



**Celebration 2023**  
Honoring  
**Judge Harold Berger**  
**Sunday, April 2, 2023**



**We invite you to celebrate  
Jewish Learning Venture  
as we honor**

**Judge Harold Berger**  
**for his extraordinary support  
of our Agency**

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**11 Nisan 5783**

**3:00 PM**

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Cocktail Reception

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# Judge Harold Berger

Judge Harold Berger is Of Counsel & Executive Shareholder Emeritus of the law firm Berger Montague, which he co-founded. A former Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, Judge Berger, a World War II U.S. Army veteran, is also active in law and engineering alumni affairs at the University of Pennsylvania, having graduated from both the engineering and law schools, and in other philanthropic endeavors.



In 2017 he was the recipient of Penn Law's Inaugural Lifetime Commitment Award, which recognizes graduates "who through a lifetime of service and commitment to Penn Law have truly set a new standard of excellence." In 2018 Judge Berger received a national lifetime achievement award from Marquis *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*. A recipient of the special service award of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Judge Berger is the past Chair of the national committee on the federal and state judiciary of the Federal Bar Association.

Long active in diverse philanthropic, charitable, community, academic, and interfaith endeavors, Judge Berger serves as a Lifetime Honorary Trustee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, an Emeritus Director of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, an Emeritus National Director of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), and a Director of HIAS Pennsylvania. Judge Berger has been involved with Jewish Learning Venture for almost two decades and has been a champion for our work engaging families with young children in congregational life.

# Celebration 2023 Program

## *B'ruchim Haba'im*

Rabbi Adam Zeff | Germantown Jewish Center

## Welcome

Susanna Lachs Adler | Celebration Co-Chair

## The Power of Jewish Play Experiences

Kathy Hirsh-Pasek

## The Work of Jewish Learning Venture

Elana Rivel | Chief Executive Officer

## Honoring Judge Berger

Chip Becker | Celebration Co-Chair

## Video Tribute

## Presentation of Gift

Marcy Bacine | President

Eduardo Glandt and Sherri Savett | Honorary Co-Chairs

## Musical Tribute

Nina Peskin | Germantown Jewish Centre

## Dessert

*Todah u'l'hitraot*





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## ***Eitz Chaim | Tree of Life***

Judge Harold Berger  
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# *Eitz Chaim* – Tree of Life





**To Dad and Pop Pop,**

Thank you for caring for the  
Philadelphia Jewish community  
throughout the years.

Your generosity and commitment  
to supporting wonderful programs  
is an inspiration to us all.

We love you and are most proud of  
your accomplishments.

With much Love, Mazel, and Bracha,  
*Jill, Jon, Barb, Rachel, Brandon,  
Shai, Aliza, John, and Tali*







**Mazel tov  
to Judge Harold Berger.  
Thank you for your leadership  
and all that you do for our  
Jewish community.  
Kol Hakavod to  
Jewish Learning Venture.**

*Susanna Lachs Adler  
& Dean Adler*



# *Shorashim* – Roots





In Honor of Harold Berger,  
Best Friend of the late Philip  
Lindy, and in appreciation for  
all your work in support of  
Jewish Learning Venture and  
the Jewish community.

With love,  
*Chung & Frank*



# *Eileem* – Leaves





Congratulations and  
thanks, Harold, for all  
you have accomplished in  
Life, Law and Tennis.  
You've made a difference.

All the best,  
*Linda & Laddie  
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Congratulations and  
thank you to Harold Berger  
for his commitment to  
Jewish Learning Venture,  
Germantown Jewish Centre,  
and Philadelphia's  
Jewish community.

*Marta & Chip Becker*



# *Peirot* – Fruits





Judge Harold Berger has inspired so many people, including me, to serve as leaders in the Jewish community.

Through his loving positivity, enthusiasm, vision, and generosity, he has advanced Jewish education and family life. He is truly a Man of Valor.

*Sherrie Savett*





# Mazel Tov!

*Mark Fishman*





"Teachers and school  
children are society's most  
beautiful ornaments."

*Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs*

*Shelley Maidman Menkowitz  
& Bruce Menkowitz*





# Mazel Tov!

*Martin Cohen*





From a humble beginning  
in Archbald, PA, to an  
extraordinary career.  
May you be an inspiration to  
your many admirers.

*Jewish Learning Venture  
Supporters*







Thank you  
to Judge Harold Berger  
and Susanna Lachs Adler  
for their commitment to  
the Philadelphia  
Jewish community.

*Ruth & Richard Horowitz*





In honor of  
Susanna Lachs Adler  
and the whole team  
at Jewish Learning Venture  
for their dedication and  
devotion to Jewish learning.

XOXO,  
*Jill & Paul Aschkenasy*





# L'Chaim!

*Lowell Dubrow*





# In honor of Judge Harold Berger

We salute you for your commitment  
to Jewish life and learning and for  
your outstanding contribution to  
Jewish Learning Venture and to our  
community. May you and JLV go  
from strength to strength.

*Vicki & Gary Erlbaum*





In recognition of your  
generous and gracious  
philanthropy;  
it is wonderful to  
celebrate with you tonight.

*Betsy & Hersh Richman*





# Mazel Tov!

*Gerald Rodos*





Keep it going, Harold!  
Congratulations!

*Patty & Steve Segal*







Honoring the many  
volunteers, like Jon Levine  
and Marcy Bacine.

*Barbara & Steven Shotz*





**Mazel tov  
and thank you for  
all you have  
done for JLV.**

*Sivy*





Congratulations on this  
well-deserved honor.  
Thank you for your leadership  
at Jewish Learning Venture.

*Tracey & Shanin Specter*





Congratulations to  
community pillar  
Judge Harold Berger on  
this well-deserved honor.

Warmly,  
*Ronit & Howard Treatman*





# L'Chaim!

*Joseph Zuritsky*



*Mazel Tov to*  
*Judge Harold Berger*  
*on your well-deserved honor, and*  
*Yasher Koach for your commitment and leadership*  
*and the compassion and wisdom that guide you.*

*We are all so grateful.*

*Betsy & Philip Darivoff*

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# *Shomrim* Visionaries







# Congratulations!

*Janet & Steve Schwartz*





**Mazel tov  
and thank you  
for all you have  
done for JLV.**

*Mary & Nathan Relles*





With deep appreciation  
to Judge Berger for his  
longtime and unwavering  
commitment to education,  
the Jewish community and  
Jewish Learning Venture.

*Sheila & Dan Segal*





Congratulations  
to  
Judge Berger.

*Jon Broder & Joy Bernstein*





**Mazel tov to  
Judge Harold Berger  
and Jewish Learning Venture.**

*Rabbis Margot Stein &  
Myriam Klotz*





# L'Chayim!

**Philadelphia's Jewish community has sustained and passed on our most treasured customs, traditions and legacies from generation to generation.**

*Judge Berger*

*Thank you for your lifetime commitment to our community,  
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# *Shomrim* Champions





# Mazel Tov!

*Jaime & Barak Bassman*







**Marcy and Dan Bacine  
congratulate and thank  
Judge Harold Berger  
for his generous support of  
Jewish Learning Venture  
and many other Jewish  
organizations. May you go  
from strength to strength.**





# Mazel Tov!

*Valerie & Dr. Andrew  
Kind-Rubin*





Congratulations, Judge Berger.  
Our deepest appreciation for your  
generous support of Jewish  
Learning Venture and the  
Philadelphia Jewish community.

*Amy Falk & Mitch Russell*





# Mazel Tov!

*Linda Schwartz Satlow  
and Family*



# *Shomrim* Advocates





Mazel tov and thank you for all  
you have done for JLV.

*Kareen & Robert Hartwig*





With appreciation and  
gratitude, Judge Berger,  
for your dedication to  
education, philanthropy,  
and Jewish Learning Venture.  
Mazel tov on this  
well-deserved honor.

*Julie Meyers  
& David Piver*





# Congratulations!

*Lisa & Ephraim Dardashti*







Mazel tov  
to Jewish Learning Venture.  
From generation  
to generation.

*The Merves-Robbins Family*

*Stanley z"l & Audrey Merves*

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Congratulations  
and thank you  
to Judge Harold Berger  
for his support and  
constant devotion to  
Jewish Learning Venture.

*Susan & Michael Paul*





# L'Chaim!

*Gayle & David Smith*





Judge Berger,  
You are a model citizen of the  
Jewish community and beyond and have  
been an inspiration to so many.  
Your support for Jewish Learning Venture  
has been invaluable in enabling it  
to make such a significant  
impact on our community.

Mazel Tov,  
*Judy Beck & Richard Busis*





Congratulations for another  
year of meaningful  
and impactful programming!

Kol HaKavod,  
*Deborah Rivel  
& David Levenfeld*





# Congratulations!

*Nina Robinson Vitow*





Congratulations to  
*Judge Harold Berger*  
for this well-deserved recognition  
of your commitment to inspiring people  
to live connected Jewish lives.

Mazel tov to  
*Jewish Learning Venture*  
for the outstanding job it does  
providing programs to connect  
individuals and families to Judaism.

*Sherrie Willner*





# Mazel Tov!

*Elana Weinstein  
& Ken Brownstein*





# *Shomrim* Partners





# Mazel Tov!

*Michele & Robert Levin*





**Lisa Heller & Harry Roth  
join so many in our  
community in celebrating  
Judge Harold Berger  
and  
Jewish Learning Venture.**





# Mazel Tov!

*Sheila & Myron Bassman*





**Mazel tov  
and thank you  
for all you have  
done for JLV.**

*Shana & Jeffrey Goldstein*





**TODAH RABAH!**  
**Judge Harold Berger,**  
**thank you for your**  
**generosity, vision,**  
**and leadership.**

*Paula & Michael Dvorak*





**Mazel tov on being  
recognized by  
Jewish Learning Venture,  
an honor so richly deserved!**

**With gratitude and admiration,**

*Walter Ferst*





For your generous  
contributions to so many  
Jewish and community causes  
— but especially for your  
support of Jewish Learning  
Venture — we are delighted  
to honor you!

*Marilyn Kutler*





# *Kol Hakavod*

To

JUDGE HAROLD BERGER

a Lifetime Honorary Trustee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Your enduring commitment to justice, philanthropy and the creation of meaningful Jewish experiences for the next generation has made a lasting impact within the community.



**Jewish Federation**  
of Greater Philadelphia

We are proud to partner with Jewish Learning Venture to develop a more inclusive, accessible Jewish community where all can feel a sense of belonging.

*Mazal Tov* to  
Jewish Learning Venture  
on another spectacular year.  
*Kol HaKavod* to  
Judge Harold Berger  
on this special honor!

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To the best  
Board of Directors and  
Board of Trustees a Chair could  
hope to have —  
thank you for all you do to make  
Jewish Learning Venture  
the spectacular organization it is!

With gratitude and affection,

*Marcy*



"When you teach your children,  
you teach your children's children."

*Talmud, Kiddushin 30a*

**Our deepest appreciation to  
Judge Berger for his support for the  
education of our children.**

The Staff of Jewish Learning Venture:

*Elana Rivel, Rhona Gerber, Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer*

*Robyn Cohen*

*char hersh*

*Bari Jacobson*

*Irina Kraychik*

*Lisa Litman,*

*Robin Matthews*

*Alyse Unterberger*

*Julia Weekes*



Kol Hakavod to  
JLV for your  
important work!  
Thank you to  
Sherrie Savett  
and Susanna Lachs  
for your leadership!

*Gail & Elliot Norry*



Mazel tov  
from your friends  
at Germantown  
Jewish Centre  
and HIAS  
Pennsylvania.



**Mazel  
Tov!**

*Jennie Nerenberg  
& Bruce Dorsey*



**כול הכבוד**

**Kol Hakavod to  
Judge Berger  
and to  
Jewish Learning  
Venture**

*Fredy & Lewis  
Grafman*



Wishing our dear  
friend Harold  
Mazel Tov on this  
well-deserved  
honor.

*Lynne & Steve  
Savran*



I am grateful for your  
longstanding support  
of Jewish Learning  
Venture! Your  
leadership has  
strengthened Jewish  
kids, families and  
organizations across  
Jewish Philly! Mazel  
Tov and Todah Rabah!

*Jon Stevens*





Thank you  
for all you do.

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deeply appreciates the  
passion, work, and  
dedication of

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who has helped  
countless families  
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and with each other,  
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communities throughout  
the years.

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Harold Berger  
for his  
steadfast  
support of the  
Jewish  
community.

*Flora Becker  
& Family*



You are an  
example for  
all of us.

Congratulations  
on this honor.

*Susan & Leonard  
Klehr*



To the amazing  
staff of JLV —  
you rock!

Thanks for doing  
it all and making  
it look effortless.

*Marcy  
and the entire  
Board of Directors  
& Trustees*



Mazel tov,  
Judge Berger!

*Sara & Jeffrey  
Erlbaum  
and ETA Travel*



Thank you,  
Judge Berger.

Best,  
*Eduardo Glandt &  
George Ritchie*



L'Chaim!

*Rebecca Wuhl*

We join your community  
in recognizing your  
commitment to Jewish  
causes and values.

With love and admiration,  
*Cynthia & Sandor Knoll  
and family.*



Kol HaKavod to  
the Honorable  
Judge Harold Berger.

With love and admiration,  
*Naomi Prusky &  
Rabbi David Levin*





Mazel tov  
to Judge Berger and  
Jewish Learning Venture!

*Eileen & Steve Chopnick*



Mazel tov to  
Sherrie Savett, a great  
champion of JLV and of  
the Jewish Community!

Love,  
*Phyllis & Howard*

With gratitude to  
Judge Berger for his  
service to our  
communities.

*Arlene Fickler*



**Mazel Tov!**

*Deborah & Zachary Klehr*





**Mazel Tov!**

*Judges Doris & Paul Ribner*



**Mazel tov  
to Judge Berger!**

*Ellen Ufberg &  
Judah Lahovitz*

**Yasher Koach,  
Judge Berger,  
for your support of  
our community!**

*Rabbi Phil Warmflash*



**Congratulations!**

*Gary Charlestein*



# Shining the Spotlight on Judge Harold Berger

and celebrating his  
lifetime of service.



# *Mazel tov,* Judge Berger

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To Harold,  
A dedicated director for a  
meaningful life.

*Lou & Rhoda*



In honor of Judge Harold  
Berger. His dedication to  
heritage and community  
reflects the value and  
vision of Jewish  
Learning Venture.

*Laurie Wagman*

