

*A Farewell Tribute to*  
***Rabbi Seth & Marsha Bernstein***

*June 2, 2019*



*IN HONOR OF  
RABBI SETH BERNSTEIN*

TO PARAPHRASE RABBI JONATHAN SAKS,  
YOU ARE:

*The embodiment of chesed (loving kindness expressed as deed) and tzedakah (a gift) to all whose lives you touch.*

**We shall miss you both!**

**SUE AND STEVE STERNHEIMER**

**2019**





Fellow Congregants:

Thank you for coming together to say farewell to Rabbi Seth and Marsha Bernstein as they head off to the next exciting chapter of their lives. When Rabbi Bernstein arrived eight years ago, he was very clear that he would not stay past age 70, and he is a man of his word! While we have many fond memories of his time with us, we are here to celebrate the Bernstein tenure and not bemoan the departure of Seth and Marsha.

Rabbi Bernstein became our Rabbi during Geri Epstein and Marty Stein's co-presidency. I don't think any of us realized at that time how much he would contribute to our spiritual, communal, and congregational growth. Seth and Marsha took us out of OMI and into the world leading two congregational trips to Israel and one to Central Europe, all to better connect and identify with our Jewish heritage and roots. And I'm sure many of us have stories about how the Rabbi was there at a time of personal difficulty and how he was a great comfort and help getting through those times. Seth and Marsha have built a tremendous legacy here at Bet Aviv. Thank you both.

We did not get to where we are today by chance. Being here today is a result of the leadership of all the past Presidents and Board members who have given so generously of their time, energy and often times financial support. I thank you for your dedication and the effort you have given us, and still give us to make this congregation thrive.

An event like this takes many people working together. I'd like to thank the Reception Committee,<sup>1</sup> co-chaired by Barb Hurwitz and Bob Rabinowitz, for ensuring that this event goes as smoothly as possible. This took many long hours of planning, designing the ceremony, meeting with the caterer, shopping, and doing all those things needed to make today special.

Finally, thank you to all who have contributed to the health and welfare of Bet Aviv, be it with financial support or volunteering time.

This Tribute Book is packed with well wishes from the congregants, OMI clergy, and the community, and I'd like to thank Lynn Green and Rich Rosenblatt for putting it together. It is a testament to the impact Seth and Marsha have made on us all. We wish them both a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Enjoy the event.

Richard Madonna  
President

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<sup>1</sup> Reception Committee: Barb Hurwitz, Bob Rabinowitz, Joel Broida, Bob Ginsburg, Ellen Rappoport, Laura Salganik, Greta Schoenberg, Lynne Warshaw, Jerry Weinstein, Diane Willen; Lynn Green (Executive Liaison)

*Join Bet Aviv As We Honor*

*Rabbi Seth and Marsha Bernstein*



*for their Dedication to Bet Aviv*

*Sunday, June 2, 2019*

*Oakland Mills Interfaith Center*

*5885 Robert Oliver Place*

*Columbia, MD 21045*

*Program 3:00 PM*

*Followed by hors d'oeuvres Reception*



# In Their Own Words: A Combined Biographical Statement from Rabbi Seth and Marsha Bernstein

We are both Midwesterners by birth. Seth is from Indianapolis, Indiana, where he graduated from North Central High School. Marsha is from Lincoln, Nebraska where she graduated from Lincoln High. Both of us were active in our synagogues and Jewish youth groups. We met at the end of our freshman years at Indiana University and were married in 1970 before our senior years of college. Seth majored in History and Marsha in English with an Education Degree.



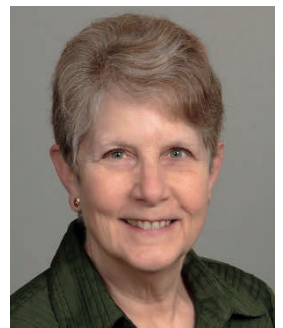
At the end of his senior year, Seth was accepted to Hebrew Union College after which we moved to Israel for a year. We returned to Cincinnati to complete Seth's rabbinic studies. However, in the course of these studies, he took a year off and we moved to Washington, DC where he entered INTERMET, an Interfaith Seminary. We then returned to Cincinnati. Both Michael and Jana were born in Cincinnati. Marsha worked at a diamond manufacturing company and typed dissertations on the side. Seth had multiple jobs during that time, including serving pulpits in Columbus, Ohio; Muncie, Indiana; Schulenburg, Texas, Owensboro, Kentucky, and a maximum security prison in Lucasville, Ohio.

Seth was ordained in 1977 and our family moved to New York City where Seth was an Assistant and then Associate Rabbi at Congregation Rodeph Sholom on the Upper West Side. Marsha continued typing dissertations and books at home and also worked part-time at the Temple and for a local caterer.

In 1986 the family moved to Worcester, MA, where Seth served for 25 years at Temple Sinai. Marsha worked at a local private middle and high school, Worcester Academy, serving as the Associate Director of Admission and International Student Director. During our years in Massachusetts, Seth earned a Doctor of Ministry at Andover Newton Theological School. He also served as the Jewish Chaplain at UMASS/Memorial Hospital and the Hospice Chaplain at the Jewish Healthcare Center. After years of training, Seth became a Board Certified Chaplain, specializing in Disaster Spiritual Care with the American Red Cross.

While in Worcester, both Michael and Jana were married in 1999. Michael is married to Daphna Straus. They have two children, Allie (13) and Theo (10) and live in Manhattan with their dog, Maisy. Jana married a local "Worcester boy," Jeremy Sharp. They live in Kensington with their two children, Sam (13) and Eve (10) and their dog, Teddy.

Fortunately, Seth was offered this rabbinic position at Bet Aviv in 2011. Marsha first worked part-time at a doctor's office but in 2016 she started working for Sharp Insight, Jana's business. In addition to serving as Rabbi at Bet Aviv, Seth has taken great pleasure in being part of the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. In his "off" hours, Seth is on the faculty of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in their Doctor of Ministry Program and he is Chair of the Board of Appeals of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He plans to continue his teaching at HUC-JIR and work with the CCAR. Since moving to Leisure World, Marsha has taken on the job of Treasurer of the Jewish Residents of Leisure World.



Both of us cannot thank the Bet Aviv community enough for all that you have given and we have received during these last eight years.



THANK  
YOU  
Seth &  
Marsha

40 Years in the Rabbinate 2017



Dinner in Prague 2017

Purim 2014



Bet Aviv in Poland 2017



Hanukkah 2013

Thank you for your wisdom, your leadership and your caring.

Laura and Bill Salganik



**"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."**

**~ Maya Angelou**



**Seth and Marsha;**

**Thanks for all that you have done during these eight years. Together we have celebrated our good times and survived our tribulations. We have traveled the world and you have enabled us to grow in our Judaism. We will never forget. We wish you both peace, health and happiness always.**



**All of our love,**  
*Randi Rich*  
**Randi & Richard Rosenblatt**





*Best wishes!*

to our good friend and supporter, Rabbi Seth Bernstein.  
We are grateful for your wisdom, your deep commitment  
to the Jewish People, and your dedication to Howard  
County's Jewish community.



**Beth Millstein, President • Board of Directors & Staff**

Dear Marsha and Seth,

You have been an incredible  
blessing to Bet Aviv and to me  
personally.

I wish you the joyful,  
rejuvenating, enriching, and  
wonderful retirement you so  
richly deserve.

With deepest thanks for all  
you've given to all of us at Bet  
Aviv.

*Ruth Drucker*

Thanks for everything!

*Cal & Rosanne Blinder*



Seth,

It was a pleasure working closely with you as co-president. We at Bet Aviv appreciate your warmth, your caring and your dedication to the congregation.

The highlight of your time here for me was having the opportunity to fulfill a life-long dream to become a Bat Mitzvah and read from the Torah.

I wish you and Marsha the best as you begin a new chapter of your life together.

*Geri Epstein*

Thanks to you and Marsha for all you have done for Bet Aviv.

May you have a long and happy retirement.

You will be missed.

*Faye & Morris Levine*

Dear Seth and Marsha,

Thank you for being such a warm and caring presence in our lives.

We enjoyed going to Central Europe with you! Enjoy your next adventure!

*Ellen & Nelson Levin*

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*Thank you for all the support you  
have given our group.*

*We wish you and Marsha all the  
best in the coming years.*

*Bet Aviv Singles*







Rabbi Seth and Marsha, you have given us eight splendid years. We were so glad we were able to join you on our trip to Israel. Best wishes always, *Richard and Susan Madonna*



To Rabbi Seth and Marsha Bernstein:

Thank you for being here when I needed you so much. You were wonderful and I will never forget you. You will be missed! I hope you have many wonderful years ahead.

*Honey Kurlander*

Rabbi Bernstein:

With fond appreciation for everything that you have done for our congregation and for your support during our illnesses, best wishes for a long and fulfilling retirement.

*Ira & Sheryll Ziporkin*



We wish you good health and happiness in your retirement.

Thank you for your guidance, teaching and kindness.

*Eileen & Hal Engel*

Rabbi Seth & Marsha...we thank you both many times over for sharing and caring so very much. We could never understand how part timers could actually be on duty 24/7.

Thanks for sharing your lives with us ... we appreciate that very much. Now is the time for you to be a little selfish and to treat yourselves. Have fun.

*Joel & Gail Broida*

Thank you for enlightening us about Reform Judaism at services and Lunch & Learn.

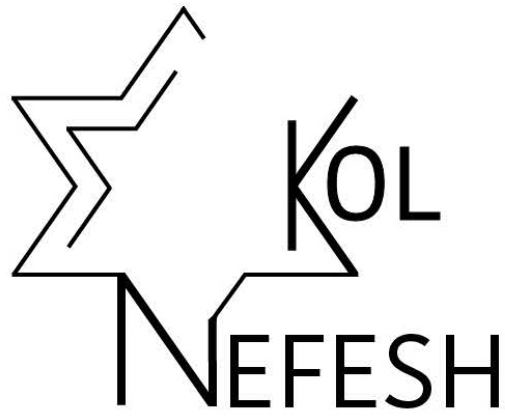
Wishing you and Marsha a happy, fulfilling retirement. We cannot imagine Bet Aviv without you!

Shalom,

*Mike & Marilyn Binder*

Thanks, Rabbi Bernstein, for spurring me to rediscover my Jewish roots after many years away from that being, for being so welcoming and inclusive, and for showing me that Judaism is fundamentally about helping people.

I will miss you greatly and wish you the best in what I'm sure will be an active retirement. *Jim Gutman*



Best wishes on your retirement, Rabbi Bernstein! Thank you for all the support you've given Kol Nefesh throughout the years.

We value knowing you and your spiritual leadership, and wish you and Marsha a very long, healthy and joyous retirement.

*Ellis & Dori Robinson*

Seth,

Thank you for your years of dedication, leadership, inspiration and service to Bet Aviv and our community.

We wish you and Marsha good health, happiness, peace and joy with your family. Congratulations on your retirement.

*Barbara and Jeffrey Packer*

Susie and I want to wish you a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

We are thankful for getting to know you better on the Israel trip. In addition, knowing how small the world is because of us almost crossing paths in IU at Park Square Apartments.

*Ron and Susan Golkow*

Best wishes or a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement. You will be missed. Our wishes are for both of you.

*Gayle and Ron Miller*

**B**oth of you have touched our lives

**L**et us be reminded of

**E**ach blessing you bestowed upon us in

**S**ickness and in good health

**S**uch that we wish for you

**I**mmense joy in retirement

**N**ow go and enjoy the wonders of the world and

**G**od bless you both!

**With much love and appreciation,  
Marjorie Fass and Bob Rabinowitz**



Mazel Tov on your retirement,  
Rabbi Bernstein!

*Rabbi Sonya Starr*

*Cantor Ben Kintisch*

Columbia Jewish Congregation



Wishing Marsha and Seth many  
healthy and joyful years together in  
retirement.

Thanks for your wisdom, passion  
and empathy and all that you've  
done for Bet Aviv.

*Barbara Kaplan & David Zeitzer*



Thank you  
for being an integral part  
of The Meeting House  
and the Howard County  
Community.

Wishing you happiness,  
success and good health as  
you begin your new  
adventures.

**The Board and Staff of  
Columbia Jewish Congregation**

## **RABBI SETH BERNSTEIN & MARSHA BERNSTEIN**

With appreciation and admiration  
from the Bet Aviv Choir



May you go from strength to greater strength, Im Shira. **SHALOM**

## SETH AND MARSHA

**How quickly time flies when you are having fun!  
It has been eight wonderful years that you have  
blessed Bet Aviv with growing from strength to  
strength.**



**From your first tea at our home, our cinnamon cookies have been a part of  
your reputation. Our trips have been super memorable and have provided  
varied cultures to our congregants. Neal and I have appreciated all of your  
friendship. You both are the best. In times of need and in good times you  
have provided us with the strength to carry on.**

**May Hashem provide you with long life! We will truly miss  
you.**

*Love,  
Lynn and Neal Green*







**Thank you, Rabbi Bernstein...**

**We have loved spending our Tuesdays  
being inspired by you!**

**We will always remember the  
warm and wonderful learning community you created.**

**Wishing you much joy and meaning  
in your next chapter,**

**Your Lunch and Learn Class**



To-Dah תודה To-Dah תודה To-Dah תודה To-Dah תודה

THANK  
YOU!      THANK  
YOU!      THANK  
YOU!      THANK  
YOU!

Dear Seth and Marsha,

Thank you for your support and guidance throughout your tenure at Bet Aviv. You both have been a source of strength and inspiration to us all.

We wish you the best that life has to offer. We will miss you!!

## The Bet Aviv Sisterhood



To-Dah תודה To-Dah תודה To-Dah תודה To-Dah תודה

THANK  
YOU!      THANK  
YOU!      THANK  
YOU!      THANK  
YOU!





*A truly great Rabbi is:  
Hard to find  
Difficult to part with  
Impossible to forget*



*We will never forget your passion, your devotion, and your caring for each one of us at Bet Aviv.*

*For all of that and so much more, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You will always be a part of Bet Aviv.*

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# Farewell Tribute to Rabbi Seth & Marsha Bernstein

## *Program*

Greetings	Richard Madonna, President
Welcome and introductory remarks	Robert Rabinowitz
Reflections on Rabbi Seth Bernstein	Robert Rabinowitz
Reflections on Marsha Bernstein	Barbara Hurwitz
Rabbi Bernstein's Presidents – a tribute	Richard Madonna, Richard Rosenblatt, Bill Salganik, Lynn Green, Geri Epstein, Marty Stein
Rabbi Bernstein's Cantors – a musical tribute <i>Begin Again</i> , words and music by Cantor Linda E. Baer	Cantor Emerita Margery Auerbach, Cantor Stephanie Weishaar, Cantor Linda Baer
<i>Psalm 150</i> , music by Leonard Cohen	Choir led by Ira Singer
"Our Parents" – The Offspring Perspective	Michael Bernstein, Jana Sharp
Presentation	Robert Rabinowitz, Barbara Hurwitz
"Retrospect and Prospect"	Rabbi Seth Bernstein
<i>Shehekienu</i> , music by Carol Boyd Leon	Choir led by Ira Singer
Recessional: Marsha Bernstein, accompanied by Neal Green Rabbi Seth Bernstein, accompanied by Lynn Green	

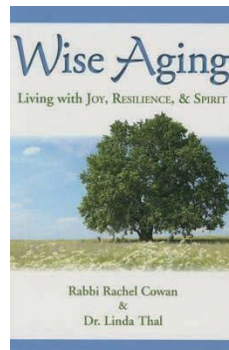
## *Special Thanks*

**Reception Committee** – *Chairs*: Barbara Hurwitz and Robert Rabinowitz; *Members*: Joel Broida, Bob Ginsberg, Ellen Rappoport, Laura Salganick, Greta Schoenberg, Lynne Warshaw, Jerry Weinstein, and Diane Willen; *Executive Liaison*: Lynn Green

**Tribute Book** – Lynn Green and Richard Rosenblatt

**Music during Reception** – Andrew Kullberg and Joel Selekof







Rabbi Bernstein,

In gratitude for your contribution to the life and mission of the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. Thank you for enhancing our spiritual experience and enriching our interfaith community.

With best wishes from your friends at  
the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center and The Meeting House

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*Beyond your dedication to the synagogue, both of you have been there for our family during the most joyous and more challenging times of our lives. As you move on to the next chapter of your journey, all of us in the Diehl/Stein family wish you the best and sincerely hope that our friendship will continue to grow and deepen over the years.*

*Cheryl Diehl & Marty Stein*



Wishing you good health and contentment in the years to come.

*Jack & Joan Moskowitz*

Thanks to you both for the goodness you have shared with the Bet Aviv community. I wish you a wonderful retirement filled with happiness.

*Edward Steinhouse*



Dear Rabbi Bernstein,

I will never forget how you supported me when I needed you the most, after my father's funeral. You are the "real deal".

May God bless you and your family!

*Marilyn Holland*

For all you have given us, our deep gratitude. May you and Marsha experience good health and great happiness in your new exciting future! You will be missed!

*Sylvia Bloch*

Many thanks to the Bernsteins for their hard work and dedication to Bet Aviv.

*Chelle & Bob Ginsburg*

Thanks for those Super Sundays!

*Diane Willen & Jim Roby*



You brought so much to Bet Aviv.

Your kindness, caring and knowledge was endless.

So many good times...

So many sweet memories...

Looking forward to many more.

Wishing you good health, joy, and time together in your retirement.

Sending much love...Lesley Robinson and Howard Weiner



“What is hateful to yourself, do not do to your fellow man.  
That is the whole Torah; the rest is just commentary.”

- Rabbi Hillel



Rabbi and Marsha:

In everything you do, there is goodness. You live your lives by Torah as Hillel defined it and through that demonstrated leadership to the rest of us. In our capacities as Bet Aviv presidents and congregants, it has been a pleasure to know you, to support you, and to work with you.

May you know peace, happiness and contentment in the years to come.

*The Past Presidents of Bet Aviv:*

Morris Levine

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Barbara Hurwitz

Sami Klein

Howard Feldmesser

Richard Tobin, z"l

Martin Stein

Geri Epstein

Lynn Green

Bill Salganik

Richard Rosenblatt



ישר כח

Thank you for everything!!  
Linda & Howard Feldmesser  
& Family

תודה רבה



With gratitude and love for all your  
wisdom and support. I will miss both of  
you. Enjoy retirement.

Best wishes,

*Judy Silver Weisberg*

Thank you for caring and always being there. A joyous retirement filled with many adventures, good health, and relaxing times with your family. Mazel Tov!

*Ellen & Harold Rappoport*

Thank you

for your caring, kindness and compassion.

*Ruth & Saul Lubitz*



To Marsha & Seth,  
We are privileged to know you. Best of luck in your new endeavors.

*Alice and David Cohen*

Todah Rabbah for your years of inspiring, dedicated service to Bet Aviv. We deeply appreciate all your contributions to our vibrant and caring community.

Wishing you and Marsha much joy and satisfaction in all your future endeavors.

*Cantor Marge and Jim Auerbach*





**Dear Marsha and Seth,**

**Our most sincere thank you  
to both of you. We will miss  
you.**

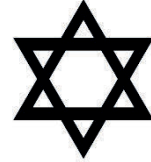
**Have a wonderful retirement!**

*Larry & Carol Bodin*

In deep gratitude to my mentor,  
colleague and friend.



*Cantor Stephanie Weishaar*



I thank you and Marsha for all  
the many years of dedication  
to our Bet Aviv family. Enjoy  
your new life in retirement.

*Madlyn Schlissel*

We are grateful for your love  
and support to Bet Aviv and,  
especially, to our family.

Wishing you a relaxing and  
wonderful retirement.

Love,

*Jean & Al Grinspoon*

We wish you both good  
health, happiness and luck  
during the next phase of your  
life's journey.

It was a privilege to have you  
as our spiritual leader.

*Ruth & Monroe Sandberg*



Memories that last a lifetime, you helped create many. Thank you!



*Barbara & Hank Fasteau*

Seth Bernstein:  
Faithful Servant  
Visionary Leader  
Teacher Extraordinaire  
Chaplaincy Supervisor  
Rabbinical Mentor  
Ethics Appeals Board  
Endless Source of Ideas  
Prayer Partner  
Dear Friend  
I am richer because of you.  
Endless Shalom

*Dave Stancil*

Dear Rabbi Bernstein,  
Many thanks for always being  
there for us and the family. Enjoy  
your retirement.

*Joel & Joan Selekof*

With heartfelt appreciation for  
Leading us with your rich words,  
Deeds and compassion. We wish  
You both much joy and fulfillment  
In retirement!

*Rona and Barry Cohen*



Rabbi Seth and Marsha:

You are wonderful, caring people.  
Thank you for your friendship to  
Marv. and myself.

Wishing you wonderful years  
ahead.

*Illene Hoss*



Thank you for your commitment  
to Bet Aviv.

*Larry & Connie Aaronson*



Jewish values and ethics are the  
cornerstone of your lives and serve  
as a beacon for the community.

May your future endeavors bring  
joy and good health.

*Joel Barry & Irene Brown*

As we reflect on Bet Aviv and the years gone by,  
We remember Seth and Marsha and we wonder, "Why?  
Is it asking too much for them to stay?"  
Bet Aviv without them – Oy Vey!  
We traveled with them to Europe and to Tel Aviv.  
They are the heart and soul of Temple Bet Aviv.  
We wish them well as they take a break for a while,  
Today they are honored with class and with style.



With Love and affection,

*Judi & Charlie Broida*

June 2, 2019

***Seth and Marsha***

*Our wish for you:*

*Continued Good Health*

*Needed Relaxation*

*Exciting Adventures*

*Love, Barb and Bob Hurwitz*



Having you as our Rabbi has been an honor. Your graciousness about our congregants, your acknowledgment of their successes, and your ability to recognize their support has always impressed us. We are grateful to have had you as our Rabbi. Wishing you and Marsha the very best on your retirement. We'll miss you.

*Bob and Linda Markowitz*

Dear Rabbi and Marsha,

I have appreciated everything you have done for Bet Aviv and the wider community. May the many years ahead be filled with laughter, happiness and fun times.

*Steffie Feldman*



Rabbi and Marsha: You have been an important and joyful part of our journey. We wish you continued health and happiness as you take the next step together.

*Love, Cynthia Lifson and Rob Thorner*



We wish you the best in your retirement and will always remember your warm words and support upon the death of my parents and during my recent illness.

*Barbara & Mark Stromberg*

Mazel Tov Rabbi Seth Bernstein. We will miss you and Marsha.

Our best wishes,

*Hattie & Rick Katkow*



Rabbi Seth and Rebetzin Marsha:

Bet Aviv has been blessed by your remarkably warm and generous spirits. Going so far beyond the call of duty, you are stellar examples of what mench means.

*Jerry & Hedy Bookin-Weiner*



Thank you for inspiring and guiding us to become B'nai Mitzvah.

*Michael Binder, Geri Epstein,  
Marjorie Fass, Barbara Herschman,  
Laura Siner and Joyce Tapper*

Dear Seth,

Thank you for the warmth, the caring, the opportunities you provided to learn and grow as Reform Jews, the spirit of interfaith you radiated at The Meeting House, your unwavering support for the Jewish Federation of Howard County, and for the emotional and physical sacrifices in your devotion to chaplaincy and the people you helped at times of national crisis.

We will miss you and Marsha and wish you both all the best.

*Hal & Lori Kassoff*

Dear Rabbi Bernstein,

Your great love and service to the community is the example we can all try to emulate.

Best wishes to you and Marsha.

*Gayle & Chuck Sternheim*



Seth and Marsha,

Doing all the special things you do and beyond – “Mensches.” Thank you!

Appreciatively yours,

*Jackie & Bob Schiffer*

With gratitude for your endless commitment and contributions to Bet Aviv. Mazel Tov on the retirement and best wishes to you both for all the future will hold.

*Lorie Smith*

Even though I wish you a ton of happiness in your retirement, it saddens me to know that no one will be able to fill your shoes. We have lots of memories like Jeff's wedding. You both brought such comfort and warmth to the congregation which is why you will be truly missed. Wishing you good health and happiness in the future.

*Alyse Borakove*

Thank you, Seth, for your guidance and advice. Your special ability to listen and help us navigate made a difference for our family. We wish you the best.

*Candee & Jeff Brodsky*





*Norman & Ellie Buer*

Thank you, Rabbi Bernstein and Marsha, for your compassion and service to the Jewish community and its individuals.

*Richard and Jeri Lipou*

The lovely tradition of our annual lunch at Panera on Administrative Assistant Day...

A greatly appreciated hospital visit to lift my spirits in a time of illness ...

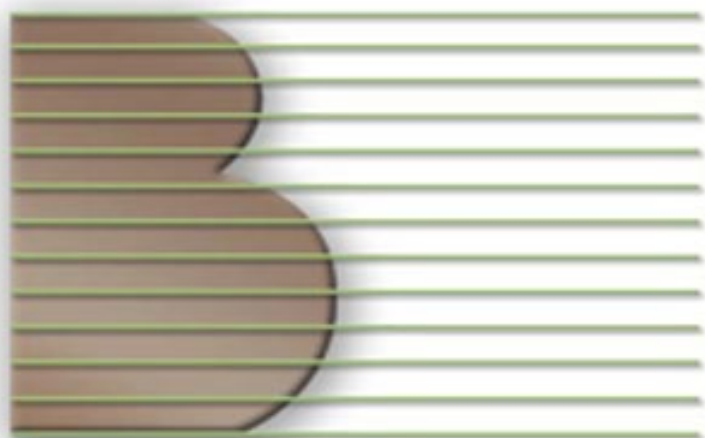
The much needed "clutch free" transportation in my time of need.

You will be greatly missed ...

As will your kindness and thoughtfulness that have been a part of my life for the past four years.

May your retirement be blessed with the contentment ... peace of mind ... and family-time that you so richly deserve!

~ *Lin Mascia* ~



**Best wishes for a wonderful retirement to Rabbi & Mrs. Bernstein.**

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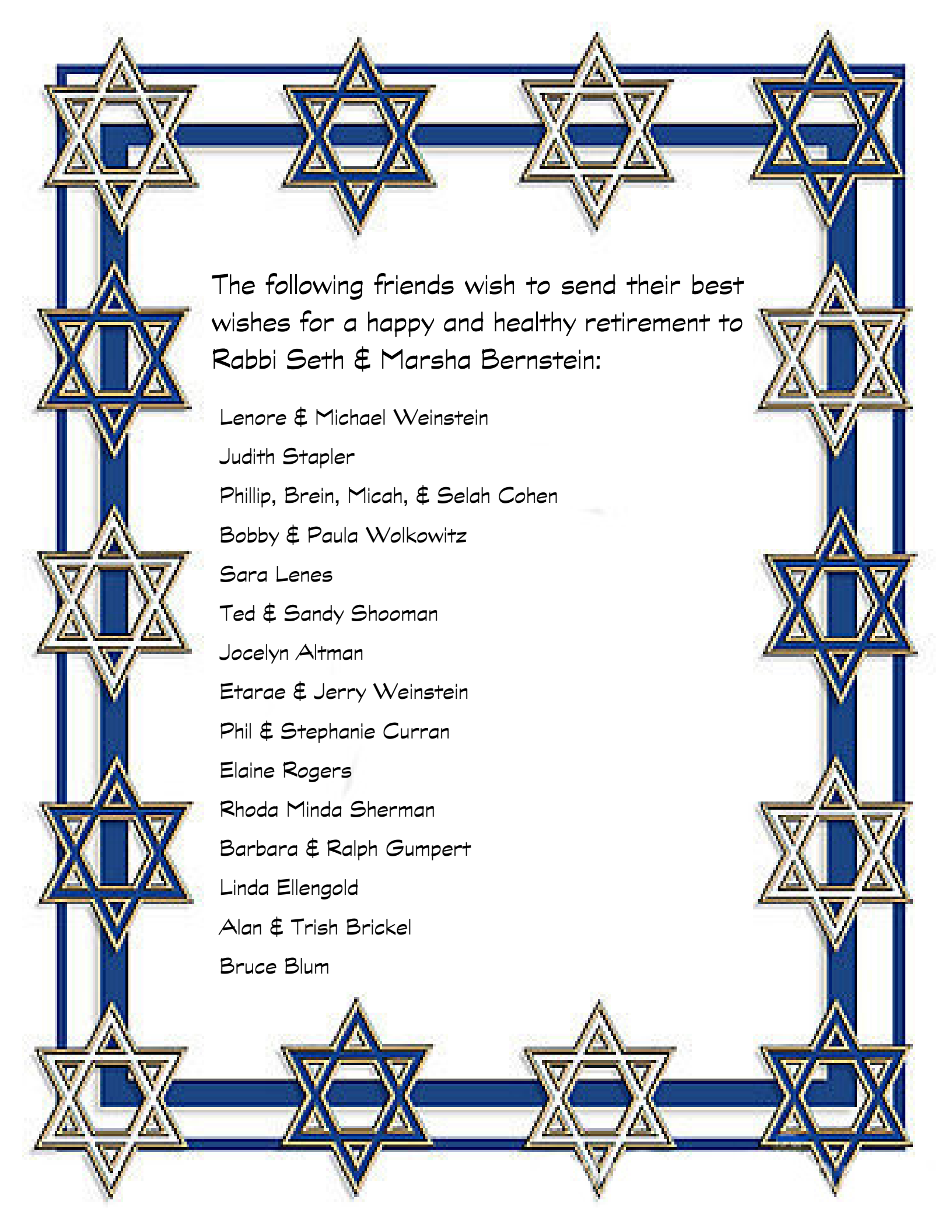
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The following friends wish to send their best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement to Rabbi Seth & Marsha Bernstein:

Lenore & Michael Weinstein

Judith Stapler

Phillip, Brein, Micah, & Selah Cohen

Bobby & Paula Wolkowitz

Sara Lenes

Ted & Sandy Shooman

Jocelyn Altman

Etarae & Jerry Weinstein

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Elaine Rogers

Rhoda Minda Sherman

Barbara & Ralph Gumpert

Linda Ellengold

Alan & Trish Brickel

Bruce Blum



Dad / Saba -- Throughout your career, you have been a model of integrity, faith, and boundless devotion to the congregations and greater communities that you have served. As you reflect on your years in the rabbinate, we hope you feel overwhelming pride for the work you have completed, the genuine relationships you have built, and the family you have nurtured along the way.

Mom / Grandma – Your energy, love, and strength are at the core of our family. Somehow you have managed to provide steadfast support to Dad throughout his rabbinate while engaging in a meaningful career of your own and being highly present as a mother and grandmother. You are a genuine role model to each of us through your principled life, warmth, connection, and homemade desserts.

We wish for you both a retirement full of health and happiness, family and friends, recreation and relaxation, great movies and delicious popcorn!

With all our love,

*Michael, Daphna, Allie & Theo [Bernstein]*

*Jana, Jeremy, Sam & Eve [Sharp]*



מודים אֲנִיְהוּ לָכֶם...

And Thank YOU,  
Bet Aviv...

Rabbi Seth and Marsha  
Bernstein





Seth & Marsha:

We appreciate all that you have given to us and Bet Aviv.

Mazel Tov on your well-deserved retirement.

*Love, Greta and Nancy Schoenberg*





**Who is to be honored? One who honors others.  
Pirkei Avot 4:1**

**How lucky we are to have been your students of Judaism —  
to learn, to give, to grow, and to love.**

**Thank you for all you have done to lead Bet Aviv forward as a  
caring community,  
filled with learning, meaning and appreciation of a living Torah.**

**As our kind and caring spiritual leaders, you have motivated us  
from the heart. You have brought honor to our congregation  
through your leadership, kindness, and generosity of time and  
spirit. Bet Aviv has been the fortunate beneficiary of your  
involvement and service.**

**Love and best wishes as you enter the next chapter of your  
lives.**

**Never forget you are always welcome at our table.**

*Phyllis and Bernie Nash*