



Masorti Olami

2018 Annual Tribute Event

Sunday, November 11th, 2018

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MASORTI OLAMI

Invites you to join us as we honor

Jane & Ned Gladstein

Hiddur Mitzvah Award

Rabbi Sarina Vitas

*Rabbi Mordecai Waxman
Rabbinic Leadership Award*

Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg

*Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman
International Leadership Award*

Rabbi Joe Wernik

Lifetime Achievement Award

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Cocktails | 6:00 pm

Dinner & Presentations | 6:45 pm

RSVP by October 31, 2018

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JANE & NED GLADSTEIN

Congregation Agudath Israel, New Jersey

Hiddur Mitzvah Award

Few people have impacted the training of American rabbis more than **Jane and Ned Gladstein**. For 15 years, the Gladstein Fellowship in Entrepreneurial Rabbinic Leadership at the Jewish Theological Seminary has provided exclusive training for promising rabbinical students and ongoing support to alumni as they embark on their careers. In 2015, the Gladstein Fellowship partnered with Masorti Olami on a mission to bring their cohort of American rabbis to meet European Masorti communities, and they are planning their next Fellowship Mission to Latin America.

Through Masorti Olami, Jane and Ned have supported communities around the world, building a playground in Mendoza, supporting kindergartens in Masorti communities in Kiev and in Ramot Zion in Jerusalem, delivering a Torah scroll to the Masorti Community in Prague, and assisting additional communities in Europe and Latin America.

Jane enjoyed a 30-year career at Congregation Agudath Israel's nursery school in Caldwell, NJ during which she helped to instill Jewish values in hundreds of young children. Ned has led the family business at ShopRite Supermarkets, served as an officer of Masorti Olami, is currently on the Board of Trustees at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and is slated to be the next International President of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Most importantly, Jane and Ned are the proud parents of Dara, Hannah and Liza and have eight grandchildren.



RABBI SARINA VITAS

Weitzman Comunidad Educativa, Buenos Aires

Rabbi Mordecai Waxman Rabbinic Leadership Award

Rabbi Sarina Vitas graduated from the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano Marshall T. Meyer in 2002 and received her BA in Public Relations from the Argentine University of Enterprise (UADE). Upon her appointment to the Asociación Israelita de Paraná in the Argentinian province of Entre Rios (a position she held from 2005-2009) she became the first female congregational rabbi in Latin America. Since 2010, Sarina has held the position of Rabbi and Community Director of the Weitzman Comunidad Educativa, as well as serving as Executive Vice President and Director of Placement of the Latin American Rabbinical Assembly. She is married to Alejandro Rosenberg and they are the proud parents of two children, Dan and Mijal.



RABBI JONATHAN WITTENBERG

New North London Synagogue, London

Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman International Leadership Award

Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg was born in Glasgow to a German Jewish refugee family. After completing his degree in English at Cambridge and teacher training at Goldsmiths, he studied for the rabbinate at Leo Baeck College, London, and in Israel. He was appointed Rabbi of the New North London Masorti Synagogue in 1987 and Senior Rabbi of the Assembly of Masorti Synagogues UK in 2008. He is a President of the Council of Christians and Jews and a member of the Council of Imams and Rabbis. Jonathan is a co-founder of Eco-Synagogue and deeply engaged in environmental issues. He is closely involved in supporting refugees. Further interests include pastoral work, hospice care and literature, especially poetry. He teaches and speaks widely, including on BBC Radio 4's Prayer for the Day. Jonathan's publications include *The Eternal Journey: Meditations on the Jewish Year* (2001); *The Silence of Dark Water: An Inner Journey* (2008); *Walking with the Light* (2013); *My Dear Ones: One Family and The Final Solution* (2016) and most recently *Things My Dog Has Taught Me* – about being a better human. He is married to Nicola Solomon; they have three children and a dog. He loves plants, animals, people, woodland and mountain walks.



RABBI JOE WERNIK

Kehillat Ramot Zion, Jerusalem

Lifetime Achievement Award

Rabbi Joe Wernik grew up in Metuchen, NJ where his Jewish and Zionist education led him to a gap year in Israel. His experience representing Young Judea in the Institute for Leadership Training was a catalyst for his decision to make his home in Israel. After his ordination at JTS, he served as Rabbi in charge of formal and informal education at Park Avenue Synagogue until his Aliyah in 1969. Joe has been active for over half a century in Masorti Judaism in Israel and around the world, having served as the Chairman of the boards of Masorti Israel and The Schechter Institutes. Joe was a key figure, together with Rabbi Alan Silverstein, in relocating the offices of Masorti Olami from New York to Jerusalem. During his position as Executive Vice President of Masorti Olami and MERCAZ Olami, Joe founded Marom Olami and helped create the Masorti Europe and Amlat regions. He currently serves as Chairman of *Menuhah Nechona* (alternative burial) for Jerusalem and its environs. Joe served two separate terms as President of Kehillat Ramot Zion and was one of the founders of the first TALi Masorti School in French Hill. Joe has been married to Miriam Glick Wernik for 52 years, and they are proud parents of their daughter, Idit, and son, Rami z"l and *kvelling* saba and savta to Zohar (Zoe) Nachama and Dvir (Dev) Hadar Wernik.

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