

Shalom!

Monthly TBT Newsletter: March-April 2022 Edition

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From the Desk of... **Rabbi Andrew Rosenkranz**



Dear Friends,

Did you see the halftime show this year at the Superbowl? I thought it was awesome!

The next day I read a few articles asking, “Who was the audience, Generation X or the Millennials?”

We debated the question among some rabbinical colleagues of mine, and we decided that the show definitely related more to the Millennials than people like myself, who would categorize themselves as being part of Generation X.

Both the show and our lighthearted rabbinic banter the next day got me wondering: who picks the artists for the shows, and I am curious as to what considerations they look at when making their choices? I would suppose they say, “Okay, we’ve hit the Boomers enough, Gen X got a few acts in the past, and now we need to cater to another demographic altogether. The Millennials are getting older, so let’s consider them this time.”

This year's halftime show also showcased what makes our country so great – that is, our diversity. I applaud the decisions over the past few years of making the halftime show inclusive of other genres of music that resonate with people of numerous ages, backgrounds and musical tastes.

A synagogue is the same way, and the staff at the synagogue are *always* thinking of everyone in our family of families. Take Friday nights, for example. Sometimes we might have “Rock Shabbat,” which appeals to a certain contingency. And then the next week we might have “Meditational Shabbat,” which appeals to a whole other contingency. All of our programs, holiday events and outreach effort begins with this simple question: “Who should be our audience for this? Who have we not touched in a while that would appreciate being part of this upcoming event?”

One of the beauties of Temple Beth Torah is the dissimilarities among us. This one might be a young family with a couple of little kids, this one is an empty-nester, and this one was widowed just a few years ago, for example. The job of the clergy and our staff and volunteers is to constantly evaluate and reevaluate the groups of people who make up our Jewish community and who might appreciate some outreach from the temple.

This follows one of the main tenets of the Reform Jewish movement, the largest Jewish membership organization in the world. Including Jews with all kinds of different backgrounds and interests, even those that differ from your own, is a bedrock belief in Reform Jewish teaching. After all, Torah states, “When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I Adonai am your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

The word “marginalization” doesn't exist within the Reform Jewish lexicon. All of us have been “strangers” in Judaism in one way or another. Blended families, people of color, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, single parents, widows and widowers – everyone adds value to our synagogue community.

May we continue to go from strength to strength.
L'shalom,
Rabbi



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A Few Notes From...



Cantor Rachel

Education has so many components that are always being tweaked and reexamined. For a long time, it was believed that only one type of learner was worthy of being taught. As time went on, more and more learning styles began to see light in our educational systems. I am fortunate to serve a community that strives for radical inclusion and supports innovation rooted in tradition. This year, I have worked closely with Matan Institute for Inclusion and the Jewish Education Project with these goals in mind, so that we may create a decent, loving community of people that interact and treat one another with kavod, honor, dignity and respect. At Temple Beth Torah, we want every person to be able to apply Judaism to their lives to become the

best person they can be. Our tradition has the tools for us to shape generations – kids and adults alike. One of the ways that we shine as a community is by serving the needs of people.

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”

Psalms 118:23

I'm inspired by the notion that those who are cast aside for not fitting the mold are also the leaders in our Jewish story and beyond. For everyone to thrive, those who are usually cast aside or are unseen must be lifted up and celebrated. That is the power of community. We're living in a time where the world is tough, but it is also full of beauty. Perhaps we are better able to see the beauty when we sit with a multitude of other people who see and experience the world differently. Something I love about our tradition is that we are reminded over and over that we are created in the image of God, we have inherent worth and dignity, and we have God's enduring love. How do we build our environment where human dignity is foundational? Our tradition gives us ideas of proper human behavior. How we treat ourselves is the measure of how we treat other people. How we protect our own dignity and honor ripples out into how we interact with the world at large and how we protect the dignity and honor of other people.

“Who is honored? One who honors every person.”

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors) 4:1

The purpose of Judaism is not found in institutions and buildings. These are tools to help us gather together so we may follow the true first mitzvah, which is actually not “be fruitful and multiply,” but rather “it is not good for living beings to be alone.” One of the most sacred endeavors is to try to celebrate differences as an opportunity to grow wiser rather than as a threat to our own being. This is aspirational for us and we miss the mark sometimes. Instead of fretting over the difficulty and fear around change, we must be dedicated to meeting the needs of people to bring us all together.

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Sharon Lowenstein. Sharon is someone who honors others with her daily interactions. She is an example of someone who sees the value in every person and makes our spiritual community so special. I hope she feels honored and celebrated as she transitions into her next role and her next adventure.

L'shalom,
Cantor Rachel

A Message from our President

In South Florida, our winters are very short. It seems we have already sprung into spring, as have the temple's spring activities. As of this "Shalom," we will already have had our wonderful picnic, sharing fun games and some good eats with fellow congregants. It sure does feel good to be together. March was filled with Purim and our Gala, and Passover is just around the corner. Time sure does fly when we are busy (and having fun)!



To continue having the ability to share time together – in worship and fun, as well as for our children from preschool through Shorashim – we need to make sure we have a building in which to gather. We are always looking for fundraising and activities to keep us going. Like we all know, the mortgage can drain a lot out of our spending ability. I carry the idea of reducing or "burning" the mortgage deep in my thoughts, as it was always my beloved husband Rick's goal, of blessed memory. There have been many donations in the past that are helping us reach this goal, most recently from a very generous donor who helped make a large dent. We are truly grateful. We want this synagogue to be around for our children and our children's children, and for future generations to share the love of our temple family. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we didn't have to worry about that mortgage payment and could really invest our time, energy and fundraising into better areas? Please keep this in your thoughts going forward.

We are forever grateful to our amazing staff, and all the energy and time they put forth in helping to run and execute so many areas of the temple. Without their efforts and support, we could not do all that we do. They work above and beyond, and I thank them so much for everything.

Our office staff is an intricate part of our day-to-day activities and running of our temple. Without their dedicated spirit, we couldn't service the needs of our congregation as we do. Sharon Lowenstein has been an amazing and dedicated employee throughout the preschool, as both teacher and assistant to the director, and most recently assisting in the office as well. Her dedication, commitment, bright smiling face, and helpfulness throughout everything she does shines through. Sharon will be on to new adventures in her career. Shortly, Sharon will be leaving her position as a temple employee. She will be truly missed in the temple office. We wish her the very best in her new path. But rest assured, Sharon and her family will continue to be part of our temple family. As I have said to Sharon, I will now be calling her to volunteer for committees and events as congregants do. Please help us wish her the very best.

To all of our congregants with new adventures and new additions, we wish you much naches. May you enjoy much pleasure every day.

Shalom,
Marcy Samuels
B'shalom

Marcy Samuels

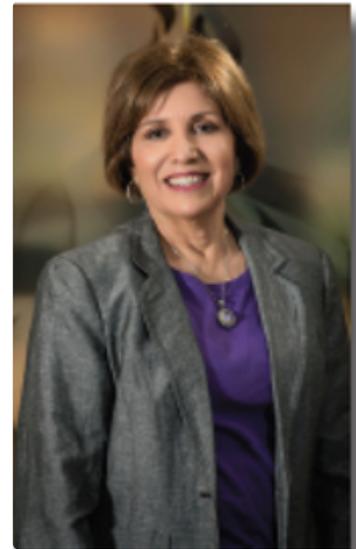




Temple Beth Torah Leonie Arguetty Preschool

Sandy Wilensky
Preschool Director

We have a lot to celebrate in the preschool. Early February, we received the long-awaited notification that the Leonie Arguetty Preschool has achieved our fourth consecutive, five-year accreditation for The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This is no small accomplishment for our school. Undeterred by the adjustments we have made over the past two years of the pandemic, we have been able to provide a safe and nurturing environment while promoting healthy development for young children. Hundreds of pages of documentation combined with a site visit by a NAEYC assessor this past November verified that we meet the 10 NAEYC Early Learning Program Standards, which are research-based best practices for young children's development and learning. The preschool pictures throughout the Shalom this month are great examples of the loving, high level of interactive learning that our preschool offers its children every day.



This NAEYC re-accreditation is a testament to our preschool staff, who work passionately every day to provide quality care and high-level instruction to the children. The learning village that contributed to our re-accreditation also extends to the Board of Trustees, our clergy, and all of our preschool families, both current and alumni.

Even as we take pride in this significant accomplishment, our mission continues to the future. Registration for the new school year began in January and classes are filling up quickly. We appreciate those alumni families who continue to promote the preschool years after their little ones have graduated. Our summer camp registration began on March 1 and we have limited openings in some of the camp groups. Call or email the preschool office, psadmin@templebethtorah.net for registration information for camp and preschool.

Our next month will be filled with hands-on activities in preparation for Passover. We will be retelling the story of the Exodus from Egypt, preschool style, on April 12. You are always welcome to join us for these special programs. Come see how we weave the commitment to teach our children diligently into our age-appropriate curriculum. To RSVP, call the preschool office.



A Message From Our Brotherhood

As TBT Brotherhood vice president, I'm pleased to inform you of the myriad activities we are offering. I encourage you to participate in some or all of them, but do not miss out on this amazing full year of TBT Brotherhood activities. You will find the list below with links to sign up for some of the options.



By the time this comes out, we have already been having fun in 2022. We hope you were able to join us at the Family Picnic and enjoyed the cooking (as we acted as chefs!).

April 4 between 5:30 and 11pm will be our Annual Poker Tournament. Money raised from players and sponsorship will help fund the Alan Marks Scholarship for graduating high school students. To register, click [here](#). Please contact Joel Zaidspiner or Keith Epstein for sponsorship details and pricing: joel@technoliving.com or keithepstein@hotmail.com.

On **May 1**, we will host TBT Brotherhood's 17th Annual Golf Tournament **at the Wanderers Club**. Look for the flyer with registration info. We are also selling raffle tix for Super Bowl 2023. Check out our website at tbtbrotherhood.com to sign up for either golf or to purchase raffle tickets.

As you can see, the Brotherhood has an extremely busy year and we want you to be a part of it, so get up, come out and join us! By the way, first year dues are gratis....

Don't hesitate to call me, Jay Singer 216.299.8807, or President Joel Zaidspiner 917.771.3936 for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

Brotherhood Executive Committee

APRIL

Sunday, April 3
9am-10:30am
Brotherhood Meeting
TBD

Monday, April 4
5:30pm-11pm
[Poker Tournament](#)
Hurricane Bar

Monday, April 24
9:30am-10:30am
Brotherhood Meeting
TBD

MAY

Sunday, May 1
8:30am Shotgun Start
[Temple](#) Golf Tournament
Wanderers Club, Wellington

Thursday, May 5
5:30pm-8:30pm
Cinco de Mayo
Casa Tequila

Friday, May 20
7pm-9pm
High School Grad Shabbat
Temple Beth Torah
Scholarship Awards



A Message From Sisterhood

Sisterhood stepped up to the plate to assist the temple by coordinating our annual temple picnic, which was held on Sunday, February 13 at Loxahatchee Groves Park. Thank you to Nancy Freedman for chairing this event that was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. In case you missed it, the

children loved the outdoor obstacle course and many other games, and the adults enjoyed the camaraderie of sitting outdoors and enjoying BBQ food cooked by our very own Brotherhood group.

Our spring calendar should be offering a paid-up membership dinner at either an outdoor restaurant or a catered meal at the home of one of our members. Although a Women's Seder would be ideal, given the current COVID climate, it is not looking favorable. We are holding off on any announcements in the hopes that we can indeed conduct one indoors, so please stay tuned.

If you ever have ideas for the Sisterhood, please reach out to me directly. And please make sure that you're receiving weekly updates from the temple; if not, you can contact Meredith Hirschberg in the office to update your email address.

We are grateful for your support of our group and of our congregation as well.

Regards,
Marcia Weber
Sisterhood President

What's been happening with TiBToFTY?

TiBToFTY has had such fun this year so far! We kicked it off with our TiBToFTY service with the theme of "Judaism in the Movies." It was a great success and everyone left with some awesome popcorn! Next, we had an Israeli Music Night and learned about some great music from Israel; we even got to snack on some very cool treats from Israel, too!

If you are interested in joining TiBToFTY, please contact Robyn, youth advisor, at youthadvisor@templebethtorah.net.



Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov: Bradley Schube

On April 2, 2022, Bradley Schube – son of proud parents Elissa and Jarrett, and younger brother of Jordana and Samantha – will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. He has been part of the Temple since he was a toddler in the Mommy & Me program. Some of his closest friends are from his preschool classes at the Temple. Bradley is a seventh grade honor student in the Pre-Engineering Program at Polo Park Middle School and a member of their Robotics Team. Bradley led his team in the innovative project to place in States last year, and is predicted to do the same this year. In his free time,



he enjoys playing basketball, soccer and XBOX with his friends, watching football while competing with his family in Fantasy Football, and chilling with his dog, Chloe. We are so proud of Bradley for the hard work he has done to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah and look forward to his friends and family being able to share in this special time in his life.



Misheberach: We hope you're feeling better soon!

Gary Feldman, Mitch Sisle, Alaine Green, Florence Bernfeld, Fanny Slonim, Henry Goldberg, Sheila Herrman, Joan Kowohl (pronounced Cole), Philip Solodkin, Bernard Albert, Dr. Meifang Zhou, Ellen Neier, Carl Griwatch, Brad Simon, Denise Shuster, Vicki Roth, Reva Feldman, Judy Zupnick, Tom and Clare McClure, Jerry Small, Flora-lou Sherman, Henry Brodie, Steve Leacock



Our Deepest Condolences

Rhoda Berman, aunt of Ken Cook
Anne Rubenstein, mother of Scott Rubenstein
Lily Rose Yerlich, remembered by Iris and Joel Sandberg



*Denim & Diamonds Gala was a huge success!
Congratulations Todd & Debra!*

NEWS

TEMPLE BETH TORAH HONORS TODD AND DEBRA BARRON AT ANNUAL GALA

Temple Beth Torah's Denim & Diamonds Celebration was held Saturday, March 19 at the Wellington Community Center's Lakeside Promenade. The evening honored Todd and Debra Barron as the temple's 2022 Gala Service Award winners for their dedicated time and service to both the temple and its preschool. The outdoor event featured a silent auction, dancing, casino games, as well as food, wine and cocktails.

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Ken Wolosoff, Debra Barron, Peggy Sukoff, Judy Wolosoff and Margot Jaffee.



Brenna and Michael Barron, Guy and Karrie Willis, and Debra and Todd Barron.



Vice Mayor John and Michelle McGovern, Councilman Michael and Cyndi Napoleone, Rachael and Todd Bontaron, and Pam Tahan and Jeremy Ring.



Vice Mayor John McGovern, Sarah and Alan Shullman, and Stephanie and Roger Grave de Peralta.



Meghan Wellikoff, Robyn and Ryan Mishkin, Pam Tahan and Jeremy Ring.



Rabbi Andrew Rosenkranz, Todd and Debra Barron, and Cantor Rachel Slusky on stage.



Akai Jackson and Julie Khanna.



Anne and Steve Hlasnick.



Debra Barron, Event Chair Robin Kantor and Todd Barron.



Brenna Barron, Debra Barron and Amanda Locker.



Estee Toole, Hadar Goldberg and Ariana Carroll.



Todd Barron, Scott Diamant and Michael Barron.



Bethany and Jeffrey Silverman.



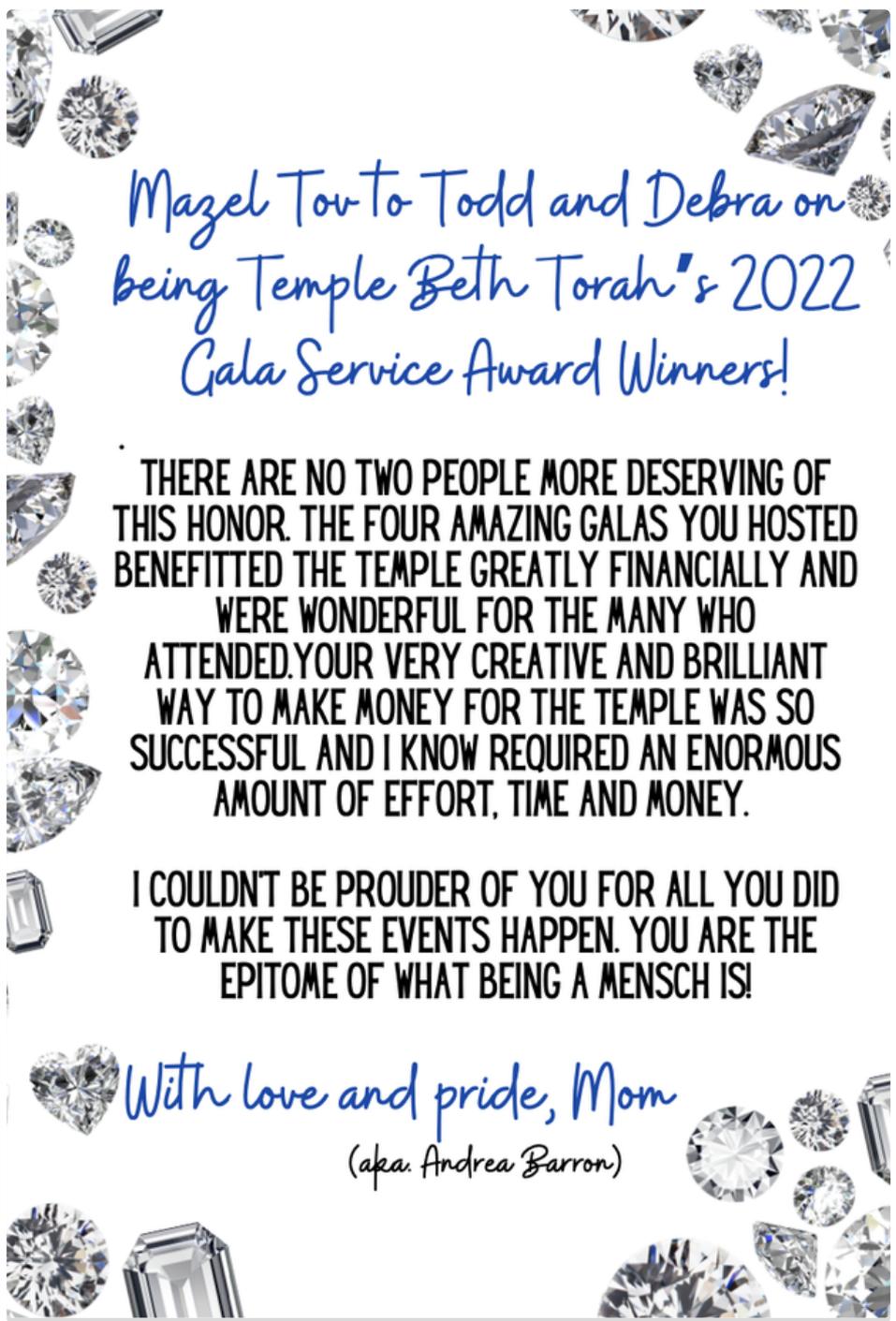
Ashley and Skip Ouellette.



Tyler Shernoff, Beth Silverman, Sharon Lowenstein and Robin Forti.



A lit sign honors the Barrons.



Mazel Tov to Todd and Debra on
being Temple Beth Torah's 2022
Gala Service Award Winners!

THERE ARE NO TWO PEOPLE MORE DESERVING OF
THIS HONOR. THE FOUR AMAZING GALAS YOU HOSTED
BENEFITTED THE TEMPLE GREATLY FINANCIALLY AND
WERE WONDERFUL FOR THE MANY WHO
ATTENDED. YOUR VERY CREATIVE AND BRILLIANT
WAY TO MAKE MONEY FOR THE TEMPLE WAS SO
SUCCESSFUL AND I KNOW REQUIRED AN ENORMOUS
AMOUNT OF EFFORT, TIME AND MONEY.

I COULDN'T BE PROUDER OF YOU FOR ALL YOU DID
TO MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN. YOU ARE THE
EPITOME OF WHAT BEING A MENSCH IS!

With love and pride, Mom
(aka. Andrea Barron)



To our wonderful daughter & son-in-law:
YOU INSPIRE US ALL!

WE LOVE YOU!



Ken & Judy Wolosoff





MAZEL TOV!

Todd & Debra

**YOU TWO MENSCHES ARE GENEROUS,
DEDICATED & GIVE BOTH YOUR TIME AND
TALENTS TO TEMPLE BETH TORAH AND THE
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With Love & Gratitude- Michael, Brenna & Evan Levi





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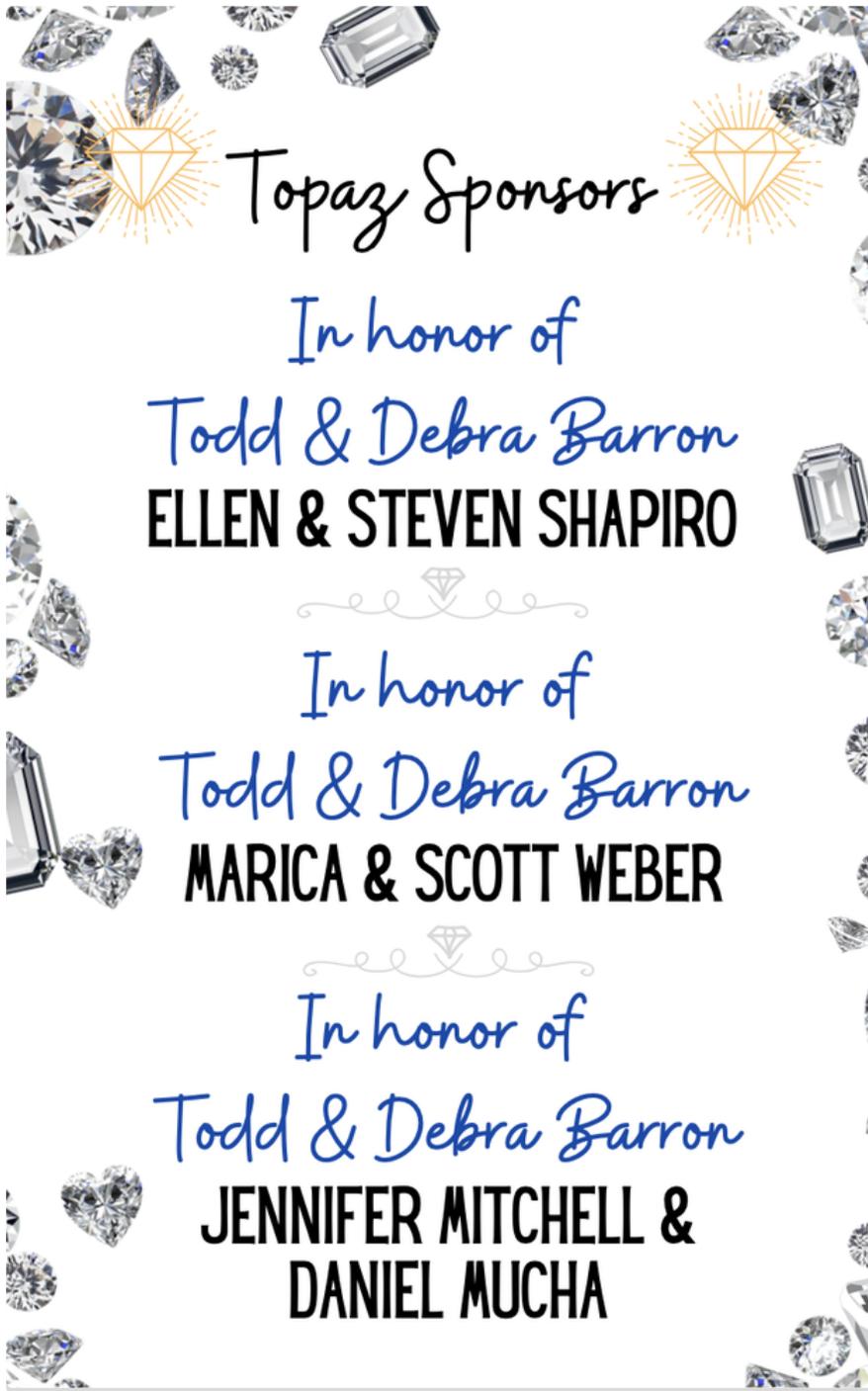
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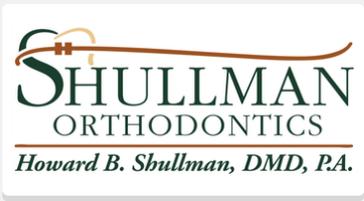


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