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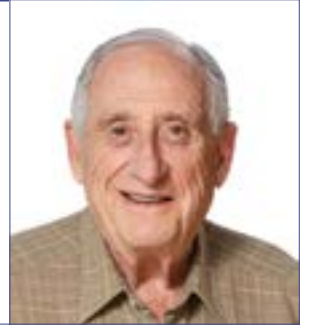
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We nurture a sense of community and enrich the lives of older adults, while embracing Jewish values and celebrating life. JSL is proud to provide inclusive residential communities.



VISION

Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit is the provider of choice for outstanding residences and compassionate services that enable older adults to live healthy, joyous and purposeful lives.



Eight Over Eighty is the largest fundraising event held on behalf of Jewish Senior Life. At this annual event, we honor and recognize eight distinguished older adults, all over eighty years, who have demonstrated dedication throughout their lifetimes to the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam - Repairing the World.

All funds raised from this event benefit the Quality of Life Fund at JSL, providing subsidy for those in need for their kosher meals and other essential supports. The Quality of Life Fund also enables health and wellness programs including exercise, yoga, meditation, massage; Shabbat flowers, outings and bus trips, a slate of weekly professional musical entertainers, social gatherings and seasonal holiday parties throughout the year, along with supplies needed to complete and enhance these programs for our residents on both our Oak Park and West Bloomfield campuses.

Over 40 nominations for our distinguished honorees came from all over the community and the eight were selected by a confidential panel of judges. Over the last 28 years, we have honored over 230 older adults as the recipients of the Tikkun Olam Award. We stand on their shoulders in gratitude to these special people who have dedicated their lives to making a difference for us all.



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JSL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization. Private contributions ensure our continued fiscal viability and provide programming and services that directly enhance the quality of life of our residents. All donations are tax deductible, as allowed by law.



Dear Friends of Jewish Senior Life,

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the following Eight Over Eighty Honorees on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Jewish Senior Life:

Shirley Benyas	Rene Lichtman
Charles Danto	Rae Sharfman
Dr. Joseph Jacobson	Jerry Soble
Sophie Klisman	Sylvia Starkman

The Detroit Jewish Community is truly fortunate to have such devoted volunteers, philanthropists, and communal leaders. These Honorees exemplify the practice of Tikkun Olam - Repairing the World - and we are honored to recognize these individuals with the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award.

We could not do the important work we do without the support of our generous community. On this 29th anniversary of JSL's Eight Over Eighty event, we offer our sincere thanks to our **Visionary Sponsors**, The Ravitz Foundation. Our **Trailblazer Sponsors**, The Beznos Family. We want to also thank our **Architect Sponsors**, including Dr. Joseph and Nancy Jacobson, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, Ryan Duling and Friends at Lument, Elizabeth Rose, the Rosenthal Family, Mickey Shapiro and the Torgow Family. **Builder Sponsors**, The Norman and Esther Allan Foundation, AMAC Pharmacy Services, Elaine and Bob Appel, Belfor Property Restoration, Marcy and Ian Burnstein, Marlene and Jeff Cohen, Robin and Leo Eisenberg & Family, Rose Rita and Sheldon A. Goldman, John Marr - Greystone & Co., Alan J. Hayman, Doreen Hermelin, Huntington National Bank, the Jacobson Family, Cyril Moscow, Princeton Enterprises, Joni and Neil Satovsky and Yad Ezra. **Dreamer Sponsors** including the Benyas, Lis, Mark, Reiter & Slaim Families, Linda and Maurice Binkow, Barbara Bloom, Barbara, Jerry and Francie Cook, Dawda Mann, Melissa and Brad Feldman, Edward I. Fleischman Foundation, Nancy & Jim Grosfeld, Henry Ford Health, Sandra and Dr. David Kirsch, Eli A. Scherr, the Soble Family, Frances and George Stern, Lori D. Weisberg and Steve R. Weisberg, Andi and Larry Wolfe, and all of the individuals that support our agency. Your continued support and dedication allow us to provide our community with the residences, programs and services that are essential to upholding the security, dignity, physical, cultural and spiritual needs of our community's seniors.

More than 114 years ago, our Jewish community made a commitment to its older adults to provide dignity, respect and caring for our Mothers and Fathers as they age. We are grateful to you for your support of this critical mission, helping us keep our promise to provide older adults with the resources, supports and assistance they need.

It is our responsibility. It is our tradition. It is our privilege.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah Rosenthal".

Deborah Rosenthal
President, JSL Board of Directors



May 22, 2022

Dear Honorees, Friends, Family Members and JSL Supporters:

On behalf of Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit, I am honored to extend our congratulations to the eight outstanding recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award. We are all so inspired by their volunteerism, hard work and devotion of time and talent in support of the communities they have served. They have enriched our lives and led by example.

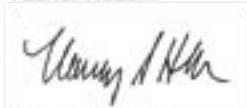
While JSL is proud of the work we have done to keep our residents safe over the last years, the pandemic has taken its toll and we find ourselves in a period of rebuilding. We will be appealing to the community to assist us in reinventing the now forty-year-old Fleischman Residence assisted living community so that we can preserve this valuable asset for years to come. Additionally, as always, we need to continue to subsidize the cost of **every meal** we serve in our Federally assisted affordable HUD communities to ensure all of our residents receive nutritious Kosher meals. Thus, we look to our partnership with you in maintaining our 114-year-old promise to our community - to provide a caring home where they find respect, dignity, independence, spiritual support and where we celebrate life together, every day.

Your presence here today and your generous contributions to the Eight Over Eighty celebration help provide the tzedakah we need to continue to provide our residents with the programs and services they have come to expect from Detroit's premiere agency serving older adults. We cannot accomplish this mission without your vital support.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for making this day one of joy and celebration for our 2022 Honorees and for our community. Your participation demonstrates the support and respect you share for our Mothers and Fathers and for all of those who came before us.

We wish all of the Eight Over Eighty Honorees a heartfelt MAZEL TOV and continued good health and joy.

Yasher Koach!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy S. Heinrich".

Nancy S. Heinrich
Chief Executive Officer



Congratulations

TO CURRENT AND PAST EIGHT OVER EIGHTY HONOREES

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Scott Present

CLOSING REMARKS

Jo Strausz Rosen

Jewish Senior Life

2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award Recipients

I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to the recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Awards presented by Jewish Senior Life. This very special annual event acknowledges the exceptional commitment of these men and women, giving of their time and sharing their many talents to help repair our world. Through their involvement and leadership, they have made a meaningful and lasting impact on our Jewish community.

It is my pleasure to commend this year's recipients:

Shirley Benyas

Charles Danto

Dr. Joseph Jacobson

Sophie Klisman

Rene Lichtman

Rae Sharfman

Jerry Soble

Sylvia Starkman

I am honored to recognize and thank these outstanding individuals for their dedication to the well-being of others and the community at large. They are truly an example and inspiration to us all.

I want to thank Jewish Senior Life for all it does to support and enrich the lives of our community's older adults. And, once again, Yasher Koach and congratulations to these eight outstanding leaders on this recognition. May they all continue to go from strength to strength.

Sincerely,



Steven Ingber
Chief Executive Officer
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit



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May 22, 2022

Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty - Tikkun Olam Award presented by Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. The annual Eight Over Eighty event celebrates the hard work and dedication of outstanding older adults who have contributed to their community by selflessly giving their time and talents. All of you have made an incredible impact on your community through your involvement and leadership.

It is my pleasure to commend Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rac Sharfinan, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman for their outstanding leadership and contributions to the state. Our communities thrive because of people like you who represent the values of generosity, compassion, and selflessness. I am honored to take this opportunity to recognize and thank you for your contribution to the well-being of others and the community at large.

This year, we also celebrate the 29th anniversary of this special event. Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life for continuing this important tradition of honoring the elders of our state.

Once again, on behalf of all Michiganders, I express my deep gratitude for the commitment of exceptional older adults in our state. Each of you have consistently demonstrated the highest standard of citizenship. Please accept my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

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May 22, 2022

Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit
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Dear Jewish Senior Life Community Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the 29th Annual Eight Over Eighty, Tikkun Olam Award event.

Congratulations to Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman for being honored today. We are all grateful for your generous commitment of time and energy. Each of you play a critical role in strengthening the communities where you live and your efforts are truly making a difference. Thank you for your hard work and leadership.

Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life on the 29th anniversary of this event and for continuing this tradition of honoring our older citizens. I hope you have an inspirational event.

Sincerely,



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May 22, 2022

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the honorable recipients of the 29th Annual *Eight Over Eighty - Tikkun Olam Award* presented by Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. This award recognizes the dedication and hard work of eight outstanding individuals who are deeply involved with our community and truly embody the values of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world.

It is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate the 2022 honorees: Shirley Benyas; Charles Danto; Sophie Klisman; Rene Lichtman; Rae Sharfman; Jerry Soble; Sylvia Starkman; and Dr. Joseph Jacobson. Their incredible generosity and hard work consistently encourages our community to thrive, and it is truly a privilege to honor and thank these individuals on this special occasion.

Once again, I extend my congratulations to all of the honorees. Thank you for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the Metro Detroit community.

Yours in Service,

Representative Mari Manoogian
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May 22, 2022

Dear friends,

I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Eight over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award presented by Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. This annual event commemorates the hard work and dedication of outstanding older adults who have contributed to their community through selflessly giving of themselves through their time, talent, and treasure. They are truly worthy of being celebrated for the impact they have had on the community, their dedication and involvement, and their powerful example of service.

It is my pleasure to commend Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman. Our communities thrive because of individuals like them! It is my honor to have the opportunity to recognize and thank them for their contributions to the well-being of others and to the community at large.

This year we also mark the 29th anniversary of this special event honoring inspiring older adults. Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life for continuing this important tradition of honoring our elders.

Again, I offer my sincere congratulations and admiration to this year's honorees who demonstrate the highest standard of citizenship in our community.

Sincerely,

Elissa Slotkin
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May 22, 2022

Dear Friends,

I am writing to express my heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the 2022 *Eight Over Eighty Tikkan Olam Award* presented by the Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. This annual event presents an excellent opportunity to recognize the tremendous impact each honoree has had on our community.

It is my pleasure to celebrate the work of Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble and Sylvia Starkman. These individuals have blessed the world through their hard work, commitment and dedication to improving the wellbeing of our society. I am so grateful to serve our Metro Detroit community alongside all these exceptional leaders.

Once again, congratulations to the recipients and best wishes to everyone on the twenty-ninth anniversary of this special event! May you each go from strength to strength.

Sincerely,



Haley Stevens
Member of Congress

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February 10, 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

After the last few years, if one thing is clear, it is that our world is in dire need of repair. War and famine, inequity and democratic backsliding, not to mention Covid: the 2020s are off to a rough start. We need to do better. Act better. Be better. And make the world better. This is an aspirational charge I normally reserve for my younger constituents, looking to forge their futures fresh. But once a year, I am thrilled and honored to extend my gratitude to eight of my more seasoned neighbors who embody *tikkun olam* and have truly improved our world.

I am thus incredibly pleased to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award, presented by the Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. The annual Eight Over Eighty event commemorates the hard work of outstanding older adults who have contributed to their community by selflessly giving their time and talents. All of you have made a remarkable impact on Metro Detroit through your dedication and leadership.

It is my great pleasure to commend Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman. Your time, love, and devotion allow Metro Detroit, and, by extension, the entire State of Michigan to thrive. Truly, it is an privilege to recognize such astounding individuals committed to the well-being of others and our community at large.

Mazel Tov on this deserved acknowledgement!

Samantha Steckloff
State Representative for the 37th District





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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Awards presented by Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. It is an honor to be able to help commemorate this year's recipients. This event honors those who have shown tremendous leadership in their communities. Everyone that has been commemorated has worked incredibly hard to make an indelible impact to those around them.

It is my pleasure to commend Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobsen, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman. I applaud each and every one of these spectacular individuals. In the spirit of the name of the award "Tikkun Olam," they have all done their parts to help repair the world.

We are also celebrating the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award event. Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit for continuing this time-honored tradition, and their legacy of service to older adults. Their services have been invaluable to the Jewish community.

Again, congratulations to those who have been honored this year. You have demonstrated a consistent dedication to your respective communities.

Sincerely,

Regina Weiss
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April 26, 2022

Jewish Senior Life
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Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty-Tikkun Olam Award presented by Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. The annual Eight Over Eighty event commemorates the hard work and dedication of outstanding older adults who have contributed to their community through selflessly giving of their time and talents. All of you have made an incredible impact in the community through your dedicated involvement and leadership.

It is my pleasure to commend Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman. Our communities thrive because of individuals such as you. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize and thank you for your devotion and contribution to the wellbeing of others and the community at large.

This year we also celebrate the Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of this special event honoring older adults. Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life for continuing this important tradition of honoring our elders. Once again, I offer my congratulations in your recognition. You consistently demonstrate the highest standard of citizenship in our community.

Sincerely,

Kyra Harris Bolden
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April 25, 2022

Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit
Eight Over Eighty-Tikkun Olam Award
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Dear Friends, I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award presented by the Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit. The annual Eight Over Eighty event celebrates older adults who have dedicated their time and talents to give back to their communities. The devotion that you all have shown to your community throughout your lifetime is admirable. Your involvement and leadership have had a great impact on your community, and I applaud your hard and selfless work that has benefited those around you.

It is my pleasure to commend Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman. Individuals such as yourselves allow your communities to prosper. I am honored to have the chance to recognize and thank you for your commitment to supporting and leading those around you. Your community and those in it are truly better because of your contributions.

I also want to recognize the Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit for their remarkable work and engagement within their community. Your work is deeply appreciated. This year is also the Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of this special event honoring older adults. This calls for celebration, and a congratulations, to the Jewish Senior Life for continuing this important tradition of honoring and uplifting our elders.

Once again, I extend my sincerest gratitude and congratulations in your recognition. Thank you for consistently demonstrating the highest level of citizenship and civic engagement in our community.

Sincerely,



Jim Ellison
State Representative
26th District





May 22, 2022

Dear Friends and Community Members,

I would like to congratulate the honorable recipients of the **2022 Eight Over Eighty - Tikkun Olam Award** presented by *Jewish Senior Life*. The annual Eight Over Eighty event commemorates the hard work and dedication of outstanding older adults who have contributed to their community by generously sharing their time and talents on behalf of others. All the winners have made a significant and positive impact on the community through their dedicated involvement, service and leadership.

It is my pleasure to commend the 2021 honorees: Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Joe Jacobson, Sophie Tajch Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble and Sylvia Starkman. These dedicated individuals help our communities to thrive. It is a privilege to recognize and thank them for their devotion and contributions to the well-being of others and the community at large.

Once again, I offer my sincere congratulations to the honorees. They consistently demonstrate the highest standard of citizenship in our community.

Sincerely,



Marcia Gershenson

Oakland County Board of Commissioners Vice Chairwoman Marcia Gershenson, District #13

May 22, 2022

Dear Friends and Community Members,

I would like to congratulate the honorable recipients of the **2022 Eight Over Eighty - Tikkun Olam Award** presented by *Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit*. The annual Eight Over Eighty event commemorates the hard work and dedication of outstanding older adults who have contributed to their community by generously sharing their time and talents on behalf of others. Recipients of this award have worked incredibly hard to make an indelible impact in their communities through their dedicated involvement, service, and leadership.

It is my pleasure to commend the 2022 honorees: Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble and Sylvia Starkman. Our communities thrive because of dedicated individuals such as you. I am honored to have the privilege and opportunity to recognize and thank you for your devotion and contribution to the well-being of others and the community at large.

Once again, I offer my sincere congratulations in your recognition. You consistently demonstrate the highest standard of citizenship in our community.

Sincerely,



Kristen Nelson

Commissioner Kristen Nelson, District #5





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May 22, 2022

Jewish Senior Life
Eight Over Eighty-Tikkun Olam Award
6710 West Maple Road
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the members of City Council and the residents of the City of Oak Park I extend my heartiest congratulations to the recipients of this 29th Annual Eight Over Eighty Celebration award. This event commemorates the hard work and dedication of outstanding senior adults who have contributed so much to their community through the selfless giving of their time and talent and tonight we honor them. Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit for continuing this important tradition of honoring our elders.

Each of you has played a role in the success of Jewish Senior Life and we are proud of your efforts and contributions and your dedication to the Jewish Value of Tikkun Olam – Repairing the World. Jewish Senior Life is well known for promoting quality of life events for older adults, and we are delighted to have them as part of our Oak Park community.

Congratulations to this year's Eight Over Eighty Award honorees. It is my pleasure to commend Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman for their lifelong leadership role. They serve as models to us for helping to build a better community, for making a meaningful difference in the world, and for reminding us of our own commitment to Tikkun Olam.

Again, congratulations to each of you on this happy occasion. Mazel Tov!

Sincerely,

Marian McClellan
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February 9, 2022

Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit
Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award
6710 West Maple Road
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Dear Friends:

I wish to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam- Repairing the World Award. Jewish Senior Life has been presenting this award annually for 29 years. The annual Eight Over Eighty event is an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of outstanding older adults who selflessly have given their time and talents to benefit their community. The recipients have made an unparalleled impact in the community through their enthusiastic involvement and leadership.

It is my pleasure to recognize Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman, Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman. Our community thrives because of them. Their devotion and contribution to the well-being of others and the community at large is commendable.

Once again, I offer my congratulations in their recognition. They consistently demonstrate the highest standard of citizenship in West Bloomfield.

Sincerely,


Steven Kaplan, J.D.
West Bloomfield Township Supervisor

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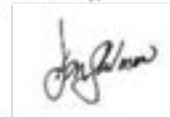
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Sincerely,



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Frances Fisher*
Edie Resnick
Judy Cantor
Betty Starkman*
Dr. Hershel Sandberg
Rochelle Sable*
Leonard Trunsky*

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Austin Kanter*
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Ruben Kurnetz*
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Dr. Paul Feinberg
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Barbara Frankel
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Dr. Martin Herman
Bernard Jonas
Libby Sherbin
Burton Shifman

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Dr. Stuart Falk
Margot Gardner
Elaine Greenberg
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Harriet Berg
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Social Media Reporter NED SPECKTOR



Ned Specktor spent the first six years of his career working at Creative Arts, a talent agency in Beverly Hills. He worked his way up from the mailroom, eventually working for Richard Lovett, the president of the agency and helped launch CAA Sports. He then went on to help manage the Jonas Brothers and Demi Lovato. Following that, he built a multimillion-dollar book of branded merchandise business including working with clients like the Grammys, Ellen, Facebook, and SoulCycle.

Ned produced a yearly national concert for the Salvation Army with top artists like Shawn Mendes and many others that focused on promoting the importance of volunteering to teens across the nation. Ned most recently founded Happy Monday, a company focused on helping you THRIVE, by sharing life and business tools, tips and strategies through social media, one on one coaching, and live events.



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My name is **Allison Feldman**, and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Julie Feldman and Brad Feldman, and I have a younger brother, Robbie, and an older sister, Emily. At FJA, I am a member of the girls volleyball, basketball, and tennis teams, the National Honor Society, and a member of student government. After school, I enjoy participating at my synagogue, Adat Shalom, as well as making artwork and paintings. I have created and sold many of my paintings. My favorite subjects in school are math and English. I mostly enjoy spending time with my friends and family. After high school, I want to pursue a career involving both math and art/design, so I am leaning towards a career in architecture. Design has always been a passion of mine that I want to pursue later in my life. I am honored to be a part of Eight Over Eighty, and to have met Shirley Benyas.



Hi, my name is **Erin Grey** and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Dr. David Grey and Dr. Ellen Folbe. I have two older brothers and a twin brother. At FJA, I am a student ambassador, a member of the girls tennis team, and I participate in the Ahavat Zion Club, which advocates for Israel, and discusses pressing events in our world as Jews. Outside of school, as a member of the Jewish Fund Teen Board and the UMatter Board, I get the opportunity to work with other Jewish teenagers to help our Jewish community live up to its greatest potential. In my free time, I really enjoy cooking and baking with my mother, especially for the Jewish holidays, because the food we make brings our family closer together. After I graduate FJA, I hope to attend Michigan State University. I am honored to be a part of this year's Eight Over Eighty, and to have met Sophie Klisman.



Hi! My name is **Aliyah Lofman**, and I am an 11th grader at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Andrew Lofman and Elana Lofman, and I have two older siblings, Sami and Adin. At FJA, I am a student ambassador, and a member of the girls varsity tennis team and the National Honor Society. Additionally, I participate in the Ahavat Tzion Club, where we discuss Israeli politics and advocate for Israel, am a co-founder of the Art Club, and a member of the Volunteer Club. Outside of school, I am a part of the American Jewish Committee's Michigan Leaders for Tomorrow cohort. I am an active volunteer at the Downtown Boxing Gym, an after-school tutoring program for kids in Detroit. In my free time, I love to read books, paint, and play with my two dogs. I hope to one day work in the medical field. I am very honored to have had the opportunity to participate in Eight Over Eighty, and tell you about my honoree, Rae Sharfman.

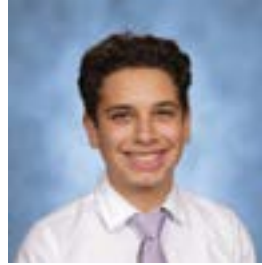


My name is **Merrick Michaelson** and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Melissa Michaelson and Jeremy Michaelson, and I have a younger sister named Sydney. At FJA, I am the student government class president, and a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, I have played on three sports teams - cross country in the fall, basketball in the winter, and baseball in the spring. When not in school, I always love playing or watching basketball and spending time with friends. I am an active member in the Jolson Chapter of BBYO. In addition, I am on the UMatter Board which focuses on improving people's mental health. As I make my way into college, I plan to study something in the medical field or nutrition. I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to participate in Eight Over Eighty this year, and to tell you about Charles Danto.

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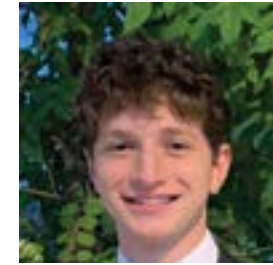
Hi, my name is **Caleb Robbins**, and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Mark and Amy Robbins. I have an older sister, Adina. I am a member of the National Honor Society. This year, I played on the Varsity tennis, basketball, and baseball teams. I am the Israel Affairs Vice President for Motor City USY, where I help create educational programs about Israel. I volunteer at B'nai Israel Synagogue, delivering Challot to the senior citizens in my community. In my free time, I enjoy playing all types of sports and video games, and hanging out with my friends and family. In my future, I hope to have a career in sports broadcasting or anything else sports related. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to participate in Eight Over Eighty, and to have met Dr. Joe Jacobson



Hello, my name is **Zion Rozin**. I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Cindy and Izak Rozin. I have two older brothers, Jonnie and Gilad, who both attended MSU. I have two dogs—a Havanese, named Oreo, and a Maltese poodle mix, named Timmy. At Frankel Jewish Academy, my favorite subjects are Hebrew, economics, and math. I participate in the finance club and the bowling team. I am also a captain of one of our JV quiz bowl teams. In my free time, I enjoy watching movies, playing video games, and being with my family. I like learning new things every day. A couple of years ago, I built my own computer. I'd like to pursue a career in the business field. I am honored to be a part of this year's Eight Over Eighty and I am happy to have met Rene Lichtman.



Hi! My name is **Erin Starr**, and I am currently a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Wendy and Brian Starr. I have an older sister, Jayme, who is a junior at Oakland University. At Frankel I am a member of the varsity volleyball team, the student government, and the National Honor Society. My favorite subjects in school are English, since I enjoy reading books, and Hebrew, because I love learning the language as well as expanding my knowledge about Israel. Outside of school, I enjoy volunteering for different charities, spending time with friends, and traveling. Also, I love all animals, especially dogs, I have 3 of them myself. After high school, I want to study methods of both civil and criminal legal questions and eventually become a forensic psychologist. I am very honored to be a part of Eight Over Eighty and to get to know Sylvia Starkman.



My name is **Ben Taylor-Abt** and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. This year I am the captain of FJA's soccer team, a member of the National Honor Society, and serve on student government. My favorite subject is math, and I hope to be an engineer. Outside of school, I have been on the committee of J-Serve, and this year I am on the Teen Board of the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit. My Jewish community is a very important part of who I am. I was born in England and was fortunate to go to elementary school in Israel. I feel blessed to have had the experience of living on 3 continents, and my Jewish identity has kept me grounded and given me a point of connection wherever I have lived. I am honored to be included in this year's Eight Over Eighty and am truly grateful for this opportunity to meet Jerry Soble.



Honoree SHIRLEY BENYAS



By Allison Feldman
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

I discovered the many unique gifts of Shirley Benyas during our interview and think she is the perfect choice to be an 8 Over 80 honoree. Shirley is 94 years old and was born and raised in Detroit. She attended Central High School and got her bachelors and master's degrees at Wayne State University. Shirley had one sister, 11 years older, who got married when Shirley was only 7. Shirley spent a lot of one-on-one time with her mother, while her father worked as a baker.

Shirley was married to her late husband, Bob Benyas, for 63 years and they had two sons, Mark, and Eddie who married wonderful women. Shirley considers her children her greatest accomplishment, as well as her grandchildren: Jordan, Dana, Gabriella, and Maya. Shirley laughed as she recalled fond memories of her husband, Bob, who was an 8 over 80 honoree ten years ago. Bob was a successful photographer and Shirley remembers him being able to perfectly capture any candid moment in time.

As a child spending time with her mother, Shirley began to discover her love and fascination for the arts. Together they attended concerts, operas, recitals, and movies, and this was only the beginning of her incredible career. Shirley wears her mother's engagement ring as a symbol of her love in remembrance.

Starting off in the world of arts, Shirley played the violin from the age of 8 to 14 years old, and then began studying voice. She studied with her voice teacher for 40 years, and taught music for 31 years. In addition to teaching, Shirley was a performer. She has appeared in operas and theater, in multiple movies, and is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and the Actors Equity Association. She is most proud of the films Smooch and Singing Birds. A professional soprano soloist at Temple Israel and with the Michigan Opera Theatre, Shirley performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, at the Fisher Theater and Jeff Daniels' Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea and as a most loved actress at the JET.

Shirley's son, Eddie, was once auditioning for the orchestra at a community theater that was performing Fiddler on the Roof. After Eddie encouraged Shirley to audition for a role, she got the part. I thought this story was very inspirational because it showed just how talented and ambitious Shirley was throughout her life.

She can sing in seven different languages including Italian, French, Portuguese, and German. She especially loves Yiddish. Shirley teaches Yiddish classes at the Meer Apartments and has done so for 7 years. She also runs Readers Theatre for the Residents. She has seen and performed in Yiddish theater and loves this sacred language because she attended a Yiddish school as a child. Moshe Harr, a Yiddish teacher who became her mentor was someone who strongly impacted her life for the better.

Through her many adventures and careers, Shirley has learned to work with others because of her experiences in singing, acting, teaching, and being mentored. She has left a lasting impact on everyone who has had the opportunity to work with her. Her lighthearted and kind soul is still inspiring her community every day. It was an honor and pleasure to get to know Shirley.



Honoree CHARLES DANTO



By Merrick Michaelson
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

Upon meeting Charles Danto, I was ready to listen, but what I did not realize coming into the interview was how much more I needed to learn about the Jewish Community and the importance of hard work. The more I talked to Charles, the more I understood why he was chosen for this honor, and how much he deserves it.

Charles is 91 years of age and still going strong. Born in Detroit, Charles learned a life of discipline from a young age. He began working at family-owned Danto Furniture at the age of 10, and has continued to work in the business ever since. During his time at the store, Charles attended night school at Wayne State University, and at the age of 20, bought his current store on West Vernor Street. Charles is a man who befriends everyone he meets. He is known by people of all backgrounds and ethnicities. He has always cared about helping people and wanted to make sure people had the necessities for living comfortably.

Charles grew up, always loving to sail, and play basketball at the Jewish Community Center. He has, for many years, attended numerous Detroit Lions home games every year, witnessing Bobby Layne and Duke Walker winning Championships at Briggs Stadium in the 1950's. Surprisingly enough, Charles continues to watch these games on his couch almost every Sunday.

Charles epitomizes Hard Work, but what matters most to him is his family. Charles preached the importance of remembering where you came from. Speaking upon that, Charles' parents came to the United States from Spain and Portugal, due to the numerous Pogroms taking place. As he grew older he met his wife and together had four loving children: Jay, Irwin, Beth, Debra, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charles always put his family first. When asked what his favorite memories are, all of them revolve around family: whether it was watching his children's graduations or being a part of their weddings, nothing is more sacred to him.

Charles is one of those people who helps out, without being asked. He's the guy that stacks up chairs after an event because he knows it's a task that must be done. He does not expect a thank you for doing the right thing. Charles is always there for the people he cares about, and there is no getting in his way if he wants something done.

While Charles always tried to remember the good times, he has personally witnessed numerous Anti-Semitic actions that he knew needed to change for Jewish survival. As a young boy, Charles saw the discrimination Jews faced. Whether it was not being allowed at Boat clubs for sailing or witnessing a sign that plastered "No Jews or Dogs allowed" at a local park up in Charlevoix. Charles grew a connection to the Jewish people through living through all of the hardship. Throughout Charles's life, he has had the pleasure to see Jews become more accepted, and truly appreciates everyone who has helped us get there. As Charles put it, "These memories of the Jewish community are still going strong and need to stay that way."

For all of Charles's life, he always expected that everyone he encountered exhibit the same work ethic that he modeled. He loved his family along with the Jewish community and always wanted what was best for them. It was an honor to speak to Charles and learn about his unbelievable life, and he is well-deserving of this recognition.



Honoree DR. JOSEPH JACOBSON



By Caleb Robbins
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

Dr. Joseph Jacobson loves his wife Nancy, their sons, Howard and David, his daughters-in-law and 8 grandchildren. He loves Israel, his vocation, and what he has been able to accomplish in his life.

Growing up in Detroit, in the heavily Jewish community of Dexter Davison, Joe learned values, lessons, and had experiences, which enabled him to become successful in many ways. His childhood neighborhood was like a shtetl, a tight community where everybody knew each other. He attended Yeshiva Beth Yehudah until he was 14.

Looking back on his childhood, he recalls a simpler life. - "Most families were limited to one car and their children rode everywhere on bikes." As Joe explained, he cut the grass, played baseball on the corner, delivered newspapers, and felt lucky to attend Camp Farband for one week each summer. He graduated from Mumford High School and after moving out of "the hood," went on to earn 3 degrees. He became an Orthodontist and was able to achieve the highest honor, Diplomat of the College of American Board of Orthodontists. He helped create the Orthodontics Department at the University of Detroit.

He repeatedly said that he "loves being Jewish." Although he may not be as observant as he once was, he still has strong connections to Judaism and to Israel dating all the way back to his days at Yeshiva Beth Yehuda. Traveling to Israel over 20 times afforded him the opportunity to and make a real difference, even improving healthcare in Israel, as part of a project through the Federation, by establishing a dental clinic in Ramla.

Joe has made an impact on so many people and institutions. A memorable moment to Joe was when he and his wife Nancy went to Czechoslovakia, and brought back a Holocaust torah to their synagogue, Congregation Beth Ahm.

Some of his volunteer board work includes United Hebrew Schools, The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Chair of the Dental Division and Professional Health Division of the Allied Jewish Campaign, Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center, JVS and Sinai Hospital. He is very proud of his work with Weizmann Institute of Science where he served on the International Board and traveled to Israel often on their behalf.

As the only Jewish member of the board of Directors of Detroit Country Day, Joe made an impact. As an example, he worked with the headmaster to help the school recruit and welcome Jewish students. Joe convinced them "not to hold tests or quizzes on or after important Jewish holidays. For many years and to this day, because of his efforts, the seniors hold their graduation ceremonies at Congregation Adat Shalom.

His parting words to the next generation, a family mantra, are "Don't do anything stupid that could irrevocably change your life in a negative way." Taking unnecessary risks, can affect your future in a negative way. These words have been instilled in his children and now his grandchildren. Joe stresses hard work, to be honest in business, and remember that your last name is Jacobson.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet Dr. Joseph Jacobson and learn how he helped change the world in a positive way which has affected so many others. In the end, I learned that this is someone who truly values family, hard work and Tikkun Olam.



Honoree SOPHIE KLISMAN



By Erin Grey
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

Sophie Klisman was born in 1929 in Piotrkow, Poland. She grew up with two loving parents, and three older siblings—two brothers and a sister. Sophie says that as a family they were not rich, but she never felt deprived of anything. Her home was full of love and that was truly all that she needed. When Sophie was very young, her family moved to Lodz. Growing up, Sophie and her family kept Jewish traditions. She vividly remembers the beautiful Shabbat dinners her mother would prepare and attending synagogue services on Saturdays.

Sophie is a Holocaust survivor who has an unbelievable amount of strength. She endured what no one should ever have to experience in their lifetime. In 1939, when Nazi Germany invaded Poland, Sophie and her family were among the Jews forced into an enclosed area called the Lodz Ghetto. Within two years after entering the ghetto, Sophie's parents and one of her brothers died from illness. In 1944, the Nazis liquidated the Lodz Ghetto, and the Jews were taken to Auschwitz. There, Sophie's living brother was taken from her, never to be seen again, leaving Sophie with one remaining family member, her sister Felicia.

Sophie and Felicia clung to one another, and miraculously managed to survive further Nazi atrocities, including an inhumane relocation to Bergen-Belsen. On a beautiful, sunny day, April 14th, 1945, Sophie looked up and saw tanks and trucks bearing American flags, driving through the gates of the camp. After being liberated by the American soldiers, Sophie and Felicia lived in DP camps, where Felicia met the man who would become her husband. Ultimately, Sophie, her sister, and brother-in-law were able to go to America. The journey to the United States was mentally and physically grueling, but all worth it when Sophie saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time.

Sophie and her family were assigned to live in Detroit. Determined to receive an education, at the age of 19, Sophie worked at a laundromat by day, and went to night school to learn English. At night school, Sophie met a nice young man, who shared her background. He was the only one from his family to survive the war and he had been sent to Detroit to build a life after being liberated. Sophie married her husband, Bernard, and they were blessed with a son, Mark, and a daughter, Lori, and eventually, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

It wasn't until some of her friends passed away that Sophie began to share her memories of the Shoah. Sophie has become very involved with the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills. There she speaks to students from all over Michigan. Sophie is eager and willing to help educate both students and adults on the persecution. Recently, the Holocaust Center housed an exhibit titled "The Girl in the Diary: Searching for Rywka (pronounced Rivka) from the Lodz Ghetto". Sophie's life mirrored Rywka's life in that, they were both in the Lodz ghetto, they were the same age and they both lost their parents in the ghetto, they also attended the same concentration camps. The Detroit Jewish Jews wrote a touching story about Sophie and Rywka in November of last year.

Sophie felt very humbled and honored to be included this year in 8 Over 80. When I asked Sophie if she could sum up what she had learned in life, the word that immediately came to her mind was Hope. After speaking with her, it became clear to me that much of her survival can be credited to her ability to maintain that sense of hope within her. Speaking with Sophie and hearing her story was an experience that I will never forget. Sophie's strength radiates from within her, her kindness was welcoming, and I feel so lucky to have met such an amazing and inspirational person.



Honoree RENE LICHTMAN



By Zion Rozin
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

Rene Lichtman was born in Paris, France in December 1937. Rene's parents were educated in a Polish secular school. They had limited formal education, in both Jewish and general studies. His parents' only language was Yiddish. Rene recalls that his parents were skilled workers, who were able to learn and perform different trades. His mother worked in sewing and tailoring. Rene remembers less about his father, as he sadly passed away early in Rene's life.

Rene was a young child when World War II broke out. To save his life, Rene's mother gave him away to be hidden. He was hidden for the duration of the war with a Catholic family in the countryside of France. His childhood changed because of the war. He did not even get to grow up like an ordinary kid. His definition of "growing up" was surviving. It was at the Catholic family's house that he learned that he enjoyed creating art. He also did not have much education while he was being hidden. After the war had ended, Rene's mother came to the Catholic family's house to pick him up. Because he was so young when she gave him up, he felt like he did not even know who she was.

In the summer of 1950, Rene and his mother moved to the United States. Once here, Rene set out to achieve his number one goal—to dedicate himself to acquire an education. To attend high school, Rene needed to take three different trains, which altogether was a 45-minute trip, each way. After Rene graduated high school, he went on to night school, which played a transformative role in his life. This was because up until that point, Rene had acquired the skills to work in a factory. These skills were just enough to get by, but he needed to further his education. So, from night school, he forged ahead in his pursuit of education, ultimately earning his Ph.D. in Instructional Technology.

Rene's early memories of family were less than positive—his father died young, and Rene was separated from his mother during the war years. Ultimately Rene has been able to cherish family, embraced by the love of his wife, three children and three grandchildren. The contrast in family experiences—from a difficult childhood to a rewarding adult life—is reflected in Rene's attitude and approach to life. He accepts the obstacles in his path and makes the best he can of every situation.

Rene is an exceptionally eager volunteer. He loves helping the community. Most notably, as a speaker at the Holocaust Center, Rene teaches others by talking about his experiences as a Hidden Child during the Shoah. He told me that he especially appreciates how students outside the "Jewish bubble" come to him and ask him questions.

When I asked Rene for a life lesson he'd like to leave behind for future generations, he told me, "To improve the world, think about the people that are under you... who have less than you, and don't worry about those who have more." This relates to Rene from when he was younger. It got him thinking why this family took him in and protected him while risking their lives. He proceeded to tell me that he also believed in social justice and other people should too, even though it may not make you popular. Rene doesn't expect people to pat him on the back; he just does what is right.



Honoree RAE SHARFMAN



By Aliyah Lofman
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

As soon as I picked up Rae Sharfman to go to Soul Cafe for our 8 Over 80 interview, we had our first meaningful conversation in the car, about Israel and Zionism. I instantly knew that I would learn a great deal from Rae. Her story had a very big impact on me, and I am truly honored to be able to share it.

Rae Sharfman was born in Windsor in 1931. Her family immigrated from the Soviet Union, but the United States would not take them, which is why they ended up moving to Canada. She had one sibling, a brother, who was six years older than her. Rae never knew her grandparents, as they died in the Soviet Union, and she still has family living there now.

Growing up in a small Jewish community, Rae's childhood did not include much religion. Her family did not celebrate holidays or embrace Jewish practices, but as Rae grew up, she began to realize that there was a piece of her life missing; that being - Judaism. She learned about the religion solely from her friends and began to follow the Halacha (Jewish Law) more strictly and truly integrate Judaism into her daily life.

Starting at 17, Rae attended Wayne State University. This was before her family moved to the United States, so she would travel back and forth between Canada and America. She got a teaching degree from Wayne and taught first grade, in addition to teaching at Temple Israel. Rae met her late husband at Wayne State University, and they had two children, one son and one daughter, and six grandchildren.

Rae remembers from her childhood that the radio was always on in her home. Therefore, she was always well informed about the world around her. Knowledge led to activism, as Rae proudly became an essential participant in helping Jews leave the Soviet Union.

Rae was a member of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, which was truly a grassroots organization, consisting of groups all over the world participating and passing information along to each other. They exposed the hate crimes being committed and gave assistance to communities that needed aid. This organization would send goods to the Jewish citizens in the Soviet Union, which they could sell and profit from, and they would provide support for asylum seekers and migrants.

Rae said that this work, while necessary, was frustrating because they would try so hard to rescue Jews and help them escape, yet the Jews would get arrested for even attempting to leave. Despite this frustration, Rae and many others helped so many Jews leave the Soviet Union and into freedom.

Aside from this, Rae is an avid Zionist. She has been to Israel many times and has twice volunteered for the Israeli army. One of the times that she volunteered, Rae went to Tel Aviv and worked in the medical unit. She packed medical supplies for different countries in need, one being the Philippines. Beyond that, Rae went to protest when the number of Jews allowed into Israel, at the time, Palestine, was extremely small. She was and still is always focused on helping Jews in her own community, and throughout the world.

When asked about her accomplishments, Rae views what she did as completely necessary. She does not regard her help to Jews as accomplishments, but simply as something that needed to be done. Her advice to the younger generation is to "Remember who you are" and to "live accordingly."

Rae's story taught me to always stick up for what I believe in, even if it may seem difficult at times. She continues to exemplify inspiring and motivating ideals, and I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to have gotten to know her.



Honoree JERRY SOBLE



By Ben Taylor-Abt
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

It was a great honor to meet Mr. Jerry Soble, a generous, funny, and inspirational man. Jerry was born on June 24, 1940, in Detroit, and he was raised in a Jewish neighborhood, where he and his family lived until they moved to Southfield.

Jerry recalls his childhood as “privileged.” He grew up with two younger brothers: Allan, and Kenny. As a child he looked up to his father, who in his own words: “my father was magnificent when it came to volunteering, he was always there for everyone, he was a true inspiration.” Jerry also stated that his Shul was the center of his life, both for religion and for secular events, too. Everything was there—New Years, Birthdays, Weddings, etc.

Jerry struggled with English and reading when he was younger, but he always had a love for art. Jerry graduated high school a year early through his art credits. At the age of 18, Jerry met his wife, Marilyn, and after two years of dating, they got married in 1950, and they had four children—Michele, Mitchel, Melissa, and Mark.

Despite his love of art, Jerry attended Detroit Institute of Technology, where he studied to become a pharmacist. He excelled at pharmacy. Over time, he became the owner of four drug stores. In 1987, Jerry finally returned to creating art, and he started spending a great amount of time on his artwork. Marilyn, always Jerry’s collaborator, one day asked him why he wouldn’t sell his drug stores, and go full time into art, and luckily Jerry agreed, and he said, “it was the happiest 35-40 years of my life.”

Jerry has been a big contributor to the local Jewish community. As president of Congregation B’nai David, Jerry led the drive to pay off the synagogue’s mortgage. As chairman of the Israel Bonds organization for Michigan, he was able to help raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in Israel Bonds investments, helping the infrastructure of Israel, as a board member and supporter of the Cultural Arts department of the JCC he was able, along with Marilyn, to help the Charach family create the gallery for the Jewish community. Jerry also raised a great deal of money for Jewish institutions in metro Detroit, including: The Kids All Together Program, JARC, and Friendship Circle. Jerry’s sculptures appear in a number of Jewish sites in our community, and he is grateful to his patrons, the Dorfman family, for their support.

Jerry Soble has a lot of philosophies, however the one thing he learned is that wisdom comes from knowledge and years. Here is some of the wisdom he preaches to this day:

Always let your voice be heard for those without a voice.

Don’t walk by someone lying on the street just because everyone else walks by; try to help. And above all, you will gain more than the person you’re assisting, it’s a feeling that if you’ve never done it, you’ll never know it. There’s no reason for you to walk this earth and not know what’s going on around you. When it comes to the Jewish laws of Tzedakah, the number one lesson is giving enough so people don’t have to live off charity anymore. Give anonymously. Give what you can, not what you want to give.

Jerry Soble is honored today for his wisdom, his artistic talent, and above all, his lasting contributions to his family and community.



Honoree SYLVIA STARKMAN



By Erin Starr
Frankel Jewish Academy Student

It was an honor to meet Sylvia Starkman a talented, intelligent, and kind woman. Sylvia and her 3 sisters were born in Monroe, Michigan, a small town between Detroit and Toledo, Ohio. Sylvia's mother was born in Toledo and her father was born in Russia. Sylvia's grandfather was the founding president of the Orthodox Congregation in Toledo; so, Sylvia and her family affiliated with the Toledo Jewish community, which is where they celebrated the Jewish holidays. Sylvia attended Sunday School in Toledo until it became Saturday school. Later she had a private tutor.

Since she was a child, Sylvia was active in music. She began playing the violin in 5th grade and switched to playing the oboe. She also had a passion for English and was involved in journalism at her high school. Sylvia attended the University of Michigan School of Music.

Sylvia was on the faculty of Stephens College in Missouri for ten years. She returned to Michigan, and married her husband, Henry, and had two children, Miriam, and Joseph. Her family includes a daughter-in-law and 3 grandchildren. While teaching at the Detroit Community Music School, she and her colleagues began The Detroit Woodwind Quintet where Sylvia performed professionally for 40 years. The Quintet performed at benefits at many synagogues and schools. When Sylvia returned to Michigan, she continued to go to Toledo with her family to celebrate the Jewish holidays, and then became a member of Adat Shalom in Detroit, where she chaired several programs for the Adult Study Commission. In 1985 Sylvia was a co-founding member of the weekly Tuesday Night Study Group which still meets today. She taught in the first years of the Men's Club Hebrew Literacy Program, she served on the ritual committee and the youth commission. Sylvia learned to read Torah at Adat Shalom, and still reads there today. While serving on the Soviet Jewry Committee, her son was the first "twinned" Bar Mitzvah in this region.

Sylvia shared, "There are things I can do that somebody else could not." Her firm beliefs in this, led her to volunteer at Bloomfield Hills Schools, where she taught kindergarteners music for ten years. Her college roommate, Elaine, along with Sylvia's sister, Sally, wrote "Freddie the Second Fiddle," a fable with music, which she performed in concert and took to schools. Sylvia wrote the libretto for Elaine's opera, "The Witch, the Wise Man and the Fool," based on Hasidic and Polish legends. Both projects received grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts. At the request of the Jewish Community Council, Elaine and Sylvia developed a series of radio programs about the history of Jewish music and presented this material to numerous groups, including Hadassah, Adat Shalom, various study groups and a class at Midrasha.

Sylvia brought music students to play in nursing homes, senior residences, and to entertain homeless people who housed and sheltered at Adat Shalom.

Sylvia believes, "Nothing is ever wasted, even if something may not seem valuable in the end, it always is." Her time that she has devoted to volunteering has impacted many individuals in the community, including the students who participated when they performed. Her story is very meaningful and shows what an honorable person she truly is.

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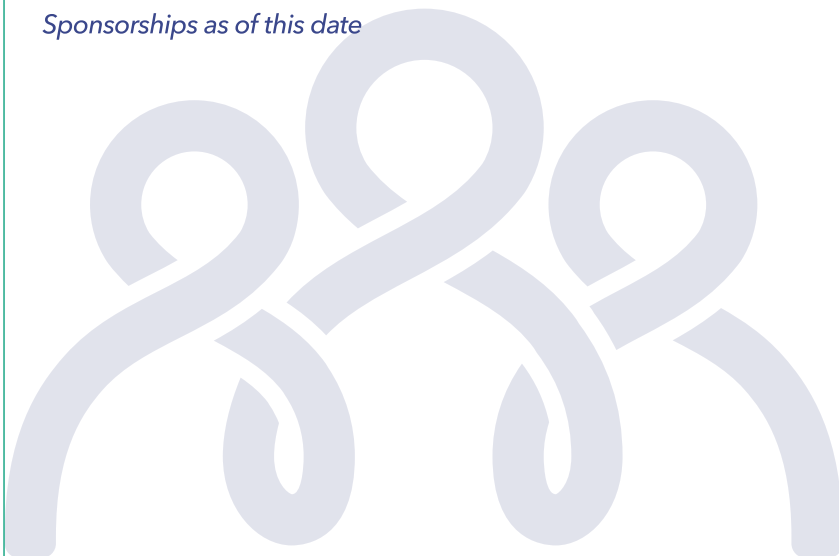
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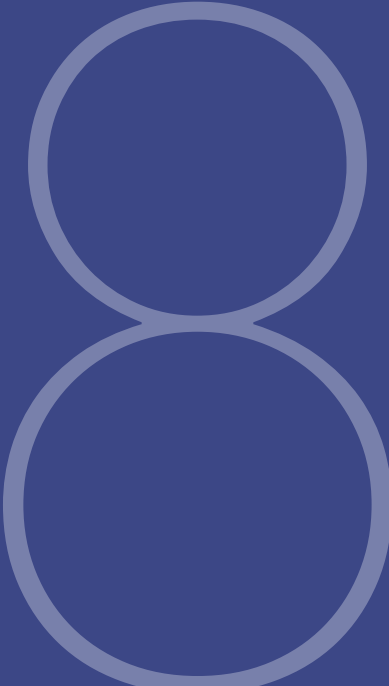
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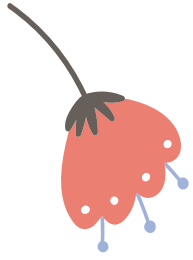


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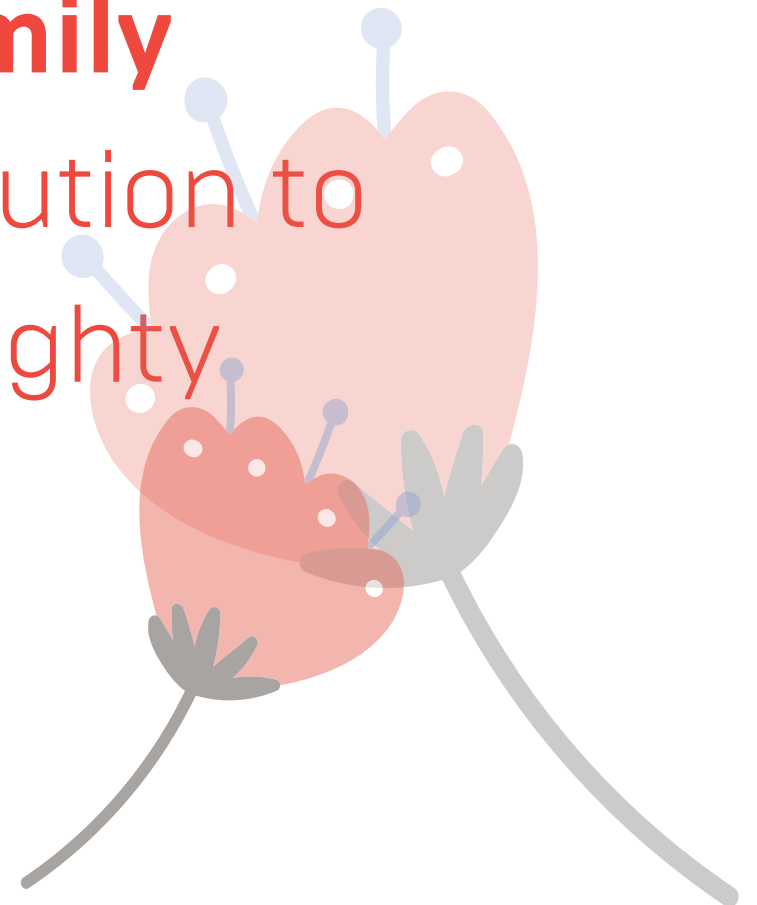
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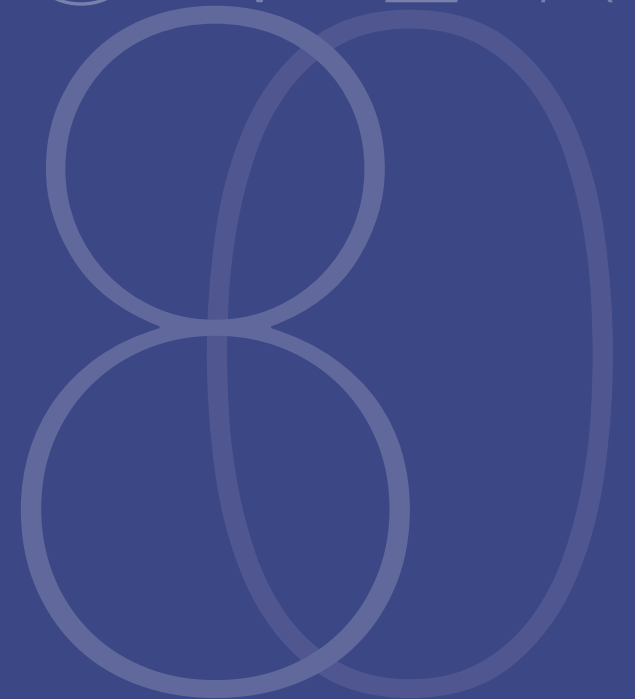
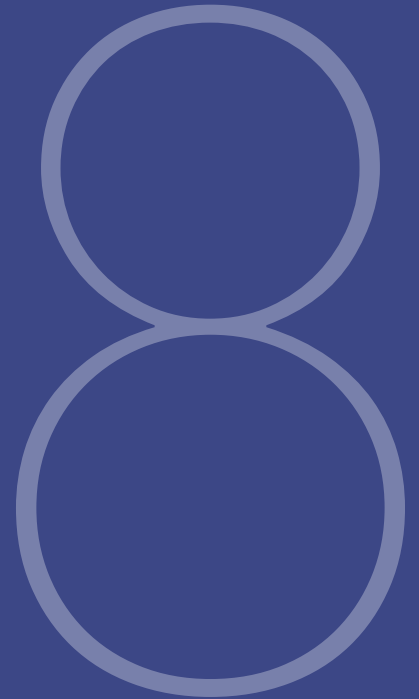
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Mazel Tov to all the Honorees!

Nancy and Joe Jacobson

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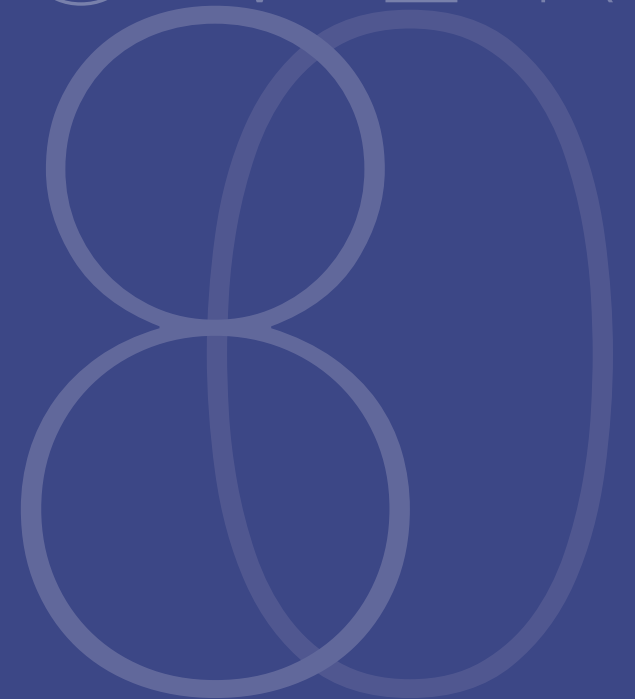
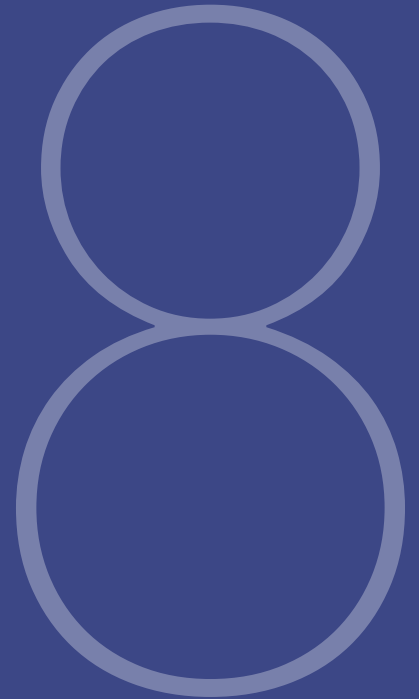
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Thank you

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Mazel Tov to
**Sophie Klisman
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**Congratulations to
Jerry Soble and Sylvia Starkman
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Mazel Tov **2022 EIGHT OVER EIGHTY HONOREES**

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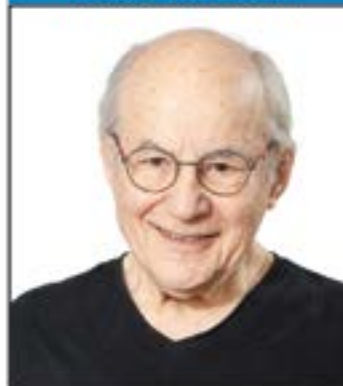


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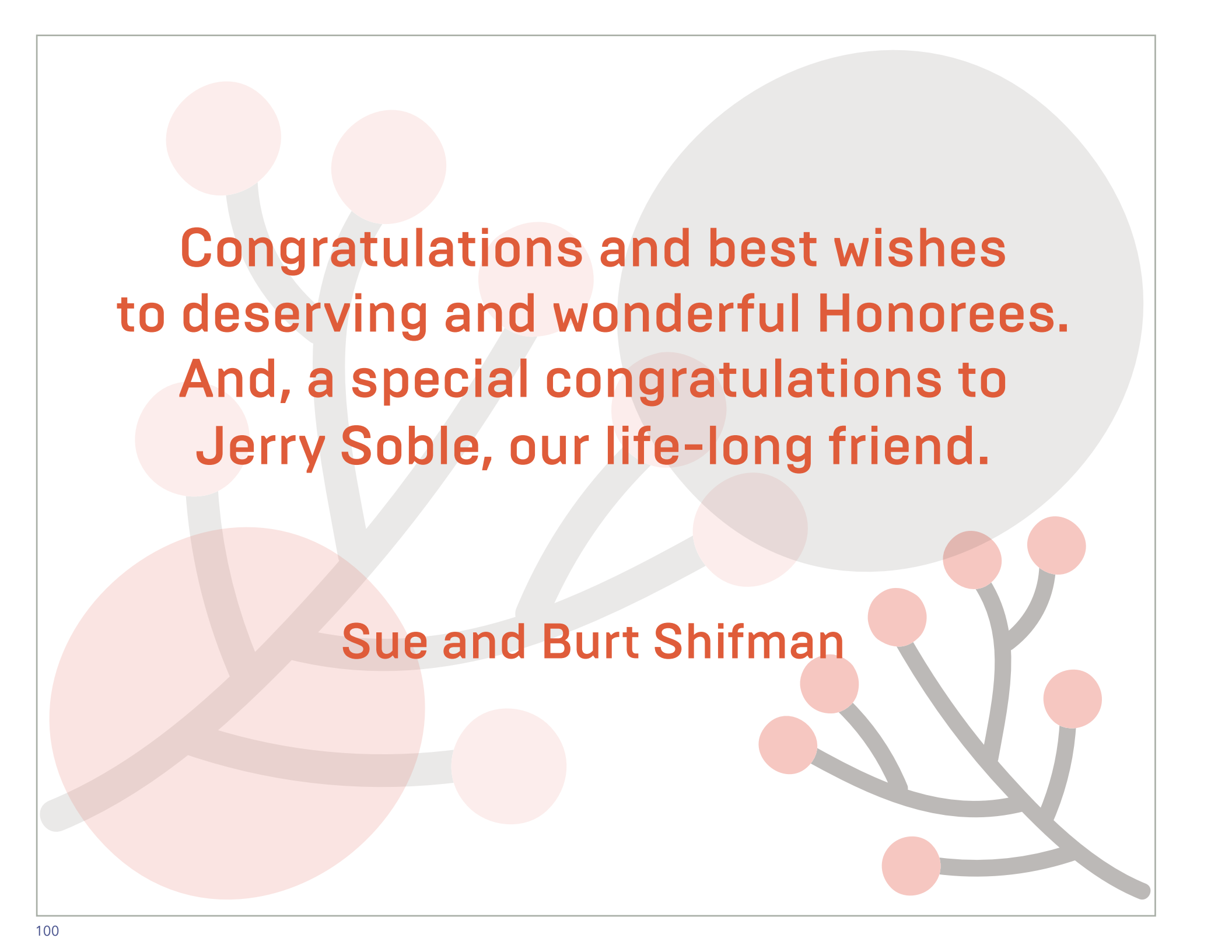
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Our best wishes to all the other honorees.

Much love, Sheila Sloan and Family

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And, a special congratulations to
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Sue and Burt Shifman

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Mazel Tov to Jewish Senior Life's 2022 Eight Over Eighty award recipients:

**Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto, Dr. Joseph Jacobson, Sophie Klisman,
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and to their Frankel Jewish Academy biographers:

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You are an inspiration
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Mazel Tov!

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Congratulations to all the Honorees!

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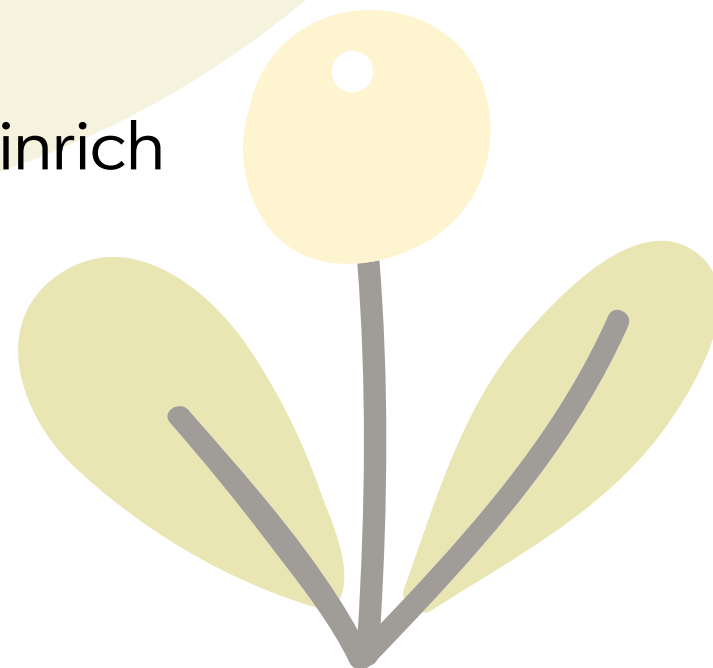
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Thank you for all of your contributions
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for all of your tremendous work.

Thank you for bridging the generations
with this special event

Each year, Frankel Jewish Academy partners with Jewish Senior Life by pairing eight 11th-grade students with the annual honorees. Students conduct interviews and write short biographies of their respective award recipients.

Connections are made that span the generations. We are proud to play a role in marking this moment and, in turn, enabling our students to learn from their elders. Yasher koach to this year's junior class participants and their respective honorees.



The David-Horodoker Organization Salutes our 8/80 Honorees



Bessis Chase* - 1996

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Bertha Chomsky* - 2001 Paulette Borin* - 2002

Harry* & Sylvia Granader* - 2004 Julius Harwood* - 2004

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Norman Katz* - 2007

Burt Shifman - 2016

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**May their memories be a blessing*

Our JAS/JSL Presidents: Neil Gorosh 2003-2005, Nancy Heinrich 2011-2013

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The David-Horodoker Organization was formed by our parents and grandparents when they immigrated to Detroit from the Shtetl of David-Horodok, in what is now Belarus. We honor the memories of our families, where they came from and their traditions - preserving and creating memories for present and future generations.

The highest form of wisdom is kindness.

The Talmud

Mazel Tov

On this honor for years of Tikkun Olam "Repairing the World"

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**We salute the 2022 Honorees
who inspire us all.**

Eight amazing individuals who have
made our world a better place!

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Thank you JSL

Carol and Ron Fogel



**Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to the Honorees.
You are an inspiration and role model to us all.**

**Jo Strausz Rosen, Executive Director, Development
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Mazel Tov to the Honorees!

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In Honor of Our Celebrated
Eight Over Eighty
Honorees

*For All That You Are
And All That You Do*

We Salute You!



The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
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Thank you for all that you do
for our community.

Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov!



Congratulations to the 2022 Eight Over Eighty Honorees



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We just wanted to take some **TIME OUT** to congratulate the one and only Charles Danto!
Cheers & mazel from the whole family, we love you!



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Mazel Tov to the
2022 Eight Over Eighty Honorees.

Thank you for your commitment
to the Jewish Community.

Rochelle and Brian Raznick

Congratulations!
We honor
Rene Lichtman
and
Sophie Klisman
and all the Honorees
for the great work you
have done to help



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Mazel Tov to the Eight Over Eighty Honorees

Sandra Gale was not an 8 Over 80 honoree, but she was fortunate to be a beneficiary of incredible care at the Fleischman Residence and activities at the Brown Memory Care Pavilion.

Thank you JSL for all you do.

- Andrea and Rob Teitel



**Mazel Tov and
Yasher Koach**

to the Tikkun Olam Award
Honorees

You are inspirations
and role models to
your families, friends and
the entire community

*Mark and Bonnie Kowalsky
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Mazel Tov!

Very Best Wishes
to all 8 Over 80
Tikkun Olam
Recipients!

Heather and Lowell Salesin & Family



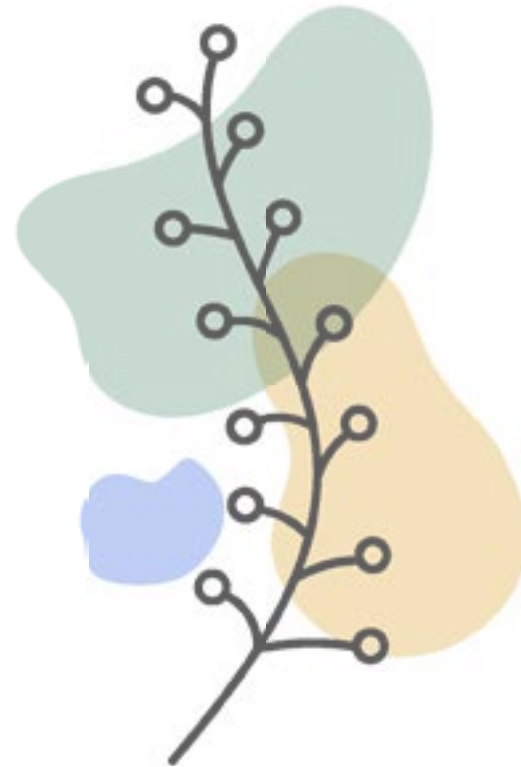
**Yasher Koach to this year's 8 over 80
Tikkun Olam Award recipients –
outstanding leaders and volunteers.**

**And to our JSL
leadership team and staff,
your tireless dedication
and compassion
throughout the pandemic
ensured that
all JSL residents received
the best possible care.
You kept hope alive!**

**Kudos to all,
Gayle and Richard Burstein**



***Congratulations
Sylvia!***



***From Miriam, Alisa, Andy and Holly,
Ken, Laura, Rose and Sarah***



**Congratulations to
all the Honorees
and to
Jewish Senior Life**

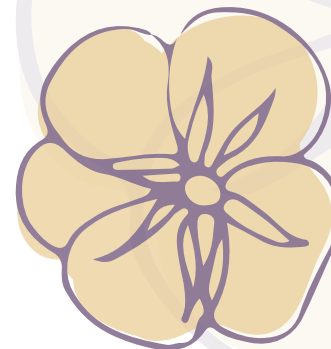
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**Congratulations to all the
Eight Over Eighty Honorees!**

**All remarkable and inspiring
role models in our community.**

Elaine and Dr. Rob Robins & Family






***Congratulations from
Linda & Dennis Deutsch
to all the
Eight Over Eighty
Honorees***



Yasher Koach to a
wonderful group of 8
who do so much
for our community.

Thank you.

Elaine J. Beresh



**Mazel Tov to Jerry Soble
and the rest of the
8 Over 80 honorees.**

We applaud your
commitment to the community
and thank you for all that you
have done and continue to do.

With love, Susie and Steve Feldman

**Mazel Tov to Rene Lichtman
and all the Eight Over Eighty
Tikkun Olam Award Honorees.**

**You have spent years remembering
and sharing your story and teaching
about the Holocaust and
doing acts of Tikkun Olam.**



**With love from your family,
Cathy Lichtman, Josh Lichtman
and Davida Finger & Emzie and Laizer,
David and Julie Lichtman & Benjamin,
Risa Lichtman and Jamie Thrower**



Mazel Tov
to our dear friend,
Sylvia Starkman,
and all the other
Honorees.

Love, Rene Lieberman,
Lisa & Dan Mendelson,
Rachel & Lee Buckman,
Patti Lieberman & Jeff Knishkowy



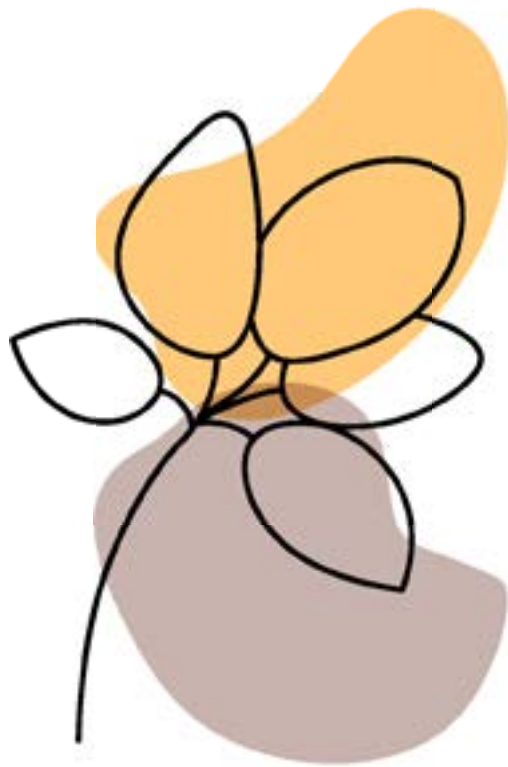
Debbie and Eli Mayerfeld salute
Dr. Joseph Jacobson
On this meaningful recognition
of his myriad accomplishments

And to each of the honorees
Shirley Benyas, Charles Danto,
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Rae Sharfman, Jerry Soble,
and Sylvia Starkman
for a lifetime of contributions
to our community

Debbie and Eli Mayerfeld

Mazel Tov to the
2022 Honorees!

Lynn & Harvey Rubin



**In honor of Jo Rosen
and her amazing staff
at Jewish Senior Life.**

Thank you for all that you do.

Sylvia Starkman



**Congratulations to
Joe Jacobson
on your
well-deserved honor.**

**Your dedication to the
Jewish people from your
Yeshiva days to today,
80 years later,
has been remarkable.**

Joel Tauber

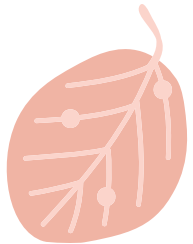
Congratulations
to these
amazing Honorees!



Laurie and Bruce Weider

**Congratulations
to all the
Eight Over Eighty
Honorees!**

Diane Klein and Jeffrey Maisels



Yasher Koach to our friends
Rae Sharfman, Charles Danto
and the other JSL
Eight Over Eighty Honorees.

Our thanks and appreciation
for all you have done to
enhance our community!

Barbara and Paul Goodman



**Mazel Tov to all of the
2022 Honorees,
with special attention to
Shirley Benyas, Dr. Joseph Jacobson,
Rene Lichtman, Rae Sharfman,
Jerry Soble, and Sylvia Starkman.**

We are so inspired by you all!

Rabbi Asher and Rachel Lopatin,
Shayna, Cara, Judah and Gideon,
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Mazel Tov to our Mum / Bubbie!
We are very proud of you for
this well-deserved recognition.
You are a true leader in the
community, and you and Bub
shared a lifelong commitment to
Jewish values, arts, and culture.

We love you very much,

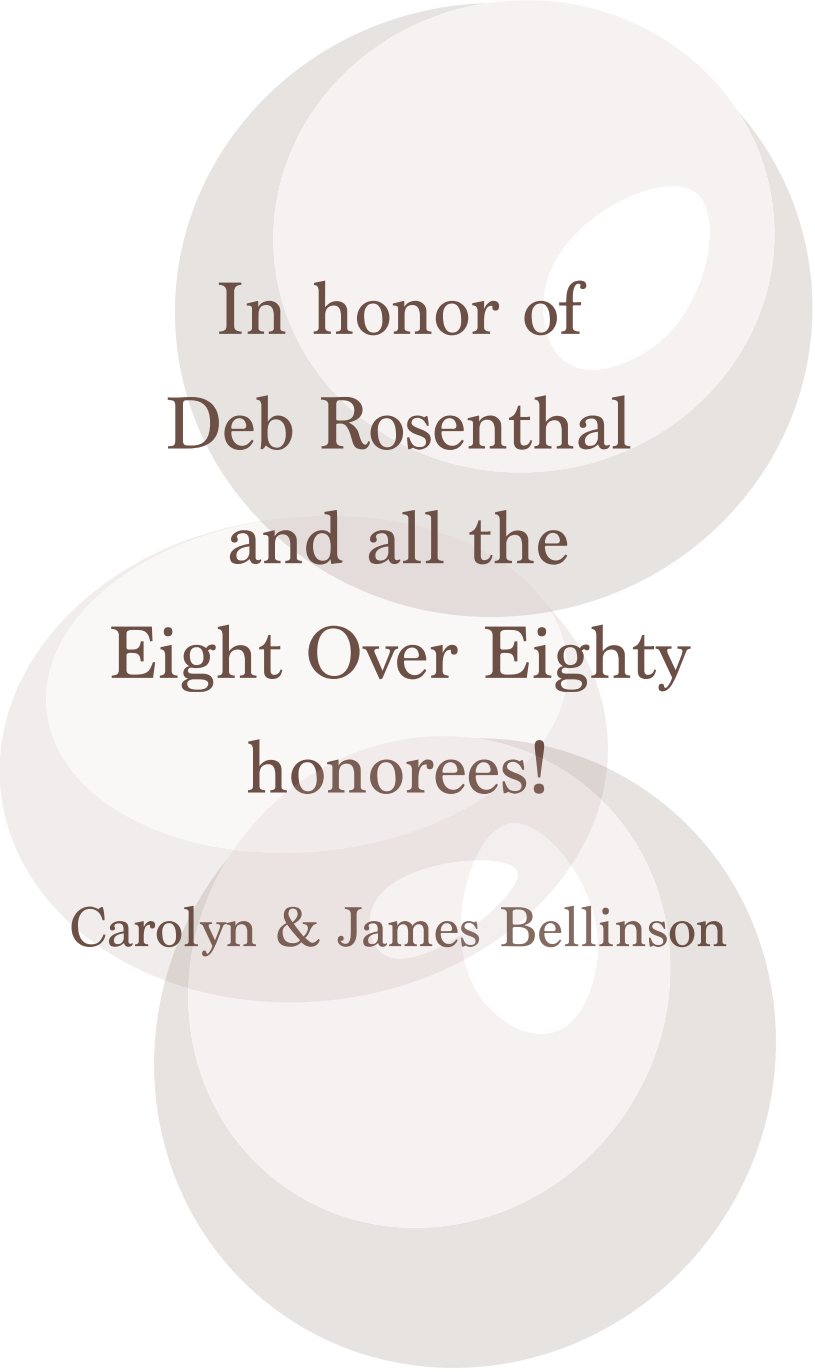


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Mazel Tov
to the
Honorees
and
Students!

Michele Freind



In honor of
Deb Rosenthal
and all the
Eight Over Eighty
honorees!

Carolyn & James Bellinson



Wishing all of the
8 over 80 Honorees
a Yasher Koach

Joanne and Danny Aronovitz

*As my parents planted for me,
so do I plant for my children.*

Talmud Tan'nit 23A

Mazel Tov

Shirley Benyas
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**Our community thanks you
formany years of dedication
to Tikkun Olam**

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Mazel Tov to Sylvia Starkman
and all of the
Eight Over Eighty Honorees.



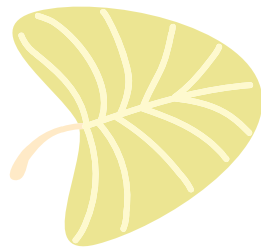
With Love, Marilyn Margulis, Sherry Margulis-Zaslow & Family

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE
PARTICIPANTS OF EIGHT OVER EIGHTY.**



LILY AND DAVID BRONER

Mazel Tov and gratitude
to all of this year's
Eight Over Eighty Honorees!



Dorothy and Hershel Sandberg

**Congrats and best wishes
to all the honorees -**



Anne Marie Fisher

**Many thanks to Rae Sharfman
for her bravery and perseverance
on behalf of the Jewish People.**

Ronna H. Ross

**Congrats to this year's
outstanding Honorees!**



Miriam & Fred Ferber

**Congratulations to
Rene Lichtman and all the
Eight Over Eighty Honorees.**



Ruth & Joel Shayne

**Mazel Tov Rae Sharfman
and all the honorees on the
Tikkun Olam Award.**



Joyce & Don Sherman

Mazel Tov for this well-deserved honor!
We are so proud of you and grateful
for your leadership at our congregation!



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Mazel Tov to the
2022 honorees.



With love, Susie & Norm Pappas

Mazel Tov to all these wonderful
young pillars of our community,
and to this wonderful organization!!!

Bluma Schechter



Your congregation celebrates
your achievements.

Dr. Joseph Jacobson

Rene Lichtman

Jerry Soble

Congregation Beth Ahm thanks you and all the Eight Over Eighty honorees for your commitment to Tikkun Olam and your accomplishments in repairing the world.



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Mazel Tov to Dr. Joseph Jacobson!

JERRY, MAY YOU CONTINUE
TO SET THE BAR HIGHER FOR ALL
OF US FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.
YOU ARE A MOST ADMIRABLE,
KIND AND INTELLIGENT MAN.



Carol and Paul Hooberman

Congratulations on 8 Over 80,
Uncle Joey! You are number 1
in our hearts. Mazel Tov!



Joel, Sarah, Lauren, Zack, Brian and Jordanna

*“We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.”*

- Winston Churchill

Joe, Mazel Tov on this
well-deserved honor!



Jonathan and Beth Lowe

***Mazel Tov to
Rae Sharfman
and all the Honorees!***



Lisa & Danny Kurzmann

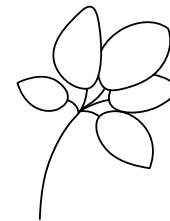
**Congratulations Neil Satovsky
on being a recipient of the 2022 Jewish Federation
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**We know it is well deserved and the Jewish
community is very fortunate to have had your
support all these many years and know
it will continue in the future.**





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**In Honor of Joe Jacobson
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Mazel Tov to the 2022 Honorees.
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Mazel Tov to Charles Danto and all
 of the 8 Over 80 Honorees.
 We celebrate YOU and your
 dedication to the Jewish community.



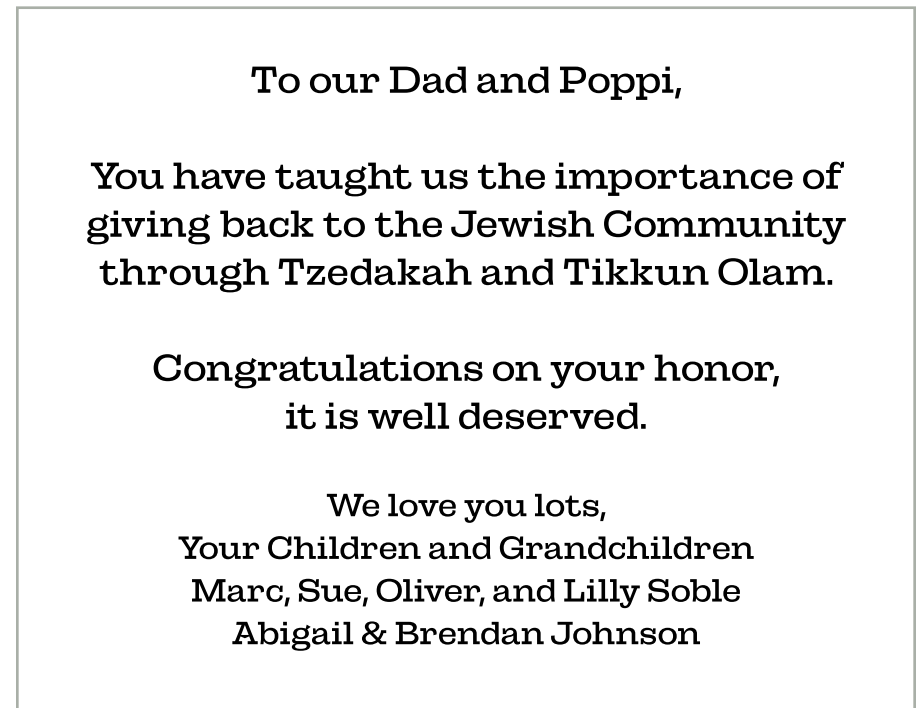
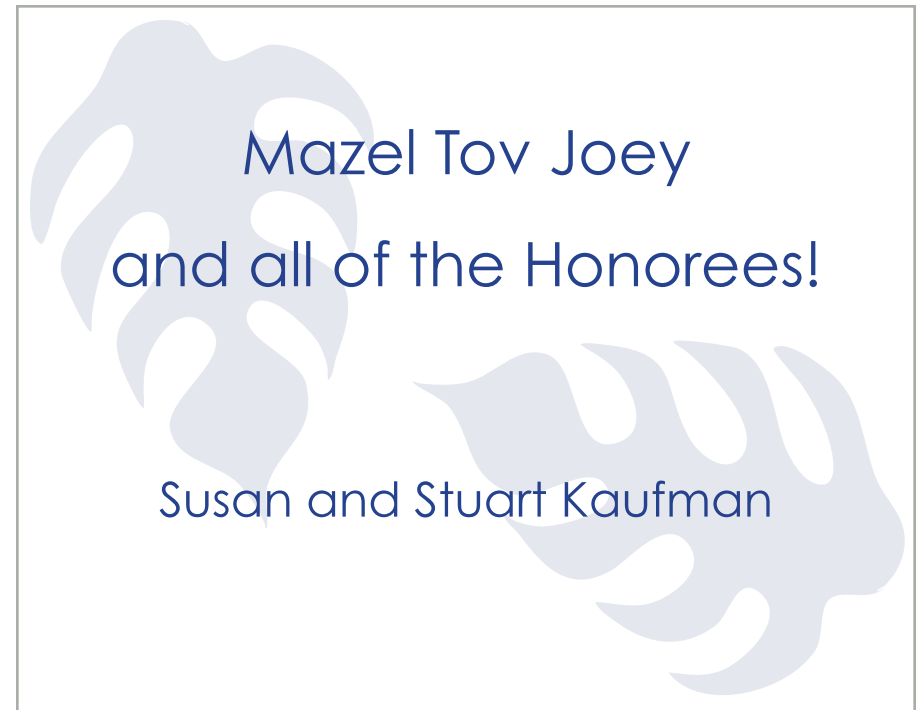
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
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Thanks for all you do for so many!

Komisar-Blanck Family

Congratulations to our dear friend, Jerry Soble, and all the Honorees for the many wonderful accomplishments over many years.

Joyce & George Blum & Family

Mazel Tov to the distinguished awardees.

Elaine & Eugene Driker

Mazel Tov on this well deserved honor!

Marsha Eisenberg

In honor of the inspiring Eight Over Eighty Honorees.

Illana & Dan Greenberg

Congrats Honorees! Thank you for all you do for our community.

Cheryl Guyer

"All who faithfully serve the needs of the community will be rewarded by the Holy One."
In support of Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit.

Anna & Yale Levin

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Congratulations Honorees!

Rochelle & Arthur Lieberman

Congrats to Sophie Klisman on this wonderful achievement.

Cindy & Albert Ludwig

Mazel Tov Sylvia on this well-deserved honor.

You inspire us!

Janet and Henry Moses

Congratulations to Jerry Soble, Rene Lichtman, and Joe Jacobson on this well-deserved honor.

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