



A BRAND NEW DAY

יום חדש

TEMPLE EMANU-EL 88TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
MARCH 12, 2016 א 3 ADAR II 5776



**Please join us as we celebrate
congregants who have
brightened our community**

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7:00 pm Welcome Reception
7:30 pm Program & Havdallah
8:30 pm Strolling Dinner
9:30 pm Live Auction

Silent Auction Throughout
Cocktail Attire

HONORING

Founders' Award
Drs. Wendy Hurst Levine and Richard Levine

Community Service Award
Robin and Steven Epstein



FOUNDERS' AWARD HONOREES

Drs. Wendy Hurst Levine and Richard Levine



After physicians Richard Levine and Wendy Hurst Levine finished their medical residencies in Philadelphia in 1990, they moved their lives to New Jersey. As they started a family, they looked for a spiritual home where they could raise their children and nurture community relationships. They joined Temple Emanu-El in Englewood and have been ardent supporters of the synagogue ever since.

For 26 years, Wendy Hurst Levine has been a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist in Englewood. Wendy— who women in the community have come to see not only as a doctor but also as a friend and confidante— caters to patients at every stage of life. She has consistently been recognized at the top of her field, having been named a New York Magazine Best Doctor among other accolades. Wendy serves as a member of the Board of Overseers of the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, where she was instrumental in establishing the Center for Global Women's Health. She is also a Trustee of the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center Foundation and participates in Bergen Reads through JFNNJ, mentoring first-grade boys from low-income families. She graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall, earned a B.A. from Wellesley College and an M.D. from Tufts University, and completed her residency at Pennsylvania Hospital. Wendy is an avid piano player and will never be seen in the office without a pair of sparkly high heels beneath her white lab coat. Friends often call her by her email alias, Cooldoc1000.

Richard Levine has been an ophthalmologist in Cliffside Park for 26 years. He started in 1990 with just four patients— two of whom were his parents— and has since performed over 18,000 surgeries to restore eyesight. He specializes in LASIK, laser vision correction, advanced lens implant and retinal surgeries. Richard has participated in charity surgical missions through Flying Doctors of Mercy, venturing to Mexico to operate on residents of rural villages with no access to eye care. He earned his B.A. and M.D. and completed his medical residency at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. An active Penn alumnus, he and Wendy established the Levine Family Scholarships in 2005, which provide full tuition and support to four outstanding Penn undergraduates annually.

Between surgical cases, you can find Richard with his Nikon camera in one hand and a whisk in the other: he's a talented photographer and gourmet chef, renowned for his porcini mushroom risotto. Richard has been an enthusiastic participant in Rabbi Kirshner's Torah study group since its inception, and he and Wendy treasure memories of their first trip to Israel taken with Rabbi Kirshner and Temple members.

What matters most to Wendy and Richard is family. They are the proud parents of Jordan, a student at Harvard Business School, Alexandra, a graduate of Columbia Journalism School and a columnist at The New York Times, and Joshua, a senior at the University of Pennsylvania. Their pride in Temple Emanu-El has been strengthened through their children's deeply meaningful experiences there.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD HONOREES

Robin and Steven Epstein



Steven and Robin Epstein met through mutual friends at a diner in Miami one fateful day in 1991. While it was Robin's natural beauty that first caught Steven's eye, it was her ability to drive a stick shift in reverse at high speed in a straight line that sealed the deal. They were married twelve months later.

The older of two sisters, Robin grew up in Rockland County, New York. From an early age, her parents instilled in her the importance of Tikkun Olam, Healing the World. Robin applies this philosophy to her everyday life through various philanthropic and community endeavors with which she is involved, including at Temple Emanu-El, Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, the Tenafly School District HSA and the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, where she served on the Board of Directors. Robin spent three of her formative years living in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil and is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish. She earned a B.A. in Social Work from Southern Vermont College. When she is not raising money and awareness for charities, Robin enjoys spending time with her family, travel, skiing, hiking, food and photography.

The youngest of four boys, Steven was born and raised in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, attended Temple Emanu-El's religious school, and had his Bar Mitzvah at the shul, then located in Englewood. He attended Dwight Morrow High School and Tulane University, where he earned a B.A. in Sociology. Steven served on the Board of Directors at the Kaplen JCC, chairing the JCC's House Committee. He manages Mid-Continent Packaging, a contract packaging

company in Oklahoma. Steven invented and patented the revolutionary Flip-It! cap system. He enjoys hot yoga, travel, skiing and fashion. Steven has a deep love of flying and has earned ratings as both an airline transport pilot and commercial helicopter pilot. Steven's expertise as a pilot has led to numerous charitable endeavors: in 2010 he flew a number of missions to Haiti, delivering crucial relief supplies after the earthquake that devastated that country; he has flown for the Sky Hope Network, which ferries seriously ill children who cannot be exposed to commercial air travel; and most recently led the challenging logistics of delivering to Haiti a much-needed ambulance donated by Englewood Hospital.

Robin notes that Steven designs his amazing wardrobe without any spousal input whatsoever; Steven claims that it is Robin, not Al Gore, who invented the Internet. Together, they have three wonderful children: Jacob a senior at Tulane University, Olivia, a freshman at Tulane, and Benjamin, a junior at Tenafly High School. Robin and Steven are extremely grateful for this honor and cherish the opportunity to share tonight with the friends and family that have meant so much to them through the years.

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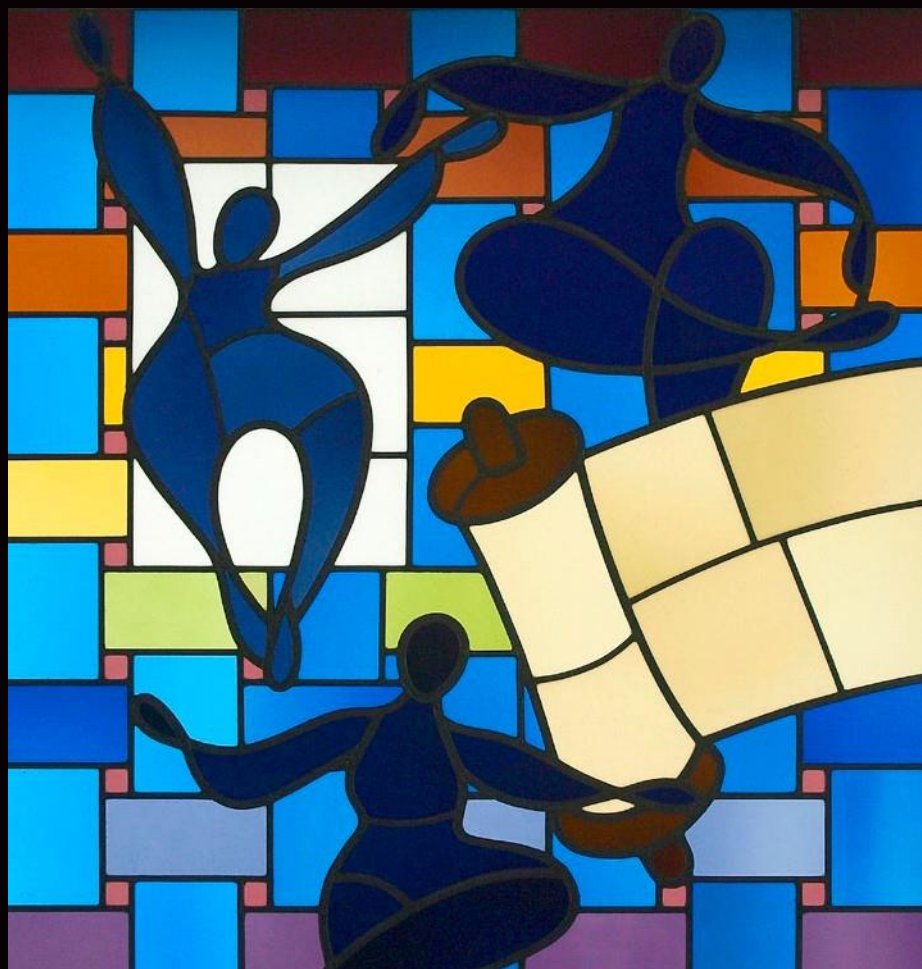
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