



Temple Israel

Reform Congregation of Staten Island

GALA 2025

honoring

Silvia & Sam Gornstein

Brooke Lopez

Sandy Mazzucco

Nina Rohan

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 10:00 AM

The Vanderbilt at South Beach, Staten Island

Message from Rabbi Howald



Seventy-six years ago, a group of Staten Islanders came together to create Temple Israel, the first, and still only, Reform Congregation in our borough. In the three-quarters of a century since, this congregation has celebrated and mourned together, educated thousands of students, both young and old, and built and supported a community that still thrives today.

This Gala Journal, and the messages of support it includes, demonstrates that the legacy of our founders continues into the heart of the 21st century.

Robin and I are so grateful to be a part of this welcoming community! We are even more heartened to know that we are not alone.

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Message from Rabbi Howald



This year we honor Silvia and Sam Gornstein, Brooke Lopez, Sandy Mazzucco and Nina Rohan, each of whom has sustained and strengthened our congregation over years of service and support. The messages of support for their lasting efforts contained in this journal further testify to the spirit that has allowed this community to endure and grow over decades.

May this Gala of recognition and celebration inspire us to continue our meaningful work of keeping Reform Judaism alive on Staten Island! May the generosity of our honorees and the contributors to this Journal continue the vision of our founders into the decades ahead.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Notain Tormim N'divim.

Blessed are You Adonai, Who Sustains Our Generous Givers.

Rabbi Michael Howald



Message from Cantor Bernstein



Shalom chaverim! Dear members and friends of Temple Israel,

"These are the gifts that we bring that we may make a holy place."

Debbie Friedman crafted a beautiful musical setting from these words in Parshat Terumah [Exodus 25:8] which perfectly expresses our gratitude for all the contributions of time, effort and financial support that make Temple Israel a "makom kadosh," a holy, special place for inspiration and connection.

Today we honor those who have given so much to our beloved community. The kindness, generosity and love of this extraordinary group is remarkable, and I appreciate this opportunity to sing their praises in this journal message.

When Silvia and Sam Gornstein greet me in temple with their sweet smiles, my heart melts with joy. They radiate welcome to all who enter. Sam brings his beautiful bass voice to our choir. Visiting Argentina with them this year was an amazing experience. These two are the sweetest couple anywhere, and I would say that even if they didn't bring me alfajores and dulce de leche.

Nina Rohan herself is a gift that keeps on giving! First one in, and last one out, she is always at the top of the stairs ready to welcome members and newcomers, fixing any issues, and making sure everything runs smoothly.

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Message from Cantor Bernstein



Nina has a special talent for charming children with kid-centered chat and little gifts. I am especially grateful Nina appreciates that Jim spends so many evenings at choir practice and service leading.

Brooke Lopez astonishes me with her verve, creativity and unstoppable energy. I was her teacher many years ago and now I marvel at her gifts as a teacher. Clearly, all her students love her. Brooke has made the Purimspiel the highlight of the temple calendar for years, and I have been so grateful to be able to work with her towards our mutual goal of maximum Purim fun. Brooke is the strong link in the chain of generations that assures Temple Israel's bright future.

Sandy Mazzucco, I miss seeing you at temple as much as we used to. No one gives announcements like you do! I welcome this opportunity to see you at the Gala to hear everyone thank you for all your contributions which continue to keep Temple Israel strong.

As we sing in Debbie Friedman's "Holy Place," these wonderful people "bring all the goodness that comes from their hearts" to build our holy community. "Let our promise forever be strong, let our souls rise together in song, that the spirit of God and the spirit of love will dwell within."

In gratitude for the gifts of our honorees, and all who gather to celebrate them,

Cantor Suzanne Bernstein



Message from the Co-Presidents



Bryn Biren



Russell Kaminsky

“When the Jewish people join hands in collective responsibility they become a formidable force for good.” - Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Temple Israel, where we “join hands,” has been blessed by this year’s Gala honorees. They have each been a leader, sharing their commitment, talents, and warmth, ensuring our congregation remains a “formidable force for good.”

Silvia and Sam Gornstein joined Temple Israel ready to enrich congregational life. Active in Sisterhood, Silvia served as a First Vice President this past year. She models positivity for those who work with her. Sam is an active volunteer, a member of our Board of Trustees, the Adult Choir, and Brotherhood. Their genuine kindness makes people so comfortable.

Brooke Lopez grew up at Temple Israel, sang in the Children’s Choir, and participated in Purim spiels. She and her husband Luis are raising their daughters to be active in congregational life. Brooke shares her extraordinary creativity and enthusiasm for Purim shpiels.

Message from the Co-Presidents



Brooke is Co-Chair of our Religious School, is a drama-music teacher, and publicizes Temple events through social media.

Sandy Mazzucco brings humor and enthusiasm to everything she does at Temple Israel. She has served as a Co-President, is a member of the Board of Trustees, and is a Sisterhood First Vice President. Sandy has chaired the Membership Committee, the annual Kavod Society event. Her Shabbat evening announcements have become a favorite!

Nina Rohan has served in so many positions at Temple Israel. She volunteers readily and is always a “force for good.” As usher and Ritual Committee Co-Chair, she encourages and organizes congregants’ participation on Shabbat and on High Holiday services. Nina’s puts her heart into her leadership roles.

With deepest appreciation, we hail our honorees: “Mazal Tov!”

Bryn Biren & Russell Kaminsky, Co-Presidents



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Norman Saunders, Robert Straniere, Gloria Tilzer, Allan Weissglass
- 1986 Dr. Gerald J. Lustig
- 1987 Selma Blumin, Siggy Kahn, Herman Wetschler
- 1991 Max & Ada Kadin, George & Carole Lachman,
Dr. Stephen & Harriett Pollack, Beatrice Victor
- 1992 Dr. Ronald & Helene Leventhal, Alvin & Eleanor Nalitt,
David & Susan Sappin, Joan Tenney
- 1993 Edward & Phyllis Elman, Jerrold & Karen Gross,
Michael & Janet Sirota, Louis Stolzenberg
- 1994 Phyllis & Harry Elrich, Linda & Jerrold Mulnick,
Eileen & Steward Sandman, Rev. Terry Troia
- 1995 Bryn & Richard Biren, Ellen & Bart Horowitz, Hon. Susan Molinari
- 1996 Terry & Steve Baver, Lois Gold, Eleanor Goldberg, Joyce & Vernon Scholar
- 1997 Linda & Alan Brill, Geri Kitoff, Susan & Stewart Marks
- 1998 Jubilee Year Celebration

Annual Gala Honorees (since 1984)

1999	Cheryl & Michael Levine, Adrienne & Gordon Nash, Judith Pessah
2000	Diane & Michael Eisenkraft, Norman Linscheid, Ann & George Targownik, Florence & Lewis Werb
2001	Pam Carlton, Arnie Grossman, Jennifer Straniere, Barbara & Alan Tepper
2002	Rabbi David & Nancy Katz
2003	Judy Scher, Janet Harris Smith, Dr. Fred Hecht
2004	Jodi & Alan Siegel, Janice Gross & Larry Flaum
2005	Cantor Suzanne Bernstein
2006	Gale & Wayne Schwartz, Assemblyman John Lavelle
2007	Nancy & Ron Avis
2008	Claire Guttsman, Ada & Max Kadin—representing the Founding Members
2009	Karen & Jay Duskin, Sheila & Arnie Grossman, Nina & Jim Rohan
2011	Shariann & Jeffrey Ganz, Linda & Larry Hanibal, Lynn & Robert Silberman
2012	Deanna Feder, Ida Grober, Josephine Grober, Joanna & David Meltzer, Muriel & Maurice Schlefstein

Annual Gala Honorees (since 1984)

2013	Jaime Blackman, Jerry Gross, Ilene Pappert, Tracy Schulman
2014	Golden Gala— <i>Celebrating 50 Years in our Spiritual Home</i>
2015	Libby & Ira Gershansky, Richard Maren, Lenore Miller, Cindy & Searle Selmon, Inez Singer
2016	Andrea & Fred Simon, Barbara Fried, Rebecca Hand, Beverly Mazer, Rhonda Trontz-Allen
2017	Kim & Victor Avis, Linda & Alan Brill, Pamela J. Carlton, Pamela Rogozin, Barbara Tepper
2018	The Adult Choir & Accompanists, Claire Bleiman, Karen & Joe Gamoran, Blanche Ricci
2019	Bryn Biren
2020	Rabbi Michael D. Howald
2021	The Resilience of the Congregation
2022	"22 & You"
2023	75th Anniversary Celebration
2024	Avis Foundation, Larry Hanibal, Jim Rohan, Jodi & Alan Siegel



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Originally from Argentina, Silvia and Sam raised their two sons on Long Island. When they moved to Staten Island, they were thrilled and grateful to become part of the Temple Israel family eight years ago.

Silvia, a passionate cook, enjoys hosting holidays for her extended family and friends. She somehow finds time to do this even while commuting to her job at the Manhattan's Argentinian consulate.

At Temple Israel, she is known for her “can do” attitude at so many events and on several committees, including her work on the Tu B’shvat Seder, teaching Hebrew School students to make knishes, and helping create the Sisterhood Passover Cookbook. Silvia has served as Sisterhood’s Vice President of Ways and Means and in the coming year will serve as Vice President of Membership.

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honoring Silvia & Sam Gornstein



Sam, a retired radiology technologist, has been an active member of the Choir since 2017. He enjoys singing during holidays and special occasions – it's truly his passion. He is also active in Brotherhood, helping to set up the Sukkah, Hannukah celebrations, Purim carnival, and the annual barbecue. A member of the Temple Board of Trustees, Sam often serves as an usher or greeter at services, always with a warm smile, a helping hand, and genial conversation.

Silvia and Sam did not expect to take on such active roles at this point in their lives, but their activities keep them young and they truly enjoy the community. On Purim, they dressed up as Ken and Barbie – the reaction to the photos posted on their family group chat was wonderful - especially noting Silvia's pink hair.

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honoring Silvia & Sam Gornstein



Over the past few years, Silvia's experienced some challenges, but fellow congregants have truly been supportive and coming to the Temple has helped her feel needed and engaged. This helped keep her spirits high through her healing process - she will forever be grateful.

Sam and Silvia's commitment to Judaism is a beacon for how they live their lives. It's important to have their extended family celebrations with all the grandchildren together around the lights of the menorah, eating homemade latkes and brisket or sharing Passover eating Silvia's homemade gefilte fish. The hope they've instilled these memories in the next generation as they teach their children and grandchildren that family is the center of everything.

On their trips to Hershey, Disney cruises, Niagara Falls, and to Argentina to visit family, being together is what has always been most important.

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honoring Silvia & Sam Gornstein



Silvia is famous for sharing a blend of Argentinian and Jewish foods. Her grandchildren line up for her Dulce de Leche filled pancakes. Bright colored Sangria is always the highlight of their parties. Their children take yummy empanadas and milanesas home to freeze, and they can't wait to get more of all that Silvia cooks, always with love.

Sam and Silvia are deeply proud of their dear family: Ilan, Sara, Matthew, Andrew, Kayla and Michael Gornstein and Arin, Daniel, Clara and Emma Gornstein. And they are also very fond of their three grandpups, Zee, Blu and Toby.



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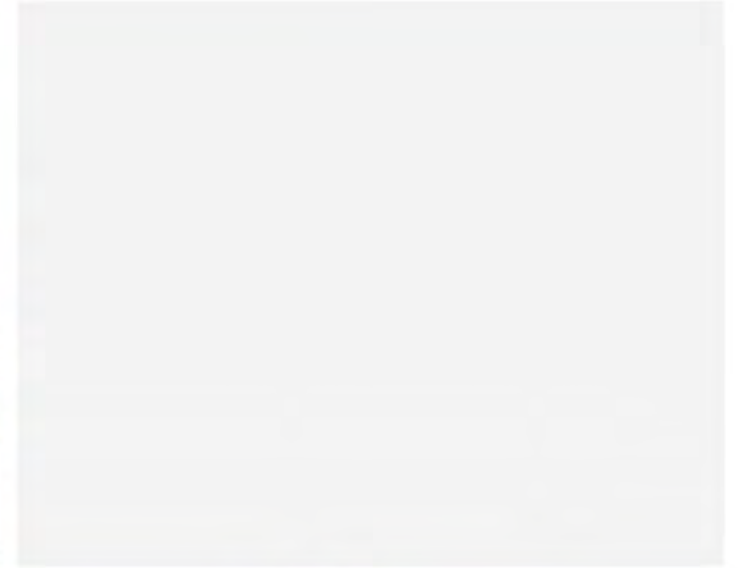
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honoring Brooke Lopez



Brooke Lopez is a life-long Staten Islander who attended JCC Nursery School, P.S.54, I.S.61, and Curtis High School. She took dance class for 10 years, was a member of New York Kids on Stage, and performed in musicals at I.S.61, Curtis High School, and with the JCC's "Broadway Highlights". As a teen, Brooke was the Theatre specialist at JCC Day Camp, which was a full circle experience since she had spent every summer of her childhood as a JCC camper.

Brooke graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Binghamton University. She was a member of the B.U. dance team, president of the Alpha Phi Sorority, member of the American Marketing Association, and advertising intern at the Fred Riger Advertising Agency.

After graduating, Brooke became Marketing Project Coordinator for Richmond County Savings Bank, and danced for the National Indoor Football League. Brooke returned to school to become an elementary school teacher and earned a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Wagner College. She began her teaching career at JCC's First Foot Forward, and was appointed to P.S.56 in 2003 where she spent 11 years as a classroom teacher. In 2015, Brooke became the P.S.56 Theatre Arts teacher and Arts Liaison.

honoring Brooke Lopez



In 2017, Brooke was the recipient of JCC's L'Dor V'Dor Next Generation Award for her work as the curriculum creator and program developer for the "If Everybody Club", a Pre-K enrichment program for the JCC's Early Childhood Center, which aimed to foster compassion, diversity and inclusion through theater games.

Brooke has been a member of Temple Israel since she was a child.

She performed in Purim Shpiels, sang with the Junior Choir, attended Religious School, became a Bat Mitzvah, and then a Confirmand. Brooke has been a Religious School teacher since 2018. She was awarded the Avodah Award in 2023 for her work developing a new curriculum for the Religious School, working with the Avis Foundation, directing Purim Shpiels, and managing the temple's social media accounts. Brooke is currently Co-Chair of the Religious School, Co-Trustee of the Dr. Ronald Avis Foundation, and manager of the temple Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Brooke has been married since 2007 to Luis Lopez, a NYPD Detective. They have two daughters, Genevieve and Freda, who are both very active temple members.



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honoring Sandy Mazzucco



Sandy has been a Speech Pathologist since November 1978. She has worked in a variety of speech settings and finally found her full time dream job at the Volunteers of America preschool where she worked for 26 years. In addition, she has maintained a private practice.

Joining the Temple in the late 1990s was a pivotal moment in her life, which set her on a path of spiritual growth and community involvement. Encouraged by the warm embrace of the community and the wisdom shared by Rabbi David Katz, rabbi at the time, she found herself inspired to delve deeper into her faith. One particularly impactful piece of advice from Rabbi Katz was to learn Hebrew, which was a suggestion that opened new realms of understanding for her and connected her more profoundly to the traditions and texts of Judaism.

The process of learning Hebrew not only enriched her spiritual practice but also prepared her for one of the most significant milestones in her life—her Bat Mitzvah at the age of 45. Rabbi Katz was instrumental in encouraging her to study for this event. She was hesitant about the undertaking however, when he spoke the words “if not now than when”, she knew it was the right time. Standing before her mother, father, family and friends, reading from the Torah, and affirming her commitment to Judaism was an experience that deeply influenced her personal and spiritual identity.

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honoring Sandy Mazzucco



To this day, she feels very blessed that she heard Rabbi Katz's profound words as her father passed away 6 months after her Bat Mitzvah. She will always be grateful to have had her father be a part of this very special day.

In October 2018 Sandy married Richie Marlieb, who shared her interest in Judaism. Together they have become more involved in Temple life.

As her present involvement with the Temple continues to grow with the encouragement of Rabbi Howald and Cantor Bernstein, Sandy has taken on additional roles that allowed her to contribute in meaningful ways. Chairing the membership committee became a platform for her to engage with new and existing members while fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment. She has also spear-headed several fundraisers, including organizing defensive driving classes, which were instrumental in raising funds for the Temple.

Her dedication and efforts culminated in her election as co-president, a role that she held with immense pride and responsibility. Through these experiences, she has developed a deeper connection with Judaism, built wonderful friendships, and contributed to the growth and vitality of our Temple community.

Sandy is very grateful to the Temple Israel community for the honor that she receives today.



honoring Sandy Mazzucco



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honoring Nina Rohan



Nina was born in Queens and lived in a house that was built in 1921 by her mother's family. Nina lived down the block from the Jewish Center of Richmond Hill an Orthodox synagogue that was built by her mother's uncle.

As Nina grew up, a lot of Jewish families left the area and the Synagogue's rabbi moved to Canada. The congregation hired a student rabbi to conduct Shabbat services. That student rabbi was Avi Weiss, who changed Nina's connection to Judaism forever.

Nina graduated from Queens College and was chosen to be in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges in the 1973 – 1974 edition. Nina met her husband Jim in 1978 when they were both working at JFK Airport. She continued working with the U.S. Customs Service for forty years mostly as an Import Specialist in International Trade. She retired with highest awards: the Gallatin Award, a Congressional citation and the Customs Ensign.

Nina, Jim and Elizabeth joined Temple Israel in 1998 and Elizabeth became a Bat Mitzvah and confirmand at Temple Israel.

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honoring Nina Rohan



Nina is currently a Vice President of the temple and co-chair of the Ritual Committee. She has also chaired the Ushering Committee for many years. She chaired the Membership Committee for three years under Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Polonsky and is currently a member of that committee.

Nina was co-president of Sisterhood for two years and president for two years from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016. She was a member of the Gala Committee, Co-Chair of Social Action-Caring Community, a School Board member for ten years and a substitute religious school teacher and a co-president of the PTA. Her greatest honor is to read Torah on Yom Kippur morning.

Nina can always be seen at services and at other times welcoming all congregants especially new members. She attributes this to the first time she came to Temple Israel and Linda Hanibal turned around and warmly said "Welcome to Temple Israel." She knew then that she and her family had found a home.

Nina wishes to thank the Gala Committee and the entire congregation for this special honor.

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A vibrant tropical beach scene. The foreground shows a sandy beach with gentle waves washing onto it. The water is a clear, bright turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

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Silvia & Sam,
Brooke, Sandy and Nina

Thank you for your dedication to Temple Israel
and the Staten Island Community.

Your commitment is unparalleled
and greatly appreciated!

The Avis Family

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**Heartfelt Thanks
and Congratulations!**

Caroline and Tim Harrison

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“Serve Adonai with gladness; come before God with joyful song.”

– Psalm 100:2

In Deep Appreciation and Sacred Gratitude

**Robin and I honor Silvia and Sam Gornstein, Brooke Lopez,
Sandy Mazzucco and Nina Rohan whose hearts and hands
have served our congregation with humility, dedication and love.**

**Through acts of kindness, leadership, and devotion, you have brought
light to our community and sanctified our shared path.**

**May the work of your hands be blessed, and
may you continue to be a source of strength and inspiration.**

With blessings and admiration,

Robin and Rabbi Michael Howald

BENEFACTOR

Congratulations to the Honorees

Silvia & Sam Gornstein

Brooke Lopez

Sandy Mazzucco

and especially to

Nina Rohan

Our wife, mother, and YaYa for her continued belief in the power of community and her willingness to always have an outstretched hand to all who need her help.

With love,

Jim, Elizabeth, Jereme and Sadie Rae

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Congratulations to the 2025 Gala Honorees!

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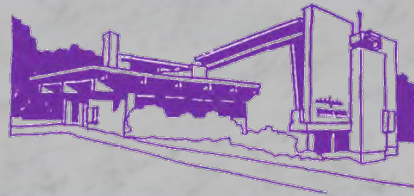
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Congratulates all this year's honorees on this well-deserved honor

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We are grateful for all you do for Temple Israel.

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**Congratulations
to Temple Israel's Gala 2025 Honorees**

Murray Berman & Sherry Diamond

Brooke —

We couldn't be more proud of
the amazing person you've become
and all that you've achieved.

We love you!

Mom & Dad





*It is wonderful to see our friends being honored at
today's event. It is so well deserved!*

Silvia & Sam
Sandy

Brooke
Nina

We are so proud of all of you!

Linda & Alan Brill

Congratulations to our Honorees

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JAY CHAZANOFF

Congratulations

Alice Diamond

Congratulations to all the 2025 Honorees

**We appreciate all you do for
our Temple Israel community.**

Jay & Karen Duskin

Mazel Tov to
Silvia & Sam Gornstein
Brooke Lopez
Sandy Mazzucco
Nina Rohan

We extend our deep gratitude
for all your dedication and
devotion that continues to make
Temple Israel a very special community.

With our love,
Libby & Ira Gershansky



Congratulations to Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa!

We honor and applaud all that you do!

We are who we are because you are who you are.

You are both amazing role models to your children, grandchildren,
extended family and community.

We love you! Mazal Tov!

Ilan, Sara, Matthew, Andrew, Kayla & Michael
Danny, Arin, Clara & Emma

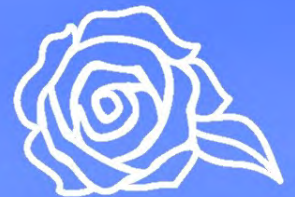
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*We are honored to share this
day with three amazing ladies—
Brooke Lopez, Sandy
Mazzucco, and Nina Rohan.
Thank you for all you do for
Temple Israel*

—Silvia and Sam Gornstein



*Special thanks and congratulations
to our dear Friends on being honored at the 2025 Gala
Silvia & Sam Gornstein • Brooke Lopez
Sandy Mazzucco • Nina Rohan*

*With love and admiration for
who you are and what you do!*

Claire and Dennis Guttsman



**Congratulations to the kindest,
sweetest person we know!**

**We are so proud of the
amazing wife, mother
and human you are.**

**You have touched so many,
not only in the Temple,
but also in the Staten Island
theater community
and the countless children you've
taught throughout your career.**

Mazel Tov!

**Love,
Lui, Genevieve & Freda**



CONGRATULATIONS



To my wife
SANDY MAZZUCCO



I am incredibly proud of you



I see your hard work, dedication, and commitment every day. You clearly show the positive impact you're making at Temple Israel and in improving our community.

Also, Congratulations to the other Honorees
* Silvia & Sam Gornstein * Brooke Lopez * Nina Rohan

With Love
Richie Marlieb

Thank You

I am deeply honored and grateful to be recognized at this year's gala and I extend my sincerest gratitude to everyone who has supported me.

I would like to acknowledge and send a special thank you to my fellow honorees for their wonderful friendship and support. Your dedication and contributions have enriched our Temple Community in countless ways, and it is my privilege to be honored alongside you.

*** Silvia and Sam Gornstein * Brooke Lopez * Nina Rohan ***

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Together we continue to build a vibrant and compassionate Temple Israel Community.

*Much Love,
Sandy Mazzucco*

CONGRATULATIONS

Silvia & Sam Gornstein

Brooke Lopez

Sandy Mazzucco

Nina Rohan

Your contributions to Temple Israel are invaluable. We are so grateful.

Jodi, Alan & Jesse Siegel



In deep gratitude to Ron Avis.^{z"l}
May his memory be for a blessing.


He was an inspiring mentor,
sharing joy and extraordinary support
during challenging times at Temple Israel.

Ann Targownik, Past President



In honor of our Honorees
& in support of Temple Israel—

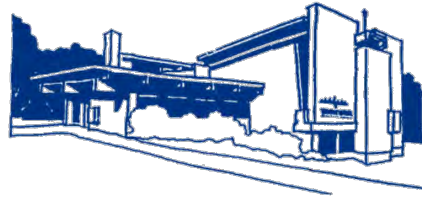
Ann and George Targownik



We are proud to congratulate
Silvia & Sam Gornstein, Brooke Lopez,
Sandy Mazzucco and Nina Rohan—
five outstanding honorees who have
generously donated their time and efforts to
making our Temple a place we can all be proud of.

Anita and Bob Zuckerberg

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.”*



*As Temple Israel Past Presidents, we offer
congratulations and sincere thanks to all the Gala 2025 Honorees,
with special acknowledgement of our fellow Past President,
Honoree Sandy Mazzucco.*

*Terry Baver
Bryn Biren
Linda Brill
Phyllis Elrich
Wilhelm Figueroa
John Greenbaum
Jerrold Gross*

*George Lachman
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Ann Targownik*

Congratulations & Mazel Tov to the Honorees
from the Past Presidents of Sisterhood

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Anita Zuckerberg



Mazel Tov

to our Teacher and Religious School Co-Chair

BROOKE LOPEZ

On her well deserved recognition as Temple Israel Gala honoree!

&

to our marvelous co-honorees:

SILVIA AND SAM GORNSTEIN

SANDY MAZZUCCO

NINA ROHAN

Thank you all for your commitment to Temple Israel and all that you do!

With gratitude,

Temple Israel Religious School Students and Families



**The Shabbat Morning Torah Study
& Service Group and Supporters
Congratulate our 2025 Gala Honorees**

Silvia & Sam • Brooke • Sandy • Nina

***and express their gratitude for the opportunity
to gather (virtually) with Rabbi Howald & our lay leaders.***

Joseph Aronson
Jaimie Blackman
Linda Brill
Pamela Carlton
Maxine Cohen
Karen & Jay Duskin
Phyllis Elrich
Barbara Fried
Libby Gershansky

Joyce Goldring
Karen & Jerrold Gross
Arnold Grossman
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Brianna Levinsky
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Congratulations to
Silvia & Sam Gornstein,
Brooke Lopez,
Sandy Mazzucco,
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this day with our friends!*

With love,

*Alison, Russell,
Carly, Jenna, Sydney
and Ethan Kaminsky*



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TO ALL THE HONOREES
and
BEST WISHES TO THE
TEMPLE ISRAEL FAMILY**

From
JOEL GOLDBERG and
(the late) **ELLIE GOLDBERG**

**Congratulations
to All of the Honorees
for all your hard work!**

**Julie and James
Cohen**

Congratulations
to our honorees:

Nina, Sandy, Brooke,
Silvia and Sam

Thank you
for all you do for
our Synagogue.

**Janice Gross and
Dr. Larry Flaum**

**Congratulations to the wonderful
Silvia and Sam Gornstein
Brooke Lopez
Sandy Mazzucco
Nina Rohan**

Thank you
for all your hard work,
your dedication and
the fun you bring to our Temple

Barbara Feigelman



Mazel Tov to our friends

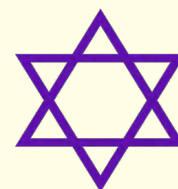
**SILVIA AND SAM GORNSTEIN
BROOKE LOPEZ
SANDY MAZZUCCO
NINA ROHAN**

ON THEIR WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO TO MAKE OUR
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Felicia, Jason, Austin and Arielle Otto

**BEST WISHES
TO THE HONOREES
FOR ALL THEY DO FOR**
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**EILEEN & R. RANDY LEE
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& ELLIOT LEE**

THE TEMPLE ISRAEL
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is pleased to be able to congratulate
our own

SAM GORNSTEIN

along with

SILVIA GORNSTEIN

BROOKE LOPEZ

SANDY MAZZUCCO

NINA ROHAN

as this year's Gala Honorees.



Anne Young
Beverly Mazer
Bryn Biren
Jim Rohan
Jodi Siegel

Judith Pessah
Judy Lee
Luigia Wiesner
Mavis Smook
Michelle Shagenov

Pamela Carlton
Pamela Rogozin
Sam Gornstein
Scott Fuller
Shari Stein Ballow

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THE RITUAL COMMITTEE
OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

Congratulates Our Own

SILVIA GORNSTEIN

and

NINA ROHAN

and their

Fellow Honorees

SAM GORNSTEIN

BROOKE LOPEZ

SANDY MAZZUCCO

*We are grateful to you for all you do to
uphold the religious traditions & rituals of
our congregation and community.*

Linda Brill, Sue Freedman, Shariann Ganz,
Silvia Gornstein, Jerry Gross, Claire Guttsman,
Cheryl Levine, Chad Rachman, Nina Rohan,
Alan Siegel, Jodi Siegel, Remy Smith

Thank you!
Silvia, Sam, Brooke,
Sandy, and Nina.

You have made Temple Israel
a warm and welcoming home
for our young families.

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Mazel Tov to all the Honorees
on this well-deserved honor.

Thank you for all you do
for our Temple.



THE BROTHERHOOD
OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

To All our Honorees,
Silvia & Sam Gornstein, Brooke Lopez,
Sandy Mazzucco and Nina Rohan -

Thank you for all you have done
and continue to do for our Temple.

TEMPLE ISRAEL WALKERS

*Linda Brill
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Maxine Cohen
Deanna Feder
Shariann Ganz
Karen Gross
Claire Guttsman
Robin Hertzberg
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Beverly Mazer
Judy Pessah
Blanche Ricci
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Inez Singer
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**Congratulations
and
Thank you for all you do**

To Our Gala Honorees
Silvia & Sam Gornstein
Brooke Lopez
Sandy Mazzucco
Nina Rohan

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TO ALL THE HONOREES!

Marnie Blit and
Scott Schwartz

Congratulations
on a job well done to
Silvia and Sam Gornstein
Brooke Lopez
Sandy Mazzucco
Nina Rohan

This is a well deserved honor.

Rhonda Trontz-Allen
& Mike Allen

Congratulations
to all the Honorees
and thank you all for
welcoming us to Temple Israel

The Satin Family

**Congratulations to
Brooke Lopez
and all the other honorees**

**Jan, Sam, Mia & Alexa
Shperling**

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HONORING

**Silvia and Sam Gornstein
Brooke Lopez
Sandy Mazzucco and
Nina Rohan**

Charles Nadel & Roslyn Persky

**In celebration of
all the Honorees...
for all your hard work!**

Pamela J. Carlton

**Brooke, Nina, Sandy
and Silvia & Sam**

**We are so thankful that you are
part of our lives at Temple Israel**

***Karen & Jerry Gross
and family***

We congratulate our dearest friends
Silvia and Sam Gornstein
and Brooke, Sandy and Nina
on being honored at this year's Gala.

Suzie and Maurice Goldstein

So happy to see you all recognized
for your outstanding contributions
to Temple Israel

Silvia & Sam Gornstein, Brooke Lopez,
Sandy Mazzucco and Nina Rohan

With love,

**Linda and Larry Hanibal
& Family**

Congratulations to the Honorees

Silvia & Sam Gornstein,
Brooke Lopez, Nina Rohan
and Sandy Mazzucco

Thank you for your years of dedication
to Temple Israel.

Susan and Richard Grodman

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik

Let us strengthen one another

Silvia and Sam Gornstein, Brooke Lopez,
Sandy Mazzucco, Nina Rohan

**Thank you for all you do
for Temple Israel**

Cantor Suzanne Bernstein

**Congratulations
to all the honorees**

Ilene Pappert

**Congratulations
to all the honorees**

Sandy & Les Feuerstein

**CONGRATULATIONS
to all the well-deserving honorees**

Fred & Andrea Simon

**To our treasured friend
Sandy Mazzucco
and the other worthy honorees
Silvia, Sam, Brooke and Nina —**

Thank you for all you do for Temple Israel

Judy and Steve Scher

*Mazel Tov and Many Thanks
to our Wonderful Honorees!*

Judith Pessah

*Congratulations
to this year's honorees.*

Temple Israel South

Ruth Andriani

Sheila & Arnie Grossman

Muriel Schlefstein

Cindy Selman

Lynn & Robert Silberman

**Congratulations
on an honor well deserved
to my dear friend
Sandy Mazzucco**

**with all our love
Lorraine DeSantis and Donn Jacobsen**

In loving honor and care to
**Silvia, Sam, Brooke,
Sandy, and Nina**
And, our special love to
Brooke who has been
part of our lives since she
and Mike were in preschool.
Terry & Steve Baver

Congratulations
to the honorees.

Thank you.

**The Sarfati and
The Sherer Family**

We honor each of you
for your hard work and dedication
to our synagogue,

We appreciate all that you do.
Thank you so much.

**Samantha Sherer and
Harriet Tabick**

***Mazel Tov, Sandy
on this much deserved honor***

With love from,

Sandy, Bella and Zoe

Dear Brooke, Nina, Sam,
Silvia and Sandy,

**Mazel Tov!
You have blessed our
Temple Israel Family.**

Love,
Remy and the Boys

**We are proud of Brooke
for all her hard work and dedication
to Temple Israel.**

**Temple Israel is a place close and
dear to her heart, and we know
all her contributions are heartfelt.**

Congratulations Brooke!

**We love you dearly,
Maggie & Mark Meyer**

**Mazel Tov & Thank you
to our wonderful Honorees!**

Cheryl Levine & Family

**Congratulations
and thank you to
all the honorees.**

Deanna Feder

**Congratulations & Mazel Tov
to Sandy Mazzucco
and all the other honorees.**

**Anne Kaufman, Libby Gershansky
Claire Guttsman, Marcia Reimer
Myra Rose and Jodi Siegel**

Congratulations and
Thank you for all you do.

To Our Gala Honorees

Silvia & Sam Gornstein

Brooke Lopez

Sandy Mazzucco

Nina Rohan

Karen & Joe Gamoran

***Congratulations
to the honorees***

***Amanda Straniere
Abby Hart***

**Mazel Tov to
Sandy Mazzucco**

**Love,
Sandy and Lester Feuerstein**

Mazel tov to all of this year's gala honorees:

Silvia & Sam Gornstein, Brooke Lopez,
Sandy Mazzucco and Nina Rohan

Thank you for all you do throughout the year.

**Your hard work and energy is what makes
Temple Israel a special place for our family.**

Gregg, Jessica and Hannah Brown

**The Membership Committee
honors our
wonderful Chairperson**

SANDY MAZZUCCO

**and congratulates
all our 2025 Honorees**

Congratulations Sandy !!!!!

Your dedication to the Temple
and your faith is an inspiration!
You also show that dedication
in all that you do.

I am honored to call you,
not only my friend, but my “Sista.”

XOXO Colleen

**Congratulations
to the honorees**

Linda and Jerry Mulnick

**In honor of our friend
Sandy Mazzucco**

As always—A job well done!

**Much love,
Debbie & Joe**

Congratulations
to Silvia & Sam, Gornstein
Brooke Lopez, Sandy Mazzucco
and Nina Rohan

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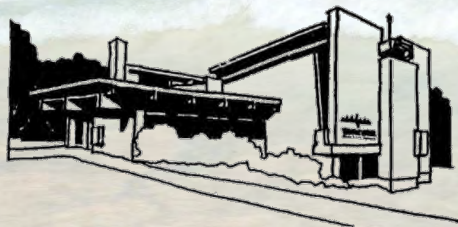


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