

The Wagner College  
Holocaust Center Advisory Board

*presents the*

***2024 Community Mitzvah***

**AWARDS RECEPTION**



***10th Anniversary***

**2024 HONOREES**

**Stephen Greenwald & Dr. Lori Weintrob**  
Founders Special Recognition Awards

**Dan Glassman & Stefania Hecht**  
Courage Award

**Rev. Dr. Agnes McBeth**  
Spirit of Change Award

**Aubrie-Mei Rubel '23**  
Next Generation Award

**Rabbi Kerry Olitzky**  
Monroe J. Klein '66  
Humanitarian Award

**Susan Sappin**  
Allan Weissglass  
Civic Leadership Award

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2024**

**6:00PM - 9:00PM**

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For ten years, the Holocaust Advisory Committee, formerly the Chai Society, has worked to strengthen the ties between the College and the Jewish community and to support co-curricular activities. We are proud to share that Jewish life on Wagner's campus is thriving. We have an active Steering Committee; a growing Hillel with remarkable youth leadership; the Wagner College Holocaust Center is awakening youth to the ramifications of prejudice, anti-Semitism, and racism; program offerings in the community are expanding, and scholarships have been awarded to students in need.

The Community Mitzvah Awards recognize individuals who have enhanced and promoted Jewish life on campus and within the broader community. All proceeds raised through this virtual event will be used to advance the mission of the Holocaust Advisory Committee and serve as a true mitzvah opportunity. Your support is an act of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world.)

**Thank you!**

# 2024 Holocaust Advisory Community Mitzvah Award Honorees

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# Rabbi Kerry Olitzky

## *Monroe P. Klein '66 Humanitarian Award*

Given in memory of the Wagner alumnus, businessman and veteran, and recognizes and individual who exemplifies the same spirit of “loving kindness,” *Gemilut Chassadim* and generosity.



# Susan Sappin



## *Allan Weissglass Civic Leadership Award*

Recognizes an individual committed to *Tikkun Olam*, “repairing the world,” through their persistent efforts to make our community stronger and more just. This award is given in memory of business and community leader Allan Weissglass.



# Dan Glassman & Stefania Hecht (ז"ל)



## *Courage Award*

Celebrates inspirational individuals who personify strength and resilience in overcoming adversity and prejudice and are role models to others.



Rev. Dr. Agnes McBeth

*Spirit of Change Award*

Honors a leader with visionary and innovative approaches to transforming the lives of others in the most profound ways and motivating and mobilizing other for a common purpose.







Aubrie-Mei Rubel '23

*Next Generation Award*

Recognizes a student, devoted to Jewish life and to Holocaust education, who performs mitzvot, “good deeds,” and stands up for others.



# Stephen Greenwald

## *Founders Special Recognition Award*

for his years of dedication and  
service to the mission of the  
Holocaust Advisory Committee.





Dr. Lori Weintrob



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Award*

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Tonight we celebrate the  
**Wagner College Holocaust Center's**  
**10th Anniversary**

Celebrating a decade of empowering future generations in empathy, courage, and ethical decision-making in order to combat anti-Semitism, racism & all forms of prejudice.





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יְהוּי דָן אֶת כָּל הָאָדָם לְכַף זְכוּת

To our teacher, friend, and mensch!

Mazel tov Rabbi Kerry Olitzky.

And Mazel Tov to all the honorees.

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creative, resourceful,  
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**LORI**

for all she has done to establish,  
nurture and enhance the  
spectacularly impactful  
Holocaust Center at Wagner College.

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



**Special Thanks To**  
***The Wagner College Jazz Band***

**conducted by Dr. Jose L. Diaz, Jr.**

*Gabe Gaglio - trumpet*

*Christopher Giacobello - trumpet*

*Cassandra Nieves - piano*

*Eskil Njerve - drums*

*Daniel Siani - saxophone*

*Matt Sicignano - piano*

*Featuring vocal selections by Molly Nemirow*

*Gold*

We are proud of the Wagner College Holocaust Center and its efforts to strengthen and support Jewish life on our campus and within our local community. We thank Fern Zagor and the Wagner College Holocaust Center Advisory Board members for their leadership and dedication to advancing the mission of the Holocaust Center through this important annual event.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARDEES**

Rabbi Kerry Olitzky

Dan Glassman & Stefania Hecht y"l

Susan Sappin

Rev. Dr. Agnes McBeth

Aubrie-Mei Rubel

Stephen Greenwald

Dr. Lori Weintrob

*Angelo and Mary Araimo*



Joan & Alan Bernikow  
Jewish Community Center  
of Staten Island

**We are so proud of our  
Board Co-President Sue Sappin  
as she receives today's award in memory  
of our dear friend Allan Weissglass!  
We are grateful for all the work you do for  
our JCC and the Jewish community.**

**Congratulations to our friends Lori, Dan,  
and all of today's honorees. Mazal Tov!**

**The Board & Staff of the JCC**

In memory of my dear friend

*Rachel Roth*

and with many thanks to the continued work of the  
**Wagner College Holocaust Center & Advisory Board**  
for keeping the cause alive.

**Jeffrey Gerson**

*Thank you for all you do to keep awareness alive.*

Congrats on the 10th anniversary of the  
Wagner College Holocaust Center

and to all the honorees

Dan Glassman & Stefania Hecht z"l, Rabbi Kerry Olitzky,  
Susan Sappin, Rev. Dr. Agnes McBeth, Aubrie-Mei Rubel '23

And to co-founders

Stephen Greenwald and Dr. Lori Weintrob

We are particularly proud that for

**Jewish Heritage Night 2023**, we honored

**Auschwitz survivor Stefania Hecht z"l**

**as a Ferryhawks Harbor Hero**



Eric Shuffler, President and Co-Owner of the Staten Island FerryHawks  
Member, Advisory Board, Wagner College Holocaust Center

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The Wagner College Holocaust Center Advisory Board  
on their 2024 Community Mitzvah Awards Reception  
and the 2024 Honorees:



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Susan Sappin

# *Mazal Tov*

Lori Weintrob and all the honorees on this momentous occasion, and thank you for all the great work that you do in combating antisemitism.

## Rabbi Gerald and Bonita Nathan Sussman

Rabbi, Temple Emanu-El and President, Kulanu



*Listen to Kulanu Matters Podcast  
on YouTube, Spotify and Apple*

Congratulations to our friend

*Rabbi Kerry Olitzky*

and all of tonight's honorees.

**Mazel Tov!**

Diane and Judge Barnett Hoffman

Congratulations to all the  
**Mitzvah Award Honorees**  
on this special 10th Anniversary Event!



Thank you for inspiring courage in our Staten Island community  
and beyond!

**The Avis Family**

**Congratulations to all of this evenings  
honorees, and to the  
WAGNER COLLEGE HOLOCAUST CENTER  
on its 10th anniversary.**

**Lisa Bernstein**

With deep gratitude and love to the  
*Wagner College Holocaust Center*  
for this award.

The unwavering support of the Staten Island community is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to the Wagner College staff who embraced my late husband

*David Sappin*

during his years teaching here.

***Susan Sappin, Ed Sappin, Jennifer Weitz, Liz Veneziano and families***

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*Mazel Tov to all of this year's honorees!*



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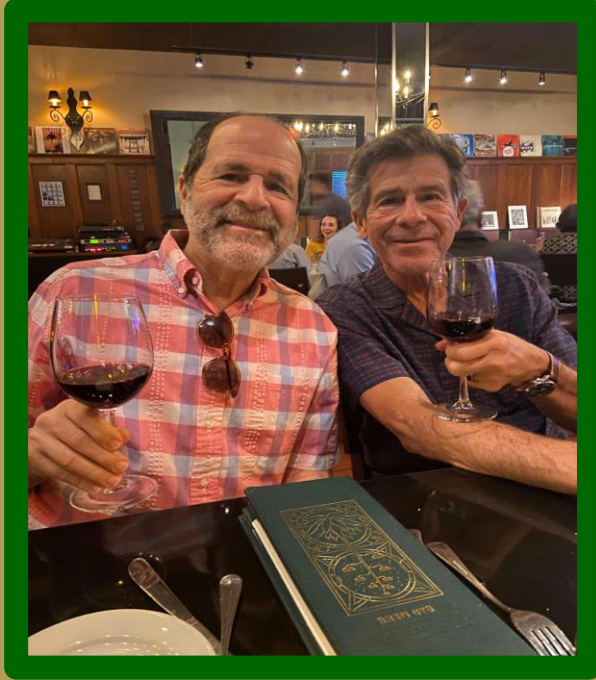
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In honor of

*Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky*

a shining example of dedication,  
perseverance, and achievement.

His hard work and passion inspire us all.

Here's to celebrating your remarkable success  
and bright future that lies ahead.

L' Chaim

Lee, Jayme, Erin, Daniel, and Arlo Olitzky

*Mazel Tov...*

*Sue Sappin – Allan Weissglass Civic Leadership Award  
Dr. Lori Weintrob – Founders Special Recognition Award  
Dan Glassman & Stefania Hecht – Courage Award  
and All the Honorees of the  
2024 Wagner College Community Mitzvah Awards*

*Individually and together, you lead by example.*

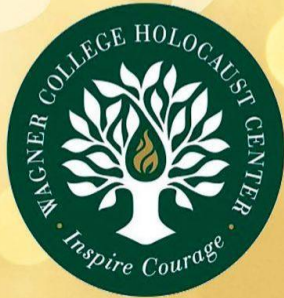
*Myron & Ruth Lasser*

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Rabbi Kerry Olitzky  
Aubrie-Mei Rubel '23  
Susan Sappin**

***You have our admiration and our  
sincerest CONGRATULATIONS.***

***You are so deserving of this  
recognition.***

**Linda & Alan Brill**



## **Congratulations to:**

**Dan Glassman, the Holocaust Center and the other deserving honorees.**



**B'nai Jeshurun would also like to honor the memory of Dan's late grandmother,**

**Holocaust Survivor,**

**Stefania Hecht**



IN HONOR OF  
*DAN GLASSMAN*  
*STEFANIA HECHT z"l*  
&  
*SUSAN SAPPIN*

TRUE PILLARS OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY WHO GIVE  
TIRELESS EFFORT AND CARING

*SUSAN AND JACK BENDER*

*“The reward for a mitzvah is a mitzvah” (Pirkei Avot 4:2).*

Kol HaKavod to our 2024 Community Mitzvah Award recipients.  
As they have inspired us with their service to our community, so  
may they continue to go from strength to strength.

*Rabbi Michael and Robin Howald*

*Mazel  
Tov!*



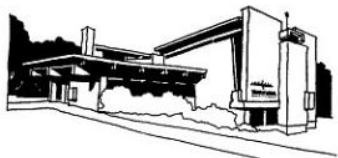
**CONGRATS  
TO**

**RABBI KERRY  
OLITZKY**

**THE BEST DAD AND SABBA  
ON RECEIVING THE MONROW J.  
KLEIN HUMANITARIAN AWARD  
WE LOVE YOU!**

**LOVE,  
JESSE, ANDREA, CAYLA,  
NOAH, AND HANNAH**





*Temple Israel Reform Congregation  
of Staten Island*

Congratulations to our congregants  
Sue Sappin & Dr. Lori Weintrob  
on their awards  
and we extend our thanks to the  
other honorees for their work  
in our community



Celebrating

**Dr. Lori Weintrob**

and her vision for the Wagner  
Holocaust Center to inspire  
empathy, respect, and courage.

*Mazel tov,  
my lifelong friend!*

Marcia Parness

Congratulations to  
*Dr. Lori Weintrob*  
*Susan Sappin*

and all of these evening's honorees.

Your hard work and expertise are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you for your dedication to excellence.

**Mazel Tov!**

**Eileen Bernstein & Sharon Weerth**

Congratulations to all the recipients of the Community Mitzvah awards.  
We appreciate all your contributions to the Staten Island community.

**We extend a special thank you to**

***Dan Glassman***

***Lori Weintrob***

***Susan Sappin***

for your inspiration, determination and leadership. We are grateful for your passion in making our Jewish community strong and vibrant.

**Jerry Grushkin & Stephanie Mizrahi**

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**2024 COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARDS**  
ON THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
WAGNER COLLEGE HOLOCAUST CENTER.  
YOU ALL INSPIRE COURAGE!



A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**LORI WEINTROB**  
YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PASSION ARE BEYOND  
COMPARE!

**FERN AND DAVID ZAGOR**

On the **10 Year Anniversary** of the  
The Wagner College Holocaust Center  
**The WCHC Advisory Board**  
CONGRATULATES ALL THE HONOREES OF THE  
2024 COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARDS  
**You are our Points of Light!**



The mission of the WCHC Advisory Board is to support, advise, and help fund the WCHC as it fights antisemitism, bias, racism and all forms of hate and injustice and strives to strengthen the ties between Wagner College and the Jewish and entire Staten Island Community.

Congratulations to  
**Stephen Greenwald**



from his Talmud Group Friends.

Barry, Bob, Gordon and Lewis

*Lori, You are a dear friend and an inspirational leader whose influence has transcended boundaries and played a key role in educating our next generation. Your work highlights the COURAGE of our mother Rachel and other Holocaust survivors. You gave them a voice, and taught us that even the smallest acts of heroism can have incredible impact. Today, we honor the profound impact of your compassion and leadership.*

*— Ram Roth, Aren Gottlieb, and family*



Rachel (upper left) survived Majdanek, Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. Her mother Golda and siblings Regina (b. 1928), Justine (b. 1931), and David (b. 1932) were killed in Treblinka.



134 Hostages  
187 DAYS  
42 days of intensive  
care and life support  
for cousin Moshe  
Aaron ben Leah Bayla





*Friends of the  
Holocaust Center*

Congratulations to the  
2024 Community Mitzvah Honorees!

A special shout out to Steven and Lori for their insight, and for bringing the idea of a Holocaust Center to Wagner College and the community at large!

Nancy Tricorico

Congratulations to *Dan Glassman*

and in loving memory of  
*Stefania Hecht*

both being honored with this evening's  
**Courage Award**

~ *Tamar Finkelstein Owens*

Congratulations to all deserving honorees, with special thoughts for Dan Glassman and his late, beloved grandmother, Stefania Hecht.

*Ruth Greenwald*

**Thankful for the opportunity to sponsor the  
Wagner College Holocaust Center  
and the 2024 Community Mitzvah Awards!**



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**Thank you for your support of the Wagner College Holocaust Center  
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Unite for Heroism  
and Solidarity -  
at the St. George Theater

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In honor of Margot Capell. And in memory of Rabbi Romi Cohen, Gabi Held, Rachel Roth, Egon Salmon and Hannah Steiner



**WE WON'T STOP  
UNTIL THEY'RE ALL BACK**

**#BringThemHomeNow**