

April 14, 2025

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, June 14th, we will gather for our annual Spring Celebration. During this evening, we will pay special tribute to three of our past presidents, Mark Schiff, Shari Nerreau and Larry Levine. Each of our honorees has made significant and meaningful contributions to congregational life at B'nai Israel.

Collectively they have contributed hundreds of hours of service to B'nai Israel. Under Mark Schiff's leadership the congregation raised funds to redesign our synagogue for the future, and helped shape young leaders through the ATID Leadership program. During Shari Nerreau's tenure, we said goodbye to Rabbi James Prosnit and Cantor Shari Blum, and welcomed our current Rabbinic team, Rabbi Evan Schultz and Rabbi Sarah Marion. Shari also oversaw the difficult decision to close our doors at the beginning of the Covid epidemic. Larry Levine led us in the effort to reopen the synagogue and Bonim doors as the intensity of the pandemic waned and was instrumental in bringing the Schoke JFS Food Pantry to B'nai Israel.

We applaud their good works and see them as role models of our congregation. We will formally thank them when we gather as a community at our biggest fundraiser of the year.

We rely on the success of this endeavor annually. We offer many levels of giving along with the opportunity to thank our honorees by placing an ad in the tribute journal produced exclusively for this event.

Enclosed is a form to facilitate your much-appreciated gift and your message of thanks. Your participation is critical to our success, so please consider giving generously to show your thanks for Mark, Shari, Larry and the synagogue. **Please return your completed giving form in the enclosed envelope to the temple office, or go to our website www.cbibpt.org to complete online, by Friday, May 16th.**

Thank you in advance for supporting the continued vibrancy of our congregation and we look forward to celebrating with you on Saturday, June 14th.

Sincerely,

Jill Elbaum, Joanne Lippman & Marcy Shinbaum
Tribute Journal Co-chairs

****Invitation to follow**