot and

learned mishanayot each year with the Chevra Mishanayot Zichron Dovid.

לפרוח - צדיק כְּתֵמֶר יִפְרֹחַ

Jamaica Estates is a small town occupying approximately 1.16 square miles, but its good deeds know no boundaries. Under the direction of Karen Hochberg we have raised money and spirits for so many worthy causes. Karen has led our annual clothing drive for Israel as well as the perennially successful L'Chaim 5-K Run/Walk for Israel. Her commitment and passion for our own children inspired her to create the very successful Mitzvah Morning series which draws participants from greater Queens.

The Rabbi and Karen have always pushed the shul's growth; spiritually and physically. They're successes are fueled their Torah personal values. As the pasuk says "The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree". (Tehillim 92:13)

לשמח - הֲ הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה ה', נְגִילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בּוֹ

"This is the day that the Lord has made - let us rejoice and be happy on it" (Ps. 118:24). The gemara in the second chapter of Masechet Megillah (17a) says that this verse comes to teach us that just as we can be certain of the sun rising and setting each day as nature takes its routine course, so too must our rejoicing be done with the reliability and dependability. Any member of our community that has made a simcha knows that one of the highlights is dancing with the Rabbi or Karen. They are part of our families and we are part of theirs. Tonight we celebrate 25 years of their dedication to the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates. But it is every day, knowing as we do that the Hochbergs are part of our community and part of our lives that allows us to truly "rejoice and be happy".

On behalf of the entire shul I would like to express appreciation to the Dinner Committee, led by Dr. Harold Biller, and the Journal Co-Chairs, Estee and Rabbi Mayer Waxman. They have worked countless hours to ensure the success of our dinner and our fundraising through the journal. Also, special thanks to Yeeshai Gross for his vision, dedication, execution and incredible patience in making the video tribute. Finally, yasher koach to all of you - our members and friends - for participating in this milestone event and for helping to make it a success.

Michael Schreiber

Greetings from the Dinner Chairman

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I greet you this evening on the occasion of the 37th Annual Dinner of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates.

It is with great respect and appreciation that tonight we pay a most well deserved tribute to our Rabbi and Rebetzin. For over 25 years, the Rabbi and Karen have led the community to greater heights in spiritual growth, commitment to Judaism and passion for Israel. Our congregation is blessed to have such dedicated and devoted role models who truly exemplify what it means to live driven by values of torah, chesed and menshlichkeit. We are ever inspired by their untiring efforts to help and give to others in every capacity possible

.All who have met the Rabbi and Karen know that they are always there for us. In good times and bad, day or night, without hesitation. We feel fortunate to have them as the spiritual leaders of our Young Israel of Jamaica Estates and are grateful for the opportunity this evening to show a small token of Hakaras Hatov to them for all that they do for us, our families and klal yisrael.

A dinner would not be possible without the endless work of an enthusiastic committee of hard workers. Many thanks to Estee and Mayer Waxman for putting together the beautiful Journal and casting it in its virtual format. Many thanks to the Dinner Committee - Norman Bobrow, Yeeshai Gross, Janna and Sam Herskowitz, Jay Lisker, Arthur Quint, Michael Reichwald, and Teena Rubinfeld, These individuals gave of their time and effort to make tonight a successful and enjoyable evening.

A special thanks to our President, Michael Schreiber, for his guidance, artistic abilities, and immeasurable help.

My heartfelt personal gratitude to Linda Brukner who has extended herself way beyond the call of duty with her extraordinary devotion to our Shul.

A special thank you to my wife for putting up with the hours

I have dedicated to this dinner. I really don't do any of the hard work, but just the coordination is very time consuming. Thank you for sharing me with the shul.

May HaShem give all of our volunteers, friends and supporters the good health to continue their outstanding work. A commitment to our shul is a commitment to our future.

Harold Biller

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Dear Friends:

Mazal Tov!

I am honored to offer my sincerest greetings and congratulations as the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates gathers for its' 37th Annual Dinner. It is my honor to celebrate this momentous evening with you and recognize the great work of YIJE and this evening's benevolent honorees on this wonderful occasion.

As one of the most influential synagogues in Queens, Young Israel of Jamaica Estates is committed to inspiring its members through religious activities, programs and volunteer opportunities. For 37 years Young Israel of Jamaica Estates has promoted its renowned youth outreach programs for all in the Jewish communities in Jamaica Estates, Fresh Meadows, Holliswood and Hillcrest. Since 1979, Young Israel of Jamaica Estates continues to demonstrate tireless service to its members and instills leadership and purpose in its members.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's Guests of Honor: Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg for their 25 years of service. This dynamic couple have served Young Israel of Jamaica Estates and the local community for several decades. In their own capacity, they have improved the quality of life for Queens' residents and New Yorkers across the Tri-state area. I am honored to join together this evening to recognize Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg for their faithfulness and allegiance to support our community. Their humanitarian spirit and generosity is an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations once more, and on behalf of all New Yorkers, I thank you for your hard work and dedication. I hope Young Israel of Jamaica Estates will continue to serve New York City residents for many years to come. Best wishes for a rewarding evening.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Michael Schreiber
President
Young Israel of Jamaica Estates
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Dear President Schreiber:

I am writing to congratulate Young Israel of Jamaica Estates on its 37th annual dinner and to celebrate the outstanding contributions to the Jewish community by the dinner's honorees, Rabbi Shlomo and Ms. Karen Hochberg.

Young Israel of Jamaica Estates has been a pillar in the Queens community for many years and must be applauded for all of its good work.

Further, I would like to acknowledge Rabbi Hochberg and Karen for their roles as educators, mentors, and leaders in the Jewish community. I commend them for their countless contributions to the community over the past two and a half decades.

Therefore, it gives me great joy to pay tribute to Young Israel of Jamaica Estates and Rabbi Hochberg and Karen and to wish you and them many more years of health, happiness, and fruitful service.

Sincerely,

Tony Avella
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February 6, 2016

Young Israel of Jamaica Estates
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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to pay tribute to Young Israel of Jamaica Estates on the occasion of its Thirty-seventh Anniversary Dinner.

Over the years, Young Israel of Jamaica Estates has been a powerful force for the strengthening of the local community. Honorees Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg, chosen for their twenty-five years of dedication and commitment to the synagogue and to the community, are true embodiments of community heroes.

Congratulations to the honorees, to President Michael Schreiber, to Dinner Chair Harold Biller and his committee, to Journal Chairs Estee & Mayer Waxman, and to all of the guests who have gathered at tonight's event to commemorate Young Israel of Jamaica Estates.

Sincerely,

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Rabbi Shlomo and Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg
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Rabbi Shlomo and Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg:

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the members and supporters of Young Israel of Jamaica Estates on the celebration of its Thirty-Seventh Annual Dinner.

Under your leadership, Young Israel of Jamaica Estates has become an ever stronger bastion of Torah learning and observance of the timeless ideals of our Jewish heritage. Through programs like the Memorial Day 5K Walk for Israel, your congregation has played a leading role in mobilizing support for Israel and uniting the wider Jewish community around common goals.

Mazal Tov on being honored at tonight's dinner. It is a fitting tribute to your Twenty-Five years of distinguished service to the synagogue. I look forward to working with you and the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates to build a better future for the Jewish community and all the people of Queens.

Very truly yours,

Rory I. Lancman



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Mr. Michael Schreiber, President
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Dear Mr. Schreiber,

Yeshiva Har Torah joins with the Jamaica Estates community in saluting Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg for twenty-five years of service to the congregation and the community. We commend the leadership of YIJE for giving all of us the opportunity to express how much the Rabbi and Karen mean to so many of us in Jamaica Estates and beyond and we congratulate the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates on this milestone celebration.

To measure in years what Rabbi and Karen Hochberg have given to the community and to Klal Yisrael is to miss the point. Not only have they given time, but they have truly given their hearts and souls, always with profound humility and grace. Their care and concern for each individual member of the community as well as for the community as a whole, and their willingness to deal with complex communal issues are truly remarkable. Their imprint has been placed upon countless souls and will be felt forever.

We, at Yeshiva Har Torah, have also benefited from their chessed, their wise council and their friendship. They have always made themselves available to give input, to work together to help families and they have made the concerns of our yeshiva their concerns as well.

The Rabbi and Karen are precious jewels, deserving of our admiration and esteem. Our hope is that they continue to enjoy their work and their involvement in our community and that we continue to merit being beneficiaries of their kindness and professional efforts. May they see much nachat from their family, many years of health and many opportunities to continue to serve the community which they love so much.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gary Menchel Menahel

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In Sefer Mishlei (3:3), the Mentor addresses his inexperienced disciple, Chesed and Emes should not forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on your heart's tablet. The Vilna Gaon interprets that the three part instruction corresponds to action, speech, and thought and emotion. The student is advised to perform acts of kindness and truth, to verbalize the importance of kindness and truth, and to be preoccupied with and emotionally vested in the values of kindness and truth.

While the Mentor's protégé may not have been contemplating or studying to become a rabbi, the advice, nonetheless, strongly resonates with me, a one-time inexperienced rabbinic intern and now current rabbi (with a little more experience!). What drew me to the rabbinate was the opportunity to make the labor of chesed and emes a lifelong vocation. How fortunate was I to have had my first experience in the rabbinate as the rabbinic intern of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates under the tutelage of Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg.

Rabbi Hochberg's sensitivity is inimitable, his acts of kindness renown, his scholarship sought after. Rabbi Hochberg exemplifies the trebled call of Mishlei concerning chesed and emes: he is constantly engaged in acts of kindness and Torah study; he preaches what he practices, verbally inspiring and encouraging others to participate; and, as indicative of his positive impact on all of us, he is genuinely mindful and moved by the values of chesed and emes.

The Mentor continues his sagacious advice by linking the commitment to his above instruction with the promise, And you will find favor and good regard in the eyes of God and man. True to the Mentor's word, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Hochberg's outpouring of chesed and dissemination of emes have endowed them with a glowing charm. After only a short time in the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates, it quickly became evident to me that both the Rabbi and Rebbetzin were adored by all; their decades long dedication and devotion to their community having resulted in bonds of mutual respect and love. And as I got to witness this relationship between the Rabbi and the Jamaica Estates community throughout my stay, it became something I hoped for for myself and my family in the community I would one day serve.

If I have succeeded in my current position, contributing to an atmosphere of chesed and emes at the Young Israel of Avenue J, and forging heartfelt bonds with its mispallelim, it is in part due to my exposure to Rabbi Hochberg, the consummate Rav chesed v'emes.

With admiration and gratitude,

[Signature] Rabbi Baruch Dov Braun

*Assemblyman David I. Weprin
&
Ronni Weprin*



**Congratulations to the
*Young Israel of Jamaica Estates***

**On the celebration of our 37th Anniversary Dinner
And 25 years of dedicated service from our distinguished honorees
and friends:**

Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg

**We are particularly grateful to the Rabbi and Karen not only for their
communal leadership but for their friendship and support to us and
our family.**

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Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg &
Michael Schreiber, President
Young Israel of Jamaica Estates (YIJE)
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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we offer you our sincere congratulations on the occasion of our Thirty-seventh Anniversary Dinner.

Since its inception in 1978 by a small group of families, residents, and community leaders, Young Israel has been a constant source of inspiration and renewal for tens of thousands of young Jewish families in Eastern Queens, including myself, Ronni, and our family. We are proud to call the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates our home; our shul. Your tireless dedication to cultural awareness, Jewish education, youth empowerment, community development, and philanthropic engagements deserve our highest respect and gratitude.

For that, we are honored to personally recognize and thank tonight's Guests of Honor and our friends: **Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg**. Our shul is fortunate to have grown under the service and wisdom of the Rabbi and Karen for over 25 years; and we are deeply inspired by their extraordinary show of leadership, service, and commitment to our community and our great state. Ronni and I are particularly grateful to the Rabbi and Karen not only for their communal leadership but for their friendship and support to us and our family.

Once again, I give my heartfelt congratulations on YIJE's anniversary. We look forward to a bright future together in the next 37 years.

Sincerely,

David I. Weprin
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Mr. Arthur Quint
Young Israel of Jamaica Estates
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January 20, 2016
20 Shevat, 5776

Dear Mr. Quint: *דברי*

We at YCQ are delighted to join in this very special occasion as the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates, and Queens Jewish community pay tribute to one of their finest leaders: Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Hochberg.

Rabbi and Mrs. Hochberg have endeared themselves to the shul's congregants: young and old alike, with their genuine warmth and caring for the well-being of each individual.

Rabbi Hochberg has fostered a close relationship between YIJE and our Yeshiva with his active participation in our Board of Education during which time he promoted many concepts and strategies to advance the study of Torah and the practice of mitzvot and ahavat Eretz Yisrael.

His participation in the hanachat tefillin of every YIJE-YCQ bar mitzvah bachur demonstrates his close relationship with them. He adds a special aura to our daily Mincha, which enhances the kavod of the Tefilah in the eyes of the students.

Rabbi Hochberg has taken a strong active interest in seeing that the needs of the families in YIJE are being met and has provided much counseling and tangible assistance to his congregants over the years. He has earned the deepest respect and admiration of the entire YCQ faculty for being available for advice, in his most supportive way.

May Hashem shower the Hochbergs with arichat yamim, good health and nachat from his immediate and extended YIJE and YCQ families.

Sincerely,
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the National Council of Young Israel, we are delighted to send wishes for bracha and hatzlacha on the occasion of your 37th Anniversary Dinner.

We especially want to congratulate our esteemed colleague Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg and his aishet chavil, Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg. We join you in recognizing their important contributions to the shul and community. They are to be lauded for their 25 years of extraordinary commitment and invaluable service.

We at the National Council are proud of the activities and successes of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates under the guidance of Rabbi Hochberg, and your president, Michael Schreiber. May you continue to go m'chavil el chavil – from strength to strength.

With warmest blessings,

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Dear friends,

On behalf of the CHAZAQ staff, I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to all those who have gathered to celebrate the 37th annual dinner of the Young Israel of Jamaica estates.

Special Mazal Tov to tonight's worthy honorees, the esteemed Rabbi Shlomo and Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg for their 25 years of dedicated service, their concern and commitment to our communities needs truly makes them worthy of this honor. We wish the Rabbi and the Rebbetzin and all those in attendance Bracha v'ehatzlacha in all their future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Yaniv Meirov

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Dear Rabbi and Karen Hochberg,

Mazel Tov! Congratulations on your incredible run of twenty-five years at the helm of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates.

Even before I came to serve as Rabbinic intern at YIJE three years ago, I had heard great things about “Rabbi and Karen Hochberg” and the wonderful reputation you carried. While in the community two years ago, I got a chance to watch firsthand as all the great things I had heard about you were confirmed. Perhaps most powerfully, in the time since I have left, I watched and experienced myself the effect you had on me.

Since my time in YIJE, I have gone on to serve in Rabbinic roles in two other shuls: first in the Young Israel of Wesley Hills, followed by my current position in Ahavath Torah of Englewood, NJ. My speaking and pastoral roles have increased, yet I always find myself thinking back to memories from my time in Jamaica Estates. I benefitted much from the many tips you gave me, as well as the mentorship gained just from being around both of you. I'll never forget the chances I had to spend Shabbos at your house, and the conversations we had around the table and in your living room. Whether tips about the presentation of a particular line in a drasha, different challenges to be ready for as part of a career in the Rabbinate or stories from your experiences, I cherished each and every moment of our interactions. Just hearing your take on the roles and responsibilities a Rabbi has in his community, and the most effective ways of reaching goals, enhanced my ability to appreciate what a successful career in the Rabbinate truly involves.

Perhaps most of all, just watching the love and care you both had for each of the members of the shul - men, women, and children - and the tremendous lengths you would go for the sake of each and every one of them, left a lasting effect on me.

In the words of many before me, you are truly a Rabbi's Rabbi.

Biydidut,

R' Shaya First

Dear Rabbi Hochberg and Karen, amosh

Alyssa and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you Mazal Tov on this auspicious and deserving honor. Your dedication to the shul and the community for the past 25 years is remarkable and unparalleled. Shlomo HaMelech (allow me to take a page out of your book) in Kohelet (7:1) advises that “Tov Shem MiShemen Tov”, finer is a [good] name, than good oil (wealth). The names Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg are synonymous with goodness, kindness, humility and grace. Whether it is in the Jamaica Estates, broader Queens, Yeshiva University, RCA, or Rabbinic community, the Hochbergs are known for their outstanding warmth, sensitivity, compassion and dedication. I had the unique and esteemed privilege of growing up as a member of the broader Jamaica Estates community and was honored to serve as Rabbinic Intern for the shul and Rabbi I so deeply admire. I learned the values of choosing my words carefully when delivering a message to the congregation, how to greet each individual with a smile, and to make everyone feel that they are the most important person in the world. Rabbi and Karen, you are role models for Alyssa and me. We, and our entire families, completely adore and admire you. You have taught us what it means to have a Shem Tov. We give you a bracha, paraphrasing Shlomo HaMelech in Mishlei (31:31) T'nu Lachem, MiPri Yedeichem, Vi-Halleluchem BaShearim Ma'asechem. Hashem should give to you from the fruits of your labor, and your work should praise you in the gates of Heaven.

Biydidut,

Adam and Alyssa Hertzberg

A tribute to Rav Hochberg upon their being honored by YIJE upon 25 years of service.

By Michael Bashist

Mazal Tov to Rav and Mrs. Hochberg upon receiving this well deserved recognition and honor. I had the distinct privilege to be the Rabbinic intern at YIJE in the year 2000-2001. That particular year the Hochbergs were honored by the shul in recognition of their first 10 years of service at that point. I can't fully express how greatly that dinner impacted me. Having keenly watched Rav Hochberg and his interaction with the community, as well as having spent time at so many members' homes, I was so deeply impressed by the close and personal relationship that the community felt with their Rav and Rebbetzin. The dinner publicly and clearly encapsulated everything that I had been observing and enjoying. I am sure that this year's will do the same and even more.

Allow me to share an aspect of Rav Hochberg's leadership that impacted me the most. If I wanted to grab an audience with a surprising and catchy title- I would have headlined "The main thing that I have learned from Rav Hochberg... the power of nothing!" Let me illustrate two important instances where Rav Hochberg taught me the power of nothing. As an intern trying to model the Rav I did my most to attend shiva homes as well as simchas. One particular motzei Shabbos I traveled out to make a shiva call at a member whom I had not yet had personal contact. On the drive over my mind scurried with what words of comfort or wisdom I would be expected to impart as a (mini) Rabbinic figure in the community. As mazal would have it- Rav Hochberg had come at the same time to make his call. This was my chance- firstly I was off the hook from needing to be the Rabbinic presence as I could appropriately stay in the shade of the community's Rabbinic giant, and secondly, I would get a the chance to observe how a shul Rav, whom I admired and hoped to model, makes a proper shiva call. And there sat Rav Hochberg, at the side of the semi-circle of seats, listening intently, with the utmost care, to the entire set of discussions and recollections... but not uttering a single word. After some time Rav Hoch

berg arose and with a few extra words of kindness said the Hamakom prayers before leaving. While I'm sure different shiva homes and relationships and visits are all different for the Rav- what I saw was two things. Rav Hochberg did not need to, or feel the need to be vocal, to convey his utmost care and concern for his flock. His presence and personality is understood by the community, and in this case by the mourner, in an unspoken language that is as real and perceptible as any true bond between people who love one another. And secondly, Rav Hochberg's humility of not feeling a need to be appear as anything more than another person showing solidarity and sharing in the pain of another. This greatness in humility and truthfulness is one of the many qualities that make him so great - so much more than just another person.

Second (of so many examples that I could share) is a time when I approached Rav Hochberg for guidance in a personal matter. We had gotten to know each other over many months. I was excited to hear his sage advice, but also I admit, also excited to "spy" on what a personal guidance meeting with the Rav was like. (I was always spying... so while I was compensated by YU and the shul for shiurim and shul functions that I performed, to me the richest profit came from my "spying" and observing Rav Hochberg's interactions and conduct within the community). While we sat in his home office I described my situation to him. And I described, and described and discussed some more. Every now and then the Rav inserted a pointed question, which led me on to more talking. (If you are still actually reading this article, you probably believe me that I can tend to be verbose). After a while I began realizing- "I have been talking and talking and talking, but the Rav has barely said anything! He has not interrupted or offered a single thought or opinion!" What patience! What humility! I had worn myself out with details and he didn't offer the slightest let up of patience or concern. He had listened and empathized with every detail. I felt that I, and my concerns, were most important to him at that moment. When I had exhausted my end of the discussion, he then directed my focus and shared sage insights and recommendations, which directly positively

gave me practical clarity and direction. But it was actually the silence, which struck me the most.

The prophet (Eliyahu HaNavi, in Melachim I 19:13) reveals that the voice of Hashem is not to be found in the powerful wind which smashes the mountains, nor in the awesome earthquakes or overpowering fires, but in the “Kol Dimama Daka” – the “Still, thin voice.” In the calm and quiet is revealed the divine greatness and experience of connection to the eternal.

Mrs. Hochberg as the shul is so aware, epitomizes these exact qualities of care, commitment and concern. And all with such a welcoming and joyous outlook. YIJE is so blessed to have them, as I feel so blessed from my short but precious tenure at the Shul. While I (as of yet) have not chosen the path of pulpit Rabbis but that of high school Torah education at the Frisch school of Paramus NJ, the lessons and values that I imbibed at YIJE impact and shape all that I do. Rav Hochberg remains a model to whom I aspire as I create true relationships with my talmidim which stretch well beyond high school and into adult and community life. Mazal Tov Rav and Rebetzin and to the entire congregation on this joy filled milestone! May you continue on together in growth, joy and all of Hashem’s brachot!

With a heart filled with gratitude,

Michael Bashist

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Hochberg,

Mazel Tov on the honor which has been duly bestowed upon you.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the year in which I had the zechus to serve as intern at YIJE under your tutelage. Your guidance, encouragement, and example set the tone for my career in chinuch. It was in Jamaica Estates where I was granted my first occasion to teach ongoing weekly classes in halacha and Jewish thought as well as the chance to hone my speaking skills in a weekly drasha. These skills are of the utmost importance in my current role as maggid shiur at Yeshivas Yishrei Lev. It was under your direction that competence and confidence were developed.

Foremost in my mind in terms of what I gained from my internship are the interpersonal skills of which you are a master. The grace and sympathy with which you treat each individual in the shul and the warmth and compassion that you demonstrate to every human being are emblematic of the inner beauty that stands at the head of YIJE.

We wish you health and happiness for many years to come. May Hashem give you strength to continue in your role as a beacon of light to Klal Yisrael, לאורך ימים ושנים.

With great respect and admiration,

Yecheil Cohen

Mazel Tov Rabbi and Rebetzin Hochberg!

Eliana and I join with everyone else tonight by wishing you a much deserved Yasher Kochach!

It was just last year that we were privileged to become part of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates family. We would like to share one recurring story from our Internship. One of the perks of being the Rabbinic Intern is that we got to spend Shabbos meals with many different families of the community. While no two meals were alike, at each table we heard congregants and friends reverently describe what the Hochbergs mean for them personally and the community. The Hochbergs have truly touched and impacted every family in the Jamaica Estates community in their humble and unassuming way.

We feel privileged to have learned from a couple who embody what it means to be a communal leader.

Mazel tov again. We would like to wish you much continued hatzlacha in all of your endeavours!

Rabbi Moshe and Eliana Watson

Dear Rabbi and Rebetzin Hochberg

We would like to wish you heartfelt congratulations on being honored at the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates shul dinner 5776. We feel that this honor is most well deserved but one that cannot ever fully encompass the sheer force of good that you both are. From having spent time as a Rabbinic Intern in YIJE for 2010-11, we witnessed just the tip of the iceberg of what you do for your community. You are beloved to both young and old. Every community member is an extension of your family and you are there for your family day and night. Your selflessness and gentle demeanor disarm any rising crisis or tension. You lead without ego or personal agenda. Because it is not about you, people are so much more willing to listen.

For me, as a Rabbinic intern, it was a formative year. I learned a lot from just watching you and how you carried yourself. There were numerous times I asked your advice. I am proud to say I still do. When I entered the career, I was advised to find a mentor. I am so blessed to have found you and to be able to reach you at any time of the day and night. Since Jamaica Estates, we spent two wonderful years in the YU Torah Mitzion Kollel of Chicago. Thereafter, are now in our third year serving as the Assistant Rabbi at the Young Israel of Lawrence Cedarhurst. I know that so much of my current experience is based upon the solid foundations I got with Rabbi Hochberg.

May you both have continued brachos and nachas from all the work of your hands. May you continue to share the light which you so purposefully carry.

Warm regards.

Rabbi Ya'akov and Malka Trump

Dear Rabbi and Mrs. Hochberg,

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With great respect and admiration,

Yechiel Cohen

Dear Rabbi and Rebbetzin Hochberg,

Congratulations on your 25th anniversary in the shul! I have such wonderful memories of staying in your house and being part of your wonderful community. I really felt part of the YIJE community and it was hard for me to leave...I even asked for a 2nd year! I knew I made it when the shul no longer needed to send out emails for "timely opportunities" or the desperate "very timely opportunities" and I was able to find my own host. I'm jealous of every intern that enters into YIJE and I think how lucky they are to be with both of you.

As with every Jewish community, a central topic at the Shabbat table is the shul Rabbi. I clearly remember a reoccurring theme at every table was the sensitivity and concern that both of you showed to all the families in the shul. Every member became part of your family. I felt the same way, part of the Hochberg family.

From both of you, I learned what it means to be caring, empathetic and what it means to put yourself into the position. Although, I'm not currently working in a shul, I learned from my time in YIJE that I should put myself into my position and take care of all my talmidim.

May you both continue to grow in the YIJE community and continue to make a deep meaningful difference in every Jew!

Rabbi Sandy Shulkes (YIJE Intern 2009-2010)

Dear Rabbi and Rebetzin Hochberg,

Rachel and I remember our first year as a 'rabbinic couple' together with you and the Jamaica Estates community with such fondness. We were newly engaged at the time, excited to get started with our role in the Jewish community, and we could not have wished for a more engaging and embracing mentor and community. Your chesed- oriented lives, caring and thoughtful demeanor, and love for disseminating Torah to the Jewish community, paved the way for our goals and dreams in serving klal Yisrael.

We thank you and wish you many years of continued chizuk in leading the Jamaica Estates Jewish community.

With our deep admiration and love,

Rachel and David Wilensky

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Karen Hochberg on receiving this well deserved honor.

I was privileged to serve as the Young Israel's first Rabbinic intern in 1996/97. In that role I had the benefit of observing a Rabbi and Rebbetzin who modeled for me what it means to be a community Rabbi. I watched the way they cared about every individual in the community as if they were family; because for the Hochbergs, the entire community truly was family. This meant that they experienced intense joy when celebrating Shul smachot, but it also meant that they carried the burden and angst of community tragedies and crises as if they were their own.

In their soft spoken and gentle way, they impacted on numerous lives, serving as paragons of chesed and teaching by example through the way they led their lives.

I learned from them that one can play a leadership role while continuing to live by the maxim of "Hatznea lechet im elokecha." Their humility and authenticity are unparalleled.

The year I spent in Jamaica Estates solidified my belief that one can dedicate their lives to serving klal yisroel and make the world a better place. I am a better person today for the year I spent in your community and will always be grateful to the Hochbergs for this opportunity.

Mazel tov to the Hochbergs and to the entire community on an honor that is well deserved.

Rabbi Daniel Alter

Dearest Rav & Rebbetzin:

In late 1997 I had a conversation with Rabbi Moshe Schapiro that changed the course of my life. He told me about “the best kept secret in RIETS.” It was the opportunity to work under, and learn from, you at YIJE. Both he, and then Rabbi Daniel Alter, strongly urged me to apply and “do whatever it took” to be at YIJE. I’ve received a lot of good advice in my lifetime but their urging ranks high on my list as some of the best.

During my interview, I asked you for one request – that you be willing to share Shimush experiences in the Rabbinate with me so I could learn how to be a good Rav. And learn I most certainly did – o

- Yes, I began the “Afternoon Oneg Shiur” with a series I then called “Biblical Personalities”. The discussion group then has grown into a popular series (Biblical People Places & Things) that continues in my own community to this very day. That’s 18 years of ongoing Shiurim, most of them brand new – all due to your unwavering guidance, support and encouragement And for that alone Dayeinu and thank you.- But that, and the Thursday night intern shiur and the weekly Divrei Torah were, in my opinion, the small part of my YIJE experience.
- Yes, you taught me how to consider an entire Shul with the extremely diverse programming you oversaw and knew exactly how to comment and speak- at a youth program Shabbaton or a fire safety meeting or even a tire changing lesson – so that everyone felt appreciated even if your opinion differed from theirs. For that lesson alone, Dayeinu, I thank you.
- Yes, davening at the same row alongside you for 3 out of 4 weeks a month allowed me to learn what incredible Kavana you have, and what your incredible voice and supreme Dikduk did to make the Tefillos come alive for me. Some of those very additions are still a part of my personal repertoire wherever I daven. For that alone, Dayeinu, I thank you!
- Yes, you both took me under your wing, the Rav with his ability to share and think things through with me more than I should learn how than that he needed to talk with someone and the Rebbetzin with her constant care for my comfort within the community with the arrangements from week to week. You treated me like family, as you do everyone who gets the chance to know you – and for that, Dayeinu, I thank you!

But more importantly, Rav & Rebbetzin (Back then, I was the only one who got away with calling you Rebbetzin), you demonstrated shimush in the Rabbinate by creating a community that knew that it had a Rabbinic team who cared for each person – from young to old – personally. I still tell the story of the first “Shimush” experience you sent me on – to “close” a Shiva house at 9:45, by standing in the doorway to encourage people to give the Aveilim a chance to rest. It taught me that a Rav who cares, does many things that might not be in the Rabbinic training manual but should be – about being a mentsch and a role model for everyone to look up to.

Through the years, I still admire your Rabbinic couple teamwork and try to emulate it in my community. I relish the opportunities to share with --and still get advice from you – as well as your ongoing encouragement (“Rabbis who focus on why they became Rabbis do not burn out easily.”). Rabbi Alter and Rabbi Schapiro shared the secret with me and since my time, many interns and Assistant Rabbis have learned it from a growing cadre of your success stories. You are no longer one of the best kept secrets but the experience with you is still the best.

My wife and family – indeed my current community of Elizabeth/Hillside, NJ and my past community in Manhattan -- join me in saluting you on the 25 year anniversary and in wishing you the Beracha that Rav Yitzchak offered Rav

Nachman (Taanis 5b):

**אף אתה, במה אברכך? אם בתורה - הרי תורה. אם בעושר - הרי עושר.
אם בבנים - הרי בנים. אלא יהי רצון שיהו צאצאי מעריך כמותך...**

That we, all of your congregants and students, live up to your aspirations for us and together with your family bring you both Nachas --- only and always.

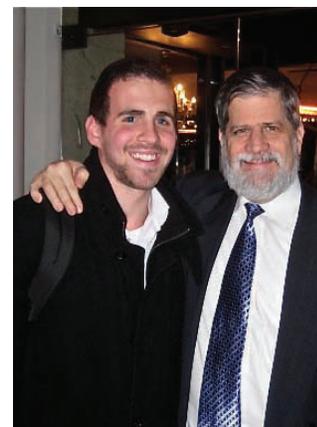
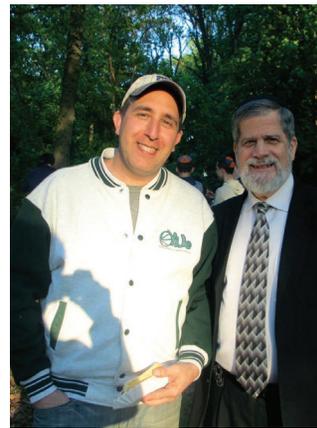
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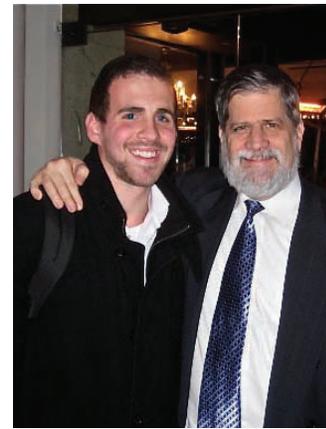
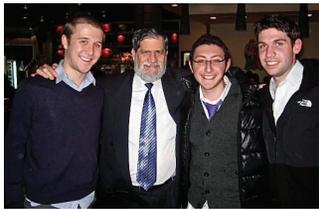
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Yasher Koach

Rabbi Shlomo & Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your amazing dedication on behalf of our entire family. You are an inspiration to us all.

Julia and Norman Bobrow and Family

Platinum

It is both a pleasure and a privilege for us to join a grateful community in paying tribute to our dear Brother-in-law and sister,

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg,

For all that they have done for YIJE and for K'lal Yisrael. Young Israel of Jamaica Estates has been truly blessed from the day that the team of Shlomo & Karen came to be its spiritual guiding light.

The Rabbi's quiet, but determined nature, His kind concern for each and every individual and his ability to inspire others by his example are the trademarks of his leadership qualities.

These strengths serve him well in the local, national and international roles that he has chosen to take on.

He is complemented by his partner in life and in deed. In her own right, Karen, has taken on the responsibilities for many important YIJE functions, and has attracted many to follow her lead.

We pray to the Almighty that He Bless them with good health, nachas from their wonderful children, as well as the ability and desire to continue to serve K'lal Yisrael.

With love and admiration,
Mark & Linda Karasick
Zev & Shoshana Karasick and Family
Yakov & Avi Karasick
Yitzi & Terri Karasick and Family

Pearl

Hakarat Hatov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

for all they do for the shul and
community in a friendly, caring manner

Michael and Phyllis Fassler

Pearl

In honor of ***Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg*** shlita

& Rebbetzin Karen,

We are so lucky to have you
as our leaders and role models.

You have enriched and enhanced
our lives and the lives of our children
in thought and in deed.

Thank you for your guidance, kindness
and devotion to every detail of our lives.

Thank you Rabbi and Rebbetzin
for helping us grow in our understanding
of Torah and performance of Chessed.
Your witty quips are also appreciated.

We are proud to be part of this wonderful
community - your community.

May HaShem bless you and your family,
Seryl and Elliot and family
Goldofsky

Parchment

Our warmest Mazel Tov wishes to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

There are no words to express our admiration, respect, appreciation and sincere fondness for you.

Our community is truly blessed to have you as our role models, leaders and friends.

You are the backbone of our shul and the glue that keeps us united.

Your love and dedication to Eretz Yisrael and Chesed have been an inspiration to us.

We are in awe of all that you do so unassumingly and modestly.

Helen Bohorodzaner
Jana and Daniel Friedman & Family
Avi and Ester Bohorodzaner & Family

Chai

Dear ***Rabbi and Karen,***

We moved here 24 years ago but joined that baby booming year with Ari and then Rachel's birth. From the moment we stepped foot in the neighborhood you have been by our side for Simchas and tragedies.

You are both truly remarkable people and we feel blessed for having been under your constant guidance and care. You have taken the time to know each member of our family individually. We cannot thank you enough for your warmth and friendship. May we always meet in happy and joyful times.

With our heartfelt wishes,
Howie, Debbie, Ari and Rachel Margolin

Chai

Mazal Tov on 25 years at YIJE!
It has been a privilege and an honor
being part of your Kehilla.
We appreciate and cherish your words
of wisdom, advice and comfort.
May you continue to be an inspiration
to everyone for many years to come
and we pray that HaShem grant you and
your family good health, mazal and nachas.

With Love,

Teena and Stu, Rikki and Assaf,
Greg and Laura, Ellie and Josh

Chai

With gratitude to הקב"ה for having the
opportunity to thank and honor

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg***

on the occasion of their receiving
this most deserved recognition.

We have been the beneficiaries for
a quarter of a century of Rabbi and
Rebbetzin Hochberg's outstanding
and unassuming leadership of our Kehilla.

Our lives have been enriched by their
wisdom, exemplary character and total
selfless dedication to all of Klal Yisrael.

May they continue to enlighten us for
many more years in good health.

Benjy and Sara Arbesfeld
Atara, Avi, Aliza and Sima

Chai

Mazal Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

The impact you have made on our community will always be measured by your leadership and acts of charity and chessed that reverberate throughout the Jewish world.

Personally, you have been role models for all the good that Yiddishkeit offers

Our family has been the fortunate beneficiaries of your love and kindness.

With everlasting gratitude,

Norm and Sandy Nissel Horowitz
and Family

Chai

In honor of our ***Rabbi & Rebbetzin:***
Your dedication to our community, the greater Jewish community, and the state of Israel is awe inspiring.

You have taught us the true meaning of leadership and chessed. You have shown us the beauty of Torah and demonstrated how to be an excellent spouse. The lessons we have learned are endless and have been witnessed through the eyes of adults and children alike. As we spread out to other communities we have all taken a piece of the Hochbergs and YIJE with us.

We are forever indebted to you for all the time that you have shared with us in times of joy and sadness. We are truly blessed to have you as an integral part of our lives.

We wish you continued good health, strength, and hatzlacha as you lead our community.

Ruthie and Charlie Merrill,
Cindy and Jeremy Merrill,
Malkie and Michael Merrill,
Michelle and Itzik Naftali,
Sarah and Marc Merrill and families

Chai

Mazal Tov

Rabbi and Karen,

Thank you for your leadership and spiritual guidance, your devoted friendship, and for being a part of our extended family as we have shared the rollercoaster of life together over the past 23 years here in Jamaica Estates.

May our lives continue to be to be enriched by our close friendship for many years to come.

With much love and respect

Pearl and Joel Cohen
Tova, Natan, Meir, and Sara

Chai

Dear *Karen & Rabbi Hochberg,*

You both have the bounce in your step of one, who at 25 years has stepped into the prime of life!

So may your energy continue to bring enthusiasm and guidance to YIJE.

You have enriched our lives (and those of Avi and Shoshi) to the point where we sometimes take for granted your kindness and attention. Know that you are in our thoughts with our comings and goings always - you have made Jamaica Estates our home.

You both embody [from Tehillim 25]:
"All the ways of H' are kindness and truth, to those who guard His covenant and testimonies."

Keep smiling! See you in Yerushalaim!

Karen & David, Avi and Shoshi Weinstein

Chai

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

Our Beloved Rabbi and Rebbetzin

It has been a privilege to have you in our lives
for the last twelve years.

We were fortunate to buy our home and have the zechut to
live directly across the street from you.

It is the best thing that ever happened to our family.

You are our mentors, teachers and role models.

Your acts of chessed to our community and the greater
Jewish community are countless and done with such
modesty and little fanfare. You both inspire us on a
daily basis with the beautiful way you live your lives and the
tremendous amount you manage to accomplish.

It is our pleasure, along with our dear parents,
to honor you this evening to celebrate your
selfless dedication to Jamaica Estates for the
last twenty-five years.

We are grateful for all that you have given us
and love you very much!

Ilana and Dror Rosenfeld
Tzvi, Pinchas & Sarah
Hennia and Nahman Rosenfeld
Vera and Jay Glatt

Chai

Yasher Koach to our esteemed

Rabbi and Rebbetzin

on this well deserved honor.

Your 25 years of dedicated service
to our shul is so special to all of us.

We wish you a life filled with good health
and happiness.

Ralph and Susan Straus

Gold

Dear **Rabbi & Karen Hochberg,**

For 25 years, like a wine that improves with age, you have been our muse and our sage
For 25 years, together you have made us all decidedly better.

After 25 years standing our watch,
You're perhaps less like a wine, more like a rare doublewood scotch.

Thank you for forging treasured personal relationships with each of us, and helping us grow in תורה, מצוות, וגמילות חסדים!

Alex & Harriet Schabes-Fuss
Tali & Aryeh Gregor & Family
Avishai & Keren Fuss & Family

Gold

Congratulations to

**Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg**

on this well deserved honor.
Our best wishes for your continued success
in all you do for YIJE and for klal Yisrael

Jane and Larry Marco

Gold

Mazel Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

upon your 25 years of warm, wonderful,
tireless, dedicated and loving service
to our family, to our shul and to Klal Yisrael.

Thank you for always being there for us.

With love and appreciation,
Sharon, Hilary, Evan,
Leora and Lauren Hertan

Gold

Rabbi Hochberg and Karen,

Thank you for all that you do on
behalf of our community and specifically
how you have helped mold our family.

Your presence and advice is always
comforting, You are the heart and soul of
our community, and we know a thing or
two about hearts.

Jay, Gita, Talya, Bailey and Micki
as well as Rabbi Dr. Joseph Schachter

Gold

Mazel Tov to our cherished friends
Distinguished Guests of Honor

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

You have made a sincere and genuine
commitment to our community
with your open hearts and selfless devotion.

We thank you for all you have done to make
YIJE so vibrant and abundant in Chessed.

Your communal leadership coupled with
your charm, grace and elegance make you
truly deserving of this honor.

May you and your beautiful family be
forever blessed by HaShem in all your
endeavors.

With love, respect and admiration,
Carol and Sheldon Borgen
Reize and Howard Sipzner
Avi, Penina, Lauren, Issac, Zach, Benny,
Rachel, Dovid and Chava

Gold

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi & Mrs. Hochberg,
who actualize the verse in Pirkei Avot
עשה לך רב, וקנה לך חבר
It is an honor to pay tribute and express
profound הכרת הטוב
on this special occasion.

Pessi, Asher and Jordan Reimer

Gold

To our dear

***Rabbi Shlomo & Rebbetzin
Karen Hochberg,***

Mazel Tov on this most deserved recognition in honor of 25 years of incredible leadership.

We have been so fortunate to have such warm, kind and caring leaders for the Jamaica Estates community. Your chessed and devotion are truly inspiring.

Your example leads us all to strive to be better and do more.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our community and Klal Yisrael.

Debbie and Larry Zwany and family

Gold

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi and Karen Hochberg

on 25 years of service to the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates.

From births to bat mitzvahs to funerals to always being there for us every day. We cannot imagine our lifecycle events or lives without you.

You are not just our religious leaders, but our CEO*.

*Chief Engagement Officers

With love and respect,

Yael, Michael, Zoe, Sasha,
Mia, and Kenley Schreiber

Gold

Congratulations and
Best Wishes to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Rabbi Hyman and Ann Arbesfeld

Gold

Mazel Tov to our dear

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen עמו"ש Hochberg,***

We are honored to be able to call you
our Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

The selflessness, warmth and compassion
with which you welcomed us over 22 years
ago has personified what Jamaica Estates
is all about.

May you be blessed with good health and
happiness, אריכות ימים and nachat from your
beautiful family.

With Love and Admiration,

Susan and Jack Lerner
Charlene, Ariella and Marcus

Gold

Thank you

Karen & Rabbi Hochberg

for 25 years of selfless dedication
and leadership.

The Kramer Family

Gold

Mazal Tov To

Karen & Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg

For the extreme sensitivity with which
you handle delicate situations.

For encouraging women to participate more fully
in leadership roles in the shul as
Vice President, Yoetzet, board members,
women scholars-in-residence.

For demonstrating that no task is too small to be done
and no job is too overwhelming to be tackled.

For being such wonderful, positive role models for our
children, who still feel comfortable
approaching you to this day.

For being our personal role models of community
leadership and individual engagement.

Your selfless involvement goes well beyond job
descriptions or community expectations.

We are privileged to have you as our Rabbi and
Rebbetzin and we are honored to call you our friends.

Judy and Zev Berman
Lani and Josh Berman
Eliana and Daniel Berman
Rachaeli and Tuvi Bacharach
Tami Ariella Berman

Gold

Mazel Tov and Best Wishes To

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

on this well-deserved honor.

It reflects the recognition by the community of your tireless effort and unending devotion to each member of the community and, indeed, Klal Yisrael.

May Hashem give you the strength to continue to lead and inspire us

עד ביאת גואל ציון.

Dorothy and Julius Berman

Gold

To ***Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg,***

What the Rav says about a Bet Kneset:

Shabbat 32a states with disapproval when an individual calls the synagogue a bet am and not a bet kneset. As Rabbi and leader you, with Karen's creativity, dedication, and motivation, have established our shul as a bet kneset encompassing more than just a place to learn or pray. You also teach us how to embrace chesed and kavod habreyot as we share in common Torah-based national and personal destinies.

We owe you a great deal in all aspects of life and appreciate the opportunity to honor you on this occasion.

Im Bircot miKol haTorah
respectfully,

John, Marian and the whole Loike gang

Gold

Mazal Tov to our cherished

Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg

We are incredibly blessed
to be part of your kehilla.

You have inspired us and enriched our lives
in so many ways through your steadfast
commitment to Torah, tefilla, chesed, Israel,
family, justice and respect for others.

We marvel at your innate ability to know
just what to say or do at every moment,
and we are constantly learning from you by
simply observing your actions.

May you be zocheh to continue sharing
your gifts of leadership
with our community and with klal Yisrael
for many years to come.

With eternal gratitude, friendship and love,
Sima and Herman Hertzberg and family

Gold

In honor of

Rabbi Hochberg & Karen

You are both exemplary leaders that always
provide the community with what it needs.
Unconditional support and love.

Thank you for enriching and enhancing
our lives and always being here for us,
our family and our entire community.

We are forever grateful.

With love, admiration, and respect,

Fran and Yeeshai Gross
Avinoam, D'vora and Ariella

Gold

רבי יוסי אומר: לא מקומו של אדם מכבדו

אלא אדם מכבד את מקומו

*“The place does not honor a person,
but rather the person honors the place”*

-Masechet Taanit, 21:

We are grateful to express our thanks
and Hakarat Hatov to our dear friends and
leaders

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg, עמו"ש

For the past 25 years you both have served
as role models and teachers for us, our
family, our community and Klal Yisrael.

Your tireless efforts, known and unknown,
have enriched our lives. May Hashem bless
you, Yosef, Mira, and Yehuda with many
more years of good health and happiness.

Helene and Meir Mishkoff
Eytan, Ally, Tamar, Noam & Ezra

Gold

Mazal Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo & Karen
Hochberg***

Dear Friends, Role Models,
and Pillars of the community.

Your dedication to Klal Yisrael is inspiring.

We are honored to share this
evening with you,

Marilyn and Eli Hertz

Gold

Dear **Rabbi Hochberg & Karen,**

Mazal tov on this well deserved honor!

Your dedication and support
in the community is unparalleled.

With love and appreciation,

The Blitzes

Gold

Dear **Rav Shlomo and Karen,**

“25 is the new 18”!

A quarter of a century has gone by so quickly,
an era that has left an indelible mark on our Kehila.

We thank you, our “power couple”,
for these amazing years of devoted service,
availability, deep caring, inspiration
and example-setting.

You have taught us the true meaning of
Menschlichkeit and Yiras Shomaim
and thus have elevated the reputation of our
community to ever more vaunted heights.

May HaShem bless you and your dear family
and allow you to continue your Avodas Kodesh, in
good health - ad maya v'esrim shana.

With Deep Affection,

Estelle and Leo Weiner
and Family

Gold

Mazal Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Our family and community thank you for your friendship, leadership and partnership in raising a generation of dedicated Jewish leaders in Jamaica Estates and beyond.

Lola and Harvey Rosenblum
Janna and Sam Herskowitz and family
Tzipporah and Moshe Boim and family
Beth and Mark Goldman and family

Gold

With profound appreciation & sincerest gratitude,
To our esteemed Morah D'Asrah and Rebbetzin

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Whose dedication to our kehilah, leadership, and inspiration is without peer.

We can't imagine -
Life without your guidance,
Torah without your teaching,
Tfilah without your voice,
Chessed without your example.
For all of this and so much more,
we are grateful to HKB'H for the impact
you have on our lives.

May He bless you with good health
and the strength to continue all
of your endeavors - for years to come.

Best love from our house to yours,
Ruth and Arthur Quint

Gold

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg,

Congratulations for a well deserved award.

Thank you for a quarter century of devotion and commitment to the betterment of our community and k'lal Israel.

May G-d give you health, happiness and long life to continue on your mission.

Jack and Nora Abraham

Gold

רבי שמעון אומר שלשה כתרִים הם
כתר תורה, כתר כהונה, וכתר מלכות
וכתר שם טוב עולה על גביהן
(אבות ד, י"ג)

With deep respect and appreciation,
we wish mazel tov to our dear

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

whose boundless kindness, compassion
and respect for all have made the
Young Israel of Jamaica Estates
a very special kehilla.

May Hashem grant you and your family
many years of bracha, good health
and happiness.

Chanie & Gerry Zahtz

Gold

Dear **Rabbi and Karen,** עמויט

We thank you for all that you have given us
and our children:

- your warmth and caring
- your knowledge and wisdom
- your תוק and role-modeling
and finally
- your friendship and true understanding.

We have gone through many life events together, i.e.,
births and פטירות לעיל, illnesses and ביה recoveries,
brissim and bar- bat mitzvahs, weddings and sheva
brachos, and day to day life events and decisions.

We recall when you first arrived in Jamaica Estates,
we were amazed at the close relationships you
continued with your former Lowell congregants after 18
years there. Now, in the blink of an eye, we are
celebrating 25 years during which we were
זוכה to have you as our rav and rebbetzin.

We love being neighbors with you both here
and in Yerushalayim.

May we continue to share in simchas in good health
together עד מאה ועשרים שנה.

B'yedidut,
Elin and Avi, Elie, Ahuva, Sammy and Miriam
Chanan and Ayalah, David

Gold

Dear **Rabbi and Karen;**

We are so grateful to both of you
for your inspirational leadership
and the compassionate guidance which
you have provided to us.

May HaShem bless you and your family with
happiness, love and fulfillment of all
your wishes.

Love,
Michelle and Isaac Lowenwirt
Gila and Yehuda ,Leora Vicki and Layla
Zahava and Seth and Zevi

Gold

To our esteemed guests of honor

Rabbi and Karen,

Your unwavering devotion to our shul
is truly an inspiration.

You motivate us with your acts of chesed
and tremendous dedication to our
community and Klal Yisrael.

It is the strength of your commitment
that has made our shul what it is today.

May you continue your exemplary work and
leadership in good health for many years
to come.

With love, appreciation and admiration
Fran and Harold Biller and family

Silver

Dear ***Rabbi Hochberg & Karen,***

We did not want to write an ordinary ad for
an extraordinary couple. We know others will
certainly extol your praises for all you have
done for the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates
and the Jamaica Estates and Holliswood
communities.

But it is in our personal encounters
that we feel a “keshar” with you.

Every time we see you, you make us feel that
we are the only people that matter and the
most important people around. This goes back
to the day that we moved into Holliswood.

Karen and the JE Welcoming Committee were
the very first people to come into our new
home with warm greetings and a basket of
cheer, and Rabbi Hochberg was just a few
minutes behind with his own welcome.

You deserve uncountable Hakarat Hatovs.

The Grateful Goldsteins
Jill and Seth

Silver

In Honor of

Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg

Words of gratitude cannot adequately express our appreciation for all both of you have done for this fortunate community and for our family.

For 25 years, you have demonstrated a unique kind of leadership, a Rabbinical couple who enriched our lives, our homes, our faith and our learning.

Every congregant has benefited from your presence and from the example you have set. You have embraced this community as a family and the number of ways in which you have exceeded our expectations is limitless, on both a personal, spiritual and intellectual level.

We look forward to the next 25 years with you both.

Michael & Gail Reichwald and Family

Silver

To our beloved honorees with deep gratitude.

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

We both moved into Jamaica Estates in 1990.

You have provided 25 years of inspiration, love, support and strength of character since the day we met you both.

We are proud to consider you as our spiritual leaders and our good friends. But let's figure out a new way for the shul to have fun, without having to organize the 5K Run!!!

Just kidding!!!

We love you and wish you continued good health, nachat and arichut yamim.

Tammy, Hillel, Darren, Amanda, B.J., Andrew and Samantha Bryk

Silver

We are honored to have

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

as pillars of our community.

Your friendship, integrity and leadership
is precious to us.

You are a role model to our family
and Kehilat Yisrael and serve our shul
with heart and dignity.

Wishing you and your family many years
of health and happiness.

Here's to another 25 years!

Michael and Debbie Bermish
Rabbi David Hill
Aliza and Dov Porat and family
Yehudah and Danit Bermish and boys
Sara and Sam Bienenfeld

Silver

כל מי שעוסקים בצרכי צבור באמונה
הקדוש ברוך הוא ישלם שכרם

Rabbi and Karen

For inspiring our children
(& their parents)

With your leadership and
service to **כלל ישראל**

For your myriad **חסדים** and
immeasurable teaching of **תורה**;

And for shepherding with genuine **רעות**
Our shul and community through
the cycles of our lives;

We are forever grateful.
Wishing you both continued
ברכה והצלחה בכל מעשה ידיכם

Good health, happiness, and **נחת**
for your entire family.

Ruthie, Steve, Yehuda,
and Simcha Sommer

Silver

*They had the appearance of men,
but they were really angels*

Rashi Bereishis 18:2

With our utmost love and gratitude

Dr. Alexander & Meryl
Mark, Marnie, Michelle
Michael, Julie, Avigail
Weingarten

Silver

We pay tribute to our beloved

Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg

and his eishet chayil, ***Karen,***

whose wisdom, leadership, guidance
and love have enriched our lives,
and whose ever-present support has seen
us through the joys and sorrows of life.

Fondly,
Gary and Peri Lyman and Family

Silver

In honor of ***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

We thank you not only for your 25 years of service,
But also for your friendship, advice, compassion
and love that you have shown our families
throughout our lifetime.

You both serve as incredible role models for your
family, community, and Klall Yisrael.

May HaShem bless you with the strength
to continue being the inspiration that
you are to all who meet you.

We look forward to being there to welcome you
when you finally make your Aliyah!!

With much love, admiration and appreciation,
Chantale and Peter Pick
Eva and Moshe Kesselman
Gabi and Gadi Klein
Lauren and Joel Jerozolim

Silver

Dear ***Rabbi and Karen,***

Mazel Tov on your 25 years of dedicated service
to the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates!

We cherish the day you came into our lives!

You have been there to share in our
times of simcha, and to support our family
through trying times of crisis and tragedy.

Your sensitivity, understanding,
and discretion are unparalleled.

No one will ever know how many lives
you have touched and improved by knowing
what to say or not to say at right time.

Together with our four children,
twelve grandchildren, extended family
and the entire community,
we wish you both ongoing success
in all your endeavors, until 120.

With continued love,
Jesse and Lydia Rosenbaum

Silver

Dear ***Karen and Rabbi,***

We are blessed to have you in our lives,
as true role models for our children.

Thank you for setting an example
of what it means to be halachically rigorous
yet compassionate, warm, generous,
spiritual leaders.

From mitzvah mornings to Shabbat meals,
we treasure the times we spend together.

With respect and love,

Chani and Marc
Jake, Michael, Sarabeth,
and Danny Goldmann

Silver

...Make yourself a Rav ...Acquire for yourself a haver
... Pirkei Avot 1: 6

Rabbi and Karen –

We came to Jamaica Estates in great part because of our impressions of you, and so we chose you as our Rabbi and Rabbanit. For 23 years, you've answered shailos, major and minor, for all of us. As time went on, you became teachers to us, setting a high bar with your example.

In our early days here, we had difficulties with home-construction, followed by a family loss, and a personal accident. During this difficult period, you offered us physical and moral support, reassurance and heartfelt concern.

And so, in addition to a Rabbi, Rabbanit and teachers, we acquired haverim, good friends.

We thank you for being with us in good times and in bad, at family events - no matter how far away. You've made smahot more meaningful and avelut easier to bear. And we thank you for your help and guidance to each one of us.

We thank you for your selfless dedication to our community, and to the broader Orthodox Jewish community in the US and Israel. You set an example for Orthodox Jewish leadership in your sincere, unpretentious pursuit of yashrut and avodat Hashem.

May God grant you the strength and the wisdom to continue in your wonderful work.

Peshie & Richie Mandelbaum
Effie & Yaki Mandelbaum Tobi & Alex Harris
Rachel & Yitzie Mandelbaum Rahel & Zevie Savetsky

Silver

“WE” are the lucky ones to have had
“YOU” for the past 25 years in our lives

You do so much for our shul, community,
and each family and person you meet

You are always available - 24/7
Whether it's for good times
or for bad times.

We know we can always count on
both of you.

Congratulations and Mazel Tov
on this well-deserved honor!

Shelley and Sidney Itzkowitz
David, and Rachel & Bryan & Ethan

Silver

In honor of

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

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Silver

Dear **Karen & Rabbi Hochberg,**

We thank you not only for your magnificent leadership of our shul and community for the last 25 years, but for all your personal kindnesses.

You not only participated in all our simchas, you extended yourselves in your inimitable way to make them fulfilling and special. And we will be forever grateful, and cannot thank you enough, for your Derech Eretz towards our parents, and your comfort and consolation in times of sickness and loss.

May HaShem bless you and your family with many more years of good health and happiness.

Love,
Karyl and Asher Miller
Rebecca, Lauren and David
Binyamin, Mayer and Shaina

Silver

Dear **Rabbi and Karen,**

Mazel tov on this well deserved honor. We thank you for all you have done to create the warm, welcoming environment that all of us in Jamaica Estates call home.

Thank you for your friendship, encouragement and guidance over the years.

We wish you continued Hatzlacha
as you go מחיל אל חיל

Robin and Michael Appel
Melissa, Jordana, Joshua and Kyra

Silver

Mazel Tov **Rabbi and Karen**

on the occasion of allowing us to formally honor you tonight at this dinner although, we honor you 365 days a year, each and every year.

Whether as our teachers, mentors, consultants to our practices, our posek, or as our sincere friends, you lead us with intelligence, sensitivity, and most of all with humility. It is thanks to the two of you that we have learned just how loud a quiet voice can be heard. In shul, in shiur, or at a shiva house when you are taking out someone's garbage, you show us the dignity in every form of caring for another human being.

Rabbi you are a role model for all great things and Karen, you lead by example always with a smile and with a real touch of class. You are individually special people.
As a couple, you are the Dream Team.

We love you.

Susan, Arnie, Michael, Lauren, Raphi, Ashley, Yoni, Talya, Gabby, Ayla, and Shani Mandelstam

Silver

"Assume for yourself a Rav Acquire for yourself a friend"

(Pirkei Avot 1:6)

Dear **Rabbi & Karen,**

How fortunate we are to have you to look up to and guide us and as friends who listen and understand our concerns.

A Rabbi & Rebbetzin who represent us to the larger Jewish community, and friends who care deeply for each individual.

May HaShem grant you the strength and wisdom to continue to fulfill both these crucial roles.

With love,

Sharon & Chip
Jennifer, Aaron, Dalia, Gabrielle,
Orly & Alex,
Daniel, Andrew & Tamar
Pearl Ismach

Silver

It is truly our honor
to pay tribute to our dear

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Revered teachers, spectacular role models
and exemplary human beings.

We cherish our association with you!

Carol and Harold Finkel
Debbie and John Joseph
Annie and Alan Weinberg
and families

Silver

To ***Rabbi Hochberg & Karen,***

It is hard to believe that 25 years
have passed since you arrived in
Jamaica Estates and became such
an integral part of our lives.

We are grateful for your dedication
to our community, your leadership by
example, your caring and compassion,
and most of all your friendship.

Mazel Tov on this well deserved honor!

Esther, Michael,
Ilana, Mark, Yoni and Akiva

Silver

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi and Karen Hochberg.

Thank you for the energy, warmth and caring you have brought to Jamaica Estates.

You are both the perfect role models for what a Rabbi and Rebbetzin should exemplify.

A hearty yasher koach and may you continue from strength to strength in service to Jamaica Estates and the greater Jewish community

Judy and Henry Rosenbaum
Eytan and Tamar, Eli, Josh and Elissa

Dear Mommy and Daddy, amosh
You have shown us the true meaning
of what it is to be a leader.

Your caring, loving guidance, selflessness, devotion & dedication to Klal Yisrael is extraordinary and inspiring.

We are so proud and can only hope to follow in your footsteps for even half of what you have accomplished.

You are our ultimate role models of what it is to be a mentch in all that you do and wherever you go, that is first and foremost.

Most importantly, you are the best, most dedicated, parents we could ever have.

You model for us a true Bayit Ne-eman B'yisrael, and impart us with proper Torah values and knowledge, and the skills to face the world.

In a life filled with showing us how to share and give to others, you always make us feel that we are a priority. We love you so much, and thank you for all that you do and continue to do for us.

From soup (or cornbeef) to nuts (healthy!) and everything in between (Olympic pita Thursdays, puzzles and DVD's)- you definitely spoil us! We thank you for taking such good care of us, and for always knowing how to make us smile (happy, happy)!

We'd also like to thank the YJIE community for taking good care of our family, and for all the amazing wonderful years we spent 'growing up' along with you

Love, Mira & Yehuda and Yosef

With Hakarat Hatov to Hashem
for all the special Bracha & Chessed
He has granted us:
for placing us in the families
of supreme role models -
our beloved parents, of blessed &
everlasting memory

Rabbi Dr. Hillel Hochberg ז"ל

Gertrude B. Hochberg ע"ה

Joseph Ulevitch ז"ל

Ruth Ulevitch Lang ע"ה

who devoted their lives to the
professional and communal
leadership of the ציבור
with love, determination, diligence,
grace, and elegance

for blessing us with such wonderful children
for whom we have unbounded love
and pride

Mira and Yehuda, עמו"ש
who emulate Hashem's greatness Middah
as paradigms of Chesed - of sharing and
giving to others as they exemplify so
beautifully to so many
in their own communities and beyond

& Yosef עמו"ש

who continues to teach us daily
how to give totally of oneself
to love deeply and intensely and to grow
through each of life's challenges and in
celebration and gratitude for our being
blessed to find in each other a partner in
love and friendship, in building a family,
and in fulfilling our dreams together

R' Shlomo and Karen

*With deep gratitude to Hashem
for all His bountiful gifts*

For blessing us with such a magnificent
Shul-community-family

Young Israel of Jamaica Estates

With so many cherished friends
who have enriched our lives with their
warmth and friendship, generosity of spirit
sensitivity, courage, love, kindness
and inherent goodness

In appreciation of all of whose daily acts of
Chessed the wonderful men and women of
our Shul and quest for Torah knowledge
and insight make our community
truly special and inspire us to
ever-greater spiritual heights

And of the exceptional children
of YIJE - past, present (and future)
who continue to give us much Nachas

as we see them becoming “mentches”
and contributing to the greater
Jewish community

And with profound esteem and
admiration for the extraordinary cadre
of Rabbanim and Rebbetzins of our
community with whom it is our privilege
to serve together in Avodas HaKodesh

Karen and R' Shlomo

Dear

Rabbi Hochberg & Karen,

TODAH!

For all you have DONE

And , all you DO!!!

With much appreciation,
gratitude and Love,
Judi, Alvin, Matthew and Allie Segal

MAZAL TOV!

(Simply stated. Honorably received.)

Michael & Gussie Young
Aaron, Justin and Gregory

Mazal Tov

Rabbi & Karen

on a well deserved honor.

You are extraordinary human beings!

Love,
Rachel and Michael Fiskus
and Family

Mazal Tov to

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg!

Thank you for your many years
of loyal dedication and commitment
to the community and Klal Yisrael.

Jay and Harriet Grunfeld

Mazal Tov to

Karen & Rabbi Hochberg

for a well deserved honor!

With Love

from your Massachusetts
and New York Fan Club,
Rachel, Duvy, Fay and Yoni Kleinman
Cantor Steve Thompson & Co.

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg,

Your outstanding devotion to our communi-
ty and Klal Yisrael is an inspiration to us all.

May HaShem bless you with good health,
happiness and personal fulfillment.

Lisa and Darin Schnall,
Dana and Jacob, and Samantha

To our dear friends

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

You are the heart and spirit
of our community.

With Love,
Yehuda, Michelle, Aaron, Rachel
and Jacob Kleinman

We are thrilled to be able to honor

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

who are quintessential role models
of leadership, compassion,
scholarship and humility.

May HaShem reward you in kind
with infinite blessings
of arichut yamim replete with kindness,
happiness, nachat, and fulfillment.

Chava and Ray Reiss

Mazel Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

on this well deserved honor!

Thank you for your leadership, friendship,
and dedication to our community
throughout the years.

May you continue to serve Klal Yisrael in
good health for many years to come.

Ruthie and Phillip Fyman

To

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg:

You both have played such a vital role
in our community.

You lead by example and deed.

Your influence as role models has helped us
all create vibrant, loving Jewish homes.

May you continue to serve with good health
for many more years.

Sharon and Avram Blumenthal

We proudly join the Young Israel
of Jamaica Estates in honoring

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

We thank you both so much for extending
your kindness and compassion to your
neighbors “next door”.

Your caring has always made us feel that
we are part of your extended family and for
that we are truly grateful.

Esther and Paul Bernheim
Linda and Murray Bod
Rochelle and Bernie Drang
Jody and Steve Fox
Tami and Moshe Goldman
Paula and Moish Krauss
Trish and Selwyn Lotzof
Ruby and Andy Pieri
Nancy and Lee Rosenbloom
Judy and Ari Shulman
Ruth and Jeff Sprintz
Robin and Hank Wertz

In honor of

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Unique individuals who give of themselves
to the community on a daily basis.
May HaShem reward you for all your work
on behalf of the Klal many times over.

Mala and Mendy Greenberger

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

on this incredibly well deserved honor.
We are grateful to have you as friends,
mentors and bus buddies.

May you be zoche to continue your
avodas hakodesh ad meah v'esrim shana

Stacie and Zvi Rottenstreich

Mazel Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

for their 25 years of dedicated service to
the Jamaica Estates community.

May HaShem grant you the strength
and good health
to continue as our leaders, role models,
and friends for many years to come.

Mark, Sara, Natan,
Aryeh, & Yaakov Bienstock

We are proud to join in this tribute to
Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg

who together exemplify the very best
 qualities of the contemporary
 “Rabbinic couple”.

Their warmth and concern for their
 “ballei battim”, their many acts of “chessed”,
 their dedication and readiness to serve at
 all hours go way beyond that which could
 reasonably be expected.

Their fidelity to Halacha and the wisdom
 and judgement exercised in applying that
 Halacha are to be much admired.

They are wonderful role models
 not only for their parishioners but for the
 Rabbinic profession..

Sara and Michael Hecht

Mazel Tov to our dear
Rabbi & Karen,

Thank you for sharing all our life events,
 for your support, kindness and your tireless
 efforts on behalf of our community.

We have been fortunate to raise our family
 in a community lead so admirably
 by you and Karen.

Lia and Billy Nissel
 Daniella, Shira and Joshua

We are delighted to join
in the community wide celebration
of 25 years of dedicated leadership.

Thank you for your
inspiration, graciousness,
kindness and friendship.

Betty and Steven Nissenfeld

Best wishes to

Rabbi & Mrs. Hochberg

on a quarter-century of distinguished
service to the community.

May you be granted with many more years
to continue your inspired work.

Elaine and Larry Grossman

עשה לך רב, וקנה לך חבר

To our dear

Rabbi & Karen

We are so grateful to have you as
Rav and Rebbetzin,
mentor teachers and friends.

You have been part of our lives -
in celebration and in sorrow.

You are always the first to celebrate
and the first to comfort.

Thank you for the past 25 years
we look forward to the next 25
in Jamaica Estates/Holliswood
or Yerushalayim!

Neil and Marcie Stein and family

In appreciation of your 25 years
of service and friendship.

Gail and Mark Englander
Rivka and Awi Federgrun
Randee and Jeff Handler
Alma and Andy Klein

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to

Rabbi Hochberg & Karen

your actions, words and very presence
uplift our community.

The Raisner Family

To our esteemed

Rabbi Hochberg & Karen

Thank you for enriching our lives
on a daily basis
and being incredible role models.

May HaShem grant you the health
and strength to continue
for many years to come!

Fondly,

Ronnie and Beth Herskovits
Pnina and Eric Distenfeld
Miriam and Reuven Berman
Rebecca and Micah Epstein
Yael and David Pinn
and Judah

With Best Wishes
now and for the future

Sherry and Mark Klein
and Helen

Mazal Tov to our wonderful
Rav and Rebbetzin

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

May you go from strength to strength
עד מאה ועשרים!

Robbin and Idel
David, Rena, Batya, Chaim Dovid, Avi,
Penina and Simmy

Mazel Tov

Rabbi & Karen

on this auspicious occasion/milestone;
25 years of leadership and friendship.
Two outstanding individuals,
one extraordinary couple!

It is an honor to be part of your kehillah
and to call you both friends.....

Bobbie and Heshy Brooks

Wishing ***Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg***
our sincerest congratulations on a well deserved
honor. My wife and I have great admiration
and respect for you both.

Rabbi Hochberg, we applaud you for your tireless
efforts as a teacher, a community leader
and role model.

Rebbetzin Hochberg, your smile lights up the
room, your warmth and kindness emanate in all
that you do!

Thank you for all that you have taught us by just
being your amazing selves!!

Together you make a beautiful team!!

We both grew up in Jamaica Estates and now we
have the pleasure of raising our children here- we
are so lucky to have you both as an integral part of
what makes our humble neighborhood great!!

Thank you for being there for us for every
milestone for all long as we can remember!!

May Hashem continue to give you the strength
and patience you need to be emissaries of
Torah & Chesed.

Our Deepest Appreciation,
Ronen & Tanya Nissani
and Family

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach To

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Rebetzin Karen Hochberg***

This is a well deserved honor
for all the years of love and dedication
to our shul in particular
and community in general.

Heddet and Joel Goodrich and Family.

We join in honoring

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Who for the past 25 years have been our
role models, mentors, and friends

Through the power of their care, concern
and sincerity they have guided
and inspired us all

Mazal Tov and Thank you
Diane and Efraim Goldstein and Family

We would like to congratulate

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg

on this well-deserved honor. Rabbi Hochberg's patience, sensitivity and caring, and the Rebbetzin's kindness, thoughtfulness and warmth are legendary. These and many other outstanding attributes make the Rabbi and Rebbetzin role models both personally and professionally.

Rabbi Hochberg took time from his very busy schedule to meet with Moshe to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the Rabbinat. Moshe often approaches problems in his own professional life, and gives advice to colleagues, based on many of the examples that he witnessed during his year as Rabbinic intern in the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates. Likewise, Rebbetzin Hochberg encouraged Shifra to give shiurim and showed her, through both words and action, how to balance family and community obligations.

The year we spent at the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates (1997-1998) introduced us to a community involved in chesed and Torah learning. We saw, first hand, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Hochberg's leadership in both of these key areas. Our daughter Devora was born that year, and the community's warm welcome of our growing family is but one example of the hachnasat orchim and friendliness of the Jamaica Estates community, which we will always remember fondly.

Mazal Tov to the Hochbergs and to the entire community which benefits from their leadership and friendship.

Moshe and Shifra Schapiro

With love and deepest respect
to our dear brother and sister-in-law

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

In honor of their 25 years of devotion
to their "family" at the Young Israel of
Jamaica Estates

Their intense involvement with the
members of their community,
not only in a Rabbinic capacity,
but in all facets of life,
is a reflection of the endearing and
everlasting personal relationship
that they share with the members
of their shul.

May Hashem grant them good health
and happiness for 120 years.

With love,
Dr. Yussie and Gail Tuchman

In honor of our dear cousins

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

who have made an indelible impact
on our family, their community
and Klal Yisrael

Sondra and Myron Sokal
Vivian and Ernest Miller

Dear

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Rebbetzin Karen,***

For the lives you touch
For your timeless devotion
For your continued guidance
For your impact on our community
For the kindness you exemplify
And mostly for being you!

We thank you,
Josh & Esther, Shira & Meir, and Yoni

For your warm, sincere, and heartfelt concern, friendship, and love....always and at all times....we thank you!

How lucky and privileged we are to have you as our neighboring Rabbi and Rebbetzin!

We are honored to be counted amongst your friends!

Mazal tov!
Estee and Stuart Shor

כח שבט תשע"ו
כבוד הרב והרבנית

יה"ר שתמשיכו לזכות את הרבים
ברוב אושר ושמחה עד מאה ועשרים
יה"ר שהקב"ה יתן לכם רוב עושר ונחת
מתחת ידו המרווחת
וכלנו יחד נזכה לראות בבא לציון הגואל
באשר אנחנו, בגולה או בארץ ישראל

בברכת מזל טוב וכל טוב
חנה, ש"י ורפי בראון

In honor of

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg

whose days are consumed with
chesed for others.

Your devotion and energy to helping
Klal Yisrael is limitless
and we wish you a yasher koach
on this well deserved honor.

May you continue to go from strength to
strength inspiring those around you!

Leora & Chaim Blumenthal,
Judah Blumenthal and
Tamar & Ben Blumenthal

Mazal tov

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Thank you for providing us with this
opportunity to recognize you for your
contributions to the Young Israel of Jamaica
Estates, to the Jewish community
and to so many individuals.

While we may no longer be neighbors,
you will always be our Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

May you continue to serve as role models
in chesed for us all.

Enjoy health and happiness,
ad meah vaesrim shana.

Debby and Simcha Pollack
Tina and Doron Zollman and Chloe
Leora and Jason Cohen

In honor of our dear
Rabbi & Karen

We're delighted to join what will always be
 our community in tonight's celebration.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership,
 friendship and menschlichkeit.

Wishing you and your family continued
 good health, happiness and nachas.

Wendy and Stuart Riback and family

Mazel Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
 Karen Hochberg***

on this esteemed honor.

Your dedication, hard work,
 kindness and Chesed
 has benefitted the
 Jamaica Estates community
 over the past 25 years.
 So glad we decided to be part
 of this community.

Thank you for everything,
 Andrew, Michelle, Allison,
 Ethan and Jessica Davidson

Mazal Tov

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg

on this well deserved honor and milestone!
Jamaica Estates and the greater Jewish community
has thrived under your leadership.

The list of your accomplishments
and acts of Chesed is immeasurable.
You are true role models and pillars of Yiddishkeit.

The friendship and close connections
you form with your congregants
highlights your warmth and caring for
every member of your shul.

All are welcomed and feel a part of the
“extended” Hochberg family.

Rabbi, we are blessed and enriched
by your guidance and YIJE is fortunate to
have you as the Morah D’asra.

May you continue to go from strength to strength.

Dahlia and Ami Reschke

Mazal Tov

Rabbi Hochberg & Karen

Our community is fortunate to have you lead us with
warmth, graciousness, kindness and creativity.
As a couple, you make teamwork, partnership and
collaboration appear effortless.

Modeling the meaning of chesed, you set a tone
which we all strive to emulate.

Whether sharing in smachot, or providing comfort
during times of grief, somehow you always know what
needs to be done and how to get it done; without being
asked, in your quiet and unassuming ways.

And we all know that the way to a community’s heart
is through its stomach. We have delighted in Karen’s
delicious apple pies, hamentashen and bas mitzvah club
brownies (are we dating ourselves?)

May Hashem grant you health, happiness
and success, together with your wonderful family,
Yosef and Mira and Yehuda. May you have the strength
to continue your Avodas Hakodesh
for many years to come.

Karyn and Shalom Feinberg and family

Mazal Tov to the Honorees

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

Your dedication to YIJE has been felt not only by the families fortunate to be a part of this community, but by families and communities as far reaching as Eretz Yisrael.

You enrich, enlighten and inspire all who know you through your words and your deeds.

Our children are grateful for the time and devotion you show them as well, whether through Bar/Bat Mitzvah learning groups, or when further instilling the importance of doing chesed at each mitzvah morning.

We will be forever grateful for the words of encouragement, consolation and guidance you have always given our family.

May HaShem grant you and your family
His greatest blessings,
and may you be zoche to continue
your wonderful service to YIJE and Klal Yisrael.

Susan and Lowell Kass
Josh, Skyler and Sierra

The YCQ Family* is pleased to join in this special well-deserved tribute to

Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo Hochberg

in recognition of their devotion to the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates and to our Yeshiva and its students.

May HaShem grant you אריכת ימים ישנים
to continue your עבודת הקודש.

*Paid for by a private donation

Mazel Tov to our beloved

Rabbi Hochberg & Karen

It has been our greatest mazel
and z'chus to have you both in our lives!

We thank you for all your guidance,
kindness, insights, direction, tireless
devotion, compassion, Tefilot, and
friendship these past 25 years!

We look forward to your davening
and are inspired by your Tefilot all year long!

You have instilled Torah and Yiddishkeit
in our lives as role models to us all!!

With much Hakaras Hatov
Love,
Debbie and Yitzchok Portnoy
Elie and Meira Portnoy
Shana and Yitzy Klein
Dena and Jacob Sherman
and families

We used to think that it would take us
25 years to write the appropriate
expression of gratitude to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

We were wrong -- we still can't find
the words of appreciation and admiration
for the Rav and the Rebbetzin.

May you continue your loving inspired
leadership for many years to come.

Rabbi Raphael and Pessy Butler

To our esteemed guests of honor

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg:

We admire and respect your dedication to our community and to our shul.

We wish you Mazal Tov on this well deserved honor and we look forward to spending many more smachot together.

Julia, Jeff, Joshua,
Jeremy, and Lauren Goodman

Dear ***Rabbi & Karen,***

Thank you seems so inadequate to express our feelings of appreciation for all you have done for our family.

May Hashem bless you with good health and may we be inspired by your example for years to come.

Dovie, Jessica and Annie
Aharon and Ezra

Congratulations and Mazal Tov
to our dear

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

on this well deserved honor.
We cherish your presence in our
community and have witnessed
your many good deeds.

May HaShem grant you and your family
Good Health, Happiness
and Continued Success.

David & Ziva Nissani
and Jennifer Nissani

Mazel Tov and our best wishes to

Rabbi & Karen

on 25 years of devotion and leadership
to our shul and community!

Yashar Kochachem.

Tonight's honor is so well deserved!

Today Rabah!
Lonni and Howie Fried and family

Naomi Strubel and family

In honor of

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Your incredible ability to shower you love and chesed upon Jews locally as well as globally is something truly inspiring.

We consider ourselves quite fortunate to have had you as friends and mentors for the past twenty years and hope that this relationship will continue for many years to come.

May HaKadosh Baruch Hu grant you the strength to continue all of your amazing and innovative work for the klal, ad meah v'esrim shana.
Mazal tov on this most deserving honor!

Rabbi Marc and Adeena Penner

And now the ad we really wanted to submit:

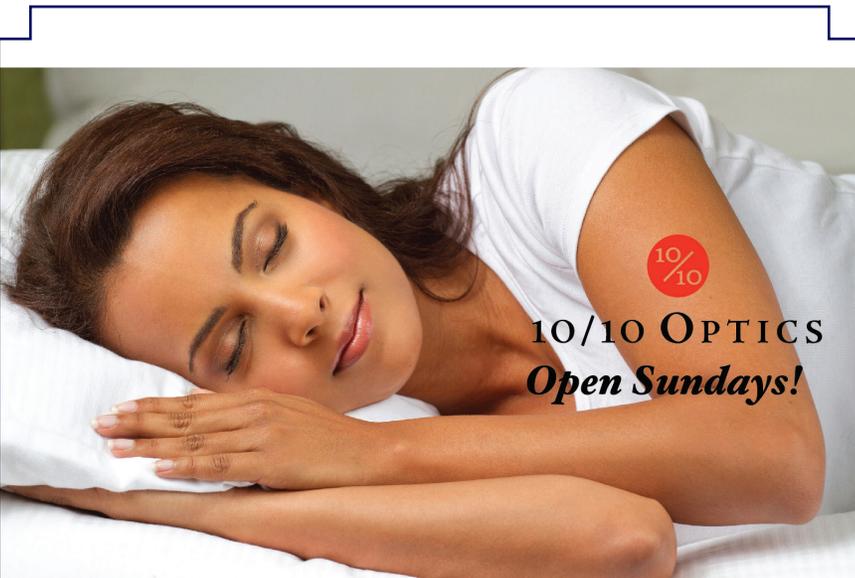
Roses are red
Violets are rust
Who would've thought
You'd make it
longer than us?

Congratulations to our
esteemed and beloved

***Rabbi & Rebbetzin
Shlomo & Karen Hochberg***

They have been a guiding light to our community. We want to thank them for their commitment, kindness, and expertise. Most of all, we want to acknowledge and thank them for always being there for us, for the community, and for all of Klal Yisrael.

Yitz & Ellen Berger
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Mazal Tov to

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

on your much deserved honor!

For the past 25 years you have enlightened, supported, celebrated, comforted and always inspired us by your loving influence and wisdom.

Tonight we are here to honor both of you. Your grace, kindness and chesed have touched our lives in so many undefinable ways.

May HKB”H continue to answer all your tefilot today and always.

Steve and Carolyn Baruch
Joe and Phyllis Gorelick

Mazel Tov to our

Dear Rabbi & Rebbetzin

We are so grateful for your religious and moral guidance, for your endless availability to help and comfort when needed, for teaching Ron Gemora, and for helping and guiding our five children.

We are thankful for everything that you do for us, for the community and for klal Yisrael.

We wish you continued success and hatzlacha in all your future endeavors.



With much love,
Sandy and Ron Kahn

חנוכה

It is hard to believe that you have 'camped' in our midst for 25 years.

Yet it also feels so natural, that you are synonymous with YIJE.

You both have educated our community formally and informally in becoming a bastion of chesed, love of learning Torah on many levels, and ahavat haaretz in a religious Zionist tradition.

You have both modeled the maaseh of putting the action behind the rhetoric to bring good ideas to fruition.

We have shared in good times and challenging ones and want to express our hakarat hatov in your extension of empathy in difficult times and celebrating our joy with us in the best of times and 'being there' for all of us at all times!

We are privileged to be counted among your many friends and that you are at the helm of our kehilla and we are proud to have worked with you on so many projects which elevate our shul and concomitantly ourselves.

Much bracha for continued good health and vitalized energy and retzon HaShem in all that you do!

The Rosensweigs!
Debbie and Judah
Navah and Naftali and Eliora and Ronen Wolfe
Talya and Yechiel Palgon
Hillela and Noah Geduld
Chayim
Moshe
Elisha

Our families have been privileged to have a Rabbi and Rebbetzin who do so much for so many people, with great kindness and humility and with great purpose - from the usual tasks one would expect from a Rabbi and Rebbetzin...to the unusual ways they extend themselves.

May HKBH bless

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Mrs. Karen Hochberg***

with much bracha and hatzlacha, good health (amosh), and the fortitude so that they can continue in their inimitable ways, to bring comfort and joy to Klal Yisrael.

Arthur and Resa Feinerman
Joshua and Linda Weinstein
and families

כל המכבד את התורה, גופו מכבד על הבריאות
Whoever honors the Torah are themselves honored by people

Mazel Tov ***Rabbi and Karen***

It's hard to sum up someone's worth in so few words. Suffice it to say, that for the past 25 years, YIJE has been privileged to be led by you, two individuals whose outstanding leadership, selfless dedication and unbridled commitment is only surpassed by your tremendous warmth, incredible generosity and widespread compassion.

Together you exemplify the highest standards of a Rabbi and a Rebbetzin. We all have witnessed and have been the recipients, at one time or another, of your boundless kindness.

Our children were quite young, being of the same age, when you first began at YIJE. We observed and learned as you raised Mira and Yosef with grace and dignity. We watched as you raised the standards of our shul in Kiruv, limud and Gemillut Chassadim. We thank you for all that and on a personal note, for becoming a speed dial away for our children, who believe that their Rabbi and Rebbetzin are their own personal friends.

May we be zocheh to have you continue leading us and enriching our lives for many years to come in good health.

May hashem always send the two of you,
Mira, Yehudah and Yosef much מזל וברכה.

With love,
Debbie (in absentia) & Jerry King
Jennifer and Donny Sohnen and family
Karen and David Jacobs and family
Wendy and Maurice Rabbenou
PS: Karen I owe you a dance!

To ***Rabbi Hochberg & Karen,***

Mazel Tov upon your 25 years in the YIJE community. We have been privileged to spend the last 20 of those years with you and we are lucky to have you as part of our lives.

You have been our teachers, advisers and most importantly our friends. We have all benefited from your teachings and in your humble manner, you are role models in how to better the world.

We wish you and your wonderful children Mira, Yehudah and Yosef many more years of good health, and strength to continue your great works here and Eretz Yisrael.

Ilana & Seth Friedman

Thank you to the Rabbi and Karen for their invaluable guidance, wisdom and mentorship to us.

We feel very lucky to have grown up in the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates and you have always been an inspiration to us.

Naomi, Shlomo, Atara, Elisheva and Eitan

It is with great pride that we join the Jamaica Estates community in honoring our brother and sister-in-law

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

on their 25th year at the Young Israel. The appreciation that your community feels and the dedication that they demonstrate are very well deserved.

You are everything that a Rav and Rebbetzin should be.

With great love and admiration,
Moshe & Susan Gartenberg
Aharon & Elisheva Gartenberg and family

To our Dear ***Rabbi & Karen,*** עמו"ש

25 years ago, you came to our community & began a lifelong journey that enlightened every soul that you touched.

Rabbi, we are so blessed that H'shm has sent you to us, to be the perfect conduit between us & Himself.

To teach us & to guide us to live our lives B'derech H'shm it is because of you that we are able to raise our Kedusha & come closer to H'shm.

Karen, our Rav's עזר כנגדו

Your devotion & service to our community is never ending. The Clothing Drive, the 5K Run & the Friday Morning Tehillim group, are just a fraction of the causes that would never be without you.

You both have served our community in more ways than anyone could have imagined or asked for. Your energy and dedication are Awe Inspiring, and deserving of our everlasting recognition & gratitude.

Tonight we honor you at this dinner, but it is you who honor us with your presence in our lives.

Our Heartfelt Thanks & Love to you both

Rhonda & Hilton Blachman
Judy & Martin Blachman
Jenny & Erwin Fried
Dina & Edward Fischein
Esti & John Mirzoeff

Mazel Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Your good souls and kind hearts have been an inspiration to all, and your untiring devotion to our community and to klal yisrael an example we all strive to follow.

Thank you for your leadership and for your friendship, for being with us and helping us through all the good times and all the difficult ones. We are proud to count you as our role models, and most of all, as our friends

Linda and Harry Brukner
Shani and Rabbi Uriel Lubetski
Ben and Aviva Brukner
J.J.(Joel) and Lauren Brukner
and the whole "crew"

With Boundless Affection,
Admiration and HaKarat HaTov,
we salute our esteemed Mara d'Asra

Rabbi Shlomo Hochberg, שלי"ט

And our beloved

Rebbetzin, Karen, שתחיה

Extraordinary models of Chessed and
Ahavat Yisrael who have selflessly guided
us, taught us, and inspired us.

Each and every day you perform more acts
of kindness than some of us do in a lifetime.

We will forever cherish these past 25 years
and look forward to many more!

May Hashem shower you with blessings of
good health, simcha and nachat,
ad meah v'esrim shana.

Jack and Charlotte Steinberg

Rabbi Dr. Daniel and Lisa Steinberg

Mark and Lois Weintraub

Faigy and Daniel, Sarah and Marc, Dovid,
Aaron, and Binyamin Menachem

In honor of our esteemed

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg

Thank you both for your kindness,
guidance and time.

You truly teach us by example,
and inspire us to grow
in our avodas HaShem.

Love,

The Bobrow Children

To our beloved

Rav, Shlita,

and his gracious, super talented

Rebbetzin Karen:

We are truly blessed to have you in our lives
and wish you good health and happiness
in the years ahead.

Thank you!

Love

Jenni and Meir Levin and family

In tribute and Hakarat Hatov to our
esteemed Guests of Honor

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg.

“עשה לך רב וקנה לך חבר” (פרקי אבות פרק א'
Rabbi, we have been honored and privileged
to have you as our mentor, role model,
teacher, leader and special friend.

You set the tone and Hashkafa for our
wonderful community, and allow everyone
to feel comfortable and accepted.

Together, you and Karen are continuously
and tirelessly devoted and dedicated to each
and every family, and are always concerned
with our welfare, especially our children.

Your chessed knows no bounds,
whether it's for an individual, a family,
the shul, a worthy charity, or ארץ ישראל .

Both of you have been there for us in times
of happiness, and ר"ל in times of sadness,
and we are forever grateful for your kindness,
compassion, and sensitivity.

May you both merit to have good health,
and happiness from your family, עמו"ש,
and may we only share שמחות together.

Joy and Raphy Aharon
Sara, Devora, Moshe, Yossi, and Golda

Mazal Tov to

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

on this well deserved honor.
Both individually and as a
distinguished unit,
you are the greatest mentors
and friends we could ask for.

בהוקרה, בהערכה, בכבוד ובידידות

Dena and Avi Block

To

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Thank you for 25 years of
incredible dedication, friendship
and devotion to our lives
and our community.

We look forward to many more.

Barbara and Mickey Z"l Wohl and family

Mazal Tov to our dear friends

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

on a well deserved honor.

Your dedication and service to our community, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel are inspirational.

May you and your entire family go from strength to strength.

With love and admiration from Igal Levy and Lynn Goodman Levy, Orrie Levy and Michelle Biller Levy, Jeff Sugar and Lielle Levy Sugar and Maia Levy

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DEAR RABBI AND REBETZIN

IN BEING INVOLVED WITH OUR AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND DESERVED OF THE TEFILLAH

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Mazal Tov
***Rabbi Shlomo &
 Karen Hochberg***

well deserved honorees.

The Perel Family

Yasher Koach to
Karen & Rabbi Hochberg

who personify the meaning of
 כל מי שעוסקים בצרכי צבור באמונה
 הקדוש ברוך הוא ישלם שכרם

You have both exceeded your roles of
 Rav and Rebbetzin.

You have become our role models, our rocks
 in the time of need or sorrow,
 our guides and confidants, an inspiration to
 our community and Klal Yisrael
 and most importantly our dear friends.

Grace and Sol Lauber and family
 Tami and Nathan Neuman and family
 Chana Silberstein and family

Mazal tov to the honorees

***Rabbi Shlomo &
Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg***

We express our gratitude to the community for the kindness, compassion and support you showed our family upon the passing of our beloved husband and father

Jacob L. Brener M.D., z"l,

who was a founding member of this esteemed congregation.

Goldie Brener
Michelle and Yitzchak Teitelbaum
Judy and Marty Grumet
Stanley Brener

With much appreciation, respect and love for our dear

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen

You have, for the past twenty five years, been an integral part of our family. Words cannot express how much your caring and support have meant to us. We are blessed to call you not only our Rabbi & Rebbetzin but also our friends.

Wishing you tremendous good health and Nachas to continue in your exemplary ways - till 120!

Affectionately,
Rena & Alan Schnall & family

It is with deep respect
and affection that we congratulate

Karen and Rabbi Hochberg

on their well deserved honor.

Lenny and Lois Brafman and Family

Dear ***Rabbi and Karen***

with friendship, respect, gratitude
and appreciation for all you've done
for all of us in your first 25!!

With love,
Hal & Diane Geliebter
Allie, Steph & Josh

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Hochberg

(We know... but Brad still has a hard time calling you 'Karen')

In appreciation of your warm friendship and wise advice;

In admiration of your devotion to your kehilos;
With deep respect for your patience in dealing with Brad as a teenager.

Thank you for teaching us from early on, the importance of giving to the community with full hearts and setting an example of what it truly means to serve Klal Yisrael.

We could not ask for better role models.

May you continue to be a source of strength, inspiration and leadership to all those around you!

Jamaica Estates, you really lucked out...

Brad and Jennifer and Shirley Martin

To our wonderful neighbors and friends,

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

It was an honor that our last time doing this was for you.

Love,
The Waxmans

Dear **Rabbi Shlomo & Rebbetzin Karen,**

For the lives you touch
 For your timeless devotion
 For your continued guidance
 For your impact on our community
 For the kindness you exemplify
 And mostly for being you!

We thank you,
 Asher & Rachelle Abramovitz
 Josh & Esther,
 Shira & Meir, and Yoni

ברכות מקרב לבינו לרב שלמה הוכברג נ"י
 והרבנית קרן תחי'
 יקירי קהילתנו,
 אשר כבוד גדול הוא לנו לחסות בצילם,
 ולהיות בין המתפללים בבית מדרשו זה משך שנים רבות.
 מוקירים תודה אנו לכם על מסירותכם למען הקהילה,
 ויהי רצון שהקב"ה ישלם לכם כגמולכם
 ותזכו לכל טוב עד מאה ועשרים.
 בהוקרה ובידידות גדולה,
 אשר ורחל אברמוביץ,
 יהושע ואסתר וב"ב,
 שירה ומאיר וב"ב,
 יוני

Heartfelt Mazel Tov to

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg

25 years ago, when my mother, Hannah Lightman A"H told me that you were leaving Lowell and had accepted a position at the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates, I remember thinking that although I was sad for Lowell's enormous loss, I was extremely happy for you and the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates, and, that the bonus would be that now you would be nearer to your "other family" namely, Judah and myself and our children.

Rabbi and Karen, you are outstanding people, and words are inadequate to express our appreciation of the multitude of ways you have enriched our lives.

We are deeply grateful for your always being there for "our" Mom and Dad, A'H in their times of need, and now for us. We feel blessed to consider ourselves part of your "family" that now includes your Kehila of Young Israel of Jamaica Estates.

We pray that HaShem always bless you with good health and nachas from your children, and from your extended family with whom we join tonight to celebrate your 25 years of leadership.

Much love,
 Judah and Rachel Wiederkehr

Who remembers the First Bar Mitzvah
in our new Shul in February 1990 with our new
Rabbi and Rebbetzin?

We do!

What precious memories those are.
Once upon a time more than 25 years ago,
we welcomed you into our community.

We soon discovered that we had the special
fortune to merit such a unique Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

Right from the beginning you nurtured and enriched our
family for many years in Jamaica Estates and beyond.

We have always felt comfortable to call upon your
guidance and direction whenever we needed it.

We will be indebted to you both for your advice,
caring and compassion.

Thank you for your generosity of time and spirit
all these years.

No matter where we live you will always be our
Rabbi and Rebbetzin, our "Guiding Light"
teaching us to better ourselves.

May you always be blessed with good health
and unbounded energy to continue to lead our
Young Israel of Jamaica Estates for many, many years.

The Wisotsky Family

Mazal Tov to our dear
***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg.***

We have been fortunate to have
such warm, kind, caring, spiritual leaders
in the Jamaica Estates community.

You are an inspiration to us all.
We wish for you good health,
Mazal and nachat.

With much love and appreciation
Edit and Sandy Shmuely
Danielle, Mikey and Yoni

In Honor of

Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg

May you be zocheh to continue with
your עבודת הקודש in good health for
many years to come.

Rabbi Shlomo and Mimi Appel and Family

To ***Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg***

It is with much pleasure and many
memories that I wish you Mazel Tov
on this great honor.

No one deserves it more.

With much love,
Gaile Taubenfeld

To ***Rabbi and Karen,***

Twenty five years ago when we came to wish you
good shabbos on the bima we were very young.

Now we have families of our own.

Through the years the two of you have been
our role models. From all of us, our sincerest thanks
for being the most approachable Rabbi and Rebbetzin,
for your sage advice, your warmth, understanding and
above all, for being just "a phone call away."

A well deserved Mazel Tov.

May you continue to guide us for many years
to come in good health.

Jennifer (King) and Donny Sohnen and family
Karen (King) and David Jacobs and family
Wendy (King) and Maurice Rabbenou

Our warmest congratulations to

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg

This honor is a fitting tribute to a couple
so dedicated to The Young Israel of
Jamaica Estates and the Holliswood
communities.

We honor your extraordinary
accomplishments and endless devotion
to your shul and Klal Yisrael.

Michelle and Danny Gejerman

Congratulations and best wishes to
Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg
 for their 25 years of dedication and
 devotion to the Young Israel of
 Jamaica Estates communal family and
 their significant accomplishments and
 leadership roles involving Orthodoxy,
 Kiruv and Chesed throughout the
 Jewish Community.

Dr. Alan Uliss and family

Congratulations upon a
 well deserved honor.
 You are a very special and giving couple.
 Your tireless devotion make you both a
 great asset to our community.

Thank you!
 Mazel Tov,
 Sally and Martin Baumel

Congratulations Best Wishes
 and Yasher Koach to
Rabbi and Mrs. Karen Hochberg
 and the entire community for your
 milestone achievement, hard work, tireless
 efforts, continue support and boundless
 Chessed for the past TWENTY FIVE years
 on behalf of the
 Young Israel of Jamaica Estates.

Isaac and Pnina Cohen and Family

A heartfelt Mazal Tov
 to our dear friends
Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg

Pillars of our local and greater
 Jewish Community.
 May HaShem bless you and your family.

Rubin and Toby Cooper

Mazal Tov to

Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg

on this well deserved honor.
You truly inspire us by your endless
dedication and commitment
to our community and all of Klal Yisrael.

Yonah and Yossi Nissenfeld
Michelle and Ephie Nissenfeld

My thanks and appreciation for
all you have done through the years
for our community.
It is our good fortune to have you as our
Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

Sincerely,
Felicia Fiskus

Dear ***Rabbi and Rebbetzin Hochberg,***

Thank you for being there for our family
through the ups and downs, the highs the lows,
the beginnings, the endings, and
all the in-betweens.

Fondly,
Susan Davis

Daniel, Zahava, Aliza and Isaac Stemp
Emily Stemp, Gabrielle Stemp,
Morris Stemp, Samuel Stemp
Atara and Israel Wertentheil

Rabbi Hochberg and Karen,

You are quite remarkable people
and with your wisdom, selflessness and
devotion you have led the Young Israel of
Jamaica Estates community in an
outstanding fashion.

יה"ר שתשרה שכינה במעשי ידיכם
ושתברכו בכל מילי דמיטב

בידידות
יצחק וטובה אדלר

מזל טוב on reaching this milestone!
Thank you for all you do for our
community and for Klal Yisrael.

Despite the bum steer about Boston,
we value your friendship and support

May you continue to be successful
in your endeavors.

And may we share many
future happy times.

Garry, Gail, Beth, Sarah and David

To ***Rabbi Shlomo &
Rebbetzin Karen Hochberg***

A heartfelt Hakaras Hatov for your devotion
and tireless efforts on behalf of
our shul, community at-large and Israel.
May HaShem continue to grant you strength
and health for years to come.

Kol Tuv,
Daniel & Lauren Silverman
Sandy, Helen & Alan Silverman

We feel blessed and honored to know you,
Karen and Rabbi Hochberg.

Our lives are richer because of you.
With love and deep gratitude,

Gina Carmody and Virginia Campbell

Mazal Tov

Rabbi and Karen Hochberg.

You are outstanding leaders,
inspirational role models
and most deserving honorees.

Harold and Hannah Obstfeld
and family

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Hochberg,

It is with love and grace that you serve your shul and the greater community. The care you show for everyone you meet is amazing and special. We feel privileged to know you and have learned so much from you.

Ayelet, Nathan, Tova, Tikva
and Avichayn Goldberg

Thank you to

Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg

for 9,125 continuous days of on-call and on-demand spiritual leadership and community service—a truly special milestone.

Mazel Tov,
Mark and Shari Lefkovitz

To the most exemplary role models:

Rabbi & Karen Hochberg,

Mazal Tov!

Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of our community and Israel.

Adele and Hy Itzkowitz

To Rabbi Shlomo and Karen,

My greatest regret is that I can't physically share this simchah with you.

My heart and my warmest wishes are with you this evening.

May you, your family, and our community have many years of many smachot together in good health.

With love,
Aviva Hoschander and Family.

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg.

Thank you for your outstanding leadership
and warm friendship
May HaShem bless you with good health
and strength
to continue inspiring and guiding the entire
community.

Marian and Jan Fenster

In 1991, ***Rabbi and Karen***

started a class in their home for women, like me, who were searching. With Yosef's homemade cookies and a non judgemental environment, I felt comfortable to explore my spiritual yearnings. Two years of learning grew into a Touro College education and a year in Israel for Brian, Jen and Brian's traditional Orthodox weddings and hosting and personally giving classes in our home. (Also Fred's completion of Shas). You have shown us the meaning of chesed, loving kindness, through your teaching and leading by example. You have always been there for us with sensitivity and understanding.

With much Hakaras Hatov and love.

Mazal tov to two awesome role models.

Susan & Fred Raven, Jen and Dave Lichtman
and Brian and Shani Raven

In Honor and
Appreciation of
***Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg***

Aliza and Ari Kalton
Zahava and Yitzzy Kolb
Duvie Goldofsky

כ"ה שנים=קול הכבוד
for all that you've done
for Young Israel of
Jamaica Estates
and greater קלל ישראל
כן ירבו!

Jeremiah and Clara
Steinman
Jessica and Abie Veroba
Allegra and Avi Goldberg

Dear
Rabbi Shlomo & Karen
Mazel Tov &
sincerest best wishes
on your wonderful
milestone & celebration.
We thank you and are
most grateful for your
friendship, support and
inspiration.
May you both continue to
lead us ad meah v'esrim.
Caren & Harvey Barnett

Mazel Tov to our beloved
Rabbi & Karen Hochberg
You make our House of
Worship a Home with your
personal warmth caring for
us not only as a community
but as families and
individuals and working for
the good of Jews
everywhere.
We are privileged to honor
you!

With love and yedidut,
Penny, Jeremy, Sharon and
Alison Uliss

Mazel Tov to the guests of honor
Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg,

for 25 Years of Dedicated Service to YIJE.

With gratitude and best wishes,
Avi and Jill Pandey

Dear **Rabbi & Karen**
Congratulations on your very well deserved honor. We are all very fortunate to have you lead our congregation.

We wish you and your family much mazal, good health and a blessed future.

Rhona and Ed Wagner

Mazel Tov to
Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg
on this distinguished honor!

With admiration,
Joan and Marney Twersky and Family

Congratulations to **Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg** on this well deserved honor and this phenomenal milestone.

The community is grateful for the 25 years of service, friendship, guidance and moral leadership you have both provided us.

May we be worthy of your example and have the privilege of your guidance for many, many years.

Thank you.
Keren/Friedman family

With all good wishes to our inimitable **Rabbi and his remarkable Rebbetzin,** who for a quarter century have helped to make Jamaica Estates the Jewish community it is today.

Francine and Myron Kolatch

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg**

Thank you for your friendship and advice all these years. Your dedication to the Jewish community is so inspiring.

We wish you continued strength and success in the great work you do.

Jason & Brandi Grunfeld

Dear **Rabbi Hochberg and Karen, amosh**
Thank you for your dedication and for all the heart you put in what you do to enhance our community.

We wish you many more years in excellent health and spirit.

Yashar Kochachem!
The Rothschild family

He who is loved by man is loved by HaShem - Pirkei Avos 3:13

How honored and fortunate we have been to have had you as a part of our lives.

“B’yididus”,
The Savage Family

Rabbi Shlomo & Karen Hochberg,

WE SALUTE YOU,
YOU HAVE EACH IN
YOUR OWN WAY GIVEN
SO MUCH OF
YOURSELVES TO MAKE
OUR SHUL AND
COMMUNITY WHAT IT IS
TODAY.

Zvi & Sharon Blaustein
and family

In honor of
Rabbi Shlomo and Karen Hochberg,
Your faith and dedication
have been a source of strength
and inspiration to all.

Heartfelt thanks for your
guidance and tireless efforts on
behalf of our families,
community, and of klal Yisrael.

Moreen and Zack
Judy and Irwin
Rachel and Yitz
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Mazal tov to our aunt
and uncle,
Great aunt and uncle,
And now great, great
aunt and uncle

**Rabbi Shlomo and Karen
Hochberg**

We are so proud of your
accomplishments, and
proud to be part of your
family.

Elie, Suzie, Devora, & Dov
Yaakov, Ayelet, & Emuna
Shira & Ike Sultan

About 15 years ago,
Rabbi Hochberg undertook to
increase Jewish learning in our
community, and called for
volunteers to join in shiurim.
So our Tanach shiur was born.
Thank you, Rabbi and Karen, for
inspiring us to set time aside for
Torah, learning, and to
re-examine- as adults - the words
and messages of the Tanach
and the meforshim.

The Tuesday Night Tanach Shiur:
Linda Brukner, Karen Beth Cohen,
Karen Frager, Elin Freilich,
Jill Goldstein, Grace Lauber, Peshie
Mandelbaum, Lia Nissel, Roz Pineles,
Helen Silverman,
Rachelle Zabusky, Chani Zahtz

Mazel tov to
**Rabbi Shlomo &
Karen Hochberg**
on their 25 years of
dedicated service to
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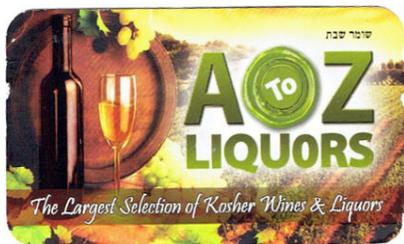
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With deep appreciation to Rabbi and Karen for all you do. We love you.
The Frager Family

Thank you for all that you do for our community, Klal Yisrael and our family - with gratitude
The Kaynans

Mazel Tov to you both With unending gratitude,
Isaac and Linda Askenazi

We are touched by your dedication to and caring for the community. Mazel Tov
Michael and Randi Botek

Thank you for dedicating your life to enriching ours.
Mazel Tov!
Ariella, Ari, Michal, and Ayal Levine

Abe and Lucy Rosenberg

Cindy and Mark Rubin

Our community is blessed to have both of you.
Mazal Tov.
Francine Lashinsky

Mazal Tov on a well deserved honor. May we always have the opportunity to share Smachot.
Saul and Lori Noah & family



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Yasher Koach Rabbi and Karen. Thank you for your support, inspiration and friendship.
Jane and Martin Schulman

Mazel Tov and very best wishes to the Rabbi and Karen on this richly deserved honor.
Eli and Celia Brown and family

Mazel Tov!
From Mr. and Mrs. Dinovitser

Thank you, Rabbi and Karen for always being there for us.
Rhonda, Steven, Mark and Elisheva Weissmam

Zinat Yacobi

Mazel Tov, We can't thank you enough for all that you do for us and the community.
Love,
The Lehons

All our love, gratitude and appreciation,
The Warshaws

Abby and Joel Belson

Kosher Journeys, Etc

Judge Leon Beerman,
in memory of Toby Beerman ע"ה

Noam Mishkoff

Ezra Mishkoff

Miriam Glassman

Sheera and Keith Landsman

Ally and Eytan Mishkoff

Karen and Rabbi, you have helped shape a wonderful YIJE community.
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