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Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center Announces Award Recipients for Annual Celebration on October 29, 2019

Gary Levine to receive Robert E. Loup Hineni Award; Brooke Stern and Cassie Weinstock to receive the Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award

DENVER, Colo., July 25, 2019 – The [Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center](#) (JCC Denver) just announced that Gary Levine will be presented with the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award at the [JCC Annual Dinner and Celebration](#) in October. Brooke Stern and Cassie Weinstock will receive the Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award. The JCC Annual Dinner and Celebration will be held on October 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Denver.

“We are thrilled to honor Gary with the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award, along with Brooke and Cassie with the Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award at our upcoming Annual Celebration,” said Lara Knuettel, chief executive officer of the JCC Denver. “All three individuals have gone above and beyond to ensure a successful future for the JCC and Ranch Camp for generations to come.”

Gary has been a longtime leader and supporter of the JCC Denver. Brooke and Cassie have recently helped create the Ranch Camp Leadership Council which will help ensure the vibrant future of the Ranch Camp. Ranch Camp has been integral in shaping the lives of hundreds of youth and they are both extremely excited to translate their passion for Ranch Camp into resources to ensure its future.”

In 2016, the JCC’s Hineni Award was renamed the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award in honor of Bob Loup and his dedication to philanthropy and volunteerism. The Hebrew word *hineni* translates to “Here I am - Here I stand.” The award acknowledges local, communal leaders whose interests and support span an array of important agencies, recognizing those whose philanthropy and volunteerism has a local, regional and often global impact.

Past recipients of the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award include Joyce Zeff (2011), Eddie Robinson and Dick Robinson (2012), Jordon Perlmutter (2015), Gary Wagner (2017), Michael Staenberg and the Staenberg Family Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, The Mizel Family Foundations, the Sturm Family, and more than 30 additional donors (2018).

The Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award acknowledges volunteers who are dedicated leaders within the JCC Denver community. The award was named after two-time JCC Board President and long-time JCC board member, Jerry Gray, who spent nearly his entire adult life actively involved in Jewish life as a JCC community leader. The award was first presented to the past presidents of the JCC for their 90+ years of service in 2014, and to former chair and board member, Gary Wagner, in 2018.

The JCC Annual Celebration will be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver located at 1750 Welton Street in downtown Denver from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities will be available for purchase in August at <https://www.jccdenver.org/celebrate/>.

ABOUT STAENBERG – LOUP JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The [Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center](#) (JCC Denver) serves the metro-Denver area through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs that are rooted in Jewish values. The JCC Denver's mission is to create a vibrant and inclusive family and social gathering place, guided by these timeless Jewish values. The J's four program areas focus on connection, community and well-being and include: a robust fitness, sports, tennis and aquatic center; Early Childhood Engagement, including an Early Learning School and a variety of programs for families; the Mizel Arts and Culture Center which offers JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies & Music), Denver Jewish Film Festival, Wolf Summer Theater Academy, Art Academy and adult art classes; summer camps including Ranch Camp and Camp Shai; intergenerational and older adult programming like the Grandparent Connect Group and Jewish Aging Mastery Program (JAMP). The JCC Denver is located at 350 S. Dahlia St. in Denver. For more information visit jccdenver.org, call (303) 399-2660, and connect with us on Facebook and Instagram @jccdenver.

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