# 32nd ANNUAL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

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Jewish Senior

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Joni and Neil Satovsky



## **MISSION**STATEMENT

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.

Jewish Senior

## 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.



### TIKKUN OLAM REPAIRING THE WORLD

Eight Over Eighty is the signature fundraising event of the year on behalf of Jewish Senior Life. Each year, we proudly honor eight extraordinary older adults, each over the age of 80, who exemplify the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam*, or *Repairing the World*.

These honorees have spent their lives making a meaningful impact in our community and beyond, and through this event, we recognize their dedication, generosity, and spirit.

Proceeds from Eight Over Eighty directly support JSL's **Quality of Life Fund**, which ensures that all residents, regardless of financial means, have access to kosher meals and vital services. This fund also brings enrichment and joy to our community through wellness programs such as yoga, meditation, massage therapy, and exercise; Shabbat flowers, bus trips, live musical entertainment, social events, holiday celebrations and building enhancements across our Oak Park and West Bloomfield campuses.

Over 40 nominations for our distinguished honorees came from the community and the eight were selected by a confidential panel of judges.

Now in its 32nd year, **Eight Over Eighty** has honored more than **254 remarkable individuals** with the Tikkun Olam Award. We are humbled to celebrate this tradition and inspired to continue the work they began. We stand on their shoulders with deep gratitude, and we look ahead with hope, purpose, and a shared commitment to uplifting every life in our care.



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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.

#### PRESIDENT JASON FISHER



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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:

Deede Auster Neil Satovsky Nancy Jacobson Marck Schlussel Barbara Kratchman Michael Serling Michael Maddin Rachel Yoskowitz

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 2025 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award.

We could not do the important work we do without the support of our generous community. On this 31st anniversary of JSL's Eight Over Eighty event, we offer our sincere thanks to our *Visionary Sponsors*, The Ravitz Foundation and Joni and Neil Satovsky, our *Innovator Sponsors*, Nancy and James Grosfeld, *Trailblazer Sponsors*, The Beznos Family, Frankel Health and Research and Elaine and Michael Serling. We want to also thank our *Pioneer Sponsor*, Eli A. Scherr, our *Architect Sponsors*, including Nancy and Joseph Jacobson, Barbara and Michael Kratchman, Elizabeth Rose, Deborah and Steve Rosenthal Family, and The Keith Rowling Family, *Builder Sponsors*, AMAC Pharmacy Services, Penny and Harold Blumenstein, Robin and Leo Eisenberg Family, Enid and Gary Goodman, David and Howard Jacobson Families, The Marjorie and Maxwell Jospey Foundation, The Karp Family Foundation, Donna and Michael Maddin, Princeton, Alan S. Schwartz and the Yoskowitz Children and Grandchildren, *Dreamer Sponsors* including Debbie and Eric Abramson, Beth Isaac Synagogue, Shari and Bob Bilkie, Barbara Bloom, Gayle and Richard Burstein, Shari and Stan Finsilver, The Edward I. Fleischman Family Foundation, Jan and Mark Hauser, The Sandra and David Kirsch Family, Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller, Lisa and Dan Mendelson, Joy and Allan Nachman, The Satovsky and Melet Families, Bluma Schechter, Arlene and Rick Selik, Donna and Robert Slatkin, Steven R. Weisberg and Laura J. Clemens, Andi and Lawrence Wolfe, and all of the individuals that support our agency.

More than 118 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 in 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,

Jason Fisher President, JSL Board of Directors





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May 18, 2025

Dear Honorees, Friends, Family Members and JSL Supporters:

On behalf of Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit, it is my pleasure to congratulate the eight outstanding recipients of the 2025 Eight Over Eighty Tikkun Olam Award. The exemplary lives you have lived demonstrating dedication, hard work, volunteerism and devotion - to community, causes, institutions and individuals - have had a tremendous impact. I know I speak for the entire community when I express gratitude for all you have done and continue to do. It is an honor to celebrate you all today.

The mission of Jewish Senior Life is to nurture a sense of community and enrich the lives of the older adults we serve in our six communities in Oak Park and West Bloomfield. Whether it is creating community inside our walls through robust daily activities, holiday celebrations, lifelong learning or volunteer opportunities for our residents, or bringing the outside community in through dor l'dor and other volunteer activities, we strive to ensure that the atmosphere at all our residences provide the sense of community that makes all the difference for those we serve. It is our goal to continue to create an atmosphere of true community where every resident can participate as they desire in creating the special place they now call home.

In addition to celebrating our special Eight, this event is also Jewish Senior Life's largest fundraiser and as always, your support helps to subsidize the cost of those activities and so much more, for individuals in our Federally assisted affordable communities. Your partnership with us in all that we do helps us maintain our 117-year-old promise to our community - to provide caring homes where our older adult community members find respect, dignity, independence, spiritual support and where we celebrate life together, every day.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for making this day one of joy and celebration for our 2025 Honorees. You are all key partners in providing the support and respect so vital to our commitment to honor our mothers and fathers.

We wish all the Eight Over Eighty Honorees a heartfelt MAZEL TOV, good health and more joyous moments to cherish.

Yasher Koach!

Nancy S. Heinrich Chief Executive Officer



#### CEO NANCY HEINRICH



## **CONGRATULATIONS** TO CURRENT AND PAST EIGHT OVER EIGHTY HONOREES

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## PROGRAM SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025, 11:30AM CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

WELCOME Ned Specktor, *Master of Ceremonies* 

PROCESSIONAL Eight Over Eighty Honorees & Frankel Jewish Academy Students, Jewish War Veterans Color Guard

STAR SPANGLED BANNER/HATIKVAH Hazzan David Propis, Congregation Shaarey Zedek

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PRESENTING THE 2025 EIGHT OVER EIGHTY HONOREES AND STUDENTS Ned Specktor

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## MASTER OF CEREMONIES NED SPECKTOR



Ned began his professional journey at Creative Artists Agency (CAA), a premier talent agency renowned for representing top-tier entertainers and athletes worldwide. During his tenure at CAA, Ned worked his way up from the mailroom to a role assisting the agency's President, Richard Lovett. His contributions were instrumental in the establishment of CAA Sports, demonstrating his agency experience across multiple departments. His passion for music led him to help manage the Jonas Brothers and Demi Lovato who were both just beginning their careers at the time.

He had an opportunity to combine his entertainment and marketing experience to establish a thriving branded merchandise business, collaborating with clients such as Google, The Grammys, Meta, and numerous others.

Ned's entrepreneurial spirit led him to a partnership with The Salvation Army as they launched a nationwide concert campaign called Rock the Red Kettle. The event featured artists like Shawn Mendes and used music to emphasize the significance of philanthropy within the teen community across the nation.

With over fifteen years of experience residing in Los Angeles, Ned developed a deep passion for using his voice and energy to help companies tell their story on social media with short video content. He works with clients like Star Lincoln, Kids Kicking Cancer, The J Detroit, and others. He currently resides in Bloomfield Hills and loves spending time with his wife and two children and listening to \*NSYNC.





Ned Specktor cell: 310.210.7788 https://www.instagram.com/nedspecktor/



Jewish Senior Life

2025 Eight Over Eighty - Tikkun Olam Award Recipients

It is with great admiration and deep respect that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the 2025 Eight Over Eighty – Tikkun Olam Award: Deede Auster, Nancy Jacobson, Barbara Kratchman, Michael Maddin, Neil Satovsky, Mark Schlussel, Michael Serling and Rachel Yokowitz.

Each of this year's honorees has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to improving the lives of others. Through their leadership, compassion, and unwavering dedication, they have made a profound and lasting impact on our community. Their generous contributions of time, wisdom, and talent continue to inspire and uplift all those around them.

It is a privilege to commend these remarkable individuals for the legacy they are creating — one of empathy, service, and community building. Their actions speak not only to their character but also to the boundless potential we each hold to make a difference in the world.

As we celebrate their achievements, let us also take this opportunity to learn from their example. May their strength, generosity, and enduring spirit serve as a guiding light for us all. And may they continue to go from strength to strength.

With sincere gratitude and admiration,

Steven Ingber Chief Executive Officer

President Jewish Federation of Detroit Gary Torgow Chief Executive Officer Jewish Federation of Detroit Steven Ingber President United Jewish Foundation of Detroit Michael Berger

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May 18, 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of Michigan, I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2025 Eight Over Eighty – Tikkun Olam Award presented by Jewish Senior Life of Metro Detroit. The annual Eight over Eighty celebration highlights the hard work and dedication of outstanding older adults who have contributed to their community by selflessly giving of their time and talents. All of you have made an incredible impact on the community through your dedicated involvement and leadership.

It is my pleasure to commend Deede Auster, Nancy Jacobson, Barbara Kratchman, Michael Maddin, Neil Satovsky, Mark Schlussel, Michael Serling, and Rachel Yoskowitz. Thank you for your devotion and contributions to your community and our state.

This year is the 32nd Anniversary of the Eight Over Eighty event. I offer my thanks to Jewish Senior Life and all who make this event a reality. Thank you for your dedication to honoring our older adults.

Once again, congratulations and I offer my best wishes for a fun and memorable event.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer Governor of Michigan



May 2, 2025

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Association of Jewish Aging Services I offer hearty congratulations to the recipients of the 2025 *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.

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Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life for continuing this important tradition of honoring our elders.

Once again, we offer our congratulations on your recognition. You consistently demonstrate the highest standard of citizenship in our community.

Sincerely,

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Ruth Katz

President and CEO

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#### LeadingAge KATIE SLOAN



Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit Eight Over Eighty-Tikkun Olam Award Attn: Beth Tryon 6710 West Maple Road West Bloomfield, MI 48322

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This year we also celebrate the Thirty-second 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,

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Katie Smith Sloan President and CEO LeadingAge

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#### eadingAge MICHIGAN\_ DAVID HERBEL

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Sincerely,

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David E. Herbel, BA, MSA, NHA President and CEO

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I wish to congratulate the recipients of the 2025 Eight Over Eighty-Tikkun Olam- Repairing the World Award. Jewish Senior Life has been presenting this award annually for 31 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 the community. The recipients have made an unparalleled impact in the community through their enthusiastic involvement and leadership.

It is my pleasure to recognize Deede Auster, Nancy Jacobson, Barbara Kratchman, Michael Maddin, Neil Satovsky, Mark Schlussel, Michael Serling, and Rachel Yoskowitz. 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 our community.

Sincerely,

Milloushay Jonathan Warshay

West Bloomfield Township Supervisor

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## 32 YEARS YEARBOOK THANK YOU TO OUR PAST HONOREES

#### 1994HONOREES



Dr. Harry August\* Clara Collens\* Hortense Falk\* Rose L. Greenberg\* Neil Kalef\* Arthur Lipsitt\* Ruth Redstone\* Dorothy Storchan\*

#### 1995HONOREES





1998HONOREES



Lillian Colman\* Rabbi Eric Greenbaum\* Esther LaMed\* Milton Marwil\* Anna Mickel\* Emma Schaver\* Dr. Milton Steinhardt\* Josephine Weiner\*

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#### 1999HONOREES



Henry Auslander\* Sylvia Barr\* Bessie Kutnick\* Anne Mondrow\* Alex Saltsman\* Irwin Shaw\* Melba Winer\* Beryl Winkelman\*

#### 2000HONOREES



Jules Doneson\* Morris Flatt\* Reverend Shalom Ralph\* Irene Rodman\* Betty Silverfarb\* Juanita Victor\* Leo Webber\* Lillian Zellman\*

#### 2001HONOREES



Martha Burnstein\* Bertha Chomsky\* Irvin Forman\* Nate Garfinkel\* Esther Goldenberg\* Stanley Morgenstern\* Albert Newman\* Morris "Andy" Weiss\*

2002HONOREES



Lillian Bernstein\* Paulette Borin\* Gretl Frank\* Rose Korinsky\* Rosevelyn Lieberman\* Dr. Irving Panush\* Rabbi M. Robert Syme\* David Tanzman\*

Leonard P. Baruch Lester Burton\* Frita Roth Drapkin\* Alan Kandel\* Bea Kreichman\* Leah Snider\* Walter Stark\* Lenore Dunsky Weiss\*





#### 2004HONOREES



Alfred Bricker\* Jack Caminker\* Nena Dillick\* Harry\* and Sylvia Granader\* Julius Harwood\* Belmont Kershenbaum\* Phyllis Newman\* Bea Sacks\*

#### 2005HONOREES



Fran Aaron\* Louis Berlin\* Lillian Gold\* Emanuel (Manny) Mittelman\* Evelyn Noveck\* Abe Pasternak\* Norbert Reinstein\* Jack Schon\*

#### 2006HONOREES



Mandel (Bill) Berman\* Sarah Deitch\* Selma Goode\* Dr. Henry Krystal\* Dr. Abe Nemeth\* Ed Meer\* Jennie Solomon\* Elizabeth Elkin Weiss\*

2007HONOREES



Harold Berry\* Marvin Danto\* Phil Elkus\* Ethel Goldenberg Norm Katz\* Eve Lieberman\* Ida Nathan\* Jack\* & Miriam Shenkman\*

#### 2008HONOREES



Sam Barnett\* Henry Friedman\* Dorothy Kaufman\* Sylvia Mevis\* Dorothy M. Silk\* Malka Sklyarskaya\* Eleanor Smith\* Kathleen Straus

#### 2009HONOREES



Warren Coville\* Merle Harris\* Herbert Kaufman\* Irving Laker\* Ann Newman\* Rabbi A. Irving Schnipper\* Marvin Talan\* Milton Zussman\*

#### 2010HONOREES



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

#### 2011HONOREES



Marvin Fleischman Morrie Green\* Austin Kanter\* Fern Katz\* Paula Marks-Bolton Jack Robinson\* Wilbert Simkovitz\* Bruce Thal\*

2012HONOREES



Martin Barr\* Bob Benyas\* Dr. George Blum Bernard Cantor Myron Milgrom\* Mania Salinger\* Florence Vinsky\* Alvin Weisberg\*

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#### 2014HONOREES



Ada Bandalene Joanna Berger\* William Farber\* Sissi Lapides Bernard Moray\* Earl Remer\* Sidney Stone\* Rolland Walt\*

#### 2015HONOREES



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Barbara Frankel\* Carolyn Greenberg Micki Grossman\* Jack Gun\* Dr. Martin Herman Bernard Jonas\* Libby Sherbin\* Burton Shifman

2017HONOREES



Beverly Bennett\* Dr. Stuart Falk\* Margot Gardner Elaine Greenberg Dr. Robert Matthews\* Evelyn Orbach\* Eunice K. Ring Michael Weiss\*

#### 2018HONOREES



Harriet Berg\* Barbara Goodman, PhD Robert Lask\* Ellen Magar\* Edith Maniker\* Alvin M. Saperstein, PhD Dr. Manuel Sklar\* George Stern

#### 2019HONOREES



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#### 2020HONOREES



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2024HONOREES



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE HONOREES THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

## **FRANKEL** STUDENTS



My name is **Zoe Kellman** and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Traci and Kevin Kellman, and I have a younger sister named Mya. Among my FJA activities are Debate Club, Journalism, and 'Learners Minyan,' where I help teach prayer skills to new students. I am very passionate about my studies. My favorite subjects have been World History and US History, and also Law, which I hope to pursue as a career in my future. Outside of school, I attend Shabbat services, and volunteer with the Friendship Circle. I also enjoy using my free time to read and participate in the arts, whether it be writing or drawing on paper. Being a member of the Detroit Jewish Community is something I take great pride in. I am so honored to be able to participate in the 8 over 80 program.



Hello! My name is Louie Kowalsky, and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Julie and Jeff Kowalsky. At FJA, I am a varsity tennis and baseball team member, a student ambassador, and a member of the MMCC club. Outside of school, I am a member of the Jewish Fund Teen Board and a co-founder of Oakland Event Rentals. I enjoy sports, business, and spending time with friends. My Jewish life has been greatly changed by transferring to FJA in 10th grade. Becoming a member of the FJA community has allowed me to have a closer connection to Judaism and the Jewish community. I have also spent nine summers at Camp Tamarack where I enjoy my time off from school and create strong friendships. After high school, I look forward to studying business. I am honored to be selected as one of the students to participate

in the 8 over 80 program.



Hi! My name is Zeev Maine, a Junior at FJA. My parents are llana Gaba-Maine and Dr. Gabriel Maine; I also have two sisters, Lihi and Hilla Maine, who are both at Hillel Day School. This year, I am honored and thrilled to be a part of the Eight over **Eighty Program. Having interned** at JSL this past summer, I am familiar with the warm and welcoming community that JSL has fostered. I volunteer at Corewell Health and am involved in the Jewish Fund Teen Board. At FJA. I have the privilege of being the Junior Class President and a Student Ambassador. I am also a member of FJA's chapter of National Honor Society. In the classroom, I love to learn about chemistry and government, two fields of study I am particularly interested in. I am really looking forward to participating in this amazing program and making new and wonderful connections!



Hi, my name is Sydney Michaelson, and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Melissa and Jeremy Michaelson, and I have an older brother, Merrick, who attends the University of Michigan. At FJA, I am actively involved in varsity athletics, on the volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams. Additionally, I am a student ambassador, a member of National Honor Society, a co-president of the Pre-Med club, and have been a class representative in Student Government throughout my high school years. Outside of school, I am a member of the UMatter board, which gives me the opportunity to help people overcome stigmas around mental health. My favorite subject in school is science, as I aspire to pursue a career in the medical field. I am truly honored to be a part of 8 Over 80 as I know that it will leave an everlasting impact on me.

## **FRANKEL** STUDENTS



My name is Paige Murav-Radner, daughter of Rochelle Murav-Radner and Ken Radner. I have attended Jewish schools since I was 3, in the ECC at Hillel Day School. Since graduating Hillel's 8th grade, I have attended Frankel Jewish Academy, where I am now a Junior. I enjoy spending time with my family, friends, and especially my cat Tetra. I am part of the FJA bowling team and am the co-founder of the Crochet Club. in which we teach peers how to crochet through participating in projects for charity, and overall have a good time giving back to the community. My favorite classes at FJA are history, the sciences, and social studies. I enjoy learning new things and feel so honored to be chosen to participate in Eight Over 80 and to experience and learn about an older adult who makes a positive impact on the Jewish community.



Hi! My name is Ryan Reinstein, and I am a Junior at FJA. My parents are Frank Reinstein and Jamie Golding. I have one sister named Leah, who is currently a student at Hillel Day School. I am honored to be a part of Eight over Eighty. I frequently volunteer at Temple Beth-El and participate in the Shalom Hartman Teen Fellowship. While I have not had any previous experiences with Jewish Senior Life, I am ecstatic to be part of such an incredible program hosted by such a remarkable organization. At FJA. I am a student ambassador and member of the National Honor Society. Two of my favorite subjects are government and math. I am thrilled to be a part of Eight Over 80 and look forward to the upcoming year and all the experiences that are part of it.



Hi! My name is Mia Schlussel, and I am a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Jeff and Amy Schlussel, and I have two older siblings, Jacob and Lindsay. At FJA, I am a student ambassador, on the girls varsity tennis team, and a member of National Honor Society. My favorite subjects in school are social studies and English as I intend to go into something in the field of law or government. Outside of school, I am a member of the Jewish Fund Teen Board, Honeycomb Youth Ambassadors Council, and a Madricha at Congregation Shaarey Zedek; I believe that having knowledge about Judaism and Israel is a vital part of being in the Jewish community. I am also a very proud Tamarack camper. I feel honored and excited to be chosen to be a student partner in Eight Over 80 and cannot wait for the experience it will bring me!



Hi, my name is Jessie Tracht, and I am currently a Junior at Frankel Jewish Academy. My parents are Debbie and Ryan Tracht. I have 2 older siblings, Emily and Noah, who both graduated from FJA in 2023. I am an active member of the Varsity Volleyball team and captain of the Varsity Soccer team. I am also a student ambassador for new students who are looking to join the Frankel Community and a representative for my volleyball club and its fundraisers. Outside of school, I play volleyball competitively. I snowboard, spend time with friends and family, and volunteer at day camps in the summertime. My favorite subjects in school are Science and Math and I hope to pursue a career in psychology. Attending Frankel has truly helped me connect with my Judaism and has allowed me to feel a deep sense of belonging within a community of people who feel like home. It is an amazing honor to be selected to celebrate this year's 8 over 80 celebration.

## HONOREE DEEDE AUSTER

Meeting Deede Auster was an absolute pleasure. From our very first conversation, it was clear why she was chosen as an 8 Over 80 honoree. Her passion for helping others and making a difference in the Jewish community is truly inspiring, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have been paired with her. Deede grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and attended Mumford High School. During this time, she became deeply involved in BBG and spent her summers at Tamarack. She later pursued a degree in Science at the University of Michigan, and there she met her loving husband, Miles Auster. The couple moved to California for her husband's internship, where they had two children before returning to Michigan, where they welcomed their third child. Now, Deede and her family are active members of Congregation Beth Ahm.

After getting married, Deede developed a deep interest in Judaism. She participated in a two-year program, taking weekly classes that grew her understanding of Jewish teachings and extended her passion for the community.

Following her retirement from a career in healthcare, Deede dedicated herself to community service. She played a key role in Project Chesed, an initiative that provided medical assistance before the Affordable Care Act. Through this program, she and her team secured medication from local pharmacies and gave them to patients in need.

Deede's commitment to service extended further when she joined the National Council of Jewish Women, advocating for Jewish women and children. Additionally, she became deeply involved in Bookstock, an annual book sale at Laurel Park Place that raises funds for literacy programs. Each year, she helps collect, sort, and sell nearly half a million donated books to support this cause.

Beyond that, Deede works with the Backpack Project, filling backpacks with school supplies for children in Oakland County and Jewish communities. Inspired by her mother's nine-month stay in hospice care, she now volunteers in a hospice office, giving back to an organization that provided her family with support during a difficult time. She also enjoys volunteering at the gift shop at Fleischman and serves on the executive board of the Jewish Historical Society, where she is the recording secretary.

Through the Jewish Historical Society, Deede participated in *Into the Neighborhood*, a four-month program that featured impactful displays on Hastings Street. She is also a cancer survivor and an active member of the Cancer Thrivers Network, where she participates in various programs. Additionally, she volunteers with JARC, an organization supporting people with disabilities, and has taken part in Meals on Wheels, delivering food to elderly individuals who are unable to leave their homes.

When asked about what has had the greatest impact on her life, Deede's answer was immediate her family. She is deeply devoted to her husband, children, and friends, and one of her greatest joys is celebrating Jewish holidays with her loved ones. No matter the circumstance, her home is always open to anyone who needs a place to celebrate, as she would never want to see someone left alone.

Deede embodies the value of *tikkun olam*. She firmly believes that even the smallest actions can make a meaningful impact. Her advice to younger generations is to listen to people's stories, learn from them, and always seek ways to contribute to their community. Deede's dedication to her community is truly inspiring, and her story serves as a powerful reminder that one person's kindness and commitment can create a lasting impact on the world around them.



**By Sydney Michaelson** Frankel Jewish Academy Student

## HONOREE NANCY JACOBSON

From my very first conversation with Nancy, it was clear she had a deep love for her family and the Jewish community. Her passion for both shines through when she speaks so highly of her loved ones. Nancy's warmth and friendliness make every conversation enjoyable, and I feel incredibly honored and excited to have been paired with her for such a special event.

Nancy was born and raised in Benton Harbor, Michigan, a small town with a Jewish community of about 100 families. Her father, originally from Liverpool, England, moved to America as an engineer with hopes of living in Detroit. However, due to anti-Semitism, he struggled to find work and had to change his last name from Greenberg to Davis to secure a job and support his family. Eventually, they built a life in Benton Harbor and established their own Jewish traditions.

Nancy attended Benton Harbor High School before continuing her education at Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English literature. After graduating, she married Joseph Jacobson, and they moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While he completed his graduate studies in orthodontics, Nancy pursued a teaching career at Baldwin High School.

Soon after, Nancy moved back to Michigan and taught at Dondero High School in Royal Oak. She and Joey then started their family, which includes two sons, Howard and David, and through them, four grandchildren, Dani, Natalie, Jenna, Emma, Izzy, Mia, Lillian, and Jack. Both Natalie and Emma attended Frankel Jewish Academy.

One thing I quickly learned about Nancy is that family and Judaism are the two most important aspects of her life. She shared a story by Jewish author Isaac Bashevis Singer about a bee buzzing in one's ear, symbolizing how once it happens, you're forever Jewish. Nancy said she felt that "buzz" as a little girl, knowing that Judaism would have a lasting impact on her life, even while growing up in a small town.

Nancy takes great pride in her long-standing involvement in the Jewish community, finding great fulfillment in her work with Jewish organizations. She joined the JARC board and helped transform it from a family organization into a community resource. She later served as concert chair and vice president. Nancy also chaired the Michigan Region of the Weizmann Institute of Science. She enjoyed bringing in professors to speak, finding the experience both exciting and rewarding.

Nancy played a key role in bringing the Lion of Judah program to Detroit and served as women's campaign chair, raising record funds during 9/11. She was also honored by Israel Bonds for her dedication. Alongside Joe, she participated in numerous mission trips to Israel to support and advocate for its survival, an experience that resonates even today, as Jews in Israel continue to fight for their state. Nancy chaired the Major Gifts Dinner for the Jewish Federation of Sarasota. Beyond her contributions to the Jewish community, she has made a lasting impact by training future female leaders and teaching her granddaughters to be strong Jewish women. Nancy's lifelong involvement has inspired her family to continue making their own impact on the Jewish community.

Nancy has inspired me to care for my family, to be a better person, and to make a meaningful impact on my community. I remember her sharing how much she truly values Judaism. As a young Jewish girl facing antisemitism, she taught me to embrace my faith and stay involved. Her powerful impact on the community is undeniable, and I feel incredibly honored and grateful to have had the opportunity to meet her.



## HONOREE BARBARA KRATCHMAN



**By Zoe Kellman** Frankel Jewish Academy Student When I first met Barbara "Bunny" Kratchman, her warm and welcoming personality immediately stood out. Over a cup of tea, I quickly realized she's passionate, caring, and deeply intelligent. Her dedication to uplifting the Jewish community, as well as her tireless volunteer efforts in Michigan's broader cultural community, are truly inspiring. I'm so glad to have met her and learn about her story.

Barbara grew up in Northwest Detroit in a traditional, conservative Jewish home and community, immersed in both the cultural and religious aspects of life. Her involvement began early at Shaarey Zedek, where she continues to attend, volunteer and pursue Jewish education.

A graduate of Mumford High School and the University of Michigan, Bunny's path took her to California working in banking and media, then to Washington, DC, and home to Michigan where she entered the political world. She conducted grassroots fieldwork, raised funds for candidates, and eventually worked closely with former Michigan governor James Blanchard as executive director of the Michigan Council for the Arts. These positions opened up her world and enabled her to meet different people from all walks of life and industries.

While Barbara's professional career was focused on secular cultural communities, her strong Jewish identity accompanied her. Wherever she travelled throughout Michigan, she built connections and formed new friendships with Jewish people who were participating in their own local arts communities. She gained new insight into how families are able to lead Jewish lives even in small communities. This strengthened her deep connection to Judaism and nurtured a feeling for a worldwide Jewish peoplehood.

Bunny's volunteer work, both within and beyond the Metro Detroit Jewish community, began many years ago with her participation in events such as the Detroit Jewish Book Fair and Jewish Federation's Women's Division programming. When she began to engage in Michigan's arts and cultural community, she was chair of Federation's Artists in the Schools program, which placed local artists in Sunday and after-school Hebrew classrooms to integrate hands-on arts education activities and the use of artistic expression to immerse and teach students the curriculum. The program Bunny is most proud of is Gesher's Creative Expressions, which provides exciting opportunities for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities in order to express themselves through art. Participants work directly with the College for Creative Studies, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Opera, Matrix Theatre, and other arts organizations. Through painting, ceramics, photography, acting, writing, music, singing, etc., Creative Expressions engages people uniquely. Barbara expresses immense passion for this program, and it thrills her to see how artistic expression and activities have changed the lives of so many individuals and Gesher itself.

Talking with and getting to know Barbara has been something I have really enjoyed. Our in-depth conversations are meaningful, and she is a wonderful person to spend time with. Her life experiences have shown me a new way of thinking about Judaism, and as Bunny jokes, "What's great about Judaism is that everyone makes their own rules." I think this quote perfectly sums up her view on life as a Jewish person. She has created many impactful programs and has uplifted those around her in her community. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Barbara and have been blessed to be able to interview her as the wonderful person that she is.

## HONOREE MICHAEL MADDIN

Michael Maddin is someone who can always teach you something and can offer you a piece of positive advice.

A lifetime Detroiter, Mr. Maddin was born in 1940. His father, the youngest of four siblings, was born in San Francisco and his father's family came from Paris and Istanbul, but originally from Russia. His mother was born in Detroit, and her family came from Germany and Lithuania. Mr. Maddin was the oldest of three children and was very active during his early years. He was a cub scout and a boy scout. He participated in a youth business program called "Junior Achievement," and was a newspaper carrier for the Detroit News, delivering in his neighborhood for over three years.

Mr. Maddin attended the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts as an undergraduate. During his senior year at Michigan, he took a real estate law graduate-level course that had an everlasting impact on his life as it revealed to him his deepest interest - real estate law. Mr. Maddin chose to attend Wayne State University Law School after graduating from Michigan in 1965. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the military to avoid a Vietnam War draft. Maddin would serve in the United States Air Force's Air National Guard for six years, being called up twice during the 1967 Detroit Riots and the MLK assassination.

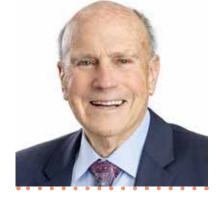
Around this time was when Mr. Maddin realized his powerful connection to Judaism and Israel. During the Six Day War, noticing that Israel's sovereignty was indeed on the line, Maddin worked tirelessly to support Israel. He called up many fellow Detroiters and asked them to support the State of Israel during the war, advocating for Israel and leading to many donations being made.

After serving in the military and graduating law school, Maddin would kicked off a successful fifty-eight-year career, primarily in real estate law. In 1982, Maddin helped found and would become the president of the well-regarded law firm Maddin Hauser, which operates throughout Metro Detroit and beyond. In addition to serving as a lawyer, Maddin was (and is still) a very active member of the Detroit Jewish community, having served as the president of: Tamarack Camps, the United Jewish Foundation, and the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, as well as chairman of the Jewish Fund, the Federated Endowment Fund, and the University of Michigan Hillel – just to name a few.

If you asked him, Mr. Maddin would say that his biggest success in life was raising a beautiful family. He married Donna Hartman in 1966, and they will soon celebrate their 59th anniversary in December! Mr. Maddin is also blessed with four children as well as four grandchildren. When asked "what does family mean to you," Mr. Maddin kept it straight: "Everything."

Michael Maddin is the embodiment of a person of Tikkun Olam. He lives by the philosophy that if every person made a tiny difference in the world, the world would become a much better place. To put it mildly, he has made many large differences in the world – going above and beyond in serving the Jewish community, the Metro Detroit community, the United States, and Israel. Mr. Maddin emphasizes to the younger generation that failure is a part of success; every bump along the way can be viewed as a positive – as it literally is part of the journey that one undertakes.

It has been the privilege of a lifetime for me to get to know and learn from Mr. Maddin. He truly is someone that is never out of teaching lessons nor giving advice.



**By Zeev Maine** Frankel Jewish Academy Student

## HONOREE NEIL SATOVSKY

I am truly honored to pay tribute to Neil Satovsky, whose impactful and meaningful contributions to the Jewish community have made a lasting difference. From the first meeting, I knew he was a humble, loving, family man who deeply cares about his community.

Neil was born in Detroit in 1944. He and his younger sister, Lynn lived with their grandparents, Harry and Katie Slatkin, in the early years of their lives as Neil developed his passion for Judaism. Neil's parents, Lester and Margarette Satovsky, were great role models and taught him the importance of giving back. He has two children: Brian, a fundraiser for the Detroit Jewish Federation, and Nicole, a Physician's Assistant in San Francisco. He also has two grandchildren: Oscar, 16, and Bea, 14.

Neil attended Detroit Country Day School and earned the Headmaster's Cup Award as an exceptional student and athlete. He attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State, receiving a degree in accounting. Neil grew up in the building business, then became a CPA. In 1975, he went back to work with his father in building and property management. He owned and managed apartment communities and industrial real estate, working 55 years before retiring in 2022.

From a young age Neil enjoyed sports, playing tennis, bowling and skiing. He continued to be athletic as an adult until he suffered a ski injury in 1998. Now, Neil does Pilates and is an avid fisherman who especially loves fly-fishing. He is creating a fly-fishing program at Camp Tamarack and enjoys helping the youth learn how to fish. Neil also coached a kids' soccer team focusing on the fun, not the competitiveness.

Since 1967, Neil has been active in raising funds in Detroit and worldwide for the Jewish people. Neil loves being with older people. While he was president of Jewish Apartments, he started the 8/80 annual event and is now being honored as one of its recipients. He credits his cousin Bobby Slatkin as his mentor, and the one who encouraged him to get involved in leadership of the Jewish community.

Neil met his future wife, Joni, in college and married her in Chicago in 1967. Following the wedding, they honeymooned in Europe during the Israeli 6-day war. Neil says Joni, a retired elementary school teacher, is one of the most influential people in his life.

An important part of Neil's life has been his religious involvement. He grew up reciting Shabbat prayers on Friday nights, attended services with his family and Hebrew school at Shaarey Zedek. His Uncle Abe was President and a role model. His Uncle Wolf persuaded Neil to continue his Hebrew education after his Bar Mitzvah.

After getting married, Neil began taking Jewish adult education classes and has continued ever since. Occasionally, Neil leads services and reads the Torah or Haftarah at Shaarey Zedek. He received the Jewish Theological Seminary Shin Award in 2008 for his activities in synagogue. He also received the Federation's William Davidson Lifetime Achievement Award in 2024 for his extensive records of leadership within the Jewish community.

Neil values the lessons he has learned throughout his life's journey. Since he lived with his grandparents and worked in business with his father, he places a large emphasis on the 5th commandment, honoring your mother and father. Neil loves volunteering and doing good deeds leading to Tikkun Olam. Neil Satovsky's life is a testament to his deep commitment to family, faith, community, and giving back, making him a remarkable person whose legacy will continue to uplift generations to come.



## HONOREE MARK SCHLUSSEL

While Mark Schlussel is no stranger to me, this experience of learning about his life has been incredibly impactful. Knowing my family's history is important and hearing my grandfather's story in full has been a priceless gift.

Born in 1940, Mark was raised in the heart of Detroit's Jewish community by his parents, Irving and Marilyn, and his older brother, Herschel. Both parents were deeply committed to Jewish life, especially his father, Irving, who helped found Young Israel in Detroit. Mark has vivid memories of davening there as a child and continues his membership at its Southfield location. He was raised in a Religious-Zionist home, where love for both Torah and the State of Israel were central. One of his earliest memories is attending a rally for Israel's establishment at age eight.

With a lifelong commitment to Jewish education, Mark attended public school and Yeshiva's afternoon program. After graduating from Mumford High School, he earned his undergraduate degree from Wayne State University, married his wife Rosie, and later graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, following his father's footsteps into the legal profession. One of his most life-changing experiences was clerking for the Chief Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals. Over his sixty-year legal career, Mark established his own law firm, worked with several others, and is currently the CEO of Curus Health.

Mark's many contributions to the Jewish community are both broad and lasting. He served as president of the Jewish National Fund, Jewish Federation Apartments (now JSL), and in 1989, the youngest to serve as President of Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. Among his many contributions are relocating Federation's headquarters from downtown to Bloomfield Hills, launching the Neighborhood Project, and prioritizing Jewish day school funding. He is also a proud recipient of the Butzel Award, one of Detroit's highest honors for Jewish communal service.

According to Mark, his most influential achievement was co-founding the Jewish Fund with Robert Sosnick, established from the proceeds of the sale of Sinai Hospital. The Fund continues to distribute millions of dollars annually to both Jewish and general communal needs.

One of Mark's most innovative accomplishments was during the construction of I-696. Concerned about dividing the Jewish communities in Oak Park and Southfield, he helped negotiate extended overpasses with parks to maintain neighborhood connectivity. Thanks to his efforts, these communities have continued to flourish and thrive.

Both he and Rosie, his wife of 61 years, supported each other in their communal endeavors and passed on their values to their four children and spouses: Ellen and Howard, Ira and Cara, Jeff and Amy, and David, three of whom currently work in Jewish day schools. Together they have 12 beloved grandchildren, all of whom have been, or remain involved in Jewish camps, youth groups, day schools, and other Jewish organizations.

Mark's hope for the future of the Detroit Jewish community is that people will contribute positively, believing that engaging in Jewish life is one of the most meaningful and rewarding ways to live. As my Papa (Mark Schlussel) says, "It is not about money, it is about providing prosperous change to people's lives."

I am so incredibly proud of my grandfather for his impact on the Detroit Jewish community, and I hope to continue his legacy moving forward.

**By Mia Schlussel** Frankel Jewish Academy Student



## HONOREE MICHAEL SERLING

Meeting Michael Serling for the first time was an experience that I will never forget. From his passion for Michigan State University, the Jewish Community, and all the clients he has helped throughout his legal career, I felt inspired by his loyalty and

Born in Detroit, Michael's mother worked in sales for a house soap company. His father sold shoes during the Great Depression, had his own lumber business, and then entered the field of commercial real estate. Growing up, Mr. Serling's family was extremely charitable, giving both time and money. They were passionate Zionists and donated money to the young State of Israel.

Mr. Serling grew up in a newly developed Detroit neighborhood surrounded by many other young families. He was raised as a Conservative Jew and attended synagogue at Adat Shalom. He would attend high school at Mumford, college at Michigan State University and as a certified teacher, taught school in Detroit while attending Detroit College of Law at night.

Mr. Serling opened his law firm where he received his first Mesothelioma case, an asbestos-related cancer that develops within the lining of the lungs, nearly always fatal. He took this case and by fighting hard, won it. He focused on Mesothelioma cases, the first in Michigan to do so. This moved Mr. Serling, saying "even if he lost that initial case, he would have stayed the course." According to him, "one case became a career."

Mr. Serling has had a deep connection and love for Israel his entire life. In their 20's, Michael and his wife, Elaine, lived in Israel for a year. Now married 55 years they have two children, Alizah, married to Adam Forman, and Dana, married to Ranil Hapaurachchi. And they have four grandchildren, Alexis, age 21; Danielle, age 18; Addison, age 9; and Shane, age 7. He says his time with Elaine in Israel "absolutely changed my life." As a result, Mr. Serling has done much to support Jewish Studies and Israel education at Michigan State University. In the late 1990's, he formed an advisory board and initially raised money to grow a fledgling Jewish Studies Program with the assistance of MSU. In 2017, he and Elaine gave the lead gift establishing the MSU Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel.

The Serlings are also involved with Tamarack Camps, especially the Israeli Camper Program, originally founded in 2002 by one of Michael's mentors, former Jewish Federation director, Bob Aronson. Michael and Elaine endowed the Serling Israeli Camper program, which brings Israeli teenagers to Tamarack Camps each year. Michael is proud of the relationships and leadership built by this program, in bringing American and Israeli youth together to form lifelong friendships. This program's importance has only grown in recent times, especially after October 7th.

Michael Serling has had lifelong involvement with many other important organizations including ADL, Michigan AIPAC, and Corewell Health Foundation where he is a trustee.

Learning from him has been an absolutely incredible experience. From our talks on MSU to his shared life lessons, such as: "Seek advice from others when needed but also give advice to those who could use it." "Help those around you but also aim to be your best self." And perhaps my favorite advice from Mr. Serling, "Follow your hopes and dreams and not your fears."

There's so much I could say, but spending time with Mr. Serling has been an absolute honor. I hope everyone can recognize the incredible individual I've had the privilege of getting to know.



**By Ryan Reinstein** Frankel Jewish Academy Student

## HONOREE RACHEL YOSKOWITZ

Rachel Yoskowitz has touched countless lives with compassion, intelligence, and dedication to the Jewish community. It has been a true honor to get to meet and to know her story.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the second child of Anne (Abramowitz) and Moe Smoller, Rachel was raised in a warm, traditional Jewish home, her life was filled with multigenerational Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, and a deep sense of community. Her father, a passionate Zionist and active volunteer, modeled the importance of tzedakah and giving back, values that became central to Rachel's life. She strengthened her Jewish identity through Hebrew High School, Camp Ramah, and Israeli dancing, performing at local events.

Rachel's high school summer as a Candy Striper hospital volunteer reinforced her commitment to caring for people and led her to pursue the nursing profession. She earned a nursing diploma from the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore School of Nursing, BS from Johns Hopkins University, and Master of Public Health from the University of Texas. Her early career included serving as an International Council of Nurses Exchange Visitor at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem (1966-67).

After marrying Rabbi Herb Yoskowitz in 1973, she devoted her time to being a full time Rebbetzin and community volunteer for Federations in Baltimore and Houston. When the Yoskowitzes moved to Detroit in1994, Rachel's activism and passion for Soviet Jewry became her career as Director of Resettlement at Jewish Family Service. She supervised the resettlement of 7,000 Jews from the Former Soviet Union and testified before the United States Senate Committee on Welfare Reform.

Recognizing a new communal need, Rachel conceptualized and founded Project Chessed, a groundbreaking healthcare initiative for uninsured Jewish individuals. Under her leadership, the program built a network of over 700 volunteer physicians and 10 health institutions, providing free care and medications to more than 3,000 people.

In 2011, Mrs. Yoskowitz joined the founding faculty of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine as Global Health Director and Assistant Professor in the Department of Foundational Medical Studies. Rachel developed the school's community service program (Compass) and coordinated OUWB's bi-directional exchange program with Hadassah Hebrew University School of Medicine and other international medical schools. Through her hard work and compassionate personality, upon her retirement in 2020, she was honored with the OUWB Faculty Excellence in Service award.

Rachel has continued her humanitarian work, particularly in support of refugees. At OUWB, she implemented Score for Success, pairing medical students with middle school refugees for literacy, health education and soccer. She worked with Rabbi Jennifer Kaluzny and the Temple Israel committee to pack and send First Aid Kits to Ukrainian soldiers, and in 2024, she recognized the need for life saving Jewish bone marrow donors and collaborated with NMDP (Formerly Be the Match) to hold successful donor registry events in Jewish Detroit.

Rachel and Rabbi Herb have been married for 52 years and are devoted to Judaism, Israel, and Jewish community life. They are proud parents to six children, three by birth and three by marriage. Marc and Mimi; Rabbi Jeremy and Lisa, Lisa and Michael, who have further blessed Rachel and Rabbi Herb with eight amazing grandchildren: Caleb, Jordyn, Noa, Ben, David, Jonah, Maddie and Adam.

Overall, my own experience of getting to know Mrs. Yoskowitz is nothing short of a blessing, and I can personally attest to Rachel being a perfect fit for receiving this honor.



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**By Paige Murav-Radner** Frankel Jewish Academy Student

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We are grateful to celebrate this well-deserved honor and to carry your example forward.

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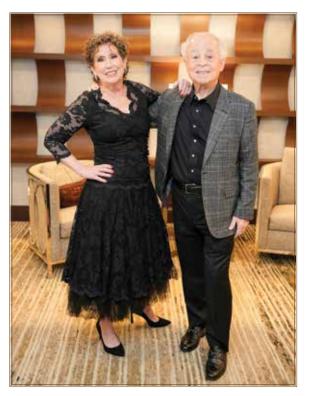
I am deeply honored to be recognized alongside seven extraordinary individuals as part of the 2025 - 8 Over 80 honorees.

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Rachel Yoskowitz

Elaine and I are truly inspired by each of you and the incredible impact you've made in our community and beyond.

Thank you for all that you've done and continue to do. Yasher Koach!

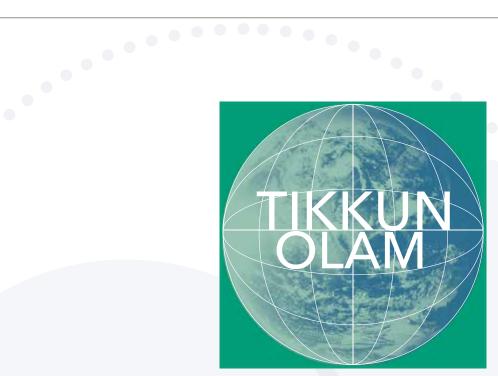
#### **Michael & Elaine Serling**



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# Congratulations to all our 2025 Honorees

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To dear Bunny, A woman who brings joy to other people. It is a joy to know her.

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A loving husband, Michael Kratchman

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With love, I'm so very proud of my wonderful bride of 62 years,

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Joey Jacobson

### Mazel Tov Michael & Elaine Serling!

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Congratulations to all of the 2025 Eight Over Eighty Honorees.

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Alan S. Schwartz

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Mazel tov to all of the 8 over 80 honorees for today's honor and your legacy of giving to the community.

"According to the labor is the reward" -Pirkei Avot 5:23

Savta we are so proud of all that you are, all that you do, and the richness you bring to all of our lives and the lives of all those you touch. You have given so much of yourself to each of us and so many facets of the community. Your wisdom, insights, commitment, giving, caring, and excellence have transformed so many lives and we pray you can continue to do so ad me'ah v'esrim!

> All our love, Mimi, Marc, Caleb, Jordyn, Noa, and Ben Lisa, Jeremy, David, and Jonah Lisa, Michael, Maddie, and Adam

# DREAMER



#### We are excited to wish Michael Serling Mazel Tov on being selected among this year's Eight Over 80 honorees.

Michael's lifelong work and commitment to the Jewish community has had a tremendous impact that will carry forward for future generations. As a young lawyer and pioneer of asbestos litigation, his steadfast dedication to his clients' causes led him to pave the way for thousands of victims of mesothelioma in Michigan. His work with the Anti-Defamation League, in particular on the Dream Dialogue, helped to build bridges between Jewish students and their African-American peers. Michael's love of Michigan State University and Israel led him to develop The Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel at MSU.

Looking forward to seeing what the next 40 years brings (Ad Meah Esrim)!!

With much love, Debbie and Eric Abramson

# Mazel Tov to all the 2025 Honorees and Jewish Senior Life.

#### Beth Isaac Synagogue

## A hearty Mazel Tov to all the deserving 2025 Honorees!

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

Barbara Bloom



Yasher Koach Dad/Papa Neil! We are all so proud of you for everything you have accomplished and continue to do for our community. You lead by example, remain humble and inspire us all to follow. Your love for your family, community and friends is unwavering. You are the epitome of a mensch! Congrats to you and the other honorees on your well-deserved recognition!

Love - Brian, Nikki, Stone, Oscar, Bea & Bogey

### Mazel Tov to the class of 2025. Thank you for all you do in our community.

**Andi and Larry Wolfe** 

DREAMER

# Mazel Tou

to this year's 8 over 80 Honorees, all of whom we count among our friends.

- Jan and Mark Hauser

Bunny, your dedication to all our communities is unparalleled. We congratulate you on this well-deserved honor! To all the honorees - Mazel Tov to the fullest.

Joy and Allan Nachman

Dear Mickey, Your lifetime commitment to the betterment of our community has always been an inspiration to us.

> Love, Shari and Stanley P.S. BEST cousin ever!!

# Congratulations Michael Maddin! You are an inspiration to all of us!

## Shari and Bob Bilkie

# ANONYMOUS

Congratulations to the 2025 Eight Over Eighty Honorees and to all the past recipients of this award. We appreciate your efforts in improving our community.

The Edward I. Fleischman Foundation

**Congratulations** to **MICHAEL MADDIN NEIL SATOVSKY** MARK SCHLUSSEL AND MICHAEL SERLING Great leaders, men of wisdom and generosity, And well-deserving recipients of this year's **Eight Over Eighty** Tikkun Olam Award from JEWISH SENIOR LIFE

**STEVEN R. WEISBERG and LAURA J. CLEMENS** 

Congratulations to our dear friend and beloved former leader, Michael Maddin, for being honored with the Tikkun Olam Award.

We extend heartfelt congratulations to all the 2025 award winners.

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# You are an inspiration to all of us.

## Mazel Tov!

### Arlene and Rick Selik

Nancy Jacobson you are an inspiration to your family and to so many in our community. Your beautiful smile lights up every room, and your thoughtful, kind, and generous contributions make a lasting impact. Your positive attitude and years of dedicated commitment make you so deserving of this honor.

You are truly a blessing to us all.

With much love, Your Kirsch Fan Club We are proud to recognize the outstanding group of 8 Over 80 Honorees whose commitments span a range of community and civic issues. Their legendary leadership reflects their dedication to the spirit of Tikkun Olam and has served as a model for others to follow.

We especially want to highlight our friends Neil Satovsky and Barbara Kratchman for the profound impact they have made through their insights, ideas and innovative spirit. Special kudos to Neil for his unwavering commitment to Jewish Senior Life and Congregation Shaarey Zedek and to Barbara (aka Bunny), whose knowledge and passion for music and the arts have dramatically enhanced the programming and impact of Jewish and civic causes across the community.

Mazel Tov to all.

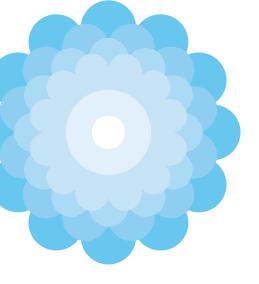
**Gayle and Dick Burstein** 

to **MICHAEL MADDIN** and **NEIL SATOVSKY** ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY

&

**DONNA & BOB SLATKIN** 



Mazel Tov to Bunny Kratchman, Nancy Jacobson, Mickey Maddin, Neil Satovsky, Mark Schlussel and all the honorees, for your ongoing dedication and commitment to our Jewish community and our Jewish value of Tikkun Olam.

> With great admiration Bluma Schechter

MAZEL TOV TO SUCH A WONDERFUL AND IMPACTFUL GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS!

YASHER KOACH TO ALL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Barbara and Michael Horowitz

Congratulations to **Nancy Jacobson** and **Neil Satovsky**, and to all the other honorees:

> Deede Auster Bunny Kratchman Michael Maddin Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

So well-deserved! Steve and Beth Swartz

### שְׁאַל אָבִיךָ וְיַגֵּדְרָ זְקֵנֶיךָ וְיֹאמְרוּ לָך

"Ask your father, who will inform you, your elders, who will tell you." (Deuteronomy 32:7)

Mazal Tov to our father, Mark Schlussel, on being recognized in this year's class of 8 over 80!

You have lived a life of Jewish values with unwavering devotion to Klal Yisrael, embodying the true meaning of Gemilut Hasidim. You dedicated a significant portion of your life in communal leadership positions showing great intelligence, kindness, integrity, and a tireless commitment to helping others, which has made a lasting and indelible impact on everyone around you. What an example you have set for all of us to follow!

> We love you! Ellen, Howard, Cara, Ira, Amy, Jeff, and David

# Congratulations to Jewish Senior Life and the 2025 Honorees.

### We support and honor you.

Soozan & Todd Mendel

# Yasher Koach

## **Michael Serling and Neil Satovsky**

and all the 8 over 80 Honorees

Our community is stronger because of your leadership!

Sandy Soifer President

Robyn Hughey Executive Director

Jonathon Koenigsberg Associate Executive Director



LESTER & JEWELL MORRIS HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER



Kenneth Goss President

Miriam Starkman Executive Director

### Congratulations to all the Honorees!

# For all you do for the community, this is so well-deserved.

Rochelle and Brian Raznick

Mazel Tov to the 2025 8 over 80 Honorees

> Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

Thank you for all you do for our community! May you go from strength to strength!

> Helen and Jeffrey Garden Karen and Ken Goss Barbara and Irvin Kappy



To the Great Eight You exemplify lives lived with purpose, heart, and vision.

Your leadership, passion, and commitment continue to leave lasting marks on our community.

We are honored to celebrate you and all that you've achieved.

With gratitude and admiration,

**JSL Foundation** 

Jason Fisher, President Nancy Siegel Heinrich, CEO Jo Strausz Rosen, Executive Director of Development



# **NEIL SATOVSKY**

То

He does so much for our community it's hard to find sufficient words to properly thank him so...we just say THANKS ...WELL DONE

**Rissa and Sheldon Winkelman** 

Mazel Tov to all of the 8 Over 80 Tikkun Olam Recipients!

To our friend Michael Maddin, congratulations and we want to thank you for your leadership and dedication to our Jewish Community!

Heather and Lowell Salesin & Family

### to Temple Israel member

# **Michael Serling**

Tare

and all other honorees, Deede Auster, Nancy Jacobson, Barbara Kratchman, Michael Maddin, Neil Satovsky, Mark Schlussel, Rachel Yoskowitz for their lifetime commitment to Tikkun Olam.



With Deep Admiration and Joy

We celebrate the remarkable Eight Over Eighty Honorees

Your lives are shining examples of purpose, resilience, generosity, and grace.

You inspire us with your decades of dedication to community, justice, creativity, and kindness.

Thank you for showing us all how rich a life of meaning can be!

**Mazel Tov** 

Jo Strausz Rosen & Andy Nickelhoff

# MAZAL TO THIS YEAR'S "8 OVER 80" AWARDEES

## KOL HAKAVOD to JEWISH SENIOR LIFE

for all of your tremendous work. Thank you for bridging the generations with this special event!

EACH YEAR, FJA 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.





FRANKEL JEWISH ACADEMY

Papa,

We could not be more proud of you on this incredible honor! Thank you for being an amazing grandfather and role model for each of us. We are all so fortunate to learn from you each and every day.

> We love you so much! Mazel Tov!



Meredith, Claire, Ian, Joey, gabe, Jacob, Sam, Lindsay, Vivienne, Zion, Mia and Etta

### The David-Horodoker Organization Salutes our 8/80 Honorees



Bessis Chase\* - 1996 Phillip Stollman\* - 1996 Julius Spielberg\* - 1997 Bessie Kutnick\* - 1999 Betty Silverfarb\* - 2000 Bertha Chomsky\* - 2001 Paulette Borin\* - 2002 Harry\* & Sylvia Granader\* - 2004 Julius Harwood\* - 2004 Louis Berlin\* - 2005 Norman Katz\* - 2007 Burt Shifman - 2016 Eunice K. Ring - 2017 Dr. Manuel Sklar\* - 2018 Dr. Warren Tessler - 2020

\*May their memories be a blessing

*Our JAS/JSL Presidents:* Neil Gorosh 2003-2005, Nancy Heinrich 2011-2013 *Our JAS/JSL CEOs:* Rochelle Upfal 2010-2015, Nancy Heinrich 2015-present

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.

### נוֹדָע בַּשְּׁעָרִים בַּעְלָהּ בְּשִׁבְתּוֹ עִם־זִקְנֵי־אָרֶץ

Her husband is prominent in the gates, As he sits among the elders of the land. (Proverbs 31:23)

Mark, you embody the wisdom of the Jewish teaching that: "It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from if" (Pirkei Avot 2:16). You didn't wait for others to lead-you led. You didn't shy away from responsibility-you embraced it. In times of need, you stepped forward with courage. Through your loving and unwavering commitment to, and passion for, the Jewish people-especially to our family and this community-you have planted seeds whose fruits will continue to flourish for generations to come.

For the past 61 years I have had the pleasure and honor to witness your unique ability to uplift others and to build and transform community. But most importantly you have taught all of us the true meaning of leadership: humility, compassion, and the courage to act when it matters most.

l love you, Rosie Mazel Tov to an outstanding class of 8 Over 80! Thank you for all you do for our community!

> Best wishes to all of you, Susie and Norm Pappas

#### Mazel Tov Papa/Dad!

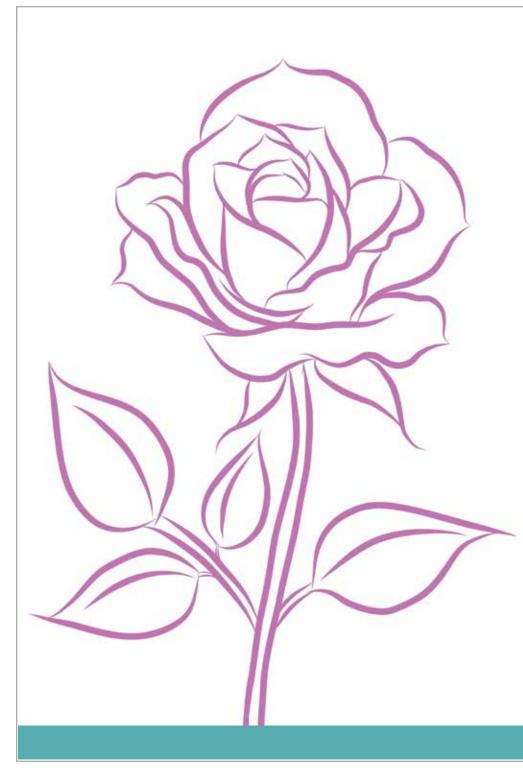
Congratulations to you on this well-deserved honor. We are so very proud of everything you and Grandma/Mom do to make our community and the world a better place through tikkun olam. You have set a wonderful example for your family and friends!



Michael Maddin and family

#### We Love You So Much,

Melissa, Brian, Maya, Zach, Marc, Marty, Lindsey, Brody, Lainey, Matthew, and Rachael



# We salute the 2025 Honorees who inspire us all.

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

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

*Thank you JSL* Carol and Ron Fogel Mazel Tov to the 2025 Eight Over Eighty Honorees!

Thank you for all of your contributions to the betterment of our communities, local, national and international!

Nancy and Bob Heinrich

### Congratulations to the 2025 Honorees

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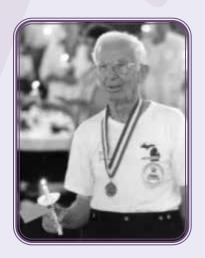
# MAZEL TOV!

Yasher Koach to Today's **8 OVER 80 HONOREES** 

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz



# Congratulations to **Michael Maddin, Neil Satovsky,** and the rest of this year's Honorees



We also remember our grandfather Julius Spielberg (class of 1997)

Alan & Rhona, Neil & Marla, Bruce & Tammy and Rick Gorosh



8 Over 80 Honorees

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

Your support of Jewish Senior Life and dedication to Tikkun Olam - repairing the world - throughout your lifetimes strengthens our community.



A chestnut free grown from a cutting of the tree outside of Anne Frank's hiding place in Amsterdam thrives at The HC's Viola & Garry Kappy Anne Frank Tree Exhibit and Garder

Learn more at holocaustcenter.org **Yad Ezra** extends a heartfelt **mazel tov** to ALL of the inspiring 8 Over 80 Honorees.

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

We deeply appreciate your lifelong commitment to the Jewish value of **Tikkun Olam**—repairing the world. Your dedication and service uplift our community and set a powerful example for generations to come. We honor you for your impact, your presence, and this well-deserved recognition.

Mazel tov on this extraordinary achievement!



Mazel Tov to all these deserving Honorees!

We are so fortunate to have you active in our community.

Yasher Koach!

Paula and Lou Glazier



Tamarack Camps extends a hearty mazel tov to the Jewish Senior Life 2025 Eight over Eighty honorees: DEEDE AUSTER • NANCY JACOBSON • BARBARA KRATCHMAN • MICHAEL MADDIN NEIL SATOVSKY • MARK SCHLUSSEL • MICHAEL SERLING • RACHEL YOSKOWITZ



Yasher koach to the FJA students who are working with the honorees:

ZOE KELLMAN, LOUIS KOWALSKY, ZEEV MAINE, PAIGE MURAV RADNEY, SYDNEY MICHAELSON, RYAN REINSTEIN, MIA SCHLUSSEL AND JESSICA TRACHT

# YOU ARE ALL EXCELLENT ROLE MODELS FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

# Mazel Tov to all of the Honorees!



#### וְכָל מִי שֶׁעוֹסְקִים בְּצָרְכֵי צִבּוּר בֶּאֶמוּנָה

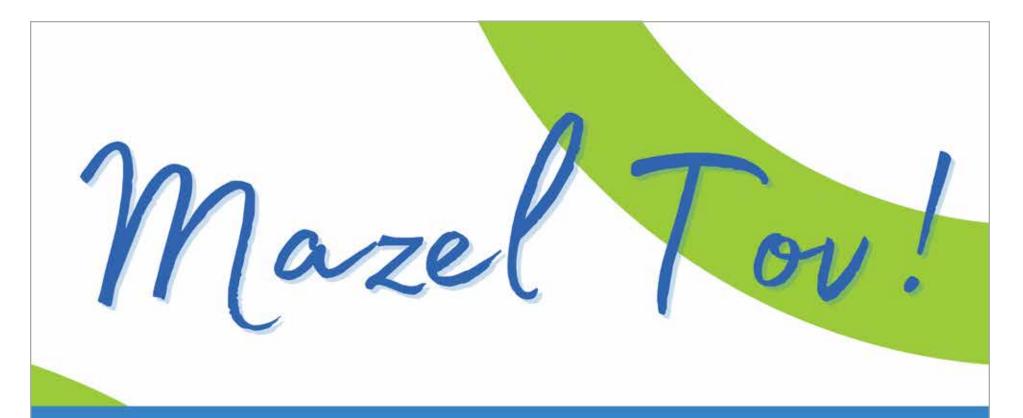
#### הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא יְשַׁלֵם שְׂכָרָם..

.....and all who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of the community, The Holy One will reward them... (prayer for the congregation, Siddur Sim Shalom)

We honor the leadership and staff of JSL who devotedly care for the needs of the seniors in our community.

Kol ha'kavod to our fellow honorees whose leadership, generosity and acts of kindness are so deserving of praise. May you go from strength to strength as you continue to involve yourselves with the needs of our community.

Rachel and Rabbi Herb Yoskowitz



Gesher Human Services congratulates **Jewish Senior Life** on its **8 over 80** celebration and all the **honorees**!

We'd like to extend an extra special mazel tov to **Barbara Kratchman**, a long-time friend of Gesher and founder of our *Creative Expressions Program*.



GesherMI.org

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EIGHT OVER EIGHTY HONOREES.

# WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

## **ILANA AND JASON FISHER**

#### **Congratulations to**

The 2025 Class of Eight Over Eighty Honorees!



Mr. Maddin, it has been an honor and privilege to partner with you.

Thank you for your friendship and all the life lessons you shared with me.

To quote a very wise man,

"How did you make a difference today?"

Mazel Tov!

Zeev

In Honor of Our Celebrated Eight Over Eighty Honorees

> For All That You Are And All That You Do

> > We Salute You!



Beth Robinson, Director

#### Dear Nancy,

You have always been an important part of our Jewish community, and I've always been proud to be your friend.

I know that you will continue to be a beacon of light in our community, and will help those in need and they will blossom with your help.

Our friendship and love for each other reflect the sentiments this community has for you.

Mazel Tov!

Love, Sheila

# MAZEL TOV TO THE 2025 HONOREES!

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND WE ARE THRILLED TO BE HONORING YOU

Jewish Senior



## Mazel Tov Uncle Mark!

We are so proud of you.



#### Congratulations

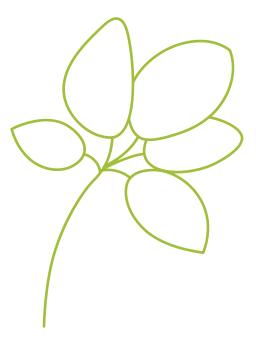
#### Neil Satovsky

on a lifetime of service and always putting others first.

You are an inspiration.

The Kalt & Greenfield Families Mel, Julie, Robert, Brian, and Sara

# We are so proud of you, Bunny!



Love, Rhonda and Morris Brown

Congratulations to all the 8 Over 80 Honorees! We so appreciate all of your meaningful volunteer work in our community.

Sent with love, Suzanne and Sheldon Simon Mazel Tov Uncle Mickey! You and Aunt Donna make a remarkable team and are true pillars of the Jewish community. Your unwavering dedication, boundless generosity, and tireless efforts have touched countless lives including our own. Your inspiring leadership and profound commitment to your community embody the values of strength and love.

> Love, Josh, Dana, Max, and Ellie Mermell



## 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 Rebecca and Ryan Wolok David and Leslie Kowalsky

Congratulations to all the women and men chosen as 8 Over 80 Honorees.

Barbara and Jerry Cook, Francie Cook

# Congratulations to my fellow Honorees, so well deserved!

**Deede and Miles Auster** 

## Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever. -Walt Disney-



Congratulations to the 2025 Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit distinguished honorees!

# Celebrate Life!

Celebrate Our 2025 Honorees

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

Fern and Brian Kepes Lauren, Adam, Abraham, and Wallace Rubin Carly and Maxwell Kepes Congratulations to our dear friend **Rachel Yoskowitz** and to all the 2025 Honorees.

#### Elaine and Rob Robins

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 EIGHT OVER EIGHTY HONOREES

Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz



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Thank you for all you do for our community!

Our congratulations to the Honorees for being recognized for serving the needs within the Jewish and various other communities.

PAUL AND BARBARA GOODMAN

Mazel Tov to all the 8 Over 80 Honorees!

We thank you for your decades of dedication to our community and for your valued friendships!

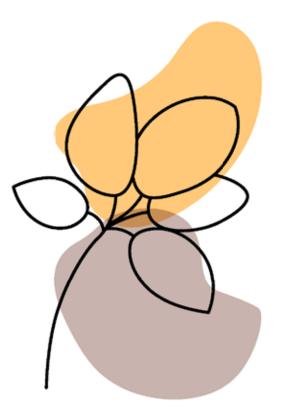
**Diane Klein and Jeffrey Maisels** 

Congratulations Nancy, on this well-deserved honor, and to all the Honorees!

Love, Rose Rita Goldman

Mazel Tov to all the Honorees on your accomplishments.

Well-deserved!



Amy and Alan Sternfeld

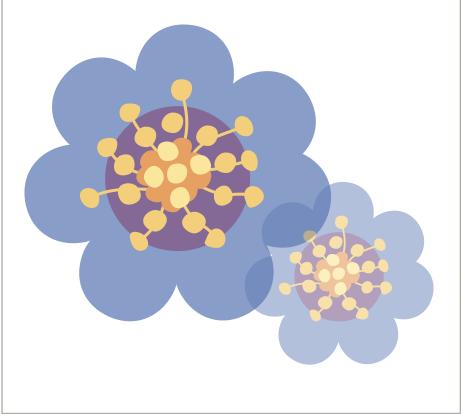
# Congrats to all the Honorees!

#### Anne and Eugene Greenstein

Mazel Tov to Michael Maddin for all you've done for our community.

## Proud to call you family.

Howard & Iris Rosen



Congratulations to ALL of our 8 Over 80 Honorees!

# Our community is lucky to have you.

Carol Sue & Steve Coden

Congratulations to all the Eight Over Eighty Honorees.

Mazel Tov!

Laurie and Michael Banks

# Mazel Tov to the Honorees!

Scott Marcus and Richard Shapack *RSM Development & Management* 



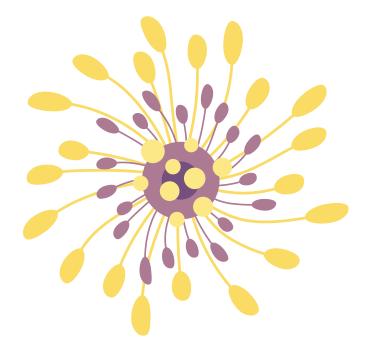
Mazel tov on all you've done for the Detroit Jewish community! You're all truly impressive! Deede Auster Nancy Jacobson Barbara Kratchman Michael Maddin Neil Satovsky Mark Schlussel Michael Serling Rachel Yoskowitz

Rabbi Tzadok said: "Do not separate yourself from the community." Pirke Avos 4:7

Rabbi Asher and Rachel Lopatin Shayna, Cara, Judah Gideon, Zayde Tessler

All the best and sincerest congratulations to all the 8 Over 80 Honorees!

#### So well-deserved.



Robert and Linda Finkel

MAZEL TOV TO DEAR FRIENDS **MICKEY MADDIN** and MARK SCHLUSSEL and CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2025 HONOREES



Anita Naftaly



Mazel tov to the 2025 Honorees and Yasher Koach to the Juniors at FJA who did a beautiful job introducing these incredible members of our community.

Melissa and Brad Feldman

The Jewish War Veterans salute the 2025 Eight Over Eighty Honorees Congratulations, Mazel Tov, and a hearty

to all of the 2025 Honorees and the hard work of

Jewish Senior Life!



In honor of all the Eight Over Eighty Honorees.

You are the gems in the crown of our people.



Congrats to all the honorees... for contributing to making the world a better place.

Lily and David Broner

I salute my dear friends Bunny Kratchman, Mark Schlussel and all the deserving Eight Over Eighty Honorees.



#### Papa

It's been a unique privilege and a true gift to be your FJA student partner and to learn all you have done for this community and for the Jewish people. Yet, beyond all your achievements, to me, you are simply an amazing, loving grandfather. I will always cherish this special opportunity we shared.

Mazal Tov Papa.

Mia

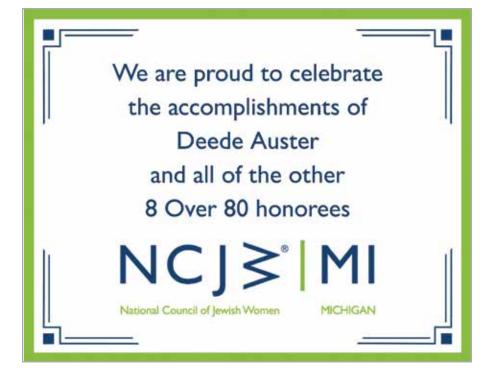
# Mazel Tov to all honorees!

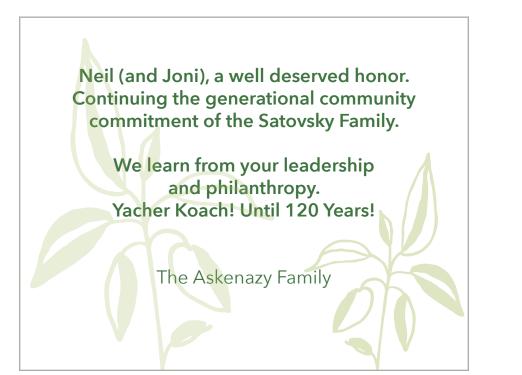
#### Joyce and Don Sherman

Gateway Travel congratulates Nancy Jacobson, and all the honorees!



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Congratulations to all the Eight Over Eighty Honorees!



Ron Elkus

"All who faithfully serve the needs of the community will be rewarded by the Holy One"

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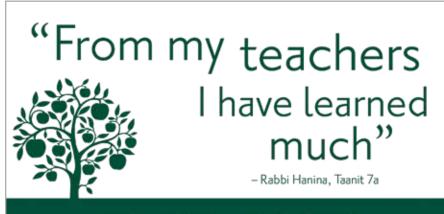
With much admiration and appreciation for

Rachel Yoskowitz Mark Schlussel Neil Satovsky Barbara Kratchman Deede Auster Michael Maddin Michael Serling Nancy Jacobson

#### **Anna and Yale Levin**

Neil, Congratulations on this wonderful honor, and thank you for everything you do for JSL.

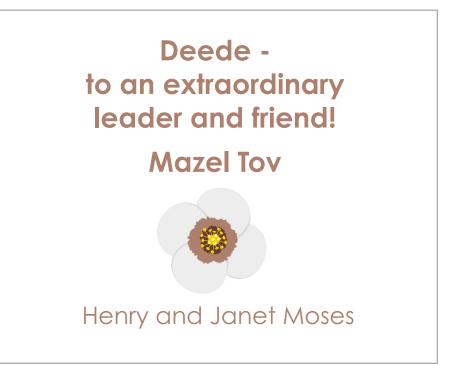
Marla and Mark Canvasser



#### **Mazel Tov Michael**

Thank you for continuing to teach me about leadership through your example.

Jonathon Koenigsberg



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Mazel Tov! to Nancy Jacobson

Mazel Tov to all of the Eight Over Eighty Honorees on this well-deserved recognition of your lifetime of dedication to Tikkun Olam! We are proud to support YOU and the amazing work of Jewish Senior Life!

**Peggy and Dennis Frank** 

To Neil Satovsky-Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.



Joni and Neil, Mazel Tov on all of your wonderful achievements!



With love, Rise & Marty Goode



Mazel Tov to Bunny and Nancy, and to all the 2025 8 Over 80 Honorees. So well-deserved!

Barbara and Gary Eisenberg

Mazel Tov to Deede Auster and all the 8 over 80 2025 honorees. Your dedication to Tikkun Olam is greatly appreciated!



Love, Sydney Michaelson and family



Mickey Maddin Michael Serling Two Very Special Men in our Jewish Community. Tikkun Olam

Mazel Tov



Chuck & Judy Domstein

Congratulations, Deede, on this well-deserved honor!



Susan & Robert Rollinger

Yasher Koach to **Neil Satovsky** and all the Honorees

Ruth & Joel Shayne

For Neil-Working towards a better and a more beautiful world.

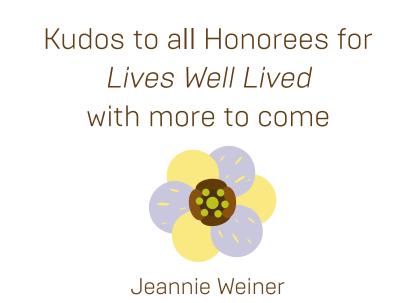


Lee and Paul Blizman

Honoring Neil Satovsky, our dear friend, who has worked hard to to improve Jewish life.



#### The Hooberman Family



Congratulations to all the Honorees and thank you to Jo Rosen and her staff for all that you do.





### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 8 OVER 80 HONOREES

DEEDE AUSTER NANCY JACOBSON BARBARA KRATCHMAN MICHAEL MADDIN NEIL SATOVSKY MARK SCHLUSSEL MICHAEL SERLING RACHEL YOSKOWITZ

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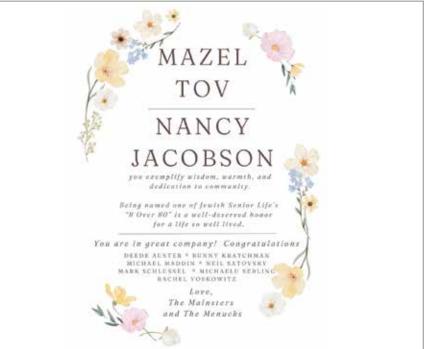
Thank you for all you do for our community!



Harvey and Elaine Sabbota







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Michael, as you're celebrated for your philanthropy, know that your impact is felt far beyond the recognition, in the hearts of those you've helped and in the lives you've changed. We are proud to be your friend.

Love, Eileen and Howard Young

To my brother of 60 years, with all my love.

Sam Scheinfeld

Mazel Tov to all of the honorees! A special Mazel Tov to Michael Serling and Mark Schlussel. With friendship and love, Pearlena Bodzin

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**Congratulations to all the Honorees!** *Don and Dottie Wagner* 

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**Congratulations to all the Honorees.** Judy and John Marx

Mazel Tov to our 2025 Honorees...Welcome to the club! Janet Pont

To Neil, a very special friend, we love and admire you for your generosity to the community. *Gail and Don Lansky* 

Mazel Tov to the 'Great 8!' Sally Soverinsky

**Congratulations to all the honorees, so well-deserved!** *Debbie Levin* 

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Mazel Tov to Deede, Mickey and Michael and all the 8 Over 80 Honorees for your part in repairing the world. Dorothy and Arnold Collens

**Congratulations to all the 2025 Eight Over eighty Honorees!** *Marilyn and Alan Kiriluk* 

Mazel Tov to Michael Maddin, Deede Auster, and all my friends over 80! Elizabeth Tam

**Congratulations Deede on this well-deserved honor.** *Diane Voight* 

Deede...such a well-deserved honor! Mark Weiss

A hearty Mazel Tov to Neil Satovsky on this well-deserved honor! Ellen and Marc Whitefield

Michael Maddin and Neil Satovsky, Mazel Tov on being named 8 Over 80 honorees! Beth and Steve Margolin

**Congratulations to all these deserving Honorees!** *Elaine and Stephen Sturman* 

A hearty Mazel Tov and thank you to all the Honorees! Linda Zlotoff

**Congratulations to Deede and Bunny, and all the Honorees.** *Edie Broida* 

Barbara - So proud of all the wonderful work you do for the community. Big hugs of congratulations! Wish we could be there with you. *Max and Larry Snider* 

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Mazel Tov, Grandma Bunny! We are proud of you! The Yaker Family

**Congratulations all the 2025 Honorees!** *Marion and Bert Stein* 

**Congratulations to Deede Auster on an extremely well-deserved honor.** *Love, Margi and Morry Opperer* 

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A hearty Mazel Tov to our friend, Neil! Jacqueline and Lawrence Slayen

Mazel Tov to our good friend, Michael Serling. Bryna and Jeffrey Leib

A hearty Mazel Tov to all the 2025 Honorees! Connie Jacob

Our best wishes and appreciation to Nancy Siegel Heinrich, CEO and all the Eight Over Eighty Honorees. Brenda and Ira Jaffe

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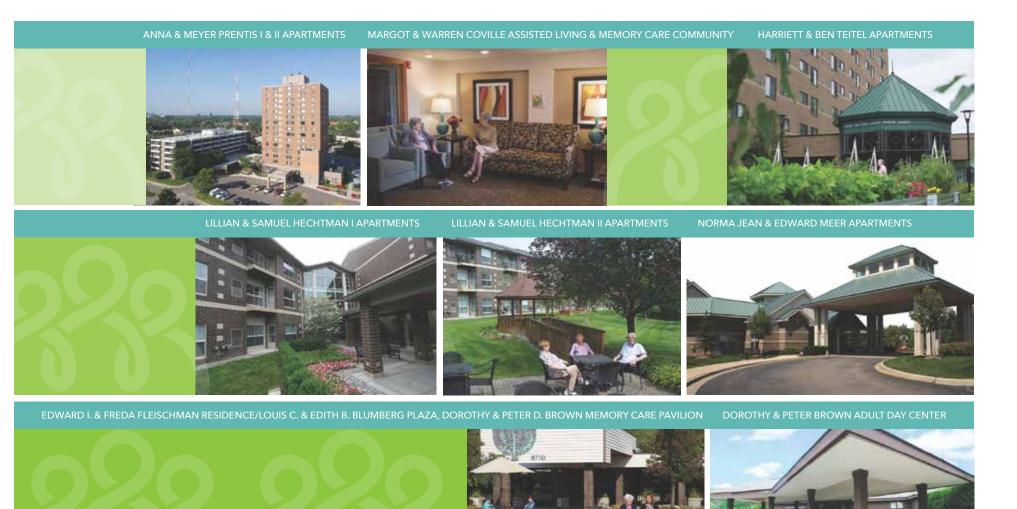
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