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SPECIAL HONORS

Today we will give out two special honors to Rabbi Ilyse Kramer and to Rabbi Sonya Starr, in honor of their years of service, specifically to the Chesapeake-area Reconstructionist communities, as well as other communities. These awards are the *Yehudit* Award and the *Tzadik* Award. We award the *Yehudit* Award to Rabbi Ilyse Kramer and the *Tzadik* Award to Rabbi Sonya Starr. We wish you both the best on your next adventure.

Yehudit Award for Creativity and Leadership:

RABBI ILYSE S. KRAMER



The Yehudit award was created about 20 years ago to honor special members of Chesapeake who provided creativity and leadership while remembering both the creativity and leadership that Judith Kaplan Eisenstein provided to the Reconstructionist movement and to Chesapeake in her later years.

Tzadik Award:

RABBI SONYA STARR



The *Tzadik* Award was created about 15 years ago to honor special professionals and lay leaders in Chesapeake that guided the region through leadership, commitment and understanding. A *Tzadik* creates an oasis, shade for others, and is nurtured by roots drinking from deep wells.

"The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree..." — Psalm 92

HONORING THOSE WHO SHOW THE WILLING AND EAGER SPIRIT OF HINENI

OSEH SHALOM

Michael Cornell

Bonnie Cornell

Lisa Karpf

Shelly Sypes

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Reconstructing Judaism trains the next generation of rabbis, supports and uplifts congregations and havurot, fosters emerging expression of Jewish life and encourages people to be their best selves — always helping to shape what it means to be Jewish today and to imagine the Jewish future.

Reconstructionists approach Judaism — and life — with deep consideration of the past and a passion to relate it to the present. Reconstructionists have originated many of the core innovations of today's Judaism and lead efforts to make congregations and havurot even more groundbreaking, inclusive and relevant.

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Welcome! We are thrilled that the Reconstructionists of the Chesapeake region have celebrated their communities, leaders and members for 29 years, and that you are coming together again this year. It is the second year that you are convening virtually, further evidence of how you thrive with flexibility, creativity and the commitment to join together and reconstruct the ways we live Judaism. We know that today represents yet another example of the Chesapeake communities' deeply rooted and boldly relevant spirit.

Kol hakavod — congratulations and great respect — to all of this year's honorees: Michael and Bonnie Cornell; Dr. Stephen Feinberg; Dr. Wendy Garson; Rabbi Ilyse Kramer; Lisa Karpf; Michael Kushner z"l; Rabbi Gilah Langner; Debbie Linick; Shelley Sadowsky; Hal Segall; Rabbi Sonya Starr; and Shelly Sypes. We are glad for the opportunity to recognize both you and your endeavors. You model service to your communities, and your accomplishments are a testament to the power of progressive Jewish life. We are thrilled to be awarding three different honors today: the Hineni awards, the Yehudit award for creativity and the Tzadik award.

On behalf of Reconstructing Judaism and the entire Reconstructionist movement, we hope that you find blessings, joy and strength through today's gathering. And we hope you find inspiration for the challenging and generative work ahead.

May we go *mihayil lehayil*, from "strength to strength," together.

L'Shalom,

Seth Rosen

Chair. Board of Governors

Deborah Waxman

Rabbi Deborah Waxman

President

Dear Members of the Chesapeake Reconstructionist communities:

Welcome to our 29th Annual Chesapeake Celebration! When we created our first Virtual Celebration last year, we never imagined that we'd still be virtual for this Celebration a year later – or just how powerfully Reconstructionist communities have shown up for each other throughout the pandemic. We are so grateful for the opportunity to come together again today to recognize that our communities thrive because of the people in them.

Today, we come together, in particular, to celebrate and appreciate the time, creativity, commitment, hard work and love that each of the honorees has shared with the congregations of Chesapeake. On behalf of Reconstructing Judaism and from me personally, todah rabah for your leadership, your wisdom and your support of meaningful Jewish life in your communities and in the larger world. May you go from strength to strength – and may we all be together in person soon!

With gratitude,

Jusa grower

Tresa Grauer, Ph.D.

Vice President for Thriving Communities

B'rukhim Ha'baim,

Welcome to the 29th Chesapeake Annual Celebration. I am thrilled to be able to say that for 29 years, we've been celebrating our regional congregations, members and leaders. We appreciate your participation in today's program and we really thank you for your support of Reconstructing Judaism. This year will be our second virtual Annual Celebration, and even though we will be missing food, conversation and hugs, we hope that this will be a special program for all.

This year we are very excited to be presenting two special honors to a couple that has supported Chesapeake through teaching and Rabbinic leadership for the last 21 years. Rabbi Ilyse Kramer will be receiving the *Yehudit* award for creativity in recognition of her masterful, creative and wonderful teaching in many of the Chesapeake congregations, as well as at movement-wide education days and other programs. Rabbi Sonya Starr has been the Rabbi of Columbia Jewish Congregation for the last 21 years. She has been a valued and important presence both at CJC and throughout the region during her tenure as Rabbi. They will be moving on to new endeavors in the summer of 2021. We will miss their ongoing presence in this region.

Yasher Koakh to all our Hineni honorees. You all exemplify in so many different ways what makes our Reconstructionist congregations and havurot special; each of you has stepped up to help our community and your own congregation in the eager, willing spirit of Hineni — "Here I am." Thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you, thank you to Carol Stern and John Riehl for being my lay partners in planning this event and for leading this afternoon's program.

A special thank you to Rabbi Ilyse for today's learning and to Hazzan Rabbi Rachel Hersh and Friends, including Noa Baum for today's special music and storytelling. Thank you to Rosa Cohen, Tresa Grauer, Sandy Newman, Rachel Robinson, Jacob Weinberg and everyone else who

worked so hard to make this program a reality. A special thank you to Rachel Forth, my true partner in all facets of this program. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

This afternoon at the end of the formal program we will be convening breakout rooms for our honorees. Please make sure to stop in, say *Mazal Tov* and share in a toast to their well-deserved honors.

Thank you again to everyone who has joined us this afternoon and to everyone who has taken the time to support Reconstructing Judaism. We hope to see you at future programs.

Todah Rabah! Kol Tuv!

Jackie Land

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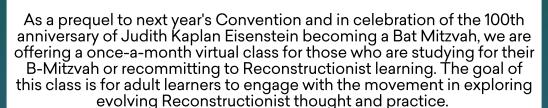
Associate Director of Thriving Communities

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March 2021 - March 2022 Once a Month Virtual Class



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Refuah Shleimah: A Healing Ritual Marking a Year of Pandemic

MARCH 11 • 12 P.M. EST

Join Ritualwell to mark the one-year anniversary of the pandemic with a ritual to hold our losses and create hope for healing. We will mourn those we have lost, pray for those who are sick, acknowledge the changes in our lives, express gratitude for the vaccine, and set intentions for better days to come.

Etching the Ghost: A Poetry Reading & Gathering with Cathleen Cohen

MARCH 17 ◆ 7 P.M. EDT

Join us for a reading of poems that explore how this art form can help us express our truths, process our challenges and joys, and flourish. Cathleen Cohen will read from her new book, Etching the Ghost, followed by readings from Anjana Deshpande, Anne Schulman, Amy Steingart and Rabbi Gila Ruskin. We will do some collaborative Zoom writing as well. Please join us to kick back, relax and enjoy the power of poetry.

RRC Online Open Houses

APRIL 22, MAY 20 & JUNE 17 ◆ 7 P.M. EDT

Are you thinking about becoming a rabbi? Join us at one of our upcoming RRC Online Open Houses at 7 p.m. EDT to learn about becoming a rabbi at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. You'll have the chance to meet admissions staff and faculty, learn about our program and community, hear from current students and alumni about how RRC has prepared them to lead and to serve, and ask questions in smaller breakout groups.

Find more upcoming events at

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B'yachad Reconstructing Judaism Together

2022 Convention March 23-27 Washington, D.C. metro area

Please mark your calendar for the next movement-wide Reconstructionist Convention, which will be held in partnership with the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association and Havaya Summer Programs.

Visit Reconvention2022.org for updates!



RABBI ILYSE S. KRAMER & RABBI SONYA STARR



Rabbi Sonya Starr is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pa., where she received her ordination, as well as her master's degree in Hebrew Letters in 1994 and an Honorary Doctorate in 2019.

Her student pulpits included the Jewish Congregation of Fairbanks, Alaska, and the Hebrew Association of the Deaf in Philadelphia. After serving as rabbi at Beth El Synagogue in Torrington, Conn., and rabbi educator at Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden, Conn., in 2000 she came to Columbia Jewish Congregation (CJC).

She is passionate about Jewish study, believing that learning informs our actions and the meaningfulness of our lives, allowing us to learn how to walk our talk and live our values in everyday life. She focuses on a mix of spiritual practice and community

activism guided by Jewish values, especially tikkun olam. Rabbi Starr sees community work as providing a context for "thinking globally and acting locally." CJC's current work for immigrant rights and consciousnessraising group around issues of racism have allowed Rabbi Starr and CJC to partner in the larger community with other congregations (Jewish and Christian) working for positive change in the community. Rabbi Starr says, "I am proud to be a part of a dynamic, intergenerational congregation that values inclusiveness and celebrates our differences."

Rabbi Ilyse S. Kramer and her family moved to Columbia, Md., in July 2000; and to Columbia Jewish Congregation. She and Sonya were married in 1998 and raised three sons together: Luigi, Victor and Rodney (who are now all young adults).

Prior to moving to Maryland, Ilyse served as the Jewish Chaplain at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., from 1991-2000.

As an accomplished educator, she has taught hundreds of adult learners in a number of adult-education settings in the Greater Baltimore, Columbia and Washington, D.C. areas; as well as up and down the Chesapeake Reconstructionist

corridor. Her published curricula include "Tales from the Talmud" (Melton, Graduate Course); "Makhloket: Sacred Arguing in Jewish Tradition" (JRF) and "Bridges: From Jewish Learning to Jewish Living" (Graduate Course, Chizuk Amuno Congregation; Baltimore).

In 2007-08, Ilyse was a recipient of the Melton Senior Educators Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Ilyse and Sonya, and their family, enjoyed a sabbatical in Jerusalem, Israel.

Ilyse was the Jewish educator at the Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies from 2008-15, where she directed and developed congregational-based interfaith educational initiatives for Jewish, Christian and Muslim adult learners, educators and clergy in Baltimore and Atlanta for 500-plus participants. In 2016, she created Kesher: Connection at CJC; and most recently served as the Gesher director at Chisuk Emuna Congregation and Beth El Temple in Harrisburg, Pa.

She was ordained and received her M.H.L in 1992 by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; her M.A in foundations of education from Temple University in 1991; and her B.A in history from Lafayette College in 1984. She lived and studied in Israel for four years at Hebrew University, Neve-Schechter, and the Shalom Hartman Institute (1982-83; 1987-88; 1990-91; and 2007-08).

STATEMENT

From the moment we arrived in Columbia, Md., in July 2000, we were aware of how unique and special the Chesapeake Region of Reconstructing Judaism is. Because of our congregations' relative locational proximity, the amazing leadership skills of Jackie Land and the openness displayed for joint programing by both lay leaders and clergy, we have both benefited and cherished the collaborative educational, cultural, spiritual and tikkun olam work (and diverse programs) we have all been able to achieve in these past 21 years. We hope as our region continues to reimagine itself, it will continue to work creatively together on religious, educational and social-justice issues while at the same time expanding our work by exploring additional areas such as joint publications, outreach and "Introduction to Judaism" classes, just to name a few. The power of our movement has always been found in the relationships we have been willing to create together.

And, on a personal note, thank you so very much for warmly welcoming both us and our family to the region! We were able to make so many great friends and colleagues up and down the Chesapeake corridor. It has been a special 21-year journey we have enjoyed taking with all of you! May each of you and the Chesapeake region continue to go from strength to strength!

MICHAEL & BONNIE CORNELL

Oseh Shalom



Both from the Chesapeake region — Bonnie from Baltimore and Michael from the Maryland side of the Washington D.C. area — family and social life have been grounded in Judaism. Bonnie was active in BBYO as a teen. Michael was active in a predominantly Jewish chapter of DeMolay. They met as counselors at Camps Airy and Louise. Both were veteran campers there as well. Together at the University of Maryland, they were active in the Jewish Student Union.

Shortly after marrying, they found Oseh Shalom. Attending High Holy Day services as non-members for a few years, they sealed the deal after an impressionable interchange with then Rebbetzin Stephanie Fink. Their son, Zac, is a graduate of Oseh's religious and upper school; daughter Alana was a formidable presence and graduate in the preschool

and religious school. Bonnie has maintained a 26-year long friendship with several of the moms from the preschool.

The religious school was the gateway to their activism in Oseh Shalom. Along with their children Zac and Alana, Bonnie and Michael were founding members of the hamantaschen "Fire in the Hole" baking team at Oseh, preparing flavorful treats for Purim for more than 25 years. It started with baking hamantaschen and serving hot dogs for the Purim carnival and continued thereafter with bakers creating unique signature flavors each year, including adult flavors.

Bonnie knew her Oseh Shalom family was the place to turn when a study group heightened her awareness of climate change. She approached the Retreat Committee with an idea of the Jewish relationship with the Earth as a retreat theme. The committee welcomed her idea, and she's been a member ever since. It was after that particular retreat that she helped form the Green Committee, followed by the first "Farm to Sukkah" event with Oseh member, friend and chef Andy Friedman. They were able to host a modified COVID-safe "Farm to Sukkah" event this past fall.

Bonnie is a member of the Aesthetics Committee and has served on the board as Recording Secretary for the last four years. One of the most satisfying activities she's participated in at Oseh Shalom is Winter Shelter, making her favorite meatless meatball recipe.

Michael's early involvement included the Men's Club, playing softball and running a speaker series. He has served on the board as financial secretary and membership chair in the previous century. After initially leaving the board for various roles in local political organizations and four terms on the Columbia Council, Michael returned to service on the Rabbinical Search Committee. He was then coaxed back to the board as an at-large member and subsequently took on the presidency.

Michael works as a business consultant and life and leadership coach; enjoys spending time with Bonnie, their furry son, Gimli, hiking, playing guitar, and performing in local community theater productions. Recently, he was very excited to discover new family through DNA searches, including two half-brothers. Bonnie, when not juggling the books for small businesses, serves as president of HoCo Cyclists and can frequently be found on her bike on local roadways.



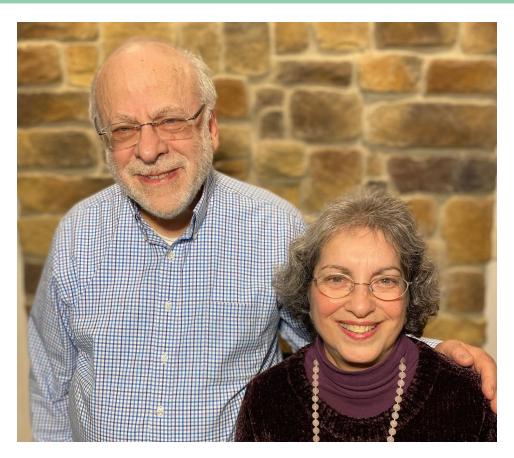
2022 Convention: B'Yachad Reconstructing Judaism Together

We are now accepting proposals for workshops for the 2022 Convention, B'Yachad: Reconstructing Judaism Together.

Please visit <u>Reconvention2022.org</u> to submit proposals.

WENDY GARSON & STEVE FEINBERG

Mishkan Torah



Wendy grew up in Silver Spring, Md., as an active member of the Habonim Labor Zionist movement and was the first teenager from a Reform household to attend Midrasha, a conservative afterschool Hebrew high school in Washington, D.C. Wendy met and married Steve Feinberg when they were both undergraduates at the University of Maryland. In 1991, needing a preschool for their oldest

child, Wendy found Mishkan Torah. Attending services at Mishkan Torah cemented the relationship. Mishkan Torah had a wonderful blend of the old and the new, and was part of the reason both of their kids went to the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. There were three carfuls of Mishkan Torah children going each day from Greenbelt to Rockville. Additionally, Wendy and Steve felt that it was extremely important for their two

children to have as good a Jewish education as their secular education because their choices of whether to be part of a Jewish community should be based on knowledge rather than the lack of it. As time passed, Wendy became co-chair of the shul building committee with her husband, Steve; sang in the shul choir (until COVID); and currently co-chairs the membership committee.

Wendy continues to work in the field of behavioral/developmental optometry. She is passionate about providing treatment for eyemovement disorders that impact a child's ability to learn and play, and an adult's ability to visually function efficiently at home and at work. For fun, Wendy studies Hebrew and is in the rabbi's study group.

Steve grew up, from eighth grade on, in Bethesda. Md. He was raised in a Reform home, going to Temple Sinai through confirmation. It wasn't until joining Mishkan Torah that Steve really felt connected to organized Judaism, Mishkan Torah is the unprepossessing kind of shul that he could relate to and wanted to be involved with. Steve co-chaired the shul building committee for many years, has sung in the shul choir (until COVID), and participates in the rabbi's study group. Having done most of his Jewish learning as an adult, he also felt it was important for his kids to receive a solid Jewish education, hence the Jewish day school.

Steve continues to practice optometry full-time, specializing in head-trauma rehabilitation, low-vision rehabilitation and medically necessary contact-lens design. He also provides coverage in Spanish for clinics serving the Latino community. In his spare time, Steve loves to read, listen to music and spend time with his family. On Friday nights, Wendy and Steve enjoy attending Shabbat services.

STATEMENT

We came to Mishkan Torah more than 30 years ago and found our spiritual home. The warm, welcoming and unpretentious nature of the congregation drew us in. We have celebrated many simchas with our fellow congregants and have comforted others in times of sadness and loss. We have developed strong personal friendships. The more that we have invested into our relationship with Mishkan Torah through participation in services, through service on the board, through random volunteerism when needed, through long participation in the rabbi's study group, and through more than 20 years of singing in the choir - the more that we have received back. Our "return on investment" has been spiritual growth, increased knowledge of Judaism and wonderful friends. As we approach our 50th-wedding anniversary, we know that Mishkan Torah has become an anchor in our lives.

LISA KARPF

Oseh Shalom



Lisa Karpf began her career with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an auditor and then became one of the senior members of the EPA's Office of Inspector General. In this role, Lisa conducted evaluations and investigations making evidence-based recommendations to prevent and detect fraud, and to promote efficiency for the protection of our environment.

Retiring with more than 30 years of service, Lisa wanted to pursue other ways to continue to serve her community.

Lisa first responded to a notice from Oseh Shalom's new religious-school director, who needed volunteers to help organize the school. Beginning there, she moved on to helping the synagogue administrative staff. One of the major functions Lisa became involved in is the High Holy Day planning process. This included

processing the holiday forms, sending out tickets, ensuring related publications were produced, that the sanctuary was properly dressed for the occasion and whatever else needed to be done.

Lisa is an active member of the synagogue's Sisterhood. With other Sisterhood members, she is responsible for coordinating and sponsoring the Friday-night Onegs. This includes the buying of the sweets and lining up volunteers to set up and clean up afterwards. When an emergency arises and the Oneg volunteer cannot come, Lisa is the one who regularly takes on that responsibility.

Lisa also helps run the Sisterhood Gift Shop, including the buying of items and organizing special holidays sales. This is part of the way the Sisterhood is able to provide a donation to the synagogue each year.

Lisa tries to participate in the synagogue's social-action efforts, whether donating school supplies for needy children or providing needed items for the winter shelter program.

As a member of the synagogue for 15 years, she finds enjoyment in attending services and in her volunteer work.

DEBRA GOLD LINICK

Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Congregation

Debbie served as the president of Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Congregation from 2019-21. During her tenure, the congregation began several new initiatives to live their values of "radical inclusion" and welcome. Kol Ami started a Tot Shabbat program; an Inclusion Committee focused on supporting members with differing abilities: Conversion Conversations to welcome individuals exploring Judaism; a Chai celebration of Kol Ami's 18th year; and a leadership exploration of civil discourse around challenging topics. Together, congregants faced difficult discussions as well as difficult times with resilience and optimism. We stood up a new security committee following the tragic shootings in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Poway, Calif. When the pandemic hit, we communicated openly with all our members as we took steps to expand our services in the face of growing needs. Congregants responded with generous financial and volunteer support. We had a record growth in membership, a new program to welcome nearly 25 percent of our congregants as "sustainer" members and a long-range planning team to plan our growth for the next 18 years.

Professionally, Debbie served in federal government with her longest



stays within the Departments of State and the Army. She spent more than 10 years with the Jewish Community Relations Council, including as their Government and Community Relations Director for D.C. and Virginia, and as their consultant for the region's Holocaust commemorations. Working with survivors and their families inspired Debbie to launch her business "Pictures with Prose (PwP)" to help individuals and families of all backgrounds record their special milestones in photos and narratives.

Debra lives in Springfield, Va., with her husband Michael. Their many children — biological, adopted, steps and exchanges — are all launched around the country. They report their parents as being terrible "emptynesters" as they continue to follow the tradition of Abraham and Sarah in keeping their tent open on all sides to guests for varying stays.

MICHAEL KUSHNER Z"L

Columbia Jewish Congregation



Michael Kushner moved to Columbia, Md., in 1973 from Detroit with his wife, Phyllis, and then young children, Amy and Aaron. We chose to live in Columbia because it provided the kind of environment in which we wished to raise our children: It is inclusive of people of all cultures and socioeconomic levels. It also offered a welcoming Jewish community.

We joined the Columbia Jewish Congregation in 1976, one of our best decisions. The congregation was everything we could have wished for. It was innovative, provided a culture of Jewish learning for the entire family. Fellow congregants and other Columbians have become part of our Family of Friends.

Mike was not a deeply religious man — far from it. But he was invested in the health, well-being and spirituality of CJC.

After being on the CJC board for some time, Mike was asked to run for, and eventually became, CJC's president during a very contentious time in our congregation's history. The congregation was on a precipice; no

one wanted to take on the task. He intentionally recruited board members who were at odds on the various issues so they could hear each other out and come to a consensus. It was a long year, but in the end, the congregation began the crucial healing process to become the one we are today.

Mike was a salesman and a musician (however, he would argue that being a drummer is not actually a musician), and he also played the banjo and some piano. That said, I think he found his true calling very late in his life. After his presidency ended, he became a Meeting House Board member representing the CJC and then, later on, president of the Meeting House Board. His time with CJC and then working on the Meeting House Board was something he thoroughly enjoyed. He made a difference, and had many colleagues and friends from the various churches that worship in the Meeting House. One of Mike's favorite accomplishments was when he worked with Willie Kurpka to create an art committee to help provide the gift of beauty to Meeting House congregants and visitors.

Thank you for honoring Mike today! I know he would enjoy this so very much. May this help serve the good of our community — to see that people of different opinions and ideas can come together to make peace and serve the greater community by listening to one another, and possibly agreeing or agreeing to disagree without enmity.

SHELLEY SADOWSKY

Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation

Although I've lived in and near Washington, D.C., for almost 40 years, I retain the sensibilities of a small-town Jew, having grown up in Havre de Grace, Md., where Jews were very few and far between. My parents were among a handful of Jews spread around Harford County who, in 1955, founded the "Harford, Jewish Center," the first synagogue to serve Harford and Cecil counties. HJC was a haimish shul, where it was impossible not to know all members. My Jewish education there was provided by volunteer members, and while not ideal, it did result in my becoming a bat mitzvah. Looking back, I am grateful to my parents and the HJC for providing my three sisters and me with a warm, comfortable atmosphere in which to form our Jewish identities. Indeed. outside of my parents' home, HJC was the one place in which it was easy to be Jewish. Without question, as the only Jew in my class, from first through 12th grades, I spent my formative years in two civilizations where the contrasts were significant.

I relocated to D.C. for college, and after law school, I developed a specialty in communications law, representing broadcast clients before the Federal Communications Commission. Throughout my 20s and 30s, even after marrying my husband, Jerry Gross, affiliating



with a synagogue was not a priority for me. However, that changed in 1992, when we were introduced to Adat Shalom and joined the following year. Not only was I drawn to Reconstructionism, I also was attracted to Adat Shalom's emphasis on being a participatory community, a quality I had not found in other area synagogues.

Taking on various volunteer roles at Adat Shalom over the years has been an absolute honor for me. Indeed, I view volunteering as an essential way for me to give back to a community that constantly provides me with the means to embrace, express and enjoy my Judaism in ways I never imagined were possible. I am eternally grateful to my fellow Adat Shalom'ers, our extraordinary Rabbis and staff for creating and maintaining a spiritual community that I both love and comfortably call my "home."

RABBI GILAH LANGNER

Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Congregation



Rabbi Gilah Langner has served Kol Ami: Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Community in Arlington, Va., since 2016, as well as Shirat HaNefesh congregation in Chevy Chase, Md. After a career in public-policy consulting, she was ordained as a rabbi in 2003. She served for a number of years as a visiting chaplain at Georgetown University Hospital and at senior residences; taught as an adjunct professor at The George Washington University and at Catholic University of America; led Jewish meditation

classes at Adas Israel Congregation, co-directed the Washington Jewish Healing Network, and led services at Shoreshim Jewish Community in Reston, Va., and Fauquier Jewish Congregation in Warrenton, Va. Rabbi Langner has served as the principal of several Hebrew schools for children, and she's been active in adult Jewish education for more than 30 years in the Washington area. She is the founding publisher and co-editor of the journal Kerem: Creative Explorations in Judaism; her own articles and prayers have been published in Kerem, The Forward and by T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. She is active in interfaith work, and in April, she will be co-leading a discussion group with Kol Ami and three Arlington churches.

STATEMENT

I am honored to share the Hineni award with Debbie Linick, past president of Kol Ami. We will be remembering 2020 for the rest of our lives, but what happened in our congregation, in Jewish communities around the world and in Reconstructing Judaism was nothing short of a miracle of resilience, hope and connection. Like communities everywhere, we had to deal with the

fear and uncertainty of the pandemic, move all our activities to Zoom and reach out to our members to hold them close. Debbie Linick was a true partner in this effort, as we went "all in" to make Kol Ami an anchor for our members during this time of pressure and distress, what our rabbis called sha'at ha'd'chak. To take just one example, we moved from holding services three times a month for the last 20 years to holding five services a week, starting last March!

Reconstructing Judaism has been a lifeline for our leadership and congregation, providing innumerable webinars, security guidance documents, Zoom training materials, coaching, holiday celebrations, Shabbat tool boxes and more. It has been an extraordinary effort, and it is deeply, gratefully appreciated.

It has been a great honor in my life to serve Kol Ami and to be a part of this vibrant movement. I think over this past year, we have seen a vision of what is possible that is more inclusive, offers new spiritual depth and brings more of a sense of belonging than we ever imagined. We can hold one another up on eagles' wings.

RABBI ILYSE KRAMER & RABBI SONYA STARR

We are deeply grateful for all that you have done for our Chesapeake-area congregations and we wish you the best on your next adventure!



HAL SEGALL

Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation



Hal Segall, along with his wife, Lauren Gross, and their daughters, Deanna and Hayley Segall, has enjoyed belonging to the remarkable community that is Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Synagogue in Bethesda, Md., since 2002. A member of the Adat Shalom Board since 2014. Hal served as co-president in 2018-20. He currently co-chairs the Adat Shalom Nominating Committee. Since 2018, Hal has served as the Adat Shalom representative to the Reconstructing Judaism Plenum and has been a member of the Plenum Steering Committee since 2020. Hal is a principal of the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond in Washington D.C., where he has a national litigation and environmental practice. For many years, he chaired Beveridge & Diamond's Pro Bono Committee during a period in which the firm received numerous awards from organizations including the Washington Lawyers Committee, the Whitman Walker Clinic and the Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition. He currently serves as pro bono general counsel of the Environmental Law Institute in Washington. Prior to the pandemic, Hal competed for many years in Olympic distance triathlons and looks forward to doing so again as the country recovers.

STATEMENT

I appreciate the generosity of my friends at Adat Shalom in selecting me, along with my former Adat Shalom co-president, Shelley Sadowsky, as an honoree at this year's Chesapeake celebration. Knowing what others at Adat Shalom have contributed to our community, to Reconstructing Judaism, and more broadly to our society and country, and how they have lived our values, I am humbled. I am particularly grateful for and to our remarkable and inspiring clergy, Rabbi Fred

Scherlinder Dobb and Rabbi Hazzan Rachel Hersh, and our founding rabbi, Sid Schwartz. Each in their own way has done much to keep me thinking at the edge of my comfort zone and help nourish my soul. I also am deeply appreciative of my former co-president and friend, Shelley Sadowsky, whose highly moral character, intelligence, sense of humor, courtesy, common sense and great competence did much to make serving in a challenging leadership

position truly a pleasurable and fulfilling experience. I also appreciate the support of our dedicated, activist and thoughtful community. I want to express particular appreciation to my wife, Lauren Gross, for supporting my involvement in Adat Shalom administrative life, and for the honest, loving and profoundly wise counsel that she has provided in this and all aspects of our lives for more than 33 years.



Our Virtual Shabbat Box contains essays, meditations and other ways for you to engage with Shabbat.

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SHELLY SYPES

Oseh Shalom



Joining Oseh Shalom 15 years ago, after moving south from Long Island, N.Y., Shelly Sypes quickly became involved with the religious school in helping organize them. Prior to moving to Maryland, Shelly enjoyed a wonderful career helping people overcome what the majority of the public say is their greatest fear: going to the dentist. Working for a boutique dental practice in the New York Metropolitan region, she was both the dental assistant and the practice manager. Bringing both of

her organizational and interpersonal skills to Oseh Shalom proved substantial in helping the Sisterhood become a driving force in fulfilling numerous needs of the shul.

Taking on the position of recording secretary for the sisterhood shortly after joining, Shelly also helps run the Sisterhood Gift Shop. It is these proceeds that enable the Sisterhood in sponsoring the much-appreciated Oneg desserts. Never resting on her laurels, Shelly has recently taken on additional responsibility for the finances of the Sisterhood.

Shelly volunteers in the Oseh Shalom office several days a week as well, answering the phones, producing mailings and helping keep the administration running and responsive to the congregational needs.

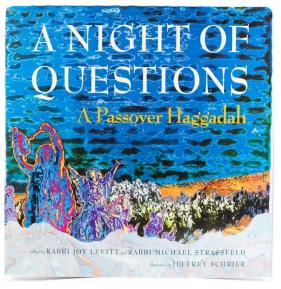
"Oseh Shalom has become my home away from home. It has allowed me to make some wonderful friends and brought me closer to my Judaism," she says about her Oseh experience.

Shelly is the proud mother of the three children and seven grandchildren, and expresses "how it is an honor to receive this recognition and an honor to belong to the Oseh community."

Congratulations to all of the honorees.

Thank you for all you do to make our Reconstructionist communities better!

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Mazal tov to our Oseh Shalom honorees Michael & Bonnie Cornell, Lisa Karpf and Shelly Sypes.

Both through your leadership and all of the behind-the-scenes work you do, you exemplify the meaning of *Hineni!*

To all of our honorees, and to the recipients of the *Yehudit* and *Tzadik* awards – Rabbi Ilyse Kramer and Rabbi Sonya Starr – *mazal tov!*

Thank you for being exemplary teachers of Torah and for answering the call to service with *Hineni* in so many ways!!

John Riehl



Havaya Summer Programs congratulates all the honorees

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"It is not what one says, but rather what one does that makes a difference in the world." - Pirke Avot

Columbia Jewish Congregation and Columbia Jewish Community School join with the community in honoring

Rabbi Sonya Starr and Rabbi Ilyse Kramer





CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Kushner z"l, posthumously, for all that he contributed to the Columbia Jewish Congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rabbi Sonya Starr and Rabbi Ilyse Kramer as Special Honorees.

FROM: Linda Baer, Mary Lou Carlson, Abby Ershow, Judee Iliff, Charlene Levine, Jan Morrison and Judy Young

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

- Anne Frank

Thank you for your extraordinary vision and leadership, Past President Debbie Linick and Rabbi Gilah Langner

And hearty congratulations to all of the 2021 Chesapeake Area honorees!

Jim North and Richard Ruth

In honor and appreciation of a man who was dedicated to his family, his community and his Congregation—
Columbia Jewish Congregation

Mike Kushner (z"l), your work will always be remembered!

Columbia Jewish Congregation and Columbia Jewish Community School honor you and all of the honorees today!

Yasher Koach!



"Turn it, turn it,
for everything is in it.
Reflect on it and grow old
and gray with it.
Don't turn from it, for
nothing is better than it."

- Pirke Avot 5:22

Thank you, **Rabbi Starr**,
for your wisdom and knowledge.
We treasure all those times
when we have turned it
and reflected on it, and have
definitely grown old and gray with it!

Love and blessings from your Friday Torah Class students



Oseh Shalom עושה שלום במרומיו...

Kol ha'kavod – much honor from Oseh Shalom to our honorees:

Michael & Bonnie Cornell, Lisa Karp and Shelly Sypes

All four of you are mighty pillars that continuously support, strengthen and enrich our community.

Thank you for all you do for Oseh Shalom!!

The Board and Congregation of Oseh Shalom

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What a Blessing You Have Been to the Oseh Shalom Community

Sharing your Talents, Time and Love

תודה רבה and מזל טוב

Lisa and Shelly, Whether volunteering in the gift shop or front office or coordinating Onegs, Oseh Shalom has been fortunate to have you warmly greeting visitors and members – always happy and smiling. You have provided the continuity in the office and in the kitchen through multiple transitions (rabbis, school directors, office administrators, bookkeepers and Board officers) and for this we are most grateful.

Bonnie and Michael, in addition to your recent steadfast and principled leadership on the Board of Trustees, you have been generous volunteers for many years – from the early days of Bonnie's artistic contributions to congregational gifts and sukkah hop promotions and establishment of the "Farm to Sukkah" program, to your joint efforts to rein in the Congregation's carbon footprint and Michael's participation on the Rabbi Search Committee. Yascher Koach.

Seth and Karen Eaton

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All of the honorees,
And especially
Rabbi Ilyse Kramer, Rabbi Gilah Langner and
Rabbi Sonya Starr
For their years of service to the
Reconstructionist community of the
Chesapeake Region,
The Reconstructionist movement,
And the Jewish people at large.

Rabbi Elliott Tepperman, President Rabbi Elyse Wechterman, Executive Director





Oseh Shalom

עושה שלום במרומיו...

Mazel Tov

to

The Reconstructionist Movement on its

29th Annual Chesapeake Celebration and to

Our 2021 Distinguished Oseh Shalom Honorees:

Michael & Bonnie Cornell, Lisa Karpf and Shelly Sypes

Your contributions to our synagogue make us who we are.

Lynne & Steve

Michael and Bonnie Cornell, thank you for your leadership, and enhancing our warm and welcoming community.

Shelly Sypes and Lisa Karpf, thank you for your dedicated volunteering to maintain and improve our synagogue home.

B'Shalom,

Art and Linda Solomon



Congregation

The Board of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation is proud to honor our past presidents, Shelley Sadowsky and Hal Segall for their many years of service, on and off the Board, to the Adat Shalom community. With this well-deserved Hineni Award, we celebrate Shelley and Hal's passion for and commitment to Reconstructing Judaism's principles and a robust Jewish community, which strives to make this a better world for all.

Rabbis Sonya Starr and Ilyse Kramer

We celebrate more than two decades,

Of learning with you about history and Jewish traditions,

Of Divrei Torah, and text wrestling,

Celebration of accomplishments and support during losses.

Always now, Machloket, and gemilut chasadim,

And friendship!

We'll miss you,

And wish you the best as you tackle new challenges.

Susan and Dan Cohen, Roni and Ron Berkowitz





In Celebration of Oseh Shalom's 2021 Honorees



Michael & Bonnie Cornell Lisa Karpf ~ Shelly Sypes

Our very best wishes to all the Honorees Ernest & Elmina Hilsenrath

May we gather next year in person, in health Grateful to Reconstructing Judaism for keeping us connected

Yasher Koach, Bonnie & Michael,

Our true power couple!

We imagine your morning walks and talks spent solving Oseh issues and planning future Oseh fund raisers!

Thank You for thinking and acting for Oseh Shalom in all your thoughts and deeds!

...with admiration and fondness, The Stone Family

Lisa and Shelly,

The Oseh congregation is so grateful for your time and spirit in support of our community.

Your commitment to keeping our shul vibrant is a blessing!

... Yasher Koach! The Stone Family

Mazal Tov to all the honorees at the 29th Chesapeake Annual Celebration! Thank you for stepping up and making your congregations the wonderful and supportive communities that they are. You each keep your congregations open, inclusive and participatory communities. We appreciate all of your dedication to and hard work for your community and Reconstructing Judaism! We look forward to working with you for many years to come!

Jackie and Eric Land

Congratulations to Shelley and Hal on this well deserved honor!

With love, appreciation and admiration,

Jerry Gross

We are inspired by ALL of the Honorees of Reconstructing Judaism's Chesapeake Region, among them our Rabbi Gilah Langner and our immediate past President Debbie Linick

Rabbi Gilah Langner and Debbie Linick





We celebrate you, Rabbi Gilah, for your extraordinary spiritual and educational leadership. And you, Debbie, for having guided us so energetically during a time of multiple challenges.



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Dr. Steve Feinberg, OD & Dr. Wendy Garson, OD

Both as a couple and as individuals, Steve and Wendy have been active members of Mishkan Torah for many years. During that time, they have become vital members of our community, making it stronger by their attendance at services, meetings, celebrations, shiva minyans, etc. They have chaired committees, attended classes, represented MT at interfaith services, and participated in other activities in the broader Jewish community.

Thank you, Steve & Wendy, for everything you do for Mishkan Torah.

- I for the <u>insights</u> our study tour provided.
- L for the <u>lessons</u> from many points of view.
- Y for the **Yiddishkeit**, Shabbat and Havdahlah celebrated!
- S for the <u>synergy</u> interfaith perspectives created.
- E for everlasting the memories and friendships we forged.

Congratulations and Mazel Tov!

From your band of "Advanced" Interfaithers May 2014 Study Tour to Israel and the West Bank

So grateful to **Shelley** and **Hal**, for all that they have done!

Shout-out to Ravs Kramer and Starr -- indeed, to **everyone**...

We have such a sweet little chevra: let's **grow** it; keep making it new.

We'll see you all, plus lots *more* Recons – at **Convention**, in March '22!





YASHAR KOACH! TODAH, ALL!



עדת שלום ADAT SHALOM Reconstructionist Congregation

-- The Scherlinders (Rabbi Fred, Minna, Sara, & Gili)



Yishar kochachem to Debbie Linick and our devoted members at Kol Ami,

to Rabbis Ilyse and Sonya, to the other honorees,

and to the Reconstructing Judaism movement.

Together, let's gather strength for a brighter future!

- Rabbi Gilah Langner

ILYSE + SONYA

Our pride in your accomplishments is only exceeded by our love for you.

Dr Jerry + Renee Kramer, Sandy Kramer, Deborah + Gregg Zeff, Hope + Jim Marin, David + Beth Levine, Brian Levine Mazel Tov to all the recipients of the Chesapeake Region honor!

Thank you so very much for warmly welcoming both us and our family to the region. We were able to make so many great friends and colleagues up and down the Chesapeake region corridor. It has been a special twenty-one-year journey we have enjoyed taking with all of you. May each of you and the Chesapeake region continue to go from strength to strength!

Be well,

Sonya Starr and Ilyse Kramer



Mazel Tov to our 2021 Honorees Michael & Bonnie Cornell Lisa Karpf & Shelly Sypes

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are a stronger community and we continue to grow because of all you do!

Shelley & Adam Reese

A special thank you to Rabbi Ilyse Kramer who for 21 years has shared her love of learning and understanding of Reconstructionism and Reconstructionist values in all our different congregations and events. Ilyse could teach anything and everything, and we always walk away with wonderful new learnings!

Todah Rabah Rabbi Sonya Starr for your dedication to CJC and your active participation in Chesapeake throughout the years. You have been a tremendous support for local and regional programming.

You both will be missed greatly! We wish you well as you embark on the next chapter of your life. We hope to continue to be a part of your future endeavors!

Hugs and much love!

Eric and Jackie Land

Mazel tov to Hal Segall, beloved husband, father, and son,

and to his Adat Shalom co-president and co-honoree, Shelley Sadowsky!

We know how hard you worked, how much you care, and the good that you did.

We are proud and grateful.

With love from the Segall and Gross families

FIND YOURSELF A TEACHER

How lucky are we that in Rabbi Ilyse Kramer, we have found—A teacher,
A friend, and
A person all people judge favorably.
(Pirke Avot 1:6)

MAZEL TOV!

From your grateful students at Chizuk Amuno

Mazel tov to Oseh Shalom's Michael & Bonnie Cornell, Lisa Karpf and Shelly Sypes and all other recipients of the Hineni Award. We recognize and value your tremendous commitment and involvement in congregational life. Yasher koach!

- Andy & Nikki Lincoln

Bonnie and Mike, thank you so much for your dedication to Oseh Shalom! Mike, you stepped up when your leadership was much needed and have helped Oseh move positively and to new heights through these challenging times. Bonnie, you were there to keep Mike in line and also add your own expertise for Oseh Shalom programs, including the Retreat. We look forward to you both continuing to be leaders of the community.

Hugs and Much Love! Jackie and Eric Land

Yesher Koach to Michael and Bonnie Cornell, and to Shelly Sypes and Lisa Karpf With much respect and deep appreciation,

Brad Sachs and Karen Meckler Yishar Kochachem!!
Thank you for all your time and effort and smarts in support of our Oseh community.

Maryrita Wienersand Dan Glaser



Yasher Koach to all our Oseh Shalom Honorees Past and Present!

Bonnie and Michael Cornell

Mazel tov to all of the honorees tonight!



Lisa and Shelly, we love seeing you whenever we visit the building or hearing your voices on the phone. Your ongoing steadfast support has kept Oseh Shalom functioning day to day. Thank you for all that you do to keep Oseh Shalom functioning and moving forward!

Virtual hugs! Eric and Jackie Land

Michael, Bonnie, Lisa and Shelly – thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Oseh! Your sense of service and dedication to our community is inspiring!

With gratitude,

Rabbis Josh and Daria



Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to Debbie and Rabbi Gilah on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for your tireless efforts on helping to make Kol Ami such a warm and welcoming community.

- Erv & Laura Walter

The whole family is proud of and inspired by our Hineni-inspired Debbie. "Here I am" is something we know she will always say when something important needs to be done.

We love you, all you do for us, and all you do for Kol Ami,

Michael, Derek, Conor,
 Megan, Sandi, and Rebecca

In gratitude to Rabbis Sonya and Ilyse for 20 years as friends, neighbors, teachers, counselors, consolers, hevrutim, activists and constant inspirations to us all, through our times of prayer, laughter and tears.

Best wishes for all your future endeavors,

the Young Family

Mazal tov and much appreciation to Oseh Shalom's honorees: Lisa, Shelly, Bonnie, and Michael.

from Oseh Shalom Sisterhood Shelly and Hal With gratitude for your outstanding leadership.

May you go from Strength to Strength!

Vicki and JoelBreman

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Kol Ha Kavod

Bonnie & Michael

...for your dynamic and creative leadership of Oseh Shalom in times of celebration and challenge

Lisa & Shelly

...for all you do all the time-

Hineni is your middle name!

Mazal Tov

VAL

Dear Shelley,

We are so proud of you and your devotion to Congregation Adat Shalom!

With love,

Natalie & Lenny, Jocie & Marty, and all of your nieces and nephews Steve
Mishkan Torah's Pitch
Perfect Duo
from Arlene Gottlieb &
Chaz Miller

Mazel Tov to Wendy &

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, SHELLEY & HAL, FOR YOUR PERSISTENCE, HARD WORK, AND DEDICATION AS CO-CHAIRS OF ADAT SHALOM'S BOARD.

- Mim Eisenstein and Carol Stern

In memory of Michael Kushner z"l

To our Special Honorees, Rabbi Sonya Starr and Rabbi Ilyse Kramer, we appreciate your dedication to CJC over the past twenty years.

- Betty & Peter Silverglate

Thanks to Rabbi Sonya and Rabbi Ilyse for enriching our family, CJC, and our larger community with their care, wisdom, and support for 20+ years!

– Eileen, Kris, Jacob & Elijah Singleton

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi Ilyse Starr Kramer and Rabbi Sonya Starr!!

What blessings you are to all the people you reach and teach!

Keep shining your lights!
Your Many Friends at

Beth El Temple and Chisuk Emuna Congregation, Harrisburg, PA Mazel tov, Steve and Wendy from Jeffrey and Sara Rosen

Find for yourself a Rabbi (teacher)

Find for yourself a friend *Pirkei Avot* 1:6

Thanks to you Ilyse and Sonya! I found both!

– Judy Meltzer

With deep appreciation and love for Rabbi Gilah!

With applause for wise fellow Jumbo, Debra!

From Harriet Epstein

In honor of Shelley Sadowsky and Hal Segal for their selfless service to Adat Shalom

 Rabbi Sid Schwarz and Sandy Perlstein

Shelley Sadowsky and Hal Segall

– Todah Rabbah from the bottom
of our hearts!

May you go from strength to strength . . . always in good health.

 Rachel Hersh and Jonathan Epstein As two of the Founding Parents of Kol Ami, we feel exceptional joy in how much our congregation has flourished under the leadership of Rabbi Gilah and past president Debbie Linick.

Kol HaKavod!

– Rayna Aylward & Ed Bomsey

Mazel Tov Shelley & Hal for outstanding service!

- Carol Lite & Ken Cantor

MAZEL TOV Wendy & Steve! Thanks for all you do for MT.

- Debbie & Ed Brenner

Mazel tov to Shelley and Hal and all the honorees

- from an Adat Shalom fan

Mazel tov and many thanks to Michael & Bonnie, Lisa and Shelly!

- Lann, Frelick family

Congratulations to Debbie Linick for her dedication to her congregation, Kol Ami

– Judee Iliff

In honor of Dr. Steve Feinberg and Dr. Wendy Garson: For their invaluable work in our shul, locality & internationally. – Judy Gallant and Stan Stern

Mazel tov Michael, Bonnie, Lisa & Shelly! From the Benton-Klein family

Wendy and Steve: You embody the quiet, dependable strength of Mishkan Torah.

- Maureen Callanan

Congratulations to Ilyse and Sonya. Well deserved. Love, Michael, Barbara, Sara and Wendy

B'rav todot for all you've done for our community! May you go from strength to strength.

– Rabbi Gordy & Sharon Fuller

Congratulations Wendy and Steve on your honor.

- Phil, Beth, Lola, and Eva Williams

Mazal Tov Wendy and Steve for being our honorees for 5781, and thank you for everything you do for Mishkan Torah! May you both go from strength to strength! Much love from Rabbi Saul and Phyllis Oresky

MAZEL TOV ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR MISHKAN TORAH AND THE SISTERHOOD. – The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood Board

Kol Ha Kavod, Rabbi Sonya Starr & Rabbi Ilyse Kramer In appreciation, Val Kaplan

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