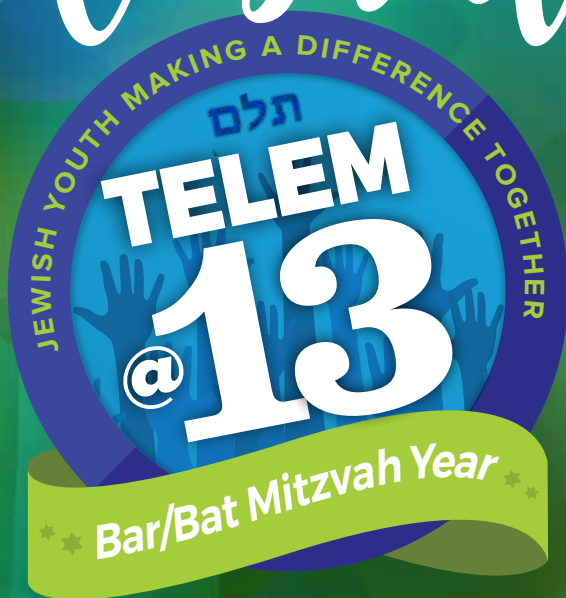


CELEBRATING 13 YEARS OF
ENGAGING JEWISH TEENS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

JCRC

Celebrates



Honoring Bill Gabovitch, Risa Shames & Neil Silverston,
and star TELEM participants

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

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Jill Goldenberg and Sari Rapkin, Co-Chairs

Dear Friends,

Welcome and thank you for joining us for JCRC Celebrates!

We know you join us in celebrating such devoted and well-deserving leaders, Bill Gabovitch, and Risa Shames and Neil Silverston, who represent the depth and breadth of JCRC's broad mission in their own personal ways, and four star TELEM award recipients who have taken community service to a higher level.

During his time as president, Bill Gabovitch worked tirelessly to ensure that JCRC's Board and Council would be broad, inclusive, and representative of our organized Jewish community so that JCRC's domestic and foreign policy decisions would fully reflect the entire community. Under Bill's leadership, a nationwide search was conducted to find a new Executive Director to build on JCRC's glorious past, hone our vision and shape our future. Bill not only guided us in hiring Jeremy Burton, but he ensured a smooth transition by building a close and collaborative partnership with him.

Risa Shames and Neil Silverston embody JCRC's values in their unfailing commitment to improving the world around them. Through JCRC, they have made a lasting impact, supporting and advising TELEM, and JCRC's interfaith work on a range of critical issues including preventing gun violence and immigration.

All three of tonight's honorees have found a multitude of opportunities through JCRC to make a real impact in Greater Boston and beyond.

We are also delighted to celebrate the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year of TELEM, JCRC's community service program for young Jews. For the past thirteen years, over 9,400 teens and pre-teens have built a commitment to volunteerism and social action connected to their Jewish identity. More than 700 teens and pre-teens – through TELEM (grades 9-12) and B'nai TELEM (grades 6-8) – represent the Jewish community by volunteering at various sites in Greater Boston each year. Tonight, we recognize four extraordinary TELEM leaders, Guy Berreby, Isabelle Gilefsky, Ruby Ellowitz, and Leah Kostick. As we look to the future, we are in good hands.

We hope you will be inspired by all of our honorees' dedication to social justice as we offer our profound gratitude to each of them and their families.

None of JCRC's work is possible without the generosity of donors, the passion of volunteers, and the hard work of the staff. Thank you for your support and commitment to creating a better world.

— *Jill Goldenberg and Sari Rapkin,
Co-Chairs, JCRC Celebrates 2018*

JCRC Celebrates



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

WELCOME

Jill Goldenberg and Sari Rapkin, Event Co-Chairs

TELEM VIDEO PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF TELEM AWARDS

Hanna Switekowski, JCRC Community Representative

LEADING OUR COMMUNITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Jeremy Burton, JCRC Executive Director

APPEAL

Amiel Weinstock, JCRC Board Member

DINNER IS SERVED

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD

Adam Suttin, JCRC Immediate Past President

ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

Risa Shames and Neil Silverston

PRESENTATION OF THE BARRY SHRAGE COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

Barry Shrage, CJP Past President and CEO

ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

Bill Gabovitch

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Rabbi Marc Baker, CJP President and CEO

PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

Stacey Bloom, JCRC President

CLOSING REMARKS

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Gerri & Kenneth Sweder

Barbara & Jeff Turk

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Nancy Viner

Lisa & Neil Wallack

Our Honorees:



BILL GABOVITCH

2018 Barry Shrage Community Builder Award

JCRC Past President Bill Gabovitch has embodied the characteristics of the Barry Shrage Community Builder Award throughout his decades of devoted leadership, guidance to Boston's Jewish community, and ever-evolving role at JCRC.

*The **BARRY SHRAGE COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD** is named in honor of Combined Jewish Philanthropies President Barry Shrage, who has provided leadership and guidance to Boston's Jewish community for more than 25 years. Through his own example, Barry inspires others to seek meaningful Jewish lives that are committed to Torah (learning), Tzedek (justice) and Chesed (caring).*



RISA SHAMES AND NEIL SILVERSTON

2018 Community Legacy Award

Risa has been a vital leader in ensuring the success of TELEM. Neil, in addition to being an active member of the JCRC Council and a leader in synagogue organizing; shares the mission of TELEM through his "day job" leading SparkShare, an organization focused on creating the next generation of change makers.

*The **COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD** is presented to individuals who, through their support for and dedication to JCRC, are ensuring the vitality and success of our programs for years to come. Awardees have distinguished themselves as leaders who are passionate about our mission and work to engage Greater Boston's Jewish community in meaningful service and action through JCRC.*

About



For thirteen years, JCRC's TELEM and B'nai TELEM programs have helped inspire young people to experience volunteerism and social action in positive and meaningful ways as they build relationships and strengthen their Jewish identities. We commemorated TELEM's Bar/Bat Mitzvah year with end-of-year celebrations at synagogues with TELEM teams to recognize their hard work and accomplishments.

Award Recipients

We are honoring four star participants of B'nai TELEM and TELEM:

GUY BERREBY - TELEM Community Service Award, Temple Sinai, Brookline

Guy has been volunteering with Temple Sinai at Family Table for three years and was instrumental in creating opportunities for parents, children, and teens to volunteer through Sheirut (Service) Sundays. Every month, he travels by bus to Family Table to volunteer in the food pantry. Recently, Guy began spearheading an oral history project which will enable Sinai teens to interview Holocaust survivors.

RUBY ELLOWITZ - TELEM Alum Community Service Award, Temple Isaiah, Lexington

In three years of TELEM volunteering, Ruby only ever missed one day. Even though she has graduated high school, she still attends Temple Isaiah's TELEM program at Minuteman Arc when she can. Her TELEM coordinator describes her as a great role model and friend to the other teens and residents.

ISABELLE GILEFSKY - B'nai TELEM Community Service Award, Temple Beth Shalom, Needham

After participating in Temple Beth Shalom's B'nai TELEM program, Isabelle continued her service with JCRC's Bat/Bar Mitzvah Book Drive program. Isabelle connected with the Mozart School in Roslindale where she read with the 1st grade students. After getting to know the students, Isabelle fundraised to have an author visit the Mozart School and every student in the class got to take home 5 books.

LEAH KOSTICK - TELEM Alum Community Service Award, Temple Ohabei Shalom, Brookline

Leah volunteered in Temple Ohabei Shalom's TELEM program at the Dorchester Boys & Girls Club for five years. She plans to continue this type of work in college and has been a great role model for the children at BGCD and the younger TELEM students.

About JCRC

Rooted in Jewish values, JCRC builds strong relationships with civic leaders; partners with other faith communities on issues of shared concern; advances our commitment to Israel; develops Jewish leaders; and facilitates meaningful community service opportunities.

JCRC is proud to be the representative voice of the organized Jewish community across Greater Boston.

Our Program Areas



ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT

Our **Israel Engagement Programs**, including Boston Partners for Peace and our study tours for clergy and elected officials, support grassroots Israeli and Palestinian peacemakers and connect our community to Israel.



ADVOCACY

Bringing the shared priorities of the Jewish community to the halls of government, our **Government Affairs** team advocates for equality, social and economic opportunity, and a robust Israel/Massachusetts connection.



SYNAGOGUE ORGANIZING

JCRC's **Synagogue Organizers** support and mentor synagogue leaders as they act on justice issues, in collaboration with interfaith partners. Among our current priority areas: immigration, criminal justice reform, and gun violence prevention.



TELEM AND B'NAI TELEM

TELEM and B'NAI TELEM develop the next generation of engaged Jewish citizens and inspire students to express their Jewish identities through a commitment to ongoing service.



REACHOUT!

ReachOut! offers opportunities for Jewish adults in their 20s and 30s to volunteer across Greater Boston and form their own Jewish communities with peers who share their values.



GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COALITION FOR LITERACY (GBJCL)

Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy offers opportunities for the Jewish community to help elementary school children in underserved schools discover the joy of reading and meet their learning goals.



PRESERVING JEWISH HISTORY

JCRC's annual **Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration** and work with the **New England Holocaust Memorial** honor our survivors and ensure an enduring commitment to preserving their critical legacy.

TELEM PARTNER SYNAGOGUES OVER THE YEARS

Beth El Temple Center, Belmont	The Rashi School, Dedham	Temple Chayai Shalom, Easton
B'Yachad School, Brockton	Solomon Schechter Day School, Newton	Temple Emanuel, Newton
Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton	Temple Aliyah, Needham	Temple Eitz Chaim, Cambridge
Congregation Beth Shalom, Canton	Temple Beth Am, Framingham	Temple Isaiah, Lexington
Congregation Kahal B'raira, Cambridge	Temple Beth Am, Randolph	Temple Israel, Boston
Congregation Kehillath Israel, Brookline	Temple Beth Avodah, Newton	Temple Israel, Natick
Congregation Or Atid, Wayland	Temple Beth David, Westwood	Temple Israel, Sharon
Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham	Congregation Beth El, Sudbury	Temple Ohabei Shalom, Brookline
Gann Academy, Waltham	Temple Beth Elohim, Acton	Temple Reyim, Newton
JCC Teens for Tzedek	Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley	Temple Shalom, Newton
Jewish Community Day School, Watertown	Temple Beth Emunah, Brockton	Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland
Congregation Kerem Shalom, Concord	Temple Beth Shalom, Melrose	Temple Shir Tikvah, Winchester
Maimonides School, Brookline	Temple Beth Shalom, Needham	Temple Sinai, Brookline
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*Happy are they that keep justice
that do righteousness at all times*

Psalms 106:3

WE ARE PLEASED TO CELEBRATE

TELEM'S 13TH YEAR AND TO

HONOR OUR FRIENDS

NEIL SILVERSTON AND RISA SHAMES

AND ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED



Alan and Susan Solomont



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*Justice, Justice
shall thou
pursue*

Deuteronomy 16:18

*Mazal tov to Risa Shames and Neil Silverston on being honored with
the Community Legacy Award for their work with TELEM.
Thank you for recognizing that the youth are our future.*



Bill:

*For the past 30 years, we have watched with pride as you have
impacted the Boston Jewish Community. While always thinking
about how to include everyone, your thoughtful insights, planning
and advocacy have helped to shape our direction and priorities.*

*You always give of your time and energy but still save the best for us.
Boston is lucky to have you and so are we!*

*We admire and love you!
Lauren, Rebecca and Naomi*

Dear Risa and Neil,

**We are so proud of your leadership,
dedication and service to our Boston Jewish
Community and Israel. The Community
Legacy Award is well-deserved!!**

**May you continue to inspire us all with
your passion for family, community and
Tikkun Olam.**

KOL HAKAVOD!

The Silverston Mishpacha



To Bill Gabovitch

With deep pride in your longstanding service to the community—beginning in your hometown of Indianapolis—and your steadfast commitment to improving the lives of others.



Stuart S. Kurlander and
David L. Martin

*“I have learned much from my teachers, but from my friends more than my teachers”
(BT Ta’anit 7a).*

Asking good questions—that’s what we do when we share Shabbat dinners, Pesach seders, and more meals than we can count with you—

Bill and Lauren, and Risa and Neil
(sometimes all together!)

Our question for tonight—
how did we get so lucky?

You inspire us with your good deeds, you amaze us with your generosity, and you make EVERY community you touch better.

How fortunate we are to have you, as well as Rebecca, Naomi, Isabel and Danny, in our community of friends.

Kol Hakavod to you and to JCRC

With love, admiration and lingering questions,
Beth “Missie”, Sam, Hannah and Nadav

We congratulate and honor

BILL GABOVITCH

Barry Shrage Community Builder Award

RISA SHAMES AND NEIL SILVERSTON

Community Legacy Award

TELEM AWARD WINNERS

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE

DONE FOR JCRC AND THE

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Mark and Valerie Friedman



Congratulations

to Bill Gabovitch,

Risa & Neil Silverston,

and the star TELEM participants
on their well-deserved recognition

and thanks to Jeremy Burton,

Jill Goldenberg, Sari Rapkin and

all of the other amazing

professionals and volunteers

at JCRC for their dedicated service

to our community.



Lisa & Neil Wallack

*“Always choose influence rather than power.
It helps change people into people
who can change the world.”*

—Jonathan Sacks, *Lessons in Leadership: A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible*

It is such a joy to honor our dear friend and Jill’s JCRC President predecessor Bill Gabovitch, tireless community leaders Risa Shames and Neil Silverston, and the inspiring TELEM Community Service Award winners.

Sending huge gratitude to the wonderful JCRC Celebrates Co-Chair Sari Rapkin, the entire Host Committee, and the amazing Tamar Davis, Julie Manus, and Lisa Kessel.

It really does take a village!

JCRC is so effective because of the leadership of Jeremy Burton, Nahma Nadich, the JCRC staff and the JCRC Board, led by Stacey Bloom.

You each use your influence to create a strong community of JCRC supporters dedicated to repairing our world.

Jill Goldenberg and Sidney Kriger



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We congratulate Bill Gabovitch, 2018 recipient of the **Barry Shrage Community Builder Award**.

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Bill—

MAZEL TOV ON WELL DESERVED
RECOGNITION FOR ALL YOU DO FOR
THE COMMUNITY.

AND THANK YOU FOR SPURRING
OUR INVOLVEMENT IN JCRC.



RISA AND NEIL

MAZEL TOV TELEM ON YOUR 13TH YEAR!

*To Barry, Shoshana and Emily—
your dedication and vision has kept TELEM strong.*

*To the TELEM Advisory Committee—
Amy Hearne, Stan Weinronk, Pam Weil,
Adam Suttin, Craig Slater,
Nathan Rothstein, Jeff Riklin, Bill Bladd, Ann Levin and
Debbie Isaacson.*

*Your energy and creativity in support
of TELEM was invaluable!*

— Risa



Celebrating Commitment

We are proud to support the **Jewish Community Relations Council** and its dedication to serving the Jewish community, partnering with other faith groups, engaging volunteers for meaningful service projects, and advancing its commitment to Israel.

Congratulations to this evening's honorees, including our friend **Bill Gabovitch**, recipient of the 2018 Barry Shrage Community Builder Award.

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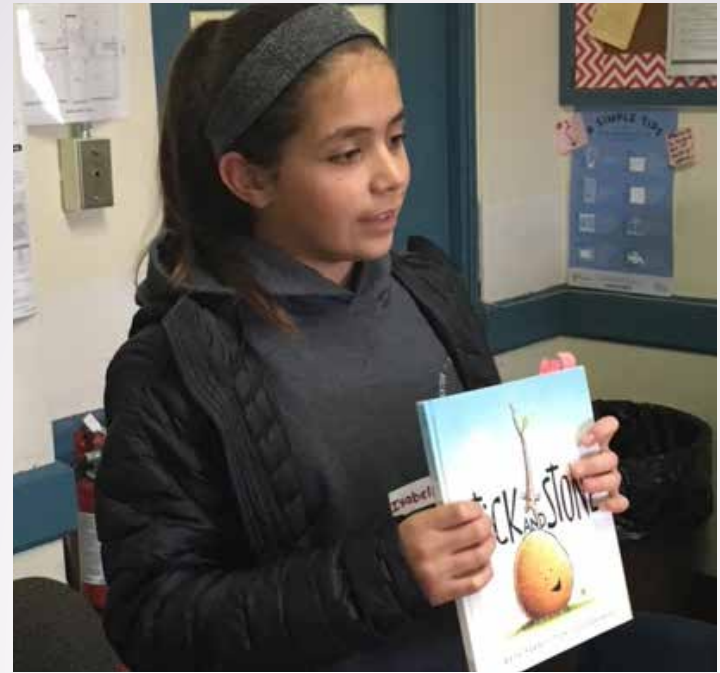
*Mazel Tov to all the honorees
and to TELEM
on its milestone year!*

Congratulations to this evening's honorees—
With much appreciation for your dedication,
passion and extraordinary service to
the community.

Thank you to the staff at JCRC for your
continued leadership and visionary work.

Lesley & Ben Inker

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Isabelle,

*We are so proud of you and your
work with the Mozart School.*

*Congratulations to all other
volunteers as well (especially you Bill).*

MOMMY, DADDY AND OLIVIA

**Mazel Tov to
Neil Silverston and Risa Shames!**



Seen here volunteering with TBE's CASA at
Waltham Fields Community Farm

**Never afraid to dive in and roll up their sleeves
to get the hard work done.**

*Temple Beth Elohim's Community of Adult Social Action
(CASA) and the larger Tikkun Olam community of TBE
honor and appreciate the many hours you have both
dedicated to Tikkun Olam, both within TBE and in the
larger Jewish Community of Greater Boston.*

**AS LEADERS AT TEMPLE ISAIAH IN LEXINGTON
AND
AT THE GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH
ORGANIZATION**

**WE CELEBRATE THE INCREDIBLE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF
GREATER BOSTON**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TEMPLE
ISAIAH'S RUBY ELLOWITZ AND TO
HER THREE AWARD CO-RECIPIENTS
AND TO THE TELEM PROGRAM
ON ITS BAR/BAT MITZVAH YEAR**



**AND A SPECIAL MAZEL TOV TO
FRIENDS/COLLEAGUES BILL GABOVITCH, NEIL
SILVERSTON, AND RISA SHAMES**

FROM CHUCK KOPLIK AND SUE TAFLER

Mazel Tov

and thank you Bill Gabovitch

FOR ALL OF YOUR LEADERSHIP
AND DEDICATION TO JCRC
ON BEHALF OF OUR
JEWISH COMMUNITY.



*Nancy Viner, Emily Leventhal, and
David Rontal*

BILL,

צדק

JUSTICE

צדק

JUSTICE

תהרדף

SHALL YOU
PURSUE

DEUTERONOMY SIXTEEN TWENTY

מזל טוב!!!

*With Much Love
from your Wekstein Siblings and Families*



WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR
COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY
AND ADMIRATION FOR YOUR MANY
YEARS OF SERVICE.

WE EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION AND
THANKS TO BILL, RISA AND NEIL.
THEY ARE WONDERFUL EXAMPLES
OF DEDICATION, COMMITMENT TO
COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP.

MAZAL TOV ON THIS
WELL-DESERVED HONOR.

Hope & Adam Suttin



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OUR HONOREES,**

FOR YOUR PASSIONATE LEADERSHIP AND
INSPIRED ACTION
THAT LEAD US TO A MORE JUST, HUMANE
AND CIVIL SOCIETY.

YOU EXEMPLIFY, BY YOUR EXAMPLE, THE
WORDS OF PIRKEI AVOT:

*“You are not required to complete the
work, nor are you allowed to ignore it.”*

**With gratitude and admiration,
Alison Abdu and Barry Glass**

**The Clergy of Temple Israel—Boston
celebrates and salutes JCRC**

*We are privileged to partner with you
as you lead and serve our
Greater Boston Jewish Community
Wishing the entire JCRC community
a Shanah Tovah, a year filled with
sweetness and purpose*

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Tribute Messages

BILL-

Thank you for your passion, dedication and selflessness in support of JCRC's mission. Your strength of character and generosity of spirit never fail to inspire those around you. I am honored to call you my mentor—and more importantly my friend.

RISA & NEIL-

Your work has enriched our community and our world. We are proud to recognize your tremendous achievements and applaud you for your leadership.

JCRC PROFESSIONAL TEAM-

You are my partners in this incredible work. Thank you for all that you do each and every day.

Stacey Bloom

A heartfelt Mazel Tov to my friend Bill Gabovitch as you receive the Barry Shrage Community Builder Award.

Thank you Bill, for everything you do to repair the world!

A special congratulations to honorees Risa Shames & Neil Silverston for your exceptional leadership in our community! TELEM, thirteen years strong!

Congratulations to JCRC for this exceptional program and to Guy, Ruby, Isabelle and Leah for being TELEM STARS and role models to your peers!

*With love and admiration,
Sari Anne Rapkin*



Mazel Tov to all the honorees and to TELEM on its milestone year!

We are grateful to the JCRC staff, leadership and volunteers for the multifaceted and important work you do to make our community and world a better place. With appreciation,

Nanette and Jose Fridman



DEAR BILL,

You, Lauren, your kids, and your entire family personify *menschlekeit* on a profound level. In words, in deeds, in mentorship, in spirit, and in soul. It has been our blessing to know you and count you among our dearest friends since the 1970s.

With affection and admiration,

Amy and Michael Chartock



Mazel Tov

to Bill Gabovitch, Risa Shames and Neil Silverston for this well-deserved honor.

You are each leaders and role models we look up to and are privileged to call friends. May you continue to go from strength to strength as you build and strengthen our community.

Yasher Ko-ach to JCRC and all of the Telem participants for 13 years of service! What a wonderful contribution you have made to our community.

Michelle and Darren Black

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joins

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CJP is proud to support JCRC and the TELEM program as they work to build the next generation of engaged Jewish citizens.

Thank you for all you do.

May you go from strength to strength





Celebrating JCRC's Bill Gabovitch
A true mensch, a humble and devoted leader
And an inclusive and impactful Builder of
Community within the Jewish Community
and in the Public Square

Congrats to Risa Shames & Neil Silverston
And the recipients of the TELEM
Community Service Awards

Yashar Koach



Beth & Michael Moskowitz



Thank You Bill,

FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO
TO REPAIR THE WORLD!

Nancy and Phil Rosenblatt





BILL—

*With profound gratitude for your leadership
but more importantly for your friendship.
You are a shining example of how to live
with purpose, commitment and kindness.*

RISA & NEIL—

*Your outstanding contributions to
JCRC's mission and to our community
are an inspiration to us all.
Thank you for your
dedication and partnership.*



JEREMY BURTON

Mazel tov

To Bill Gabovitch on this well-deserved
honor! Thank you for your leadership,
dedication, and service to the
Jewish community.

Congratulations

To all of tonight's honorees: Risa Shames
and Neil Silverston, Guy Berreby,
Ruby Elowitz, Isabelle Gilefsky,
and Leah Kostick!



Andrew Zelermyer and Dan Romanow

CONGRATULATIONS to JCRC –

staff, board and volunteers -
for the wonderful work of Telem.

YEAH! to the Celebrates team –

especially Jill, Sari, Tamar, and Julie -
for an amazing success.

MAZAL TOV to all the honorees –

with a special shout out to Bill Gabovitch
who brought me into the JCRC family!

Miriam May & Shaye Cohen



Risa, Neil and Bill:

**KOL HA KAVOD
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP**



*Mitchell Shames
Harold Shames*

*Congratulations to Bill Gabovitch
and all of the amazing honorees!*

*A special thank you to the incredible staff
at JCRC, to the terrific leadership of to
the terrific leadership of Jeremy Burton,
Adam Suttin, and Stacey Bloom, and to
the devoted members of board!*



With gratitude and appreciation,
JENNIFER AND AMIEL WEINSTOCK

Congratulations

TO BILL GABOVITCH,
RISA SHAMES AND
NEIL SILVERSTON



*Genevieve and Jerry Wyner
(past President of JCRC
1971-1973)*



MAZEL TOV, BILL,

*on this recognition of your years of
exceptional leadership at JCRC and
in the Jewish community.*

**RISA AND NEIL,
YASHER KOACH**

*on your Community Legacy Award
and thank you for your dedication to
tikkun olam.*



Mimi and Jim Segel



*We congratulate
Risa & Neil on their
energy and commitment
they have given to our
community and helping
to make our world a
better place.*



Marsha & Tom Alperin

*“They reached the wadi Eshcol,
and there they cut down a branch
with a single cluster of grapes –
it had to be borne on a carrying frame
by two of them – and some
pomegranates and figs.”*

—Numbers 13:23



with love from Barbara

Congratulations Bill on receiving the Barry Shrage Community Builder Award

Debbie Horwitz and Steve Shoyer





**WE HONOR AND THANK YOU BILL
FOR ALL OF YOUR COMMITMENT
AND SERVICE TO JCRC AND THE
BOSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY.**

**YOU HAVE BEEN A MENTOR AND
ROLE MODEL SINCE OUR
ACHARAI DAYS! MAZEL TOV!**

Jennifer Slifka & Luis Vidal



Bill Gabovitch

Indianapolis' loss, Boston's gain.
The Indianapolis family is very proud of our son and brother.



Phyllis and Ed Gabovitch
Ellen Gabovitch and Les Morris
David and Nonie Vonnegut-Gabovitch
Michael and Jenny Gabovitch
Howard and Jane Morrison

MAZEL TOV TO MY GOOD FRIENDS, RISA AND NEIL
ON RECEIVING THE COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD.

YOU ARE EQUALLY IDEALISTIC ABOUT THE WORLD AS
IT SHOULD BE AND PRAGMATIC ABOUT THE WORK WE
ALL NEED TO DO TO GET US THERE. THANKS FOR THE
CONSTANT INSPIRATION AND MODELING ON HOW WE
SHOULD BE GOOD, INVOLVED CITIZENS.

BILL GABOVITCH

*Nancy and Phil Rosenblatt, and
Nutter congratulate*

The Jewish Community Relations Council

*We appreciate the great work you do
through TELEM and all your programs.*

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MAZEL TOV

to JCRC, Bill Gabovitch, Risa Shames, Neil
Silverston and to the incredible TELEM teens!
Thank you for everything you do to make Boston
welcoming to all people.

*We are honored to partner with you to open the gates
to a more inclusive community.*



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Mazal Tov to our beloved Left Fielder, Neil Silverston,
on this wonderful and much deserved honor.
Your leadership both on and off the field inspire us all!

Love, The TBE 1 Softball Team



Jewish Vocational Service congratulates

**Bill Gabovitch
and
Risa Shames & Neil Silverston**

on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for
everything you do to strengthen our community.

Thank you JCRC for working together with us to
provide opportunity for vulnerable individuals. We
value our collaboration and shared commitment to
social justice.

 **SKILLS . JOBS . CAREERS**



Temple Isaiah of Lexington salutes the good work
of the JCRC and all the honorees,
especially our own

Ruby Ellowitz

Mazel Tov! We are so proud of you!

Congratulations Bill

YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CREATING POLICY
THAT AFFIRMS A BROAD, INCLUSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE
JEWISH COMMUNITY IS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL.
WITH MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE AND RESPECT



RENEE AND STEVEN FINN

RISA, NEIL, AND BILL,

We have been immeasurably lucky to grow up with such
earnest, caring, and giving role models.

Through the act of *tzedakkah*, Bill (and Lauren!) taught us to set aside
a moment each shabbat to think of those less fortunate. Risa and Neil
showed us how to imbue a sense of *tikkun olam* in all aspects of life, and
inspired each of us to pursue social justice gap year programs.

We continue to learn from your example, as the three of you exhibit
goodness in everything that you do. You are the types of people that
we aspire to be.

Much love,
Hannah and Nadav Furgang

*Congrats to Bill, Risa and Neil for their well-
deserved recognition. We really appreciate
your dedication to social justice. And thank
you to TELEM for giving our community's next
generation perspective and helping to prepare
them to be lifelong community activists.*

CAROLINE GAMMILL AND NATHAN ROTHSTEIN

Congratulations and mazel tov, Bill!
JOIN is so proud to have you as a board member. We are grateful for your tremendous contributions and incredible leadership in the Jewish community.

With love from
the JOIN for Justice Board and Staff



CONGRATULATIONS TO
THIS EVENING'S HONOREES—

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HARD WORK
AND DEDICATION
ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SUSAN ANSIN

*I ask not for a lighter burden
but for broader shoulders.*

- Jewish Proverb

Congratulations to Bill Gabovitch on this well deserved honor. Our community is lucky to have your leadership.

Rabbi Shira, Saul and Samantha Joseph

I am immensely proud of
having introduced Bill Gabovitch to
the Jewish Community Relations Council
and of his leadership and contributions to it.

Ken Sweder

We are so proud of our dear friend Bill Gabovitch. His dedication to community service, social action and Tikun Olam inspires us every day and we congratulate him on this richly deserved award! Mazal Tov to Risa Shames and Neil Silverston as well. We thank all three of you for being such amazing activists and role models in our community.

MUCH ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION FROM
EILEEN AND MARK POLASKY,
LISE AND RICH SCHWARTZ
& SHERRY KLEIN

*Congratulations to
Risa, Neil and their family.*



SUSAN COHEN & JAMES SCHWARTZ AND FAMILY

PRIMARK **USA** congratulates

Bill Gabovitch,

Barry Shrage Community
BUILDER AWARD HONOREE
for 2018

Your leadership, passion, and humor are a daily reminder of Primark's values of inclusivity, honesty, and care.

Keep up your inspiring work for the Jewish community!

Isabelle,

We are so proud of you today and every day.
We loved that you were able to impact students
at the Mozart School.

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*Love, Bubbe & Zayde and
Barbara & Papa Ron*

Congratulations to JCRC

*as TELEM celebrates 13 years of
engaging Jewish youth in community service,
enabling them to be meaningful participants
in the unfolding story of the Jewish People.*

May you continue to go from strength to strength!



Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
President

Andy Offit
Chair, Board of Trustees

Congratulations

TO BILL GABOVITCH, RISA
SHAMES & NEIL SILVERSTON
AND ALL OF THE TELEM
PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR
MANY AND CONTINUING
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
BROADER COMMUNITIES
THAT WE VALUE AND SERVE.

*Dr. Paul Hattis
and
Dr. Elizabeth Samelson*

CONGRATULATIONS
RISA & NEIL!

MAY YOU GO FROM
STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

WE LOVE YOU.



*The Darviche Family
Mike, Shula, Julian,
Gabriel, Madi*



Mazel tov!

ROBIN AND MEL SHUMAN



“A LITTLE BIT OF LIGHT
PUSHES AWAY A LOT OF
DARKNESS.”

—*Jewish Proverb*

*Mazel Tov to Risa, Neil
and Bill!*

*You create sparks of light
in all that you do, and we
are grateful.*

B'kavod,

JUDY LEVENFELD,
TONY HOLLENBERG
ADAM, ERIC AND NATE

***Kol Hakavod
Risa and Neil!***

With love and admiration.

The Roos family

*Mazel tov,
Risa and
Neil!*

Temple Beth Elohim is proud of your service and leadership.



"It is not your obligation to complete the task, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it."
-Pirkei Avot 2:21

CONGRATULATIONS
TO BILL ON THIS
WONDERFUL HONOR.

WE SO APPRECIATE
EVERYTHING THAT
YOU DO FOR OUR
COMMUNITY!

Marni and Jon Levitt

**Kol Hakavod
on this richly
deserved honor
Bill, Neil and Risa!**

*With much appreciation
and deep admiration for
your passionate pursuit of
justice, joyful embrace of
Jewish values, expert weaving
of connections throughout
our community and your
unwavering commitment to
a vision of equal opportunity
for all.*

**Nahma Nadich
and
David Belcourt**

Congratulations, Bill!

*Thanks for your leadership
and your friendship.*

Joyce and Michael Bohnen

CONGRATULATIONS
BILL, RISA & NEIL!

We are grateful for your
steadfast leadership
and creativity for our
community!

Terry and David Yoffie

Congratulations

TO BILL GABOVITCH,
RISA SHAMES,
NEIL SILVERSTON AND
THE YOUNG TELEM STARS
-- GUY BERREBY, ISABELLE
GILEFSKY, RUBY ELLOWITZ
AND LEAH KOSTICK -- FOR
THE RECOGNITION OF YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY
AND BEYOND.

*Kathy Weinman &
Cam Kerry*

Yasher Koach

TO RISA AND NEIL
AND THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOU HAVE DONE FOR
OUR COMMUNITY.

Lisa Coll

Mazel Tov

to our dear friends
Bill Gabovitch and
Risa Shames &
Neil Silverston
on your
well-deserved awards.

We are grateful to you and
the JCRC of Greater Boston
for your support and
partnership as we work
toward full LGBTQ equality
and inclusion in Jewish life.



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MAZEL TOV, LEAH!

The whole TOS
community is so proud
of you. This is such a
well-deserved honor.
Congratulations!

*Love,
Your Temple Ohabei
Shalom Family*



**The Temple Beth Shalom community
is proud to extend heartfelt**

מזל טוב!

**Mazel Tov to
Isabelle Gilefsky!**

**Mazel Tov as well to Bill Gabovitch,
Risa Shames, Neil Silverston, Ruby Ellowitz,
Guy Berreby, and Leah Kostick.**

**Thank you to JCRC for your leadership
in bringing greater justice and compassion
to our community!**

Rabbi Jay Perlman * Rabbi Todd Markley
Rabbi Rifat Sonsino, Emeritus
Jeffrey Shapiro, TBS President
The entire lay leadership, staff and community
of Temple Beth Shalom

GREAT WORK, BILL!

Mazel tov!

Susan Calechman

*The Rashi School is proud to
share JCRC's commitment to
building a more just world.*



BILL,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED DEDICATION
AND GUIDANCE!
YOU ARE TO BE CELEBRATED.

Elise Busny

*Mazel Tov
to the
honorees!*

Rachel and Joel Reck

BILL,

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS
HONOR, SO WELL DESERVED
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
COMMITMENT TO BUILD AND
STRENGTHEN THE FUTURE
OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY.

KOL HAKAVOD!

Aviva Sapers and Judith Sydney

*With much appreciation to
Jill Goldenberg, Sari Rapkin
and the Host Committee for
making JCRC Celebrates
such a special evening.*

JCRC 
*Jewish Community
Relations Council*

Congratulations to Bill, Risa, and Neil on their well-deserved Community Builder and Community Legacy Awards.

Our community is so much better off due to their contributions.

Mazel Tov

Lawrence Bailis and Susan Shevitz



“JUSTICE, JUSTICE SHALL YOU PURSUE.”

The Jewish Labor Committee appreciates our partnership with JCRC in standing up for social justice.

***Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof
Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue***

To tonight's honorees –

*JALSA Board Member
Neil Silverston,
Risa Shames, Bill Gabovitch,
And the TELEM Program of JCRC*

Thank you for your incredible leadership and your selfless pursuit of justice, which make our community a better place for all.

From your Friends at JALSA



BEST WISHES TO
BILL GABOVITCH AND
ALL THE HONOREES FOR
THE RICHLY DESERVED
RECOGNITION OF ALL OF
YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Geoffrey Lewis & Amy Caplan

**Mazel Tov
Risa, Neil
and Bill!**

*Love,
The Gershon-Pesner
Family*

In gratitude for your hard work and acknowledgment of your important role in our community.



Temple Shalom
of Newton

*Mazel Tov
to Bill on this
well-deserved honor!*

**THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOU DO
TO REPAIR OUR
WORLD.**

Howard & Candace Wolk

*The JCRC thanks
CAROL SILVERSTON
for her generous
donation of flowers
for tonight's event.*



Congratulations from the Community

New Israel Fund Joins JCRC in Celebrating Risa Shames & Neil Silverston and Bill Gabovitch!
– *Stephane Acel-Green*

Congrats, Bill! from your favorite neighbors. Congrats, Risa & Neil!
– *Love, the Allens*

Bill—You're an inspiration—a rare combination of generosity and humility in devotion to community. Thank you!
– *Barbra Berley-Mellits*

Mazel tov to Bill Gabovitch. Well deserved!
– *Marc Cohen*

Congrats to the honorees, JCRC Leadership and JCRC Staff. Thanks for all you do.
– *Lisa Danetz and Craig Smith*

Thanks, Bill, for all that you do for our community! It is much appreciated!
– *Marna Dolinger*

With much gratitude to Bill, Risa and Neil for your leadership.
– *Catharyn and Mike Gildesgame*

Mazel tov Bill, Risa & Neil, shining stars embodying the hallmark work of JCRC.
– *Fran Godine*

Marsha Erwin Greenstein

*Rabbi David Jaffe and
Janette Hillis-Jaffe*

Mazel tov to Bill, TELEM and honorees for such a positive impact to our community!
– *Amy & Jonathan Katz*

Mazel tov, Risa and Neil! We admire how you personify tikkun olam.
– *Rachel and Mark King*

Mazal tov to Bill on this well-deserved honor! Thank you for your longtime leadership for justice. You have made an enormous impact.
– *With gratitude, Idit Klein*

Neil and Risa -Thank you for all you do for our community.
– *Mike Levinger and
Nancy Schwartz*

Yasher koah to the entire JCRC Community!
– *Rabbi David Lerner, Temple Emunah, Lexington, MA*

Thank you, Bill, for all that you have done for JCRC!
– *Rabbi Dan Liben*

Mazal Tov, Bill, on your award—from your haverim at Shir Hadash Reconstructionist Havurah
– *Henry Morris*

Mazel Tov Risa and Neil for all the good you do for the Jewish Community here in Boston and around the world!
– *Jodi Raphael and Gabe Miller*

Our community depends on thoughtful, caring, and open-minded leaders to create a world of welcome and healing for all. Thank you Bill Gabovitch, Neil Silverston, Risa Shames, and TELEM for showing us how it's done.
– *Rabbi Barbara Penzner and
Brian Rosman*

Bill, mazel tov on this well-deserved award!
– *Sue & Joel Sherman*

Sam Strauss & Barbara & Peter Strauss in honor of Bill Gabovitch
– *Barbra Strauss*

Temple Sinai's Board of Trustees and the entire school community congratulate teen leader, Guy Berreby!
– *Temple Sinai*

Our best to the Honorees, including cousin Bill.
– *Linda and Harvey Weiner*

Bill, thank you for your caring and leadership.
– *Deb Yanofsky and Steve Shulman*

Mazel tov and thank you Bill, Risa and Neil!
– *John and Abby Weiss*

A Special Thank You to Our Vendors




JCRC is
proud to **Celebrate**
13 years of engaging
Jewish teens in
community
service!




Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service

Honoring the legacy of Dr. King through our commitment to service



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MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019



Each year, on the third Monday in January, millions of Americans from across the country come together for a day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As part of this national movement, Boston-area organizations provide volunteers with a variety of opportunities to participate in a day of meaningful community service. On behalf of JCRC, we ask that you join us and the entire Boston Jewish community by pledging this special day of service.

To sign up, visit jrcrboston.org/mlkday.

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Jill Goldenberg and Sari Rapkin, Co-Chairs



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We have made every effort to make sure our program book is accurate. We apologize if there are any errors, and please contact events@jrcrboston.org with questions or concerns.

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