Celebrating

Harvey Leonard Moskowitz
Maurice and Lillian Geshelin Humanitarian Award

and

Carole Lechan
C. Bernie Sigalove Yesod Award for Public Service
and Dedication to Jewish Communal Life

Sunday, June 11, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Temple Israel of Natick
Harvey Leonard Moskowitz
Maurice and Lilian Geshelin Humanitarian Award

This award recognizes the highest level of service to the community. Our honoree continues this tradition of exemplifying the rich and varied ways of caring deeply about our own, and the wider, community. Established in 1971, this award acknowledges the importance of a life unselfishly dedicated to synagogue and community.

Established in 1971, the Maurice and Lillian Geshelin Humanitarian Award is presented for service to the community and family, for devotion to religious and moral convictions, for compassion to the human spirit, and for performing deeds of kindness exemplary to the ideal of the spirit of humankind and God.
Carole Lechan
C. Bernie Sigalove Yesod Award for Public Service and Dedication to Jewish Communal Life

Yesod is the Hebrew word for foundation. As a founding member of the temple and past president, C. Bernie Sigalove embodied a life long commitment to Temple Israel and to the larger community. This award honors Bernie and the entire generation of builders, upon whose foundation Temple Israel stands and continues to build.

The C. Bernie Sigalove Yesod Award for Public Service and Dedication to Jewish Communal Life was established in 2015, and honors significant contribution to Jewish communal life in Natick and beyond.
It says in Pirkei Avot, the Sayings of our sages (chapter 4, verse 13): “Rabbi Shimon said, there are three crowns: the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of kingship. And the crown of a good name is superior to them all.” One interpretation says that the crown of Torah is devotion to study for oneself and others; the crown of priesthood means supporting religious life in the synagogue and in the home, and the crown of kingship is the commitment to Gemilut Hasadim, deeds of charity and lovingkindness. “And the crown of a good name is superior to them all.”

The people for whom these awards are named, those who have received them before, and our honorees this year, Harvey and Carole, are all people who have supported learning and religious life and performed deeds of lovingkindness within Temple Israel and throughout the community, and whose good names are examples to us all.

Rabbi Kushner remembered Maurice Geshelin as his first president, and the one who picked him up from the airport on his first trip to Boston. I remember Bernie Sigalove, still a great raconteur at age 95, regaling the congregation with tales of our synagogue’s founding generation at a late Friday night service.

Harvey Leonard Moskowitz is the consummate mensh, who has represented the temple and the Jewish people beautifully wherever he goes, both on the air and throughout the community, as he gives freely of his time, resources, and congenial personality. And Carole Lechan, for almost two decades, was the glue that held Temple Israel together, our face and voice, our in-house social worker, and the person who cheerfully looked after the needs of clergy, staff, congregants, and the community as a whole.

Harvey and Carole, thank you so much for your service, for all you have given to the community. May your good names continue to be an example and an inspiration for us.

Rav Hazzan Ken Richmond
As our community approaches 80 years since its founding, we have much for which to be grateful. Tonight, we join as a community to honour both the memory and legacy of C. Bernie Sigalove and Maurice Geshelin, both of whom paved the way—with extraordinary dedication, care, and generosity—to create the storied and vibrant synagogue that is Temple Israel. We are deeply blessed by the continuing stewardship of our leaders and members, each of whom offers unique gifts and direction, as we write the next chapters of our community’s story.

We are especially honoured tonight to celebrate two community leaders, both of whom lead by their lived example and inspire with their unfailing commitment to community building, excellence, kindness, and humility.

Carole Lechan’s dedication and countless contributions to this community require no introduction, and they certainly merit the highest praise. Beginning in the early 1980’s, when Carole and her young family moved to Natick, she hit the ground running and was quickly enlisted into the youth committee, became a much-beloved advisor for Kadima, and eventually ran the youth program. Carole opened up both her heart and her home – quite literally, as she and Ron hosted Temple Israel board meetings in their basement. For the last 20 years, Carole was the very glue of this community, applying her thoughtfulness, strong work ethic, and wisdom to her work in the Temple Israel office. She was the person to whom everyone could turn, and she knew the answers to all of our questions. We wish a deep mazel tov to Carole and her beloved family, Ron, Jonathan, Arianna, Joshua, Ezra, Jeremy, Mara, Jenna, and Mila.

It is fitting that we honour Carole Lechan and Harvey Moskowitz alongside each other, as their families go back 40 years together; now multiple generations of Lechan and Moskowitz families can call each other friends. Harvey and his family also joined Temple Israel in the early 1980’s. An on-screen icon in our greater community, Harvey is known here, at Temple Israel, as a deeply warm and beloved member of our shul. Tonight, we come full circle, as Harvey emceed the Geshelin-Sigalove eight years ago, when his cherished Channel 5 colleague Susan Womick was honoured for her tremendous generosity in the greater community. Even in his recent retirement, Harvey continues to engage, educate, and inspire with his frequent presentations across the community, sharing from his expertise. We congratulate Harvey and his beloved family, Lorraine, Sherry, Brian, Lilly, Joshua, Tracey, Steven, Henry, Mia, and Jack.

It is a blessing and privilege to share this moment once again, together and in-person. We are deeply grateful to Marlene Dodyk and tonight’s planning committee and all those who have generously contributed towards creating the space and opportunity to draw inspiration from our heroes and engage in the sacred act of celebration. Thank you for sharing in this celebration and for giving us reason to rejoice.

May we go from strength to strength,

Rabbi Raysh Weiss, Ph.D

How appropriate these words are for both of our honorees this evening. Harvey, for decades, countless people welcomed you into their homes each day through their television screens not only as the weatherman, but as someone who they came to think of as their friend. Those of us who know you know that the warmth, smile, and enthusiasm that you brought in to our homes was not a practiced public persona. It was genuine. The real you.

I have been honored to celebrate half a lifetime of simchas and sorrows with you, Lorraine, and your lovely family, and I am richer for it. All of us are richer for your presence among us. Whenever Temple Israel asked you to volunteer your time, whether to speak to the Mens Club about your job, or emcee a community event, you never hesitated, and raised the level of the event with your characteristic enthusiasm, flair and professionalism.

When I saw the video of your retirement celebration from the network, one of lasting impressions it made on me was that so many of your colleagues spoke about your role as a mentor and friend to them when they were first starting out in the field. This is who you are: caring, giving and uplifting. The definition of a mensch. Mazal Tov Harvey, and may you continue to go from strength to strength!

And now a few words about Carole. Oh Carole, my Carole!

Some people may think that clergy steer the ship of synagogue life; others think it’s the President and the Board. But here’s the truth of the matter: For two decades, you, Carole, were the beating heart of Temple Israel of Natick. You kept us on an even keel, cared for us, and kept our confidences.

On the phone, you were unflappable. There was never a query that could not be answered, no complaint too large to be dealt with and no personal problem that wouldn’t receive your compassionate ear. In an office that didn’t even have an extra chair, somehow you welcomed in a perpetual line of TI members, ostensibly dropping in on Temple business, but really there to chat with you.

At staff meetings, you were the firm but gentle voice of reason, letting us know if our latest grand plan needed some reining in, or advising us regarding who else in the community we needed to bring on board. Behind the scenes, you reminded the clergy about individuals who might appreciate a check-in from us, proof-read our Ha Kol articles, and made sure that we met our deadlines. You made us all look good.

Many people know that when strangers knock on the synagogue doors needing help, the clergy welcomes them in to their offices and helps them with small disbursements from the Discretionary Fund. What they don’t know about are the individuals who you took under your wing personally; the people whose names and stories you knew well, and to whom you sometimes gave additional cash out of your own pocket (I always wondered- did Ron know about that?).

Mazal Tov, Carole, on being honored today. May you, Ron and the family be blessed with continued joy in the years to come!

Much love,

Rabbi Dan Liben
Dear Carole and Harvey,

Mazel Tov to you both on receiving these very distinguished lifetime achievement awards. Your contributions to the Temple Israel Community has spanned many generations. Your commitment to help sustain and strengthen this community has been marked with your thoughtful and generous nature.

Carole, thank you for welcoming me to the community 7 years ago. You were always a friendly face and someone to be counted on to point us all in the right direction and always managing to put smiles on our faces, even during some of the most challenging times. Thank you for being there for The JGELC Children, Families and Staff. Your friendship will always mean so much. We thank you for making the world a better place.

Harvey, you are a true inspiration to many and we thank you for your dedication to the TI Community.

Faye Tonkonogy
Director of Early Education
If a person of learning participates in public affairs and serves as judge or arbiter, that person gives stability to the land.

(Midrash Tanhuma, Mishpatim 2)

Dear Carole and Harvey,
Mazal Tov to each of you for receiving a Temple Israel Lifetime Achievement Award. You are each an incredible dugma/role model for the students, teenagers, families, and teachers at the Ida and Charles Gilvarg Religious School.

We are so thankful for your dedication to our community.

Robin Kahn
Director of Education and Teen Engagement
Mazel Tov!
Our Temple Israel community is better because of you!

Harvey, most of the youth in our community know you as a famous meteorologist but you are so much more than that. You are a true mensch and a kind soul always there with a smile and a willingness to lend a hand. As a community we have been lucky enough to connect with you regularly through the television screen as well as in person through the years. The way you care for people is unparalleled. Congratulations on receiving the Geshelin Humanitarian Award for your exceptional work in the Temple Israel community and beyond.

Carole, your commitment and support of Youth Programming at Temple Israel over many decades has allowed the future generations in our community to embrace their Jewish identity. From being Youth Committee chair, to making sure that events and fundraisers were properly advertised and ensuring that our teens were recognized in our community for all of their amazing accomplishments, you have made an indelible mark on all of the youth in our community. We thank you for being the wonderful and amazing person you are and with extreme gratitude for all you have contributed congratulate you as the recipient of the C. Bernie Sigalove Yesod Award!

Michelle Nelson
Youth Programming Coordinator

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Maurice and Lillian Geshelin Humanitarian Award

1971 Sumner “Mike” Burg
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1991 Jay Ball
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1993 Arnold Zaltas
1994 Hazzan Robert Scherr
1995 Ethel Raider z”l
1996 Elaine Marmer
1997 Ben Greenberg
1998 Paula Levine
1999 Ed Dlott z”l
2000 Ann Hochberg z”l and Mickey Hochberg z”l
2001 Warren Manning
2002 Larry Ziegler
2003 Kathleen and Orrin Doxer
2004 Bonnie and Joel Rosenthal
2005 The Ark Builders
2006 Paula Jacobs
2007 Rabbi Harold z”l and Suzette Kushner z”l
2012 Erica (“Ricky”) Ball, Jay Ball and Bruce Weisberg
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2015 Arnold Zaltas
2016 Rabbi Harold z”l and Suzette Kushner z”l
2023 Carole Lechan
CAROLE LECHAN
Mazel Tov on a Most Deserving Award
A TRUE WOMAN of VALOUR
In appreciation for your many years of commitment, compassion, friendship, and counsel to the Temple Israel of Natick community and beyond

HARVEY MOSKOWITZ
Mazel Tov! With appreciation for your many years of service and unique style to the greater Boston community and Temple Israel of Natick

Ellis, Barbara, and Ashley Olivia Morris
I tell the world that kindness will build the heavens...

(Psalms 89:3)

Carole, the atmosphere of kindness (and efficiency) you brought to your job was truly infectious!

Harvey, you are TI’s best atmosphere and heavens predictor!

Thank you both for your dedication and passion; may you go from strength to strength!

L’shalom,

Sue and Warren
“There is none wiser than the experienced”

in admiration of

Harvey Leonard Moskowitz
and

Carole Lechan

for their many years of community service

from

The Linden family
Sue and Kurt
Judy, Stephen, Gabi, Adam, Jared
Phillip, Lisa, Jessica, Matthew
Ben, Bonnie, Justin, Noah, Sasha
“Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.”

— Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

Carole/Mom/Grandma,

Your kindness, selflessness and love for your family and community have long been an example for us to strive to emulate. Your ability to connect on an interpersonal level with warmth and empathy (and your signature dry sense of humor) has made a real difference in people’s lives. This world is a better place because of you. You are truly a “yesod” for us all!

We love you, we are grateful for you and we are so very proud of you!

Love,
Ron, Jeremy & Mara, Ari & Joshua, Jonathan, Jenna, Mila and Ezra
Harvey, we are so proud of you as you receive The Maurice and Lillian Geshelin Humanitarian Award. You always give your all to everyone and in everything you do, from family to work to community. We are so blessed to call you Husband, Dad, Father-in-law, Grampy and “Mensch.” Your many talks to Temple Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods, Senior Centers, Schools and Professional Organizations are endless and ongoing.

We love you so much,

Lorraine, Sherry & Brian, Tracey and Steve, and Lily, Josh, Henry, Mia and Jack
CAROLE LECHAN
Mazel Tov
For CONSTANT DEVOTION
To the Entire Temple Family
With your Chesed and Warmth

HARVEY LEONARD MOSKOWITZ
Mazel Tov
For OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT
To Temple and Wider Community
With Highest Ethical Standard

Brenda and Arnold Zaltas

Dr. Zori and Inbal Rabinovitz
To: Harvey Leonard Moskowitz and Carole Lechan
Admiring your commitment and dedication to Jewish Communal Life
YASHER KOACH CAROLE!!

with much love,
Laurie and Stuart Alford

and

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Dear Carole,
You have been central to this community in so many ways for so long.
You are our oracle, knowing us personally, seeing to our various needs, and always without complaint.
You are and always will be a cornerstone of TI.
With Huge Hugs and Tremendous Gratitude,
Idy and Ken Lanier

Dear Carole and Harvey
You have each, in your own way, molded a better world through your extraordinary determination and commitment to our community.
You truly deserve the honors of love and admiration from all those whose lives you have touched.
Elaine and Burt Marmer
Dear Carole,
Every family, shul, & community needs its mainstay. You’ve unselfishly, unflaggingly served as such for the Friedlander-Lechan clan, for Temple Israel, for neighbors & friends in Natick & beyond. You, together with Ron, stand tall as exemplars of responsibility, commitment, & dependability– always thoughtful, always caring, always kind. Over the course of fifty-plus years, we, your Brandeis circle, have relied on this & loved you for it.

Accept our official thank-you for being the uber-competent organizer, administrator & hostess of our visits & reunions & celebrations; the woman who never forgets a birthday or anniversary; the brilliant & wickedly funny commentator providing necessary reality-checks; our dear, indispensable friend.

May you & Ron be blessed ‘til 120 with health & strength, peace & contentment, abounding joy from your menschlich children, their spouses, & the grands.

Heartfelt Mazal Tov from

Hilary Goldberg, Phyllis & Richard Wilker,
Carolann & Robert Wiznia,
Miriam & Marty Fisher
Ya’asher Koah
To our honorees, Carole and Harvey, who have done so much to strengthen our community and world. You are models for us all!

May you go from strength to strength!

Lisa and Alan Avery-Peck

Congratulations Harvey on this well-deserved recognition. Your contributions make this world a better place. We are grateful for our friendship.

Marla and Murray Feldman

MAZAL TOV
CAROLE LECHAN
AND
HARVEY MOSKOWITZ

With much gratitude for your dedication and commitment to our community and modeling for us goodness and Jewish values.

Marlene and Harry Dodyk

Thank you, Carole and Harvey, for weathering the storms with us and always making the sun shine in our community. Carole, we miss you at the office, and Harvey, we miss you on the TV. Thank you for being pillars of our community and role models to all. We are excited to celebrate you both today.

Ryan Bernstein
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Shari Rotenberg Faye Tonkonogy
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Michelle Weiner-Taylor
Rabbi Raysh Weiss
Carole:
Without your amazing knowledge of everyone and everything at TI, my work would have been impossible. I am deeply grateful. In retirement, may God bless your body with health and your soul with joy. May your work here continue to flourish in your absence.

Rabbi David Klatzker

Mazal Tov!
May you be blessed with happiness and joy and go from strength to strength!

Allen Goldberg
Congratulations Carole and Harvey!

Gretchen and Stew Brandt and Family

Mazel Tov
Carole
And
Harvey

Harriet Merkowitz

Thank you Carole & Harvey for all your contributions!

The Burg Family

Congratulations Carole and Harvey! Thank you both for the contributions you’ve made to our community.

Harriet and Alan Cole

Mazel Tov Carole and Harvey. Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of the Temple and its members.

Ann and Herb Daitch
Congratulations & Yasher Koach! To our favorite meteorologist, and the long-time, welcoming face of the TI office. You are both truly missed and most deserving of these awards.

*Esta & Bob Gold*

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To Carole and Harvey - the best of the best! May you both go from strength to strength!

*With love,*

*Lynn Satlof-Karas & Steven Karas*

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Mazal Tov, Harvey After 40 years of Temple Israel friendship, we are delighted to share this evening with you and Lorraine.

*Carole and Ron Lechan*

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Mazal Tov on your well-deserved honors. Thank you both for your contributions to our community. Carole, thank you for your chesed to my family and our community over the years! Harvey, thank you for making our lives brighter over the year!

*The Landman Family*

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Carole: Enjoy your retirement! All Lechans hold a very special place in our hearts.

*Jon & Ellen Miller and Family*

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Well Deserved, Carole Mazel Tov! The Children and Families of C. Bernie Sigalove
Thank you Carole for being the heart and soul of Temple Israel for so many years and Harvey for your many contributions to our local and wider community.

Barbara and Mike Richmond

18 years of being greeted by your effervescent “Hello My Dear” Carole, you will always be missed!! May you be blessed with many more years of happiness, health and success.

Love,
Linda & Ari Silverman

Mazel Tov! Thank you for your dedicated service to our community

Julie and Ron Thalheimer

Mazal tov to Carole on such a well-deserved award, and our deepest gratitude for being the firm foundation on which Temple Israel of Natick has stood for so many years. Walking into the TI office and seeing you, often with checks and registration forms on your desk, was how many of us knew that all was right with the world. With great love and appreciation,

Irit, David, Boaz, Noam and Eliane Webber

Congratulations Carole and Harvey Two individuals who exemplify the true meaning of Tikkun Olam

Adam Taylor and Michelle Weiner Taylor

Carole, Mazel-Tov to you upon receiving The Bernie Sigalove Yesod Award. You are an outstanding member of the Temple Israel Community. Your tireless efforts have meant so much to all of us. We wish you and your beautiful family much health and happiness in the years ahead.

Love & Best Wishes,
Lorraine and Harvey Moskowitz and Family

Mazel Tov and Best Wishes!

Diana, Mark, and Joseph Lerman
Well Wishes

Yasher Koach to the honorees ~ Julie & Jake Barth

Thank you Carole for your dedication and service!  
~ Mary Collins and Wes Potter

Mazal Tov Harvey on your well-deserved receipt of the Geshelin Humanitarian Award! ~ Jeff and Judy Fishman

Carole, Mazal Tov on receiving the Sigalove award for your dedicated service to the Temple community. Thank you for all you’ve done for us!  
~ Jeff and Judy Fishman

Carole, can’t imagine what we would have done without you! Todah Rabba!  
~ The Freedlander Family: Suzzette, Neil, Carter & Emma

Mazel tov Carole ~ Judy Kellmer and sons

Congratulations, Carole ~ Paul Kimmel

Mazel Tov to the Honorees ~ The Klawans Family

Mazel-tov Carole! Wishing you all the best in your retirement.  
~ Susan and David Levy

Congratulations Harvey on a well deserved honor!  
~ Love, Carol and Marty Loria

Wishing Carol and Harvey and their families many years of happiness and wellness. ~ Glenn Lotto

Mazel Tov to Harvey and Carole ~ Jay and Gail Pearlstein

Mazel Tov, Carol on being awarded the Bernie Sigalove award. So well deserved! We miss seeing your smiley face in the office!  
~ Rachel and Dan Plofsky
Well Wishes

Mazal tov! ~ Joel and Bonnie

Harvey, Mazel tov on this special honor!
~ With Love, Marcia, Len & Family

Thank you Carole for being personable and for always making us feel welcomed with love,
~ The Rubin Family, Cindy & Thomas,
(and remembering Myrna & Joseph.)

Mazel Tov to Harvey and Carole on your retirement.
~ Ilene and George Silver

We are thrilled for both of you! ~ Laraine and Enid Stepner

Best wishes ~ Harvey Stone

Congratulations ~ Joe and Anita Valof

Mazal Tov ~ The Zwelling family!

Mazal tov to the well-deserved honorees! ~ The Fried-Tanzer family

Congratulations to the honorees for their commitment to our synagogue community!
~ The Greenberg, Bass, and Winn Families

Enjoy your retirement- we will miss you, Carole, Congratulations on the award and enjoy retirement, Harvey. Sue and Jim Saber

Wishing you well on this happy occasion ~ Vicki Rothstein

Mazal Tov Carole and Harvey ~ Karen and Allen Block

Mazel Tov to Harvey and Carole ~ Cindy and Steve Lutch
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Bonnie Marmor
Sharon Winn

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Alan Nelson, and Zalmen Richmond-Shazeer

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MAZEL TOV!!

HARVEY LEONARD MOSKOWITZ

CAROLE LECHAN