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Honoring



ANN HURWITZ

Synagogue Member

LINDA KESSLER

Community Member

FROM THE RABBI



B"H

Imagine walking along the shore and finding an elegant and complex watch. Considering all its intricate parts, it would be foolish to assume the watch just "happened."

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

You would have to assume there was a watchmaker who put it all together. So, too, with the universe—it's just too amazing, and too well-ordered, to assume it just "happened." This is a classic proof for the existence of G-d called the "teleological argument."

This argument has been challenged in many ways—one being that the world is just too crazy and chaotic to be called "well-ordered." But whatever the argument may not be able to tell us about G-d, it can still tell us a great deal about the society in which we live. Greenport, and the North Fork in general, are simply wondrous, as enticing and attractive as a complex watch. I say that with profound appreciation as a newcomer. And our community didn't get there by accident. It didn't just "happen." It was created, led, shaped, and nurtured by people of extraordinary dedication and talent.

Which brings me to our two honorees, Ms. Ann Hurwitz and Ms. Linda Kessler. I am only now beginning to benefit from their contributions to our congregation and our community, so I can offer no specifics. There are, though, so many others writing in the pages of this journal, who can recount them in great depth. All I can say at this point is that without doubt I will benefit, as so many have, from their passion and devotion. The great spiritual master Meister Eckhardt offered the best advice ever to a community newcomer: "Trust the magic of new beginnings." That's always true, but coming to a magical place like Greenport makes it doubly so. Ann and Linda helped to make it that way, and for that I offer my warmest greetings, congratulations, and thanks.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Suzan E. Lipson

Celebrating Our 125th Year

Yes, you read that right. That alone is amazing, but when considered alongside the fact that our country is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year, it takes on even greater significance.

Our founders came to this place for many different reasons. Just 125 years into this country's grand experiment in freedom, they had the vision to establish this congregation. With the strong foundation and resources they left us, how much more can—and should—we accomplish as we move our community forward into the future?

Today, we celebrate this milestone with our Annual Journal Launch Garden Party. The site, historic Andrew Levin Park, adjacent to our beloved shul, holds so many wonderful memories. Today, we will create new ones with this year's honorees.

Congratulations to Ann Hurwitz, our Congregational Honoree, and Linda Kessler, our Community Honoree. You are both women of valor and integrity, dedicated workers, and cherished friends of our community. We deeply appreciate your contributions to the greater good.

Thank you to Nancy Torchio and Rena Wiseman, our Garden Party co-chairs, for orchestrating this successful event. We also thank Madelyn Rothman and her committee for producing the 2026 Virtual Journal, with special recognition to Andrea Blaga for making it so beautiful.

Last, but certainly not least, we welcome Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff, our new spiritual leader. With his leadership and that of our newly elected Board of Directors, may our synagogue continue to grow and remain a strong presence for Conservative/Masorti Judaism on the North Fork of Long Island.

Suzan E. Lipson
President
Congregation Tifereth Israel

FROM THE SISTERHOOD



Adrienne Greenberg

The CTI Sisterhood has planned, organized, and led a number of synagogue and community activities that complement our annual holiday schedule.

After Yom Kippur, we provide a Break-the-Fast meal for up to 60 members and guests. Following the Chanukah candle lighting in Mitchell Park, we invite CTI members and the broader community back to the synagogue for an evening of music and food featuring delicious latkes and jelly doughnuts.

When a family is sitting shivah, the Sisterhood arranges for food to be delivered to the grieving household.

The Sisterhood also plays an active role in the greater North Fork community. Each year, a deserving graduating senior at Greenport High School is presented with a cash award in recognition of outstanding community involvement.

We also provide beautiful Sunshine Cards, which synagogue members may purchase and send to acknowledge a variety of life-cycle events.

I feel very honored to have served on the Sisterhood Board and as its president for more than ten years.

On behalf of the Board and our membership, we invite you to join the Sisterhood and bring your ideas, creativity, and energy.

Adrienne Greenberg
Sisterhood President

ABOUT ANN HURWITZ...



Anne Hurwitz

The 2026 Journal is proud to recognize long-time shul member Ann Hurwitz as this year's synagogue honoree. Ann's quietly intuitive insights are eagerly sought by the shul's leadership and congregants, who value her intelligence and forward thinking on behalf of the shul and its members.

On a quiet, early spring afternoon, Ann and her visitor sat over refreshments at her dining table that overlooks a serene pond and its surrounding landscaping, so rustic and untamed — a counterpoint to Ann's neat and orderly life. Ann spoke of her earlier years and the great influence of her late father's strong and proud Jewish identity, which continues to this day to influence her thinking.

A daughter of Howard Katzenberg, a German Jew who immigrated to the U.S. with his family in the 1870s, and Margaret Stewart, an Episcopalian. Ann and her younger sister, Sue, grew up in Grammercy Park on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. The girls were raised as Episcopalians, but Ann said she did not connect to her mother's faith, and had stopped going to church by the time she was 12. Later on, as Ann's life developed, she said she felt "Jewish to the core." Her father, of course, was largely responsible for that connection, but also her husbands, first, Arthur Weisberg, who became one in a prestigious line of guest conductors of the New York Philharmonic, and later, Marshall Hurwitz.

Ann and Marshall

Ann met Marshall in a coffee shop in New York City, and knew at once that she was meant to be with this man, an academic and also one in a long line of Reform rabbis. At that time, Marshall was leading a congregation in New Jersey.

It was her intense desire to please Marshall, who did not insist, Ann pointed out, but certainly appreciated her conversion to Judaism before they married in 1969, and also her broadening of his spiritual and environmental horizons with their move each summer to the lush North Fork, where Ann had spent childhood vacations.

They joined Congregation Tifereth Israel, our Conservative shul here in Greenport, to attend High Holy Days services. Ann became an active participant in synagogue life here and, later, repeated her Bat Mitzvah portion in the synagogue when she was 80 years old. Curiously and subsequent to joining the shul, Ann learned about her father's connection to the Greenport synagogue, never suspecting his involvement during all the summers the family spent on the North Fork. Having met Ethel Brown and "coming under her spell," as Ann described the indefatigable Ethel, a fervent synagogue booster, her father contributed the two chairs that today flank the Ark on the bimah in the shul's sanctuary.

"How can you not be active in this shul?" she exclaimed. "This community has enriched my life."

Marshall, meanwhile, had followed his star, giving up the pulpit to begin a long and distinguished career as a professor of Greek, Latin and history at the City College of New York, with summers and weekends on the North Fork, where he sometimes led Shabbat services.

Ann: An educator for her whole career

Ann has spent her entire, decades-long teaching career devoted to young children, which informed the development of the "Joyfully Jewish" program that she and the shul offered last summer. Not to overlook adult education, under the auspices of the Marshall Hurwitz Fund for Education and Special Projects, which she established in his memory, Ann sponsored two well-received courses prepared by the Jewish Theological Seminary to members of the shul and interested local residents. Ann considers her chairmanship of the shul's Education Committee and her terms as a member of the shul's Board of Directors her most significant contributions to the forward movement of Jewish life here.

Ann's early education was at a Friends' Seminary, a Quaker School in Manhattan, followed by two years at Antioch College, and finally a bachelor's degree from Columbia University's School of General Studies. She has two master's degrees, one from Teachers College, and the other in creative writing from the City College of New York. Prior to her education work here on the North Fork, Ann taught at the East Bronx Childhood Care Center, various Jewish schools, and the Bank Street School For Children in Manhattan.

Eclectic interests

Ann's eclectic interests have included sailing the waters of the Southold and Peconic Bays, reading, writing, and discussion that is knowledgeable and insightful. Two years ago, she wrote a book of Haikus focused on what she could see from her window, the concept being to introduce young children to truly seeing what they observe and learning to talk about it. Although she had no idea at the time, the 8-year-old Vinnman twins, Alexander and Eugene, who were famously fired from leadership positions in government and the military for opposing President Donald J. Trump, were the subjects of her children's book about the twin boys, who had immigrated to the United States with their parents from Ukraine. The boys were photographed for the book by Carol Kitman.

Now, at age 90, reading poetry is one of her most enjoyable experiences, and writing poetry is a passion, she says, when she has "something she wants to say."

She is wildly proud of her son, James, dotes on her grandchildren, Andrew and Katie, and also her niece, Noga, who visits her aunt's charming and beautifully appointed home in Southold, and often accompanies her to the shul and to the events Ann chooses to attend when she is able.

Judaism: A daily study

Ann thanks the Journal Committee for the honor bestowed this year. She told her visitor she hopes she can live up to its values — Jewish values, she said, noting that she continues to learn the meaning of Jewish values more deeply in her continuing study of Judaism, which is part of her personal agenda — every day of the week, she said.

ABOUT LINDA KESSLER...



Linda Kessler

"Why don't we meet at Encanto Crepes & Café," Linda Kessler suggested. "It won't be terribly crowded after the lunch crowd is gone."

Linda's visitor discovered two things about downtown Greenport on a sunny midsummer afternoon: The new crêperie is busy all day every day, and Linda Kessler is a familiar face everywhere in the village. In a restaurant, on the street, people wave, tap her on the shoulder, call out her name when they see her. When you are a popular Greenport businesswoman and an activist on behalf of the downtown commercial district, people know you and appreciate what you do. That's Linda Kessler.

A proprietor and tastemaker

Most folks know her as avid fans of Kessie On Front, where she is the proprietor and tastemaker behind the store she opened about 10 years ago. Now a village mainstay, Kessie is well-stocked with terrific gift ideas, jewelry, clothing, handbags, and that perfect item you find when you're not looking for it.

The story behind the shop tells you a lot about Linda. Originally an Upper East Side shop owner offering antiques and vintage jewelry, she and her husband George began looking for a getaway, a second home where they could relax, enjoy the weather and the ambiance of a small village. They discovered Greenport. As it turned out, a discovery fortunate for them...and for Greenport.

"Maybe I should open a satellite store here," she said to George one day, just musing about the possibilities. That musing resulted in Kessie, a small place with a huge and happy customer base, a quick drive from the getaway they found in East Marion. Sure enough, Linda Kessler was back in business. As she and George began to spend more time here, she closed the 87th Street store, and devoted her energy to Kessie on Front Street...

...devoted energy also to greater downtown Greenport, where she saw "great possibilities," she said. It didn't take long before she was named to the Business Improvement District (BID), which promotes commercial activity, tourism and beautification projects in the historic maritime village.

An active Greenport booster

And there's more. She joined the board of the East End Seaport Museum, which promotes the rich maritime heritage of the village, and for many years co-chaired the Maritime Festival, which draws thousands of visitors and vendors to the village every fall for fun activities on and off the water, great food, tall ships, and jam-packed streets.

In addition, Linda and Lori Panarello, founder of Greenport's Pride Parade and owner of Craft Hair, a popular hair salon in Greenport, created a more expansive presence of the Pride community by growing the event every year.

Lesser known, but a creative contribution to Greenport is the North Fork TV Festival that showcases writers, artists and storytellers. Supporters, contributors and fans love the media stars that turn out for the event, well knowns like Kelsie Grammer, Christopher Meloni and others, who are honored at the two-day event. Linda likes to call the TV Festival "the Sundance of Greenport."

Considering all the volunteer work on Linda Kessler's résumé, one wonders how she has time for business and a private life. In fact, she and George find time every year for museuming in Manhattan, and down time in Scottsdale, Arizona, where as you might expect, Linda is sourcing jewelry for Kessie.

Retail is in her DNA

Linda grew up in Queens, married George Kessler when she was 22 years old, and traveled with him to Missouri, where he attended medical school, and where she "saw that a world existed outside of New York," she said. Nevertheless, even in Missouri, she was doing business, combing yard sales for antique finds, refinishing them, and reselling them back east for bigger profits. "Retail is in my DNA," she said. "It's second nature to me." Her father bought and sold merchandise, and she learned sales and marketing as a part-time employee in a vintage clothing store before opening her own place.

George, now mostly retired, devotes his time to golf, Pilates, yoga and grandparenting to 6-month-old Aaron, son of their daughter Chef Emily and her husband, Nico; and their grandson Jackson, 10, son of their daughter Katie and her husband Stephen.

And Linda? Still on the job and enjoying it every day, she said. As for BID and Greenport's future, she sees it "transitioning to a new generation with much growth potential."

More to come?

Linda leans toward her visitor and flashes a conspiratorial grin that says clearly there's more to come from Linda Kessler. "I find it all so exciting," she said.

Linda thanks the Journal Committee for the honor, and for the synagogue's recognition of Greenport and all it offers to residents and visitors.



ELAINE



Is there anyone more dedicated to our Synagogue,
the Jewish people, humanity, or loved ones than Elaine?

We don't think so.

With love,
N + K



In honor of the CTI community

and the many ways it has enriched my life
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Ann Hurwitz

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Proverbs 31:10

We found two!!

ANN HURWITZ & LINDA KESSLER

Mazel tov!

May you go from strength to strength!

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff
Congregation Tifereth Israel

**To Congregation Tifereth Israel
Joy and respect on this 125th year**

**To our honorees, Ann and Linda
Best wishes, and thank you
for your many contributions to our shul
and our community**

Sara Bloom and family

We love you Ann!

We cherish so many special memories: family gatherings, visits, Passover Seders, exchanged poems and conversations. We are so lucky to be family.





Love,
The Extended
Hurwitz Family

WITH LOVE AND PRIDE



With love and pride, we congratulate **Mom/Gammy** on this special honor from Congregation Tifereth Israel.



At **93**, you continue to inspire us with your strength and unwavering faith. Your devotion to your synagogue and the Jewish values that have guided your life have enriched everyone who has had the privilege of knowing you. May you continue to be blessed with good health, happiness, and many more years surrounded by the love of family, friends, and your Tifereth Israel community.



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*Congratulations to our dear member,
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Your work and dedication are
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Liz

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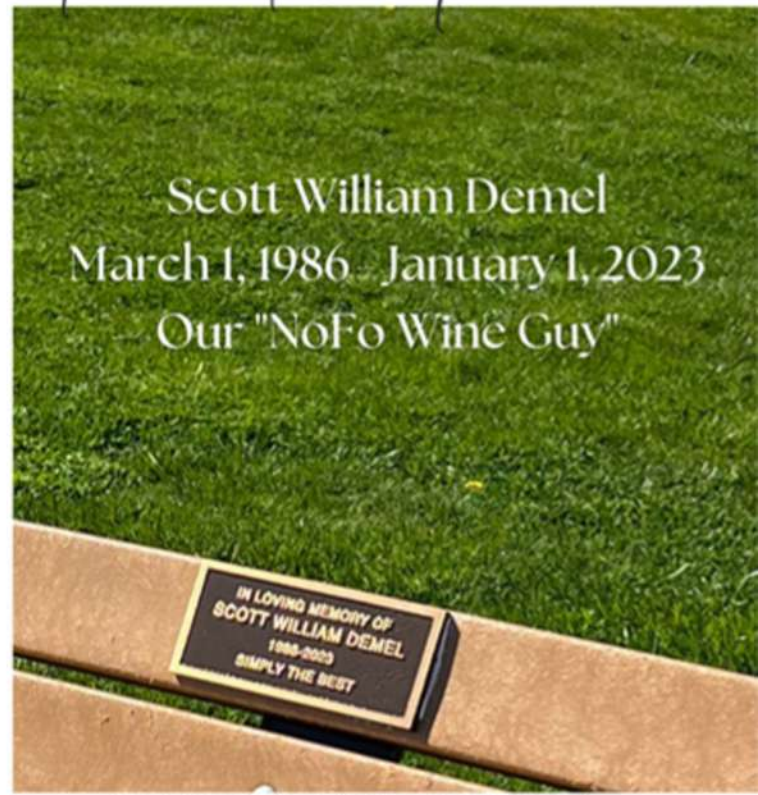
*Shalom,
Elaine / Yitta*



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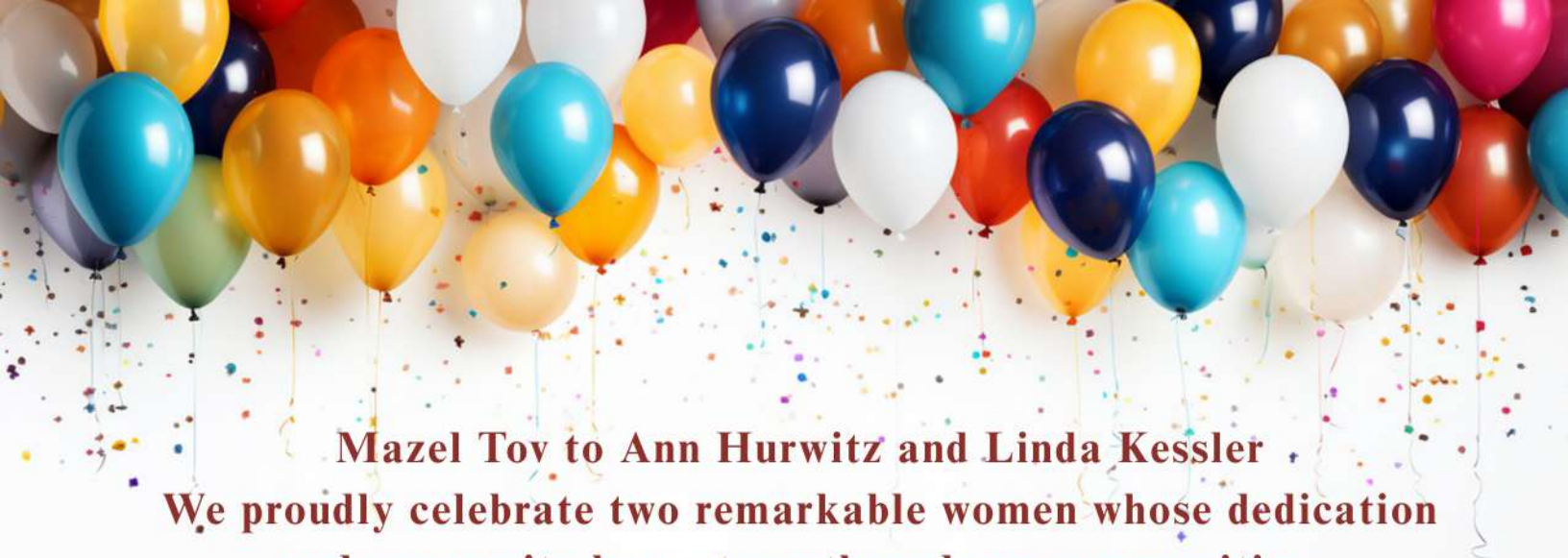


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Ann Hurwitz

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The JTS study program was outstanding.

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Miriam and Adrianne



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She looks well to the ways of her household,
And eats not the bread of idleness.

She gives food to her household,
And a portion for her maidens.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,
And she laughs at the time to come.

She stretches out her hand to the poor,
Yea, she reaches forth her hands to the needy.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And the law of loving kindness is on her tongue.

Her children rise up and call her blessed,
Her husband also, and he praises her:

"Many daughters have done worthily,
But you excel them all."

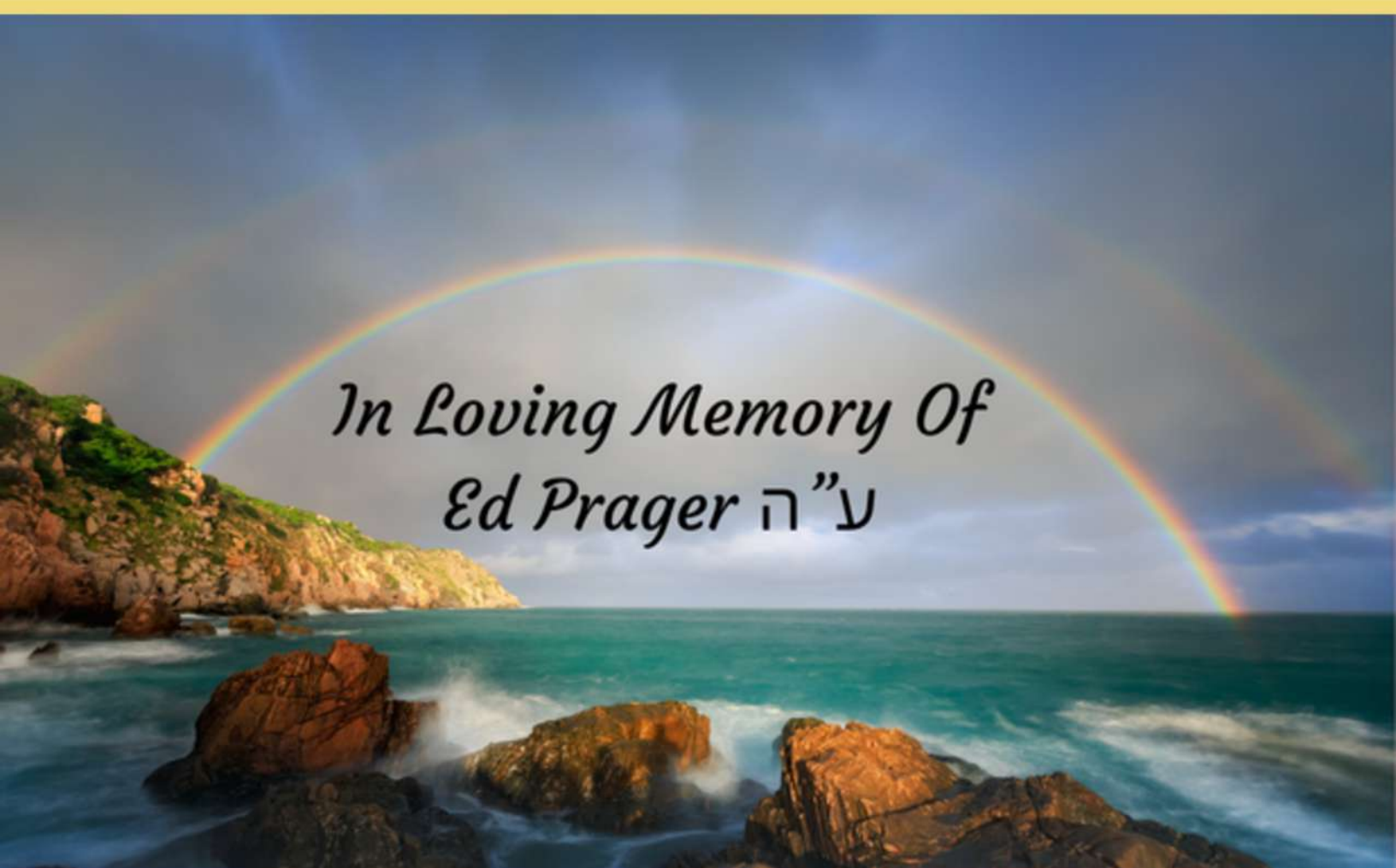
Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
But a woman that reveres the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands;
And let her works praise her in the gates.

Yasher koach Ann!

Love, Roberta & Jack

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*In Loving Memory Of
Ed Prager נ"ע*



Thank you Suzi Rosenstreich,
our Book Club leader.
Wishing you the best in your
next chapter!

*-Diane, Nina, Liz, Miriam,
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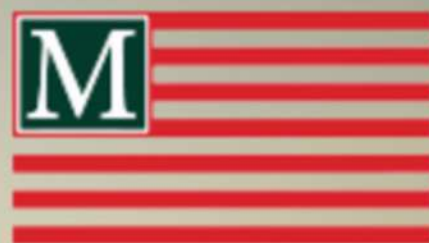
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Linda Kessler

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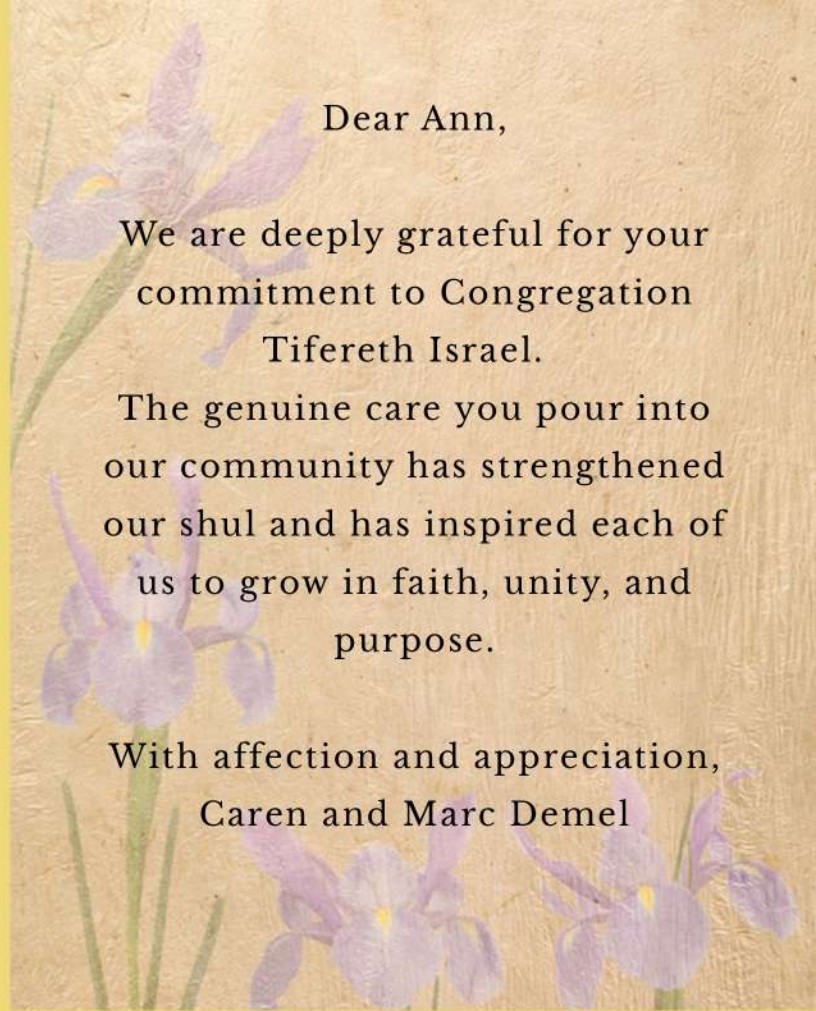


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Tifereth Israel.

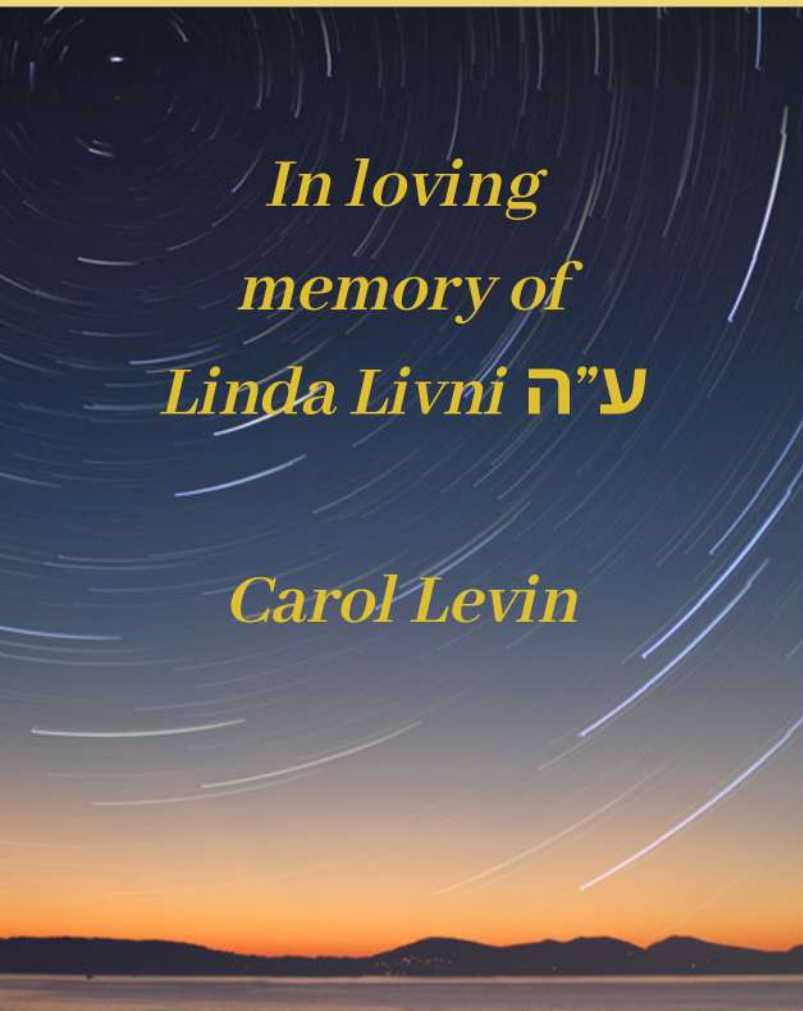
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our shul and has inspired each of
us to grow in faith, unity, and
purpose.

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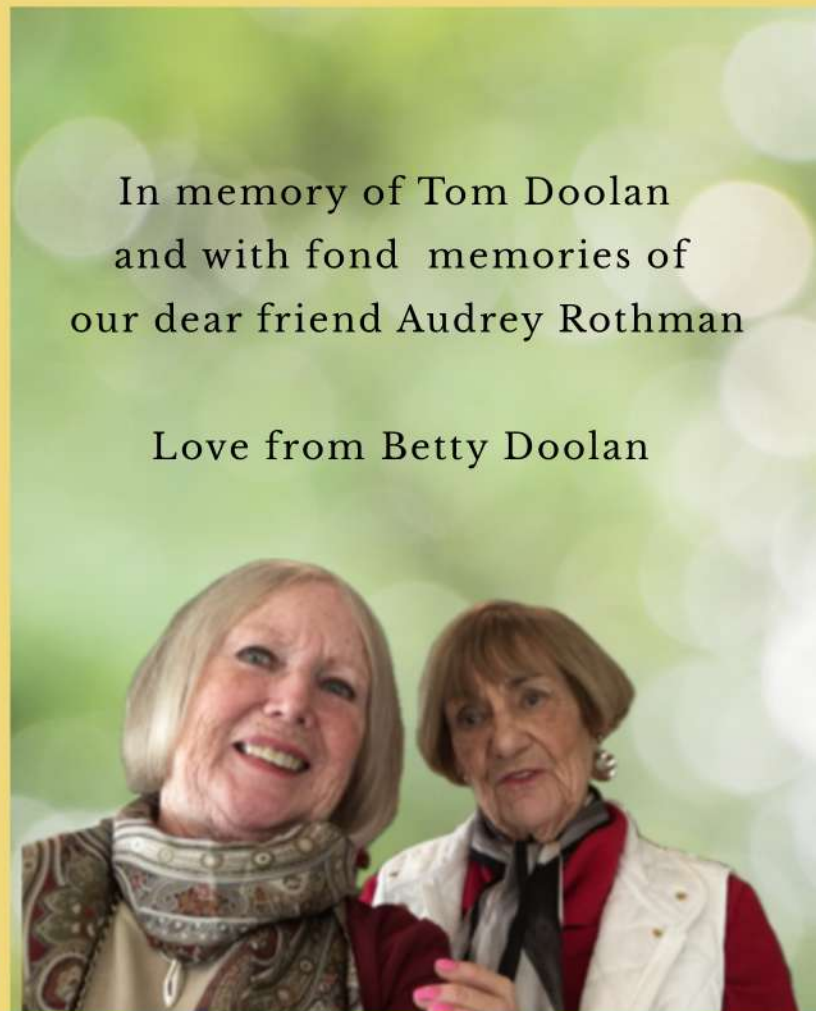
*In loving
memory of
Linda Livni ע"ה*

Carol Levin



In memory of Tom Doolan
and with fond memories of
our dear friend Audrey Rothman

Love from Betty Doolan



**Congratulations to
Ann Hurwitz
as the Synagogue Honoree
for the 2026.**

**We appreciate
all you have done for
Congregation Tifereth Israel.**

Susan and Stephen Meshover



Congratulations to Anne Hurwitz
and Linda Kessler and thanks for
the work you do for the
synagogue and the community,

Mike and Cookie Slade



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and
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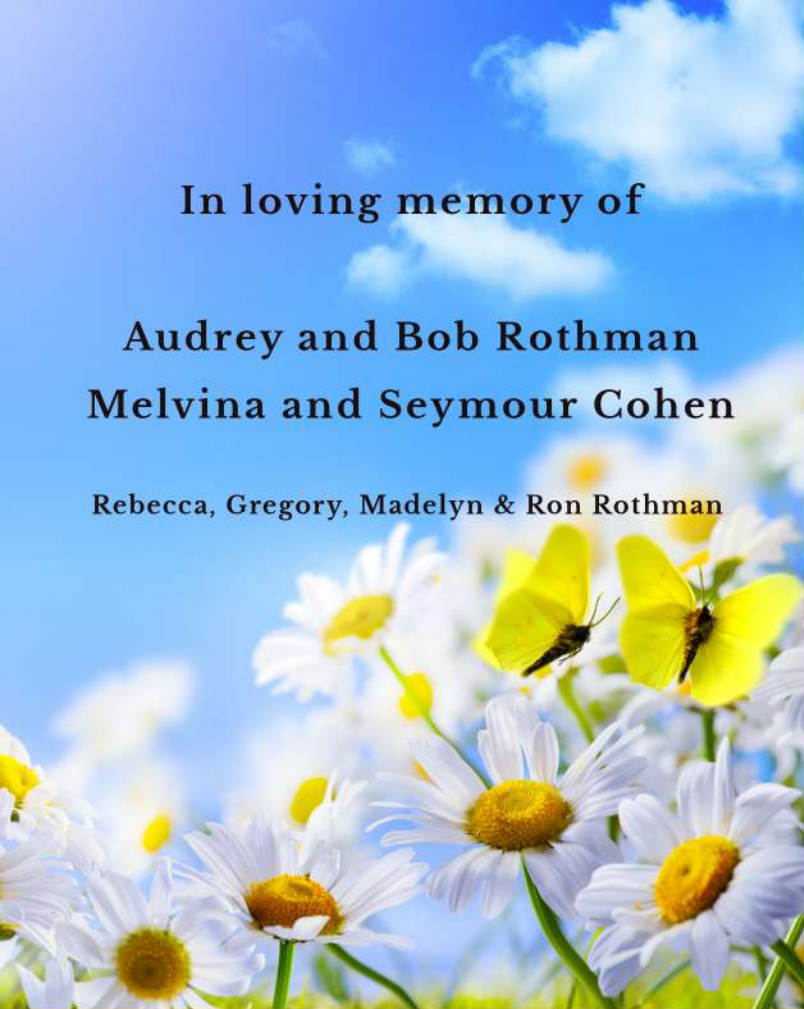
Jonathan, Alexandra, & Victoria



Linda Kessler

*Congratulations -- our
community woman of the year.
You represent what Judaism is
about by bringing wonderful
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the Greenport community.*

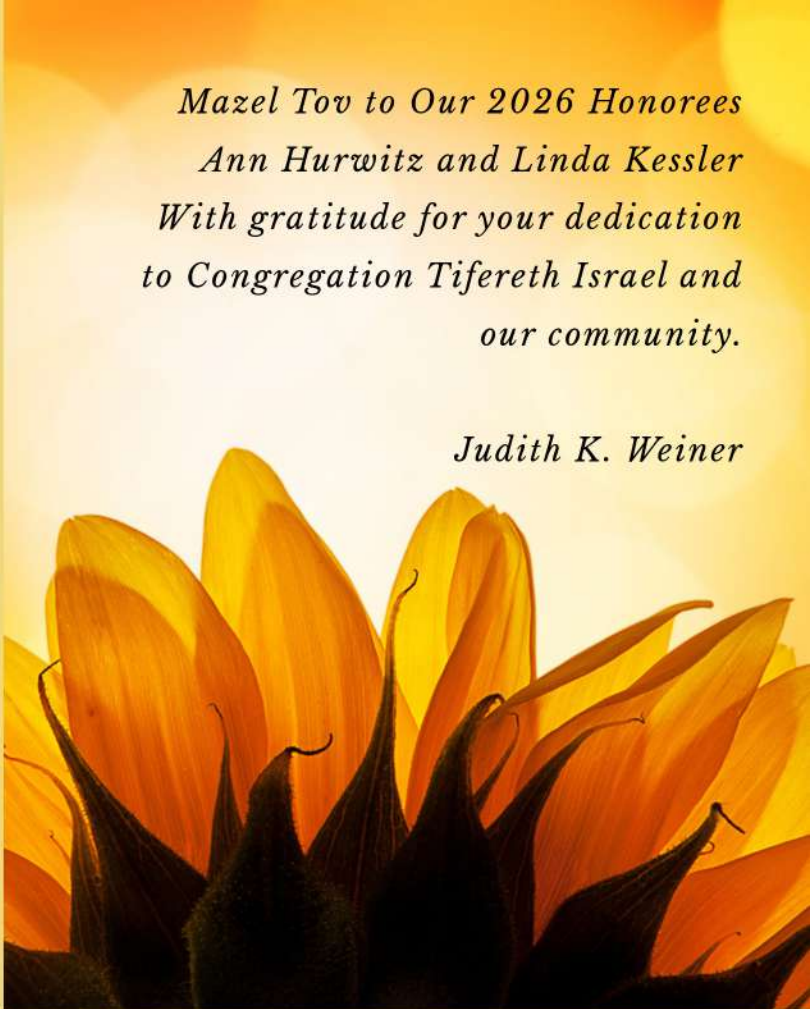
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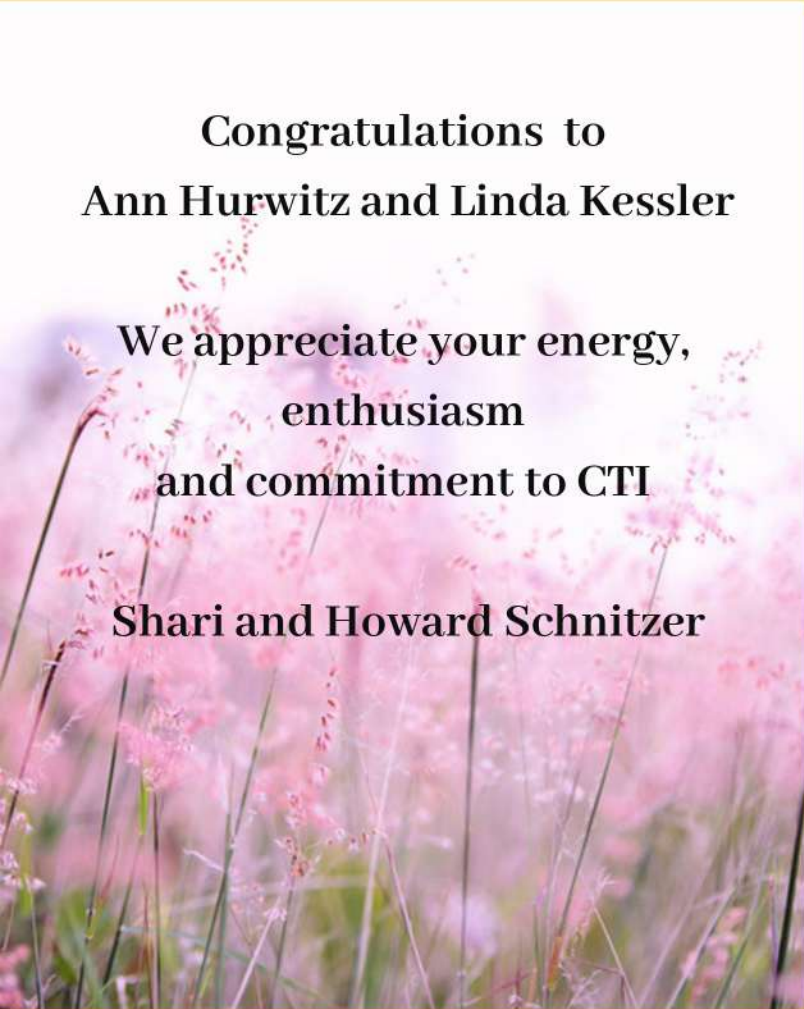
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*Mazel Tov to Our 2026 Honorees
Ann Hurwitz and Linda Kessler
With gratitude for your dedication
to Congregation Tifereth Israel and
our community.*

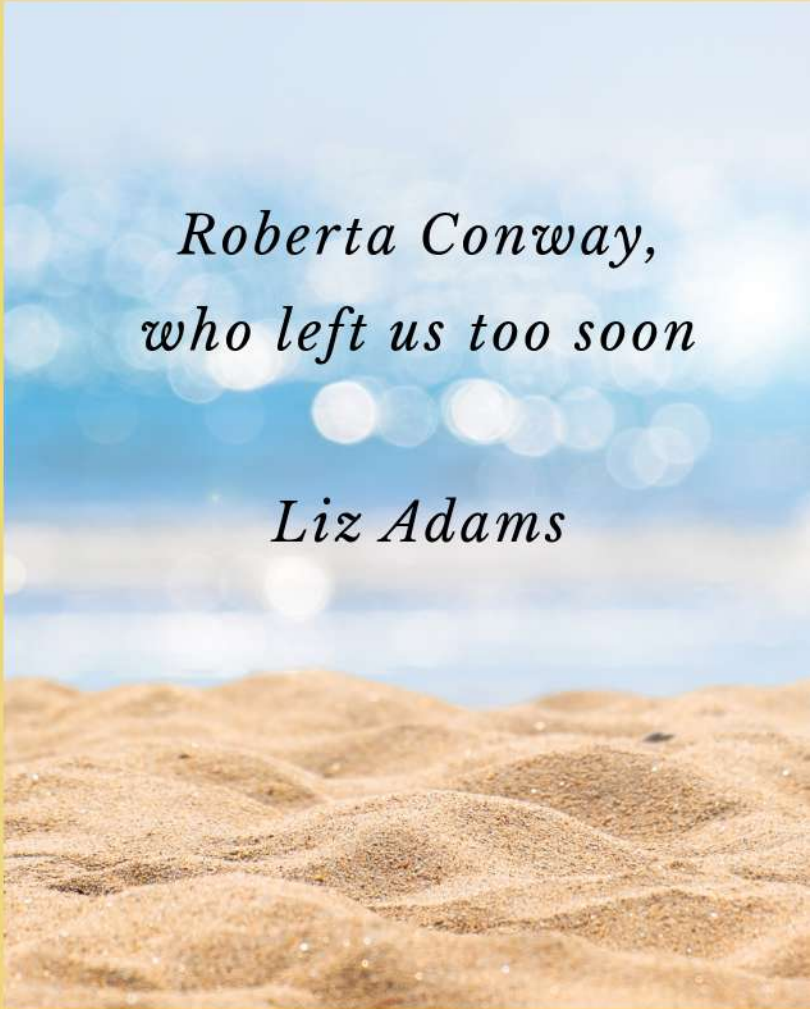
Judith K. Weiner



**Congratulations to
Ann Hurwitz and Linda Kessler**

**We appreciate your energy,
enthusiasm
and commitment to CTI**

Shari and Howard Schnitzer



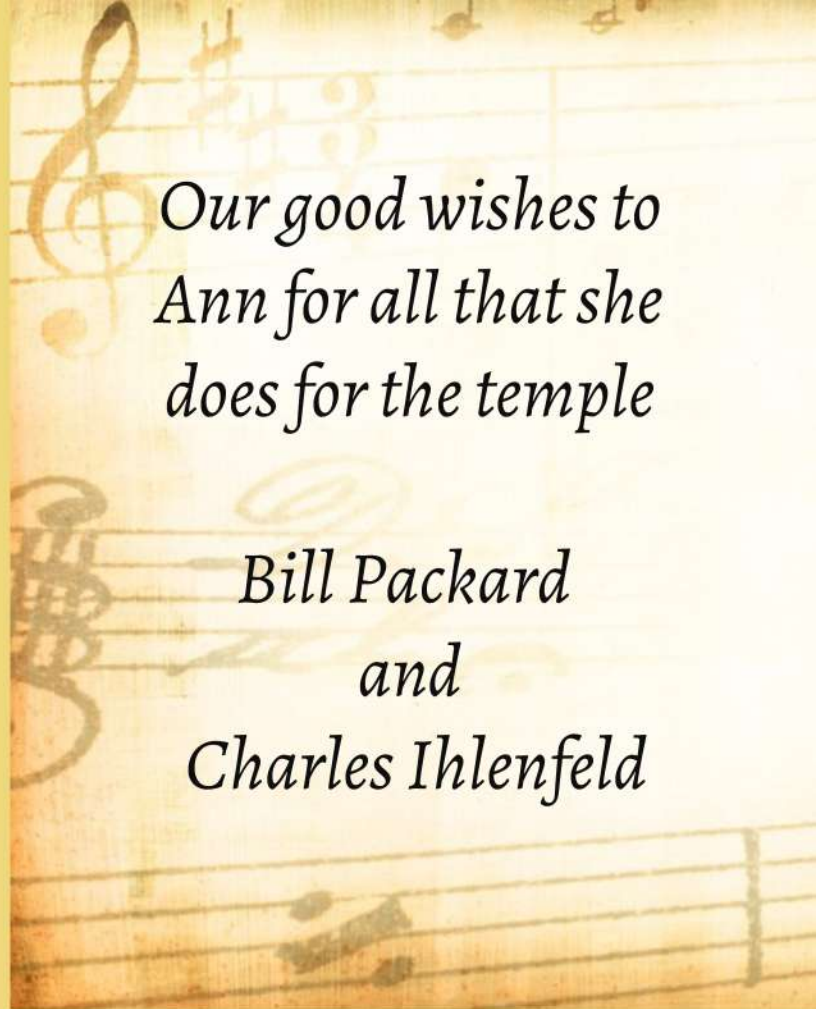
*Roberta Conway,
who left us too soon*

Liz Adams



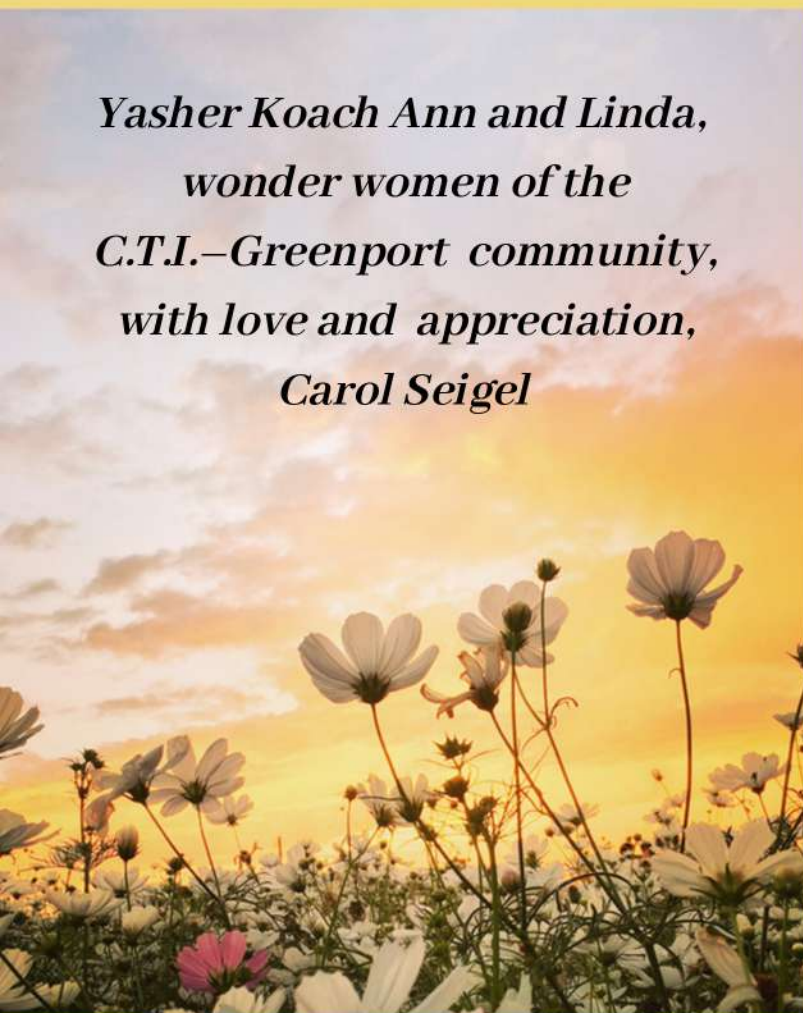
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for this wonderful honor.
Your contributions to the
community are greatly
appreciated.

Rochelle Garmise

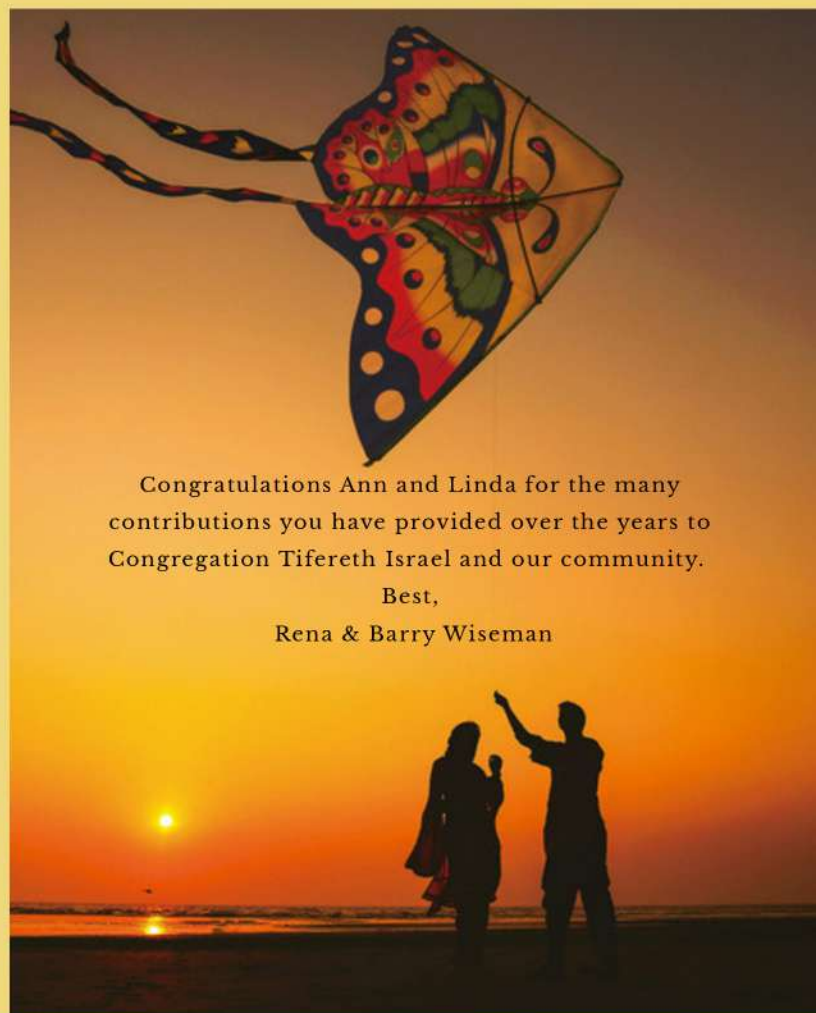


*Our good wishes to
Ann for all that she
does for the temple*

*Bill Packard
and
Charles Ihlenfeld*



*Yasher Koach Ann and Linda,
wonder women of the
C.T.I.–Greenport community,
with love and appreciation,
Carol Seigel*



Congratulations Ann and Linda for the many
contributions you have provided over the years to
Congregation Tifereth Israel and our community.

Best,

Rena & Barry Wiseman



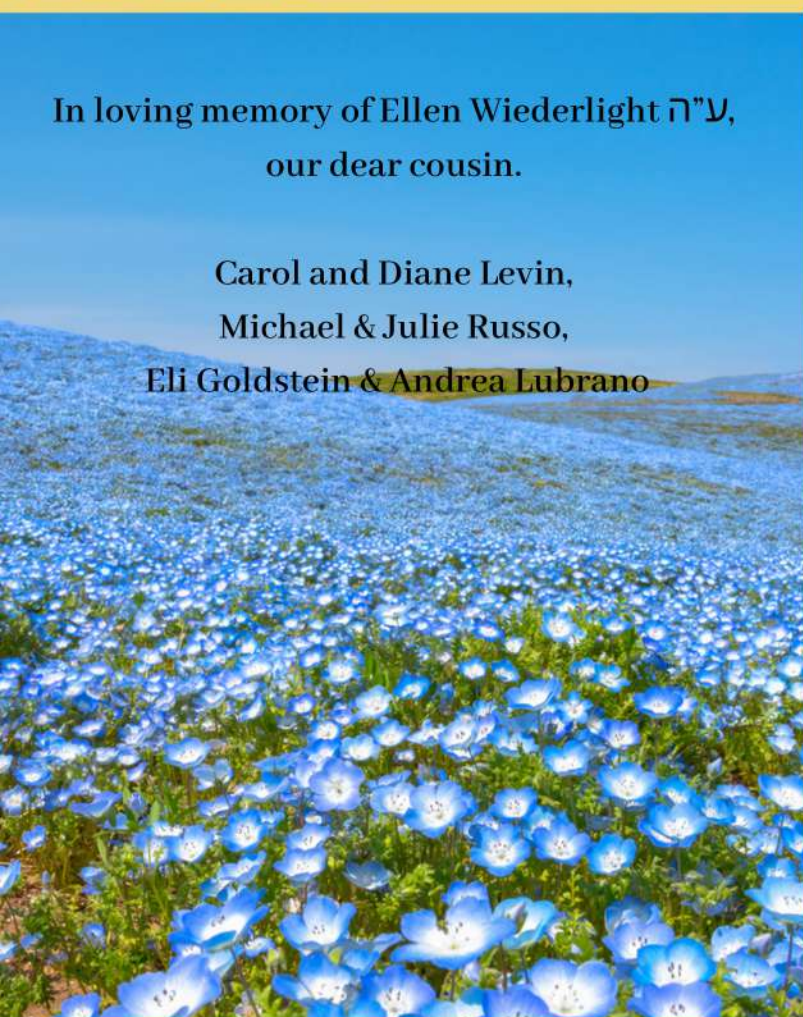
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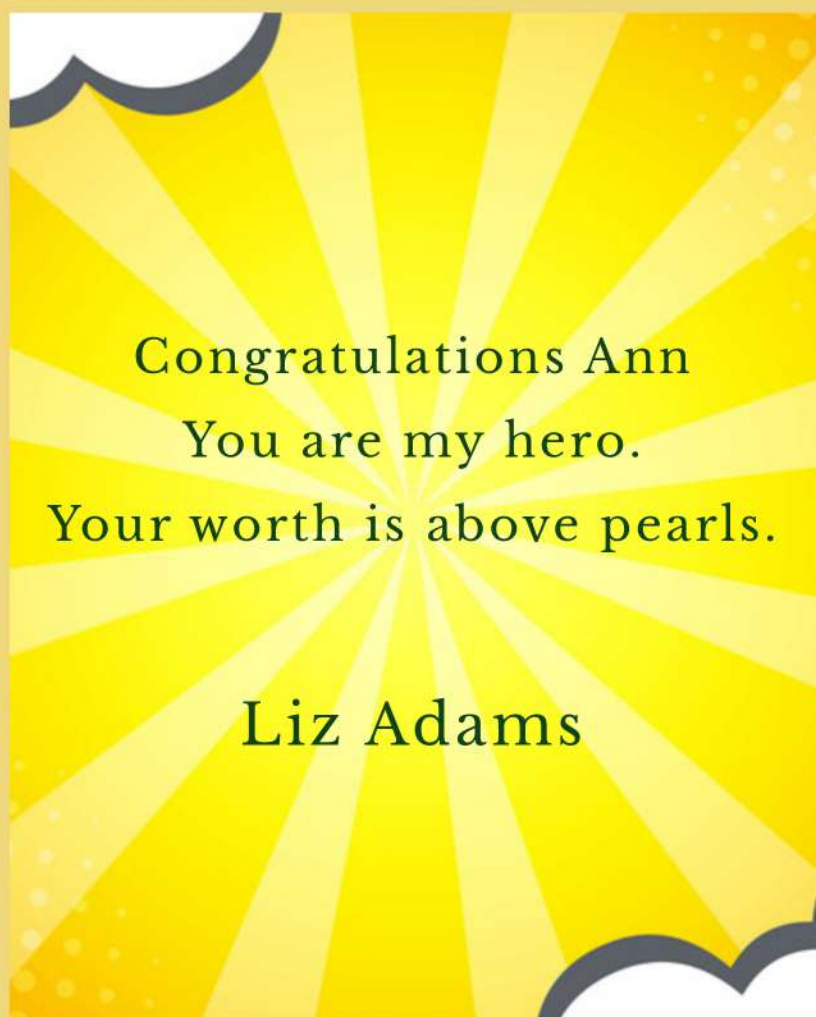
Sara Bloom
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Liz Adams



In loving memory of Ellen Wiederlight ע"ה,
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Congratulations Ann
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A Salute to Ann and Linda

As the Journal Committee began preparing for this year's publication, two names emerged as honorees for this year's publication, both women having contributed well beyond that expected of any volunteer, whether for our beloved synagogue or the community in which we live.

Linda Kessler, the proprietor of Kessie on Front Street, is the popular shop's chief tastemaker for vintage clothing, jewelry and gifts. When the thought arises, "Hmmm, I need a special something for a special event, where should I look?" The answer is clear: Kessie.

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Ann Hurwitz is a long-time member of our synagogue. Her passion is education and, as such, she has sponsored two well-received Jewish Theological Seminary-developed courses for congregants and community residents. Her early childhood education-focused career prepared her well for the introduction of a successful summer program here at the synagogue titled "Joyfully Jewish." Ann is a writer and a poet, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the synagogue, where her wisdom and insights are eagerly sought.

It is with great pleasure that we support the choices of Linda Kessler and Ann Hurwitz as honorees of this year's Journal.

With all good wishes to these extraordinary women,

The Levin family