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## ***A Message from the Chairpersons***

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 93rd Annual Gala. This evening we honor our outgoing Co-Presidents *Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman* who represent the very best of East Midwood Jewish Center. While they each have their distinct personalities and attributes, they share one thing in common – their unwavering devotion and dedication to their synagogue. Both of them have given tirelessly of themselves in service to East Midwood Jewish Center.

Both Toby and Randy share a vision of inclusiveness for our synagogue which has been realized by the many innovative programs which they have created and supported. Our Social Action Program, designed to encourage more volunteer involvement and expand our interfaith and environmental work, has been expanded due to one of three grants which we have received under their leadership. The other two grants which we received enabled us to add a site to our website for welcoming mixed married couples and to create green Shabbats.

Other innovative programs which have blossomed under Toby's and Randy's tutelage include the monthly Shabbat-a-BimBom which attracts families with young children and has been the source of most of our 45 new members, the Rabbi's and Cantor's religious educational classes, Moran's Ulpan classes and, for our physical and emotional well-being, yoga classes facilitated by Moran as well. Under Toby's and Randy's co-presidency NightShul was created. NightShul attracts members of our synagogue as well as members from our surrounding communities who partake in diverse classes ranging from religious philosophy and the birth of Zionism to Oriental cooking classes and classic Jewish Comedy Duos.

Toby and Randy have encouraged Israeli programming by sponsoring Dr. Honigman's Institute for Living Judaism programs on Israel which provided very interesting and informative speakers. Our synagogue is sponsoring two young Israelis, Hadar and Omer, to work with the children on Saturdays and Sundays and will continue to sponsor this program next year. East Midwood Jewish Center has become co-sponsors and promoters of the Celebrate Israel events that take place at this time of year. Additionally, we host concerts each year by the Israeli Scouts and the IDF Orchestra.

Our two outgoing presidents are credited for improving the look of our landmark building. (It was due to the efforts of Toby Sanchez that East Midwood Jewish Center received landmark status.) Under Toby's and Randy's co-presidency the Regency room, the Dr. Fersko Room and the Bridal Suite were renovated. The elevator was renovated and upgraded and the office, lockers, and pool were greatly improved.

Beginning almost a year ago, Randy assumed the role of Executive Director of East Midwood Jewish Center. His responsibilities are many and he executes them with distinction. He is personable, warm, humorous, extremely caring and involved.

Toby's forwarding thinking and intergenerational outlook have made her very involved in the planning of this event. She has been actively engaged in looking for ways to make an event such as this appear more inviting to younger couples. To that end Toby encouraged us to change the name of this event from Annual Journal Dinner Dance to Annual Gala thinking that it would seem less "stuffy" and more appealing to the younger generation.

Toby and Randy, thank you for all you have done for our synagogue and thanks in advance for all we know you will do for East Midwood Jewish Center moving forward.

**Elaine Adelin and Ed Guterman**  
**Co-Chairs 93rd Annual Gala**

## ***A Message from the President of EMJC***

We congratulate our honorees, ***Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman***, for the amazing and truly incredible work done by them for the benefit of our Synagogue and congregation. It is easy to be unaware of the number of hours required to maintain and improve our institution. The devotion of our honorees to meeting the tasks at hand went beyond what could be reasonably expected. Their untold hours spent in dealing with a myriad of pressing issues over the many years of their participation was nothing short of spectacular, and will be hard to duplicate. We are most thankful for their contributions to EMJC.

As you will read in their brief biographies and in the congratulatory journal advertisements, each of them is a person of multiple talents, devoted to family, Jewish life, and the wider community. Each of them has gladly embraced the challenges of life – not by standing on the sidelines but by actively engaging in the work at hand. They work hard at their jobs and in the care of their families, and they always find time to contribute significantly to others – not because they have to but because they choose to. They do it because they can and we are all the more blessed for it.

Our Synagogue and its various functions could not exist without the work of numerous volunteers and staff. We thank all of them for their time and effort and recognize that our community stands on the shoulders of those who make such commitments. We are grateful, too, to ***Elaine Adelin and Ed Guterman***, the excellent co-chairs of this year's Gala Fundraiser, and to our loyal friend and long-time member, ***Shirley Strauss***, who added her wisdom and experience for this event and much else. And, of course, we thank ***Carolyn Schultz*** for her expertise as the Journal Editor and Office Manager; ***Joanne Honigman***, who designed the journal cover and invitations; ***Edith Maiman***, our Executive Director Emeritus; ***Hagai Kamil***, our Operations Director; ***Cara Bedick***, our Digital Marketing Coordinator; ***Larisa Gilman***, our bookkeeper; and, of course, ***Anderson Waithe*** and the entire maintenance staff who continue to make our building run.

***Michael F. Schwartz***  
***President***

## **Toby Sanchez**

Toby was born in St. Louis, Mo and came to New York with her mother when she was 16. She graduated from the City College of New York (Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude), married the late Dr. Ramon Sanchez, and they had three children – Rachel, Joe and Soren – and now have five grandchildren. They lived in various places (Queens, Puerto Rico, Madison, NJ and the Bronx, and then Brooklyn) until he obtained tenure at Hunter College. Since 1973 she has worked in the field of nonprofit management with various organizations (Community Service Society, Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development, Brooklyn in Touch Information Center, Opportunities for Better Tomorrow and others), was the executive director of two small neighborhood development organizations and chair of the Board of the Center Against Domestic Violence. From 1993 until 2016, she was a freelance grant writer. She wrote the grants which placed EMJC on the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places and then obtained \$409,000 from the State for repair of the stained glass dome and windows and \$75,000 for a Homeland Security Grant. She is the author of detailed profiles of six Brooklyn neighborhoods - Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bushwick, Crown Heights, Red Hook, Sunset Park and Williamsburg (all of which are available at the Brooklyn Historical Society). In 2011 she completed a Masters degree in Library & Information Science at Queens College and became the archivist of EMJC, a job she plans to continue. She and Sharon Resen created the EMJC Library, now located in the Social Room on the 4th floor. She has always been active in the Interfaith Committee and obtained several small grants for it from the Citizens Committee for New York.



She and her husband created and managed the large, beautiful Campus Road Garden at Brooklyn College, which flourished from 1993 until 2010. For the past 10 years she has taught a course on How to Create & Operate a Non Profit Organization at the New York University Center for Fundraising & Philanthropy and for the past 6.5 years she was the editor of *Dorot, the Journal of the Jewish Genealogical Society*.

Toby has been a member of EMJC since 1990, treasures the friends she has made and the support she received during two family emergencies. When she was asked to become co-president of EMJC with Randy Grossman in 2013, Toby accepted because she felt this would be the culmination of all her prior experience at various levels in nonprofit work. She said, “Being at the head of EMJC was the hardest and most rewarding of all my previous paid and voluntary jobs – but it would have been impossible without Randy, as we were on the same wavelength from our very first days and rarely disagreed. *I enjoyed every minute of it, even the weeks with 3 night meetings in a row.*”

## **Randy Grossman**

Randy Grossman was born in Lexington, Kentucky. He attended Cassidy Elementary School, Morton Junior High School and Henry Clay High School. Randy attended the University of Michigan where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1983.



Randy is currently the Executive Director at East Midwood Jewish Center. He works daily to make sure the Center is running at peak efficiency. He also coordinates and supervises the varied uses of the public spaces in our building, ranging from swimming lessons and life cycle events to film shoots.

Randy and his family have always been involved with the Ohavy Zion Synagogue in Lexington, Kentucky. Randy's grandparents Rose and Nathan Grossman were among the founders of the Ohavy Zion Synagogue which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2013. Randy was a member and board member of Young Judaea in Lexington, Kentucky. Randy attended the national Young Judaea leadership camp, Camp Tel Yehuda in Barryville, NY where he eventually worked for several summers. He also worked at the junior camp, Camp Young Judaea Michigan.

Randy has a wife, Rachelle, and two children, Rebecca and Jakob. Rachelle is the Event Coordinator for the American Society for Yad Vashem. Rebecca is 19 years old and returned just days ago from Young Judaea's Year Course Program in Israel. She had a wonderful time experiencing Israel on this gap year program. Rebecca will attend Binghamton University starting this fall. Jakob, who is 16 years old, is completing his junior year at James Madison High School in the Information and Technology program. Jakob will be traveling to Israel this summer with the Young Judaea Machon program where he will spend his summer exploring major sites and putting his leadership skills into action. Both Jakob and Rebecca hope to continue to learn about being productive participants in the Jewish Community both as teenagers and as adults.

After several years of being a member at East Midwood Jewish Center, Randy was invited to be part of the search committee for a new person who would lead the Talmud Torah program into the future. Randy tries to find ways to bring new and interesting traditions to the East Midwood Jewish Center community. Randy has borrowed ideas he enjoyed at other venues, such as our new tradition of opening an entire Torah Scroll on Simchat Torah, as well as the sharing of stuffed cabbage and potato kugel as part of the congregational Kiddush. In addition, he helps to mark the holiday of Shavuot with blintzes and ice cream following holiday services. Since first joining East Midwood, Randy has become a member of the Ritual Committee, the Board of Trustees, the Special Events Committee, the Ten Year Committee and the recently formed Young Families Committee which is looking to build on the momentum of so many new families in the building.

## ***A Message from Rabbi Matt Carl***

Every year, we look forward to the Dinner Dance. The food is great, the music is great, the dancing is great. These are great benefits to us but of course we know the real purpose of the event is to benefit the synagogue. It is hard to imagine two people of greater benefit to EMJC – to any synagogue, really – than ***Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman***.

As anyone reading this likely knows, Toby and Randy served together admirably as Co-Presidents before Randy became our Executive Director, leaving Toby as the sole President. They worked together so wonderfully in part because they are quite different as leaders, each bringing unique skills and strengths to their leadership, but when they were “president-ing” together, and even since, people have asked what each one is in charge of, assuming they had distinct or discrete portfolios. In truth, literally nothing happens in the East Midwood Jewish Center without the mark of Toby or Randy (or, more likely, both). Each gives their heart and soul to our community, much more than is expected, and, while I know they value it highly, we all benefit from their work much more than they do. From a personal perspective, I can assure anyone that all rabbis hope to have presidents and executive directors like ours with whom to work. It is truly a joy and pleasure and I will always be thankful for it, as I know all of us at EMJC are.

Toby and Randy, you are truly deserving of any praise and honor we can bestow upon you and, on behalf of East Midwood, I hope this scratches the surface of our appreciation of, and confidence in, your leadership. Thank you!

May we go from strength to strength!

**Rabbi Matt Carl**



## ***Congratulations Randy and Toby***

***By Rabbi Alvin Kass***

Often people who are thinking of joining a synagogue inquire: “What do I get out of my affiliation with the synagogue?” The reply is frequently: “You are not supposed to get anything out of the synagogue; you should give to it.” But I disagree. I believe that a synagogue fulfills its mission only when it gives to its members. Obviously it needs a member’s contributions and time, but the synagogue can give back infinitely more.

A great synagogue like the East Midwood Jewish Center surely provides a powerful Jewish influence in the lives of its members and families. It affords an opportunity to acquire learning for both the old and the young. It likewise gives us a fellowship of friends so that we never feel alone. A synagogue is the place where we find God, where we are lifted to a higher level and discover the way to authentic spirituality. The synagogue is the location where you refine your values and come upon your proper place in the scheme of the universe.

Tonight’s honorees are Exhibit A of what a synagogue can do for people. Toby and Randy have been outstanding presidents, each making an invaluable contribution in her and his own way. Toby has a magnificent historical sense and she puts the life of the synagogue within the context of the Jewish past and the Jewish future. Randy reaches out to all people of every race, religion, color and creed, and has made the East Midwood Jewish Center a house of prayer for all people. They have given their maximum in love and service. We are all deeply indebted to them. They are living proof that the worth of a synagogue is not determined by the size of its membership, the dimensions of the budget, or the design of the architecture but by its influence on the spiritual life of its adherents.

May God bless them both with good health for many years to come and may they serve as an inspiration to one and all of what a synagogue can do for us all.

## ***A Message from Cantor Sam Levine***

In modern Hebrew, the word for *president* is “*nasi*.” In the Torah, the same word means something like leader, prince, or chieftain. In last week’s *parasha*, we learned that the *nesi'im*, the tribal leaders, aided Moses and Aaron in taking the census of the Israelites. We encounter the word again in the Torah portion that we read yesterday, *Parashat Naso*. This time, the *nesi'im* are chosen to bring the very first sacrifices at the inauguration of the tabernacle. According to the Etz Chayim *chumash*, in a midrash in Numbers Rabbah the sages ask “Who were these chieftains? They had been foremen during the days of Egyptian enslavement, and willingly accepted beatings from their Egyptian taskmasters rather than punish their fellow Israelites for not meeting their quotas of bricks. As a reward, they were honored to bring these inaugural offerings.”

Ironically, at EMJC, it is only *after* you accept the role of *nasi*, of president, that you have to endure beatings. The role of Synagogue President is often a thankless one, and the members who step forward to accept that role likely have no idea of the slings and arrows that will confront them. This makes it all the more remarkable when we find leaders like Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman, who have guided us so ably over the past four years. With grace, with humility, and with unflagging devotion, they have overseen a significant period of growth at the East Midwood Jewish Center.

Toby - even before I met you, I knew of your reputation. When I first came to East Midwood, you were spoken of as *grant-writer par excellence* and all around super-volunteer. You were already at work securing historical landmark status for our synagogue, and you had your hands in many other areas of synagogue life. Randy - your family joined EMJC around the same time that I arrived, and you threw yourself into serving the congregation right away, without hesitation. Your ideas were integral to our programming, and you spent countless hours on committee work, bringing your experience and enthusiasm to improve the operation of the synagogue. It has truly been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you both. Your honesty and your commitment are inspiring, and in so many ways you are ideal leaders. You should be exceedingly proud of the impact you have had on our community, and I hope that the example you have set will be the model for years to come.

The same midrash that I quoted above states that “on the day the tabernacle was dedicated, something happened that never had happened before. The *Sh'khinah*, the Presence of God, descended from heaven and took up residence in this world.” This was the result of the sacrifices that the *nesi'im* - the leaders - the “presidents” - had made. The selfless act of giving something of great value for the benefit of the community was an act in the service of God, and the impact of that action resulted in unprecedented favor. Randy and Toby - may your influence long be felt, and may you both continue to serve the community in ways great and small.

From strength to strength,  
With love and admiration,

**Cantor Sam Levine**

## ***A Message from Room J***

True story:

Kabbalists have told us that the best hour to rearrange letters is at midnight, wrapped in a prayer shawl and phylacteries, and surrounded by candles.

The timing, serendipitously, was to the minute, but I forewent the *tallit* and *tefillin*. Instead of candles, I relied on the illumination cast by 9-watt LED lightbulbs.

Jewish mystics have also shared the methodology. “Start writing the sacred letters,” we’re told. Stepping away again from tradition, I instead typed them on the keyboard.

“Gather speed as you permute them.” I was confident the processor in the MacBook Pro was plenty fast. I didn’t know how quickly results would emerge from the computer program I selected, but I was certain it would be swifter than me arranging and rearranging those twelve letters by hand.

I was never a strong Scrabble player.

*Tzeruf* meditation was new to me.

If done right, we’re then told, “You will begin to feel a warm, glowing sensation at the heart.”

And just like that, there was.

Here’s what I discovered:

If you rearrange the letters in “co-presidents” you discover that those twelve letters recombine to make two other words: “no disrespect.” Perfect!

Toby and Randy, during your selfless stints as co-presidents, there’s only my deepest respect for everything you’ve done for EMJC. And you have my deepest thanks as well.

xoxo,

**Audrey Korelstein**

**Director of Youth and Family Education**

**Room J @ EMJC**

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Rabbi Matt Carl  
East Midwood Jewish Center  
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Dear Rabbi Carl,

President Kennedy challenged Americans with these words “And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

Our honorees, Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman have met that challenge throughout their lives in service to our *Shul*, the East Midwood Community, and *Am Yisroael*.

With grateful appreciation,

The Officers and Members of  
the Kaddish & Men's Club

*Avrom S. Fischer*

President

## ***A Message from Sisterhood***

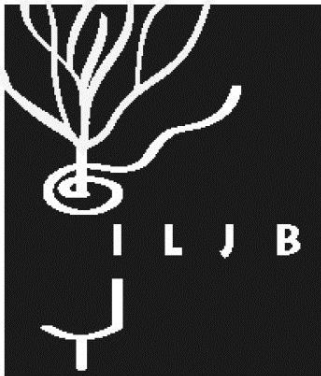
A classic Jewish proverb tells us, “I ask not for a lighter burden, but for stronger shoulders.” Over the past 4 years, ***Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman*** have had the strongest of shoulders to assume the many responsibilities inherent in serving as Co-Presidents of East Midwood Jewish Center.

Sisterhood is delighted to congratulate tonight’s pair of remarkable honorees. Toby and Randy have consistently demonstrated tremendous generosity of spirit, time and expertise. Toby has contributed her skills as an archivist, grant writer, fundraiser, librarian and all around resource person during her tenure as president. No matter what situation presents itself, Toby always remains a reassuring and steadfast presence in our synagogue. Her professionalism and dedication have been hallmarks of her leadership at EMJC.

Randy has enriched our shul in countless ways as both Co-President and Executive Director. Thanks to Randy’s efforts, the building is bursting with activity from top to bottom. Both day and night a diverse group of community participants are using our facilities. Randy is able to manage a variety of activities with calm, patience and efficiency. It is always a pleasure for Sisterhood to work collaboratively with Randy and Toby.

Sisterhood is proud to wish a hearty Mazal Tov to Toby and Randy on this special occasion. May they and their families continue to experience good health, happiness and success in all their current and future endeavors.

**With much affection,**  
**Rochelle Eckstein   Amy Nitzky   Shereen Rosenthal**  
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*Toby and Randy:*  
Thank you for rekindling  
the light at East Midwood  
Jewish Center.  
Through both of your efforts  
we will once again be the  
go to place in our community.

**Sam Ainbinder**  
**Norma Rothstein**



Thank You

*Toby Sanchez  
And  
Randy Grossman*

**Zachary Bernstein  
And Family**





To Our Amazing Outgoing Presidents  
*Toby and Randy*

Thanks so much for your tireless, selfless, generous, and enthusiastic efforts in your work as co-presidents of EMJC for these past four years. Your leadership has helped to maintain and sustain EMJC as a true and significant center for Jewish and community life.

You both have inspired us with your passion, your commitment, your *Why not? Can do! Let's try it!* attitudes. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Fondly,  
**Sally and Mike Hipscher**



Mazal Tov to

*Toby Sanchez*  
*And*  
*Randy Grossman*

On this well deserved honor

**Kaddish and Men's Club**



It is our special delight  
to honor  
*Randy Grossman*  
*and Toby Sanchez*  
for all their devotion to  
East Midwood  
and all the pleasure  
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Best Wishes & Congratulations to

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*and Randy Grossman*  
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Thank you for all your contributions,  
tireless efforts, dedication and devotion to  
East Midwood Jewish Center.

May you go from strength to strength and  
find joy and fulfillment in all you do.

May East Midwood Jewish Center continue  
to grow and prosper for generations to come  
and be a source of inspiration for all who  
walk through its doors.

**Elaine Adelin and Ed Guterman**  
**Co-Chairs 93rd Annual Gala**

Congratulations and best wishes to

*TOBY SANCHEZ and RANDY GROSSMAN*

Two outstanding Presidents of EMJC

**MADELEINE and STEPHEN APPELL**

Mazel Tov

to *Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman*

on this richly deserved honor.

Your extraordinary dedication, diligence,

resourcefulness, and indefatigability

in service to the East Midwood Jewish

Center have been laudable.

**Joan and Lenny Berkowitz**



Special: Surpassing what is common or usual; Exceptional

*American Heritage Dictionary: Fourth Edition*

It's great to be able to honor two special people:  
*Toby Sanchez, and Randy Grossman.*

Toby has been a terrific President of East Midwood for the last four years. Toby is a historian, archivist and grant writer *extraordinaire*. Under her leadership many young people were brought into the East Midwood fold, and the East Midwood Library was created. Her grant writing skills have gotten us tens of thousands of dollars.

Randy was Toby's Presidential partner for three years, and shares credit for all of her accomplishments. When we needed an Executive Director for our increasingly complex building, we were extremely fortunate that Randy applied for, and got the job. Under his leadership our building is constantly hopping with myriad activities.

To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin at the Constitution Convention, because of these special leaders East Midwood's sun is rising.

**Steve Finkelstein**

Mazal Tov to

*Toby Sanchez*  
*and*  
*Randy Grossman*

Two extraordinary people  
who have dedicated  
themselves to the  
needs of the East Midwood  
Jewish Center

**Frances and Avrom Fischer**

Dear Toby,

I have observed all the presidents of EMJC in the last 75 years. I nominate you for first place in the ranking of EMJC presidents.

Job well done!!

Dear Randy,

You have made a great start as our executive director. It is too soon to rank you. I will rank you when we celebrate EMJC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Keep up the good work.

**Sandy Goldhaber**

Best wishes to

***Co-Presidents***

***Randy Grossman & Toby Sanchez***

For all that you've accomplished to grow

East Midwood Jewish Center

Enhancing programs

Enhancing Building Use

Establishing the vision for the future

With love, honor and respect,

**ED GUTERMAN**

**LYUDMILA LAPSHINA**

Mazal Tov to *Randy Grossman*  
*and Toby Sanchez*  
on this very well-deserved honor.  
Todah Rabah for taking our beloved  
EMJC to greater heights within the  
community and increasing our  
membership.

May we continue to  
collectively go from  
strength to strength.

Yasher Koach!!

**Dr. David and Gail Hammerman**

*Toby,*

Yasher koach for your outstanding leadership.

You are passionate about social causes  
and have proven it with life-long dedication  
and hard work.

We love you!

*Randy,*

Thank you for taking on the arduous tasks of  
President and Executive Director,  
both of which you execute with great kavannah.  
Your warmth and generosity shine through.

**Joanne and Howard Honigman**

Congratulations  
*Randy and Toby*

We appreciate your  
hard work and devotion  
to  
East Midwood Jewish Center

**Barbara and Stan  
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How does an institution  
prosper?  
When good people stand up  
and take the reins of  
leadership.

*Randy and Toby* – our praises  
to you both for an outstanding  
job these last four years.

With great affection,  
**Michele and Larry Isaacson**



*To Toby and Randy,*

Thank you and  
congratulations!  
You have made EMJC  
shine through your  
leadership

**Lois Jackson  
and Michael Gerstein**

**Todah Rabah to**  
*Toby Sanchez*  
*& Randy Grossman*  
for the great job they did as  
co-presidents of EMJC

**Steven and Stephanie  
Kaner**

*To Toby and Randy:*

Your dedication to East Midwood Jewish Center, and to connecting our past to our present and future, has created momentum that cannot be stopped. Your work has been an inspiration and a model to follow. Thank you for all you have done.

**Alyssa, Bryan and Thalia**

Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to Honorees

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**Ronnie, Gary and Aliza Rose Kippel**  
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Thanks for your hard work  
and dedication,  
*Toby Sanchez*  
*and Randy Grossman*

**Herman Lepson**

Mazal Tov  
And Thank You  
For Your Years Of Service

**The Liebov Family**

*Toby and Randy,*

Thank you for leadership  
and your outstanding service  
to EMJC. Each one of you is  
an inspiration.

With our love,  
**Steve Litwin and Julia Davis**

*Toby and Randy,*

Nobody works as hard as the  
two of you.

Your efforts have shined  
through to make EMJC  
such a special place.

Congratulations on this  
well deserved honor.

**Amy and Jay Nitzky**



Congratulations to  
*Toby and Randy.*

You have put EMJC on the  
map – making us relevant  
and vibrant.

I hope that we continue on  
the path that you have set.

**Mazal Tov!**

**Michael and Roni Schwartz**

Congratulations and best  
wishes to our honorees.

**Blossom and Martin  
Shelton**

**Congratulations**  
**East Midwood Jewish Center,**  
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**Brooklyn, and to the honorees**  
*Toby Sanchez*  
*and Randy Grossman*

**Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Solome**

Thanks to  
*Toby and Randy*  
For all their efforts  
on behalf of  
East Midwood Jewish Center.  
They kept their eyes on the  
future.

**Marsha and Eliot Solomon**

Congratulations  
*Toby Sanchez and  
Randy Grossman*

On successfully nurturing and  
growing EMJC  
during their Presidencies

**Aviva and Michael Sucher**

**Mazal Tov and Big Thank You  
to the EMJC Dream Team:**

*Toby Sanchez  
and Randy Grossman*

**From Dr. Alex Trakhtman  
and the family**

...I heartily intend

**Stuart Witt**

Annual Dinner Dance

I looked forward

to attending

But family event

with fierce force

yanked me

still – warm greetings –

I heartily intend.

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Note: My daughter **Civia** also

expresses warm greetings.

Mazal Tov to *Toby and Randy*  
and to all those who work  
tirelessly to make this center  
the beating heart of our  
community. We are proud to  
call EMJC our home and look  
forward to many more years  
sharing in the work (and play!)  
that repairs the world while  
adding so much meaning  
to our lives.

**Arlo, Abe,  
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*Randy Grossman and Toby Sanchez*  
**for a job well done!**

**Goldie and Eric Arrow**

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**Congratulations and Thank You**  
*Randy Grossman and Toby Sanchez*

**Joyce Ashe**

# Congratulations to the honorees.



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## KOL HAKAVOD

Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to outgoing wonderful Co-Presidents  
*Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman*  
May they go from strength to strength,  
in good health, and continue their dedicated  
services to our great synagogue, EMJC.

**Anne Binder, Karen Binder and Family**

Thank You for your dedication!  
*Toby Sanchez*  
*and*  
*Randy Grossman*

**Lynn Borodach-Feuerman**

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Thank You to *Toby and Randy*  
for all of your dedication and hard work  
on behalf of  
East Midwood Jewish Center  
Mazal Tov!

**Rochelle and David Eckstein**

Congratulations and Thank You  
*Randy Grossman and Toby Sanchez*

**Kenneth and Sally Frishberg**

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Mazel Tov to all the hard work and long hours you both put into being co-presidents. We were certainly lucky to have both of you on board.

All the best,  
**Susan and Arthur Geen**

Congratulations and Thank You  
To this year's gala honorees  
*Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman*  
In recognition of their devotion to EMJC

**Eric and Sherry Goldberg**

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Mazel Tov

*Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman*

Thank you for all your tireless work.

**Andrea Green and Frank Valenti**



*Toby Carliner Sanchez*, from St. Louis, Missouri, the grant writer whose application resulted in the Center's listing on the U.S. and New York State National Register of Historic Places, NYU professor, editor, researcher, genealogist, consultant, archivist and fundraiser.

*Randy Grossman*, from Lexington, Kentucky, EMJC's executive director and former sales executive with a background in the health supplies, mortgage and telecommunications industries.

Under your leadership as EMJC's co-presidents, you have preserved and advanced the goals of our beloved synagogue by opening the doors of the Center to the communities around us, promoted our congregation far and wide, expanded religious, educational and cultural programs, given special attention to younger families and children, and increased Israeli programs. You have been veritable sources of inspiration.

Your contributions and innovations will long be remembered.

**Madeline and Tom Kraner**

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Mazal tov to *Toby and Randy*  
for a job well done.

**Leah and Eugene  
Krakowski**

Thank You  
*Toby + Randy*  
for your extraordinary efforts  
on behalf of EMJC.  
Mazel Tov

**Estelle and Ephraim Leibowitz**

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Congratulations  
*Toby and Randy*  
on trying to put East Midwood back on  
the map and for your hard work

**Susan and Harvey Lubowitz**

Congratulations and Best Wishes  
To Our Dear Presidents  
*Toby and Randy*

**Joseph and Lisa Rothman**

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THANK YOU  
HONOREES!

**MARILYN AND EDWARD ROTHSTEIN**

Not everyone is fortunate enough to  
meet extraordinary people.  
We feel lucky to have *Toby and Randy*  
in our lives, as they truly are  
extraordinary.  
Mazel tov!

**Phyllis and Joe Rothstein**

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Mazal Tov to *Toby and Randy*  
on this well deserved honor

**Debbie and Mitch Schechtman**

Todah Rabah to our co-presidents  
*Randy Grossman and Toby Sanchez*  
for their labors of love  
for our beloved synagogue.

**Shirley N. Strauss**

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**Toby and Randy = Menschkeit and Caring<sup>2</sup>**

Everyone in the East Midwood Family were blessed to have had the leadership of these two intelligent and exceptionally devoted honorees.

All of us at **Senior League** wish Toby and Randy a beautiful and fulfilling future.

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In Honor Of Our 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Congratulations And Thank You  
*Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman*

**The Staff  
Of East Midwood Jewish Center**

MAY LONG LIVE EMJC!  
(IN SPITE OF IT ALL)

**Shirley and David Burg**

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*To Toby and Randy*

In appreciation for their many years of dedicated service  
to EMJC

**Sandra L. Green**

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Congratulations to *Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman*  
on this honor acknowledging your tireless efforts and  
outstanding results on behalf of  
the East Midwood Jewish Center.

**Joel Hochstein and Marlene Krafchik**

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Thanks to deserving honorees *Toby and Randy*

and in honor of *IDF Samal Noam Cohen*  
on completion of his tour of duty

Kol Hakavod  
**Rhoda Jacobs**

Dear *Toby and Randy*, we sincerely congratulate the both of you on a job very well done. Our whole family is indebted for the hard work that you've done and continue to do at EMJC. Your efforts have created a more vibrant and robust Jewish and Community Center. We know it is not easy, and for much of the time a thankless task. So on behalf of **the whole Lantner family, Moran, Murray, Ma'ayan, Meitar and Alma**, we sincerely thank you both. Mazal Tov.

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*To Toby and Randy,*

Our heartfelt thanks to you both for the innovation and revitalization that you have brought to EMJC. We know that this has been a labor of love but we also appreciate how challenging and time-consuming your roles have been. Thank you for the skill, creativity, and devotion with which you have attended to all the details, joys and, sometimes, sorrows that have filled the spaces of this very special place.

Love,

**Beth Myerson-Jacobs and Jon Jacobs**

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*Mazel tov, Randy and Toby!*

Thank you for warmly welcoming us into the EMJC community. We're grateful for your friendship and for your strong support of Shabbat Katan and other wonderful family programs.

**Becky Phillips and Dan Wilchins**



*Toby and Randy:*

you were a great team that energized our congregation  
with many attractive innovations.

*Toby:* you have a God-given ability to lead  
and East Midwood had the good fortune  
to be the beneficiary of your special talents.

**Ellen and Milt Pincus**

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*Dear Toby and Randy,*

Your amazing hard work over the past three years has  
made EMJC into a truly inclusive, younger and even more  
vibrant and active community. Thank you, thank you for the  
enormous and positive changes you have enabled!!

With great appreciation,

**The Sanua Family**

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Thank you *Toby and Randy* for all you did to make EMJC a  
special place for our family.

Love,

**Mike, Jessica, Kaylie and Ryan Saratovsky**

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*Mazal Tov to Toby and Randy*  
on this well deserved honor!

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Congratulations to *Toby & Randy* on a well deserved honor!  
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its presidents.

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*Toby*

Mazal Tov on such a well deserved honor.  
Thank you for your dedication, patience, and  
kindness.

**Stephanie Luxenberg**

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Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday Evening 9/20/17

Rosh Hashanah: Thursday 9/21 and Friday 9/22/17

Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur): Friday Evening 9/29/17

Yom Kippur: Saturday 9/30/17

**More details will be posted at [www.emjc.org](http://www.emjc.org)**

Mazel Tov *Toby and Randy*

Thank you for your **Dedication, Devotion, Determination**  
– A **Driving Force** for our Shul.  
A **Deeply Deserved Honor**

Love,  
**Pearl and Harvey Berkowsky**

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In Memory of  
*Marilyn Gaber*

**Shelley Braff**

Congratulations to  
*Toby Sanchez*  
*and Randy Grossman*  
on a job very well done.  
Thank you.  
**Reva Friedman**

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In Memory Of  
*Susan Klein*

**Melvyn Klein**

In Honor Of  
*Bryan + Robert Horn*

**Melvyn Klein**

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In Memory Of  
My Cousin  
*Joseph Morrison*

**Irwin Leibowitz**

In Memory Of  
My Parents  
*Fannie + Alex*

**Irwin Leibowitz**

In Honor Of  
*Toby and Randy* who have  
devoted themselves to  
the future and care of  
the East Midwood J.C.  
**Hannah M. Levine**

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*My Parents Moe Kunitz  
and Lillian F. Kunitz Pearce*

**Frances B. Pearce**

Congratulations to the honorees

In memory of  
*Elliott Hochberg*

**Gloria Hochberg**

Congratulations *Toby and Randy*  
I appreciate all of your efforts on  
behalf of EMJC

**Shereen Rosenthal**

***A Quick Thank You From Journal Editor and Office Manager, Carolyn A. Schultz***

It has been an honor and privilege to be Journal Editor for the second year in a row, in addition to serving as Office Manager since December 2016.

However – sometimes we all need a little help – so I am fortunate that there's a little space here to thank a few key individuals who have been instrumental in helping me print our journal on time while still maintaining an efficient, welcoming office:

***Rochelle Eckstein and Pearl Berkowsky***, who generously helped out in the office.

***Joanne Honigman***, who gave us the beautiful journal cover and other graphic design expertise.

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***Stephanie Kaner***, past Journal Editor, for training me last year on this tremendous process, and for her continued friendship and support.

And of course: ***Honorees Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman***, as well as ***President Michael Schwartz, Gala Co-Chairs Ed Guterman and Elaine Adelin, and our interns, maintenance staff, and other colleagues and content contributors!***

## ***WELL WISHERS***

Shelley, Michael and Emma Braff

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worker, not  
in the job."  
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*Mordechai Pariente*

*Betty Rose*

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*Sofia Sorin*

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*Nusha Wyner*



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Past Center Presidents*

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