



**Cheers  
for  
Team Beth El!**

An Upscale Tailgate Party  
in Honor of

**Murray Brenman & Beth Ando-Brenman**

and

**AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips**

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Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor, NJ



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Gala Honorees

## Murray Brenman & Beth Ando-Brenman

Murray and Beth moved to East Windsor in 1982 and found their home at Beth El Synagogue in 1998. Their sons, Ari and Zach were both tutored by Leslie Kornsgold for their B'nai Mitzvah at Beth El, attended Hebrew High School and were active in USY.

Over the years, Beth has run programs for Women's League and Mitzvah Day. You may have seen her gardening on Beth El grounds. Beth's "heart and soul" connection to the Beth El community was chairing and expanding its Bikkur Cholim Society for over 12 years. She currently enjoys being active with Bikkur Cholim and the Rosh Chodesh Group.

Murray designed and produced the Shalom for 5 years, refined the Beth El logo design, and produced various brochures, flyers, ad journals and promotional materials. He also co-coordinated the Beth El L'Chaim Bike Rides. He is a Ritual Committee member, serving as chair for 13 years, Men's Club member, and he continues to read Torah and lead daily and Shiva Minyanim from time to time.

Beth worked in the Graphic Design field before becoming a Physical Therapist for 22 years, including running a Dizziness and Balance Clinic. Since 2019, she has been a Community Health Educator at CentraState Hospital, teaching topics in Wellness, Balance, Yoga, Tai Chi and CPR.



Murray spent 8 years as a record company Art Director, ran his own Graphic Design studio for over 25 years, and has been a Garden Apartment Property Manager for the last 14 years.

Both Beth and Murray retired in 2025 and enjoy hiking, bike riding (especially participating in JFCS Wheels For Meals rides), traveling and spending time with Ari, daughter-in-love Hannah, granddaughters Rachel, Tamar and Miriam, and of course with Zach.

Gala Honorees

## AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips

Since joining Beth El Synagogue in 2002, AJ and Shari Sabath Phillips have been devoted hands-on members of the community. Their steady presence at services, communal meals, and countless volunteer efforts has strengthened the fabric of synagogue life for more than two decades. AJ is known for his willingness to step in wherever help is needed and for his unwavering support of all that their children, Ben and Rina, contributed to Beth El—from their B’nai Mitzvah through their years as Religious School aides.

Shari has been deeply involved in nearly every aspect of synagogue life. Over the years she has led Shabbat and weekday services when called upon, taught in the Religious School, and supported congregational meals. She currently coordinates the Shabbat luncheons. Shari and AJ are the proud parents of Alexander (25), Benjamin (24), and Rina (21), all of whom grew up within the Beth El community.

Shari has also offered dedicated leadership in Beth El’s governance. Joining the Board of Trustees in 2018 to fill a vacant seat, she went on to serve as VP of Administration, VP of Ritual and Education, Executive Vice President, and President. She now continues



to guide and support the congregation as Immediate Past President.

Shari is a Jewish Educator and teacher. Currently between education positions, she serves as a Case Manager for Holocaust Survivors at JFCS, providing social services and social programs for survivors through a special grant by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. AJ is a pipe fitter working out of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 9 and has been working at Rutgers for the past several years.

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Nicole Ostrowsky-Fabisch, President

March 15, 2026  
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Beth El's 115th Anniversary Gala, "Cheers for Team Beth El!"

Anniversaries invite us to look backward and forward. For 115 years, Beth El Synagogue has been a place where Jewish life is lived fully through prayer, learning, celebration, acts of kindness and the relationships that bind us together.

Tonight, we are proud to honor Murray Brenman & Beth Ando-Brenman and AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips. Through their dedication, generosity and leadership, they have enriched the life of our synagogue in countless ways.

It is fitting that our celebration comes during the time when we read the portion of Vayikra - Leviticus. At the opening of this portion, the Torah teaches: "When any of you presents an offering to God..." The offerings described in the Torah remind us that building a sacred community requires participation from everyone. Each individual brought what they were able and together those offerings sustained the spiritual life of the people.

In many ways, Beth El functions in the same spirit. Every act of generosity, every volunteer effort, every moment of leadership or support becomes part of the foundation of our congregation. When we each contribute in our own way, we strengthen the entire community. That is what makes Beth El not just a synagogue, but truly a team—Team Beth El.

This special evening would not be possible without the generosity of those who placed journal ads, made donations and joined us tonight in celebration. Your support helps ensure that Beth El continues to be a place of worship, learning, friendship and connection for generations to come.

A heartfelt thank you to Pamela Krieger, our Vice President of Fundraising, and Laurie Berman, who have served as Co-Chairs of tonight's event, and their dedicated committee for their vision, commitment and many hours of work in bringing this evening to life.

As we celebrate tonight, may we take pride in all that Beth El has accomplished during the course of its history while looking ahead with hope and determination. Working together, we will continue to strengthen this sacred community and ensure a bright future for Beth El.

Enjoy the evening and raise a glass—L'Chaim to Team Beth El!

B'vracha,

Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold



Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold  
Rabbi Matthew S. Nover  
Nicole Ostrowsky-Fabisch, President

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Cheers for Team Beth El! We are glad that so many could join us for our celebration. This year we are especially blessed to honor two couples who have been such special parts of our community.

Murray and Beth are long time members of the community. Murray was the ritual chair when I first joined Beth El, and has helped in so many ways, from organizing weekday minyan invites to designing our announcement covers. Beth has been active in making the synagogue look great, including helping with the landscaping as you come drive into our synagogue on Maple Stream Road. Mazal Tov, and Go Team Brenman and Ando-Brenman!

Shari and AJ have also been here for a long time. Shari taught in our religious school, served as Vice President of Ritual and Education and as President, and of course, helps to organize kiddush. AJ has been a great support, helping throughout the synagogue and lending his expertise. Mazal Tov, and go Team Sabath Phillips!

Thank you to everyone who joined us tonight, placed an ad in the Journal, donated, or contributed their time and effort to making this event a success. A special thank you to Pam Krieger, Vice President of Fundraising for all her hard work, which has made this an amazing program. Thank you as well to the Fundraising Committee, who put in countless hours to bring this program to life. Don't forget to participate in our Online Auction!

This evening, we celebrate Murray, Beth, Shari, and AJ. Thank you for all your service to the Beth El Community. L'chaim and Mazal Tov!

Enjoy the evening!

Rabbi Matthew S. Nover



Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold  
Rabbi Matthew S. Nover  
Nicole Ostrowsky-Fabisch, President

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Dear Beth El Family and Guests,

Welcome to this year's Gala, "Cheers for Team Beth El." It is wonderful to gather for a special evening of celebration, community, and gratitude. Tonight, we come together not only to celebrate, but also to recognize the two couples/four individuals whose dedication helps make Beth El the vibrant and welcoming synagogue we all cherish.

This evening, we proudly honor two wonderful couples, Shari Sabath Phillips and AJ Phillips, and Beth Ando-Brenman and Murray Brenman. Each of them, in their own unique way, exemplifies the spirit of Team Beth El—showing up, stepping forward, and sharing their time, talents, and leadership to strengthen our community. Their commitment inspires all of us and helps ensure that Beth El continues to thrive.

Like any great team, our synagogue succeeds because of the many members who contribute their energy, passion, and support. Tonight's Gala is one of our major annual fundraising events, and the generosity shown through attendance, sponsorships, and our Ad Journal helps ensure that Beth El remains financially strong and able to continue serving our community for years to come. Thank you for being part of that effort.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Pam Krieger, Vice President of Fundraising, for guiding our synagogue's fundraising efforts. Special thanks also go to Laurie Berman, our Gala Committee Chair, along with the entire Fundraising Committee, whose hard work and dedication made this evening possible. Events like this require tremendous planning and teamwork, and we are grateful for all they have done to make tonight happen.

A heartfelt thank you as well to the many businesses and individuals who supported this event through sponsorships, ads in the Ad Journal, and contributions to our online silent auction. Your generosity plays an essential role in the success of this evening. Be sure to browse the journal and bid on your favorite auction items.

Most of all, tonight is a chance for all of us to come together, celebrate our honorees, and raise a glass and say l'chaim to the spirit and community of Beth El Synagogue. Thank you for being part of Team Beth El—and cheers to a lovely evening ahead.

Nicole Ostrowsky-Fabisch  
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**Mazel Tov!**

Murray & Beth  
AJ & Shari

Thank you

for your contributions,

commitment

and dedication to Beth El

and our community

כָּל הַכָּבוֹד

Kol Hakavod

Trudi & Marc Perlman

**Mazel Tov to**  
**Murray & Beth Brenman**  
**AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips**  
for the well deserved honor.

We think you are awesome!  
Your dedication and hard work for  
Beth El has been truly inspiring.  
May you go from strength to strength.

Love,  
Judy & Steve Bortnick

Cheers for



Team Beth El!



**Congratulations  
to  
Beth El Synagogue's  
2026 Spring Gala Honorees**

**Murray & Beth Brenman  
&  
AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips**

**Thank you for your dedication, leadership  
and service to our community.  
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## **Kol HaKavod to Shari & AJ!!!**

We celebrate your leadership, compassion, and the many quiet acts of service that strengthen community.

Your commitment to living Jewish values is inspiring.  
We are so proud of you both!

Wishing you continued brachot and much nachas.

With love,  
AJ (your brother), Lynn,  
Rachel, Aerin, Ashley, and Rebecca

Cheers for



Team Beth El!

# **Congratulations and Mazel Tov!**

We are delighted to honor

**Murray & Beth Brenman**

**and AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips**

Thank you for all that you have done for Beth El.

You are truly an inspiration

to the entire community!

— *Andrea and Ben Genek and Family* —

# Mazel Tov

to

Murray & Beth Brenman  
and AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips

Thank you for your devotion to Beth El.

Your contributions are appreciated.

Our synagogue and our community

are better because of you!

— Howard and Nancy Alter —

Cheers for

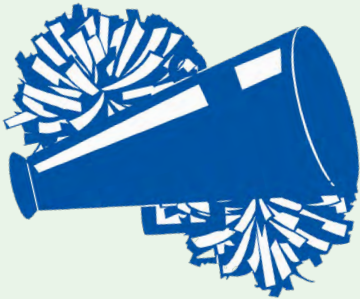


Team Beth El!

**Beth and Murray**

**Shari and AJ**

*Thank you  
for all you do  
for Beth El!*



**MAZEL TOV!!**

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**MAZEL TOV TO  
BETH EL'S HONOREES**

**MURRAY & BETH BRENMAN  
AJ & SHARI SABATH PHILLIPS**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK  
AND DEDICATION TO BETH EL!**

**FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH**

**CELESTE, BRIAN,  
REINA AND STUART**



Mazel Tov  
to our wonderful Machutanim  
*Judy and Daniel Goodman*

אַל־תִּירָאוּ מִפְּנֵיהֶם אֶת־אֲדֹנָי  
הַגָּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא זְכוֹרוּ וְהִלַּחְמוּ  
עַל־אֲחֵיכֶם

Do not be afraid of them! Think of  
the great and awesome God, and  
fight for your brothers and sisters...

Nechemia 4:8



Our synagogue is more than a congregation — it is a team, strengthened by those who step forward with courage, faith, and commitment. Like the builders in the days of Nechemia, you have shown up with heart and purpose, helping our community stand strong and move forward together. Your dedication inspires us all, and because of you, our team is stronger, prouder, and united in spirit.

Beth and Murray

Shari & AJ

Mazal Tov & Thank You!

Rabbi Jay and Leslie Kornsgold

Cheers for  
Team Beth El!

# MAZEL TOV

to

## Shari & AJ,

Our Co-Honorees, and

# THANK YOU

to All Our Family, Friends,  
and Everyone at

# TEAM BETH EL



*Beth & Murray*

Cheers for  
Team Beth El!



## Most Valuable Players



Yay, TEAM!

Love,  
Ann and Andy

## on Team Beth El!



Cheers for  
Team Beth El!

# ***MAZAL TOV!***

*Murray + Beth*

*and*

*AJ + Shari*

We are grateful for all of your hard work  
and dedication to the Beth El community.

Rabbi Matt, Heather, Maureen,  
and Jane Nover

Cheers for  
Team Beth El!

We Salute

**Beth & Murray**

and

**Shari & AJ**

on this

well deserved honor!

***Mazal Tov!***



Beth El Synagogue  
**Men's Club**

**Cheers for  
Team Beth El!**

**Murray & Beth Brenman  
AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips**

**Mazel Tov on this well  
deserved honor.**

**Thank you for all that you do for  
our Beth El community and for  
the larger Jewish community.  
Your dedication and leadership  
truly make a difference.**

**May you continue to go from  
strength to strength.**

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Team Beth El!

## **The Board of Trustees of Beth El Synagogue**

extends a Mazel Tov to

**Beth Ando-Brenman & Murray Brenman**

*and*

**Shari Sabath & AJ Phillips**

on being honored at the

**2026 / 5786 Gala.**

Their dedication and commitment in support of  
Beth El Synagogue and the Jewish Community  
are duly recognized and greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to the Fundraising Committee  
for their hard work, time and effort  
to ensure a successful event.



Cheers for  
Team Beth El!



With deep appreciation we honor  
Murray Brenman & Beth Ando-Brenman  
and AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips,  
dedicated members of Beth El  
whose commitment, generosity and leadership  
continue to strengthen our community.

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# MAZEL TOV



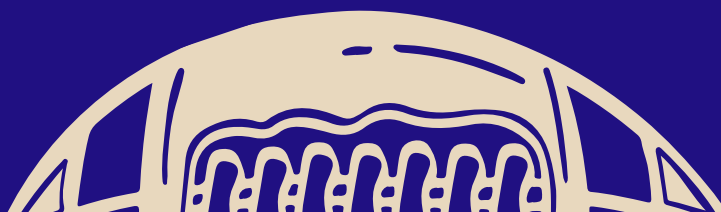
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AJ & SHARI PHILLIPS

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all you do for the  
Beth El Community!



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**TEAM  
SHARI & AJ**

**TEAM  
BETH & MURRAY**

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Beth El Arena

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Team Beth El!

## Mazel Tov, Murray and Beth

You were family long before you were our family.  
Thanks for being our "other in-laws."

*- Sarah and Barry*



### Mazel tov!

Thank you,  
Murray and Beth  
and AJ and Shari,  
for your selfless dedication to Beth El Synagogue.  
It is a better place because of all of you!

With love and gratitude,  
Caryn and Marshall Alter & Family

Cheers for  
Team Beth El!

**MAZEL TOV TO  
BETH & MURRAY  
AND  
SHARI & AJ**



— *Karen & Eric Abrams* —



**MAZEL TOV TO**  
**MURRAY & BETH BRENMAN**  
**AND**  
**AJ & SHARI SABATH PHILLIPS**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF  
DEDICATION TO THE BETH EL SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY.**

JACQUELINE AND JOEL GOLDFINGER

*"If you want to build a team, create a team that builds."*

— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks



Beth El Synagogue is a better place because of teammates like you,  
**Beth, Murray, Shari, and AJ!**  
Thank you for all you do for Team Beth El and beyond!

Pam Krieger  
Vice President, Fundraising  
Beth El Synagogue



Mazal tov to all the Honorees  
on your many achievements.

May you go from  
Strength to Strength.

Arlene Swern and David Grayson



Mazel tov to  
**AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips**

and

**Murray Brenman & Beth Ando-Brenman**  
for receiving this special honor  
Kol Ha'kavod

Mollie Sperling

Cheers for  
Team Beth El!



*Mazal Tov*  
*Beth & Murray*  
*Shari & AJ*

on this well-deserved honor.

*Thank You*

for all you do!

*Rose Kernsgold*



Mazal Tov and Congratulations to our friends

**Beth and Murray Brenman**

On this well deserved honor

GO, GO, GO BETH AND MURRAY!!!



Love,

*THE BRANDSPIEGEL FAMILY*

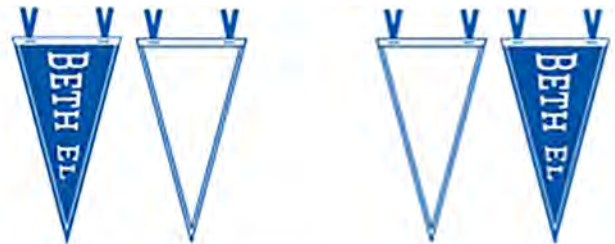
**Let's give a cheer for...**

Beth & Murray Brenman  
Shari & AJ Sabath Phillips

We're proud to have you on  
our team!

Mazal Tov to Beth El's  
MVPs!

Dana & Lance Ladic  
Wendy & Jay Miller



Mazel Tov  
to all the Honorees.

A well-deserved honor.

Danny & Fran Kamen Grundel  
Sonia Kobrin  
Barbara Kurlan  
and Linda Richman

Cheers for  
Team Beth El!

Mazel Tov to the honorees.

A well deserved honor.

Wendy & Joe Rotella



**Beth and Murray,  
Shari and AJ!**

We are proud to celebrate  
your contributions and dedication  
to Beth El Synagogue. Thank you  
for all you have done for us.

May you all go from  
strength to strength.

*Natalie and Brad Harrington*



**Mazel Tov to the Amazing  
Brenman and Phillips  
families!**

**Thank you for  
everything you do for  
Beth El!!**

**The Chevlin Family**



**MAZEL TOV**

***For your dedication and  
generosity***

Congratulations to Murray and Beth  
Brenman

&

AJ and Shari Phillips

Barry & Melinda Korbman

Cheers for  
Team Beth El!



*Mazel Tov*  
to

MURRAY BRENNAN &  
BETH ANDO-BRENNAN  
AND  
AJ & SHARI SABATH PHILIPS

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO  
FOR BETH EL.

ED AND KIM KEENAN



*Siman Tov u' Mazel Tov*  
*Shari and AJ, Beth and Murray*

*Thank you for all you do for Beth El.*

*May you continue to go*  
*from strength to strength.*

*The Ostrowsky, Fabisch and Taraday*  
*Families*



MAZEL TOV  
TO  
MURRAY & BETH BRENNAN  
A WELL DESERVED HONOR



STANLEY & RENEE KUGEL



**To Beth & Murray  
and Shari & AJ**

**Congratulations on this honor,  
and many thanks  
for your gifts of  
service and friendship  
to Beth El.**

**We are happy to celebrate with you!**

**Rebecca & Doug Harris & Family**

**JZE Solar**

## Thank You for All That You Do!



## Mazel Tov!

For their commitments to  
**Team Beth El**  
and the lasting strength of the  
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**Murray & Beth Brenman**  
and  
**AJ & Shari Sabbath Phillips**



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Cheers for  
Team Beth El!

# MAZEL TOV!

**Murray Brenman  
& Beth Ando-Brenman**

*and*

**AJ & Shari Sabath Phillips**

*For Your Dedication & Service To*

## Beth El!

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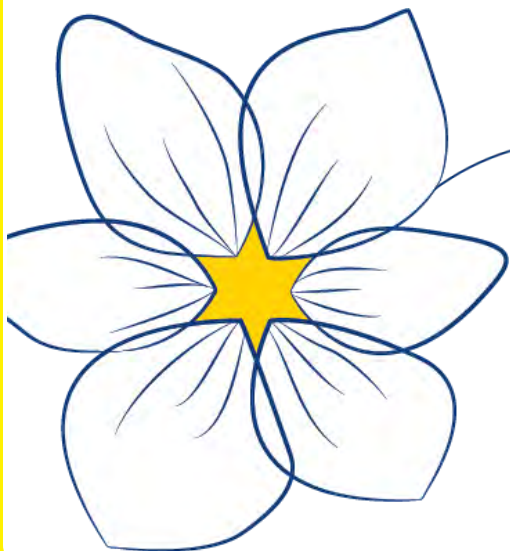
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