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DEAR JCC FRIENDS,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your participation in our Annual Celebration. I hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe.

2020 has certainly been an unprecedented, challenging and disorienting time for all of us. Our JCC was significantly impacted by COVID-19 as we adjusted to the limitations thrust upon us by the pandemic, and we are saddened that we are not yet able to completely open. Nevertheless, our amazing staff has adapted quickly and made available community services to so many who need an outlet. You have told us how important Camp Shai, the ELS, our learning pods and our beautiful pool have been during this surreal time in our lives. When I see the smiles on the faces of kids, parents and grandparents, I know the JCC is making a difference! I am so grateful for our staff and please join me in thanking them for their work. Their passion, dedication and focus is to be commended.

As we look to the future, albeit an uncertain one, I am confident that our JCC will continue to play an important role in our lives. Our Board and staff are working tirelessly as we envision yet another new beginning for the J and we ask for your help, your participation and your contributions. Now, at this critical inflection point, your contributions will insure that we provide ongoing, impactful community service offerings and programming. Our JCC is strong and resilient and you can play a meaningful role in solidifying its place as a second home for so many in our community.

And to Don Kortz and Stuart Bombel, our award winners, I doff my cap and thank them. Don and Stuart exemplify all that is good in our community and we are thrilled to honor them tonight. They have given selflessly of their time, talent and treasure, and the JCC and our greater community are better because of their leadership.

I believe that we will emerge from this crisis as an even stronger JCC and I hope you will take the journey with us. Our mission has never been clearer—we must work together to serve, strengthen and inspire our community guided by timeless Jewish values. On behalf of my fellow board members, I thank you for being a part of our JCC family and we look forward to seeing you in person at our J as soon as possible.

Take good care.

Warmly,

Ed Nekritz
JCC Board Chair



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DEAR JCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF, COMMUNITY, AND FRIENDS,

As we join together to honor our most deserving award recipients and to celebrate our JCC, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the past year. What a year it has been – unusual to say the least! 2020 has been filled with unprecedented challenges, heartbreak, and fear but the J has persevered as it always does. Our organization has an 80+ year history and a rich future to look forward to, bright with opportunity.

The JCC closed its doors on March 16 and within a six week period, we were able to pivot our programs to a virtual format, secure the PPP loan, and form a Task Force to examine how the JCC could reinvent itself to continue to provide meaningful programming and remain financially viable. My staff has shown tenacity, courage, graciousness, unselfishness, balance, patience, and flexibility over the past eight months and I couldn't be more proud and grateful to each one of them.

In a year riddled with challenges surrounding a pandemic, each one of our program areas has a list of impressive accomplishments and we couldn't have offered these programs without the support of our community. We have learned to take one day at a time, walk hand in hand, accept that change is inevitable, and show kindness towards one another. Words cannot express my gratitude to the JCC Community.

On behalf of the JCC Staff, Leadership, and myself, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Board of Directors. They have provided their expertise, leadership, wisdom, and countless hours to lean in and partner with us as we continue to navigate the waters of 2020. We would not be where we are today without their unending support, encouragement, and generosity.

2021 will prove to be challenging as well, and there will be plenty of uncertainty ahead. However, we will see this through to the other side as long as we continue to work together with our love for the JCC and for one another as our guide.

With gratitude,
Lara Knuettel
Chief Executive Officer





ABOUT

ROBERT E. LOUP HINENI AWARD

At the 2016 JCC Annual Dinner, 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 community 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.

**Congratulations
to Don Kortz.
His support and
commitment to
the JCC and the
entire community
are an example
for all of us.**

Michele and Richard Right and
Katzson Brothers, Inc – Sidney T.
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*Congratulations,
Don! Thank you for
your devotion to
ALL things good...
You utterly deserve the
"Here I AM" award.
We love you
beyond words!*

Mary Lou and Zoey Kortz



DON KORTZ

Robert E. Loup Hineni Award Recipient

Don Kortz served as board chair of the JCC since 2018 when he was appointed by the Rose Community Foundation to provide leadership to the JCC, ensuring financial stabilization, upgrades to the infrastructure, and strengthening of programs and services. Along with a coalition of donors, the Board of Directors, and JCC leadership, Don successfully restored financial health to the organization, transforming the JCC. His efforts have solidified the community who will continue to benefit from meaningful programming for many years to come. Don's dedication to family, volunteerism and philanthropy makes him the ideal and well deserving recipient of the 2020 Robert E. Loup Hineni Award.



ABOUT

GERALD S. GRAY

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

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 Perlmutter family wants to congratulate Donald Kortz, an indefatigable and incredible man who has contributed so much to the Jewish and Civic community of Denver. The honor of being presented with the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award is so appropriate.

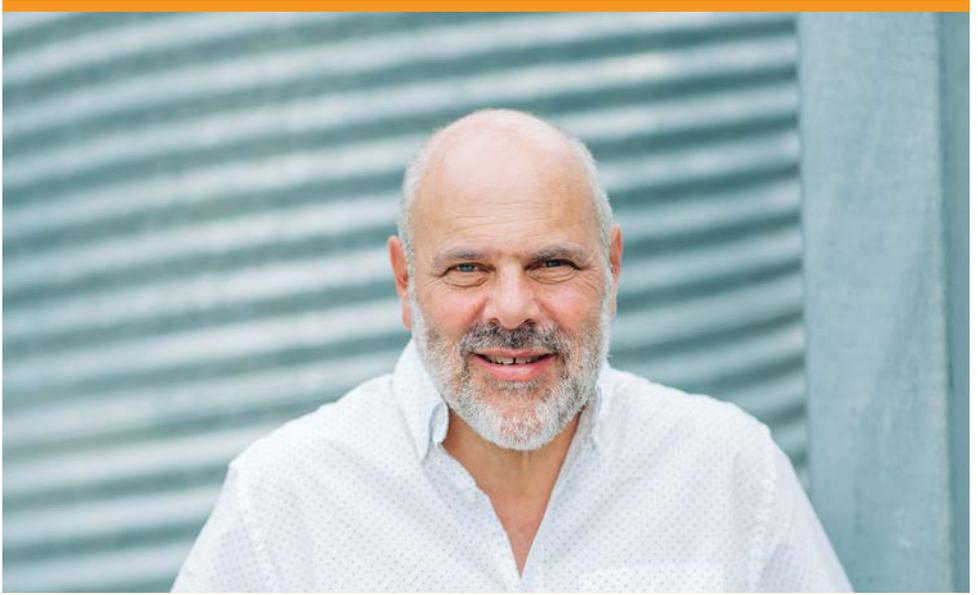
Stuart Bombel, is very deserved to receive the Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award. He has given unselfishly of his, time, and treasure to the JCC Denver.

We miss Art Kleinstein our neighbor and friend. His dedication along with his smile are a reminder of a special mensch.

Essie Perlmutter and Family

Mazel Tov to my amazing husband, Your creative vision really paid off to beautify the JCC recreation areas!

Jill Bombel



STUART BOMBEL

Gerald S. Gray Service & Leadership Award Recipient

Originally from Flint, Michigan, Stuart Bombel started his Colorado journey in 1976 at the University of Denver. Stuart spent over 30 years in dealer to dealer car sales. Along the way he mentored many young professionals, giving them their start in the business world. More recently he has turned his creative and philanthropic energies to dramatically reshape and refresh critical spaces at the J including the outdoor pool, preschool terrace and the Backyard. His extraordinary dedication of time, expertise and generosity have contributed to the future success of the J.



*Our heartfelt
congratulations to
DON AND STUART!*

Recognizing Steve Wilson for his many years of service to the MACC!
Recognizing Art Kleinstein (z"l) for his many years of volunteering for the film festival.

Connie and Gary Levine

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Art Kleinstein (z”l)

Art was a longtime supporter of the J through the Mizel Arts and Culture Center, our annual poker tournament, and served as a member of the film selection committee for the Denver Jewish Film Festival for many years.



Steve Wilson

Steve served as the Executive Artistic Director of the Mizel Arts and Culture Center for over 26 years. Steve has had an indelible impact on the lives of so many children and adults in the Denver area, inspiring in each a love of the arts.

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THE PROGRAM

Welcome

Havdalah Service

Ranch Camp's Carly Coons and children
from the JCC Early Learning School

A Focus on the Future

Lara Knuettel, Chief Executive Officer
Ed Nekritz, JCC Board Chair

Art Kleinstein Tribute

Mark Boscoe, Denver Jewish Film Festival Film Committee

Steve Wilson Tribute

Kathy Neustadt,
JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center Board Chair

Gerald S. Gray Service & Leadership Award Presentation:

Stuart Bombel

Robert E. Loup Hineni Award Presentation:

Don Kortz

Mission Moments

Support the J

Closing Remarks

PLEASE STAY TUNED AFTER THE PROGRAM CONCLUDES TO VIEW
SPECIAL TRIBUTES FROM THE COMMUNITY TO OUR HONOREES

WE'RE OPEN!

Don't miss the ways to enjoy the J this Fall.

OUTDOOR POOL

Swim Laps, AquaFit, Water Walking

INDOOR TENNIS CENTER

Adult and Youth Lessons

SHAI LEARNING LABS

Small group educational support

JEWISH BABY UNIVERSITY

For first-time expecting parents

FAMILY PROGRAMS

In-person and virtual opportunities
for children ages 0 - 5



**Thank you for your
Heart & Soul.
Thank you for your love.**

**Peter A. Kudla
and
Family**

**Congratulations
to the honorees!**

Denise and Warren Cohen

**Congratulations
to Don Kortz on
his lifetime of
commitment to
community!**

The Feiner
Family Foundation

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**Congratulations
Don and Stuart!**

Congratulations to

Don Kortz and Stuart Bombel for being honored at the 2020 JCC Annual Dinner! Your leadership and dedication has been appreciated by everyone involved with the J.

It was a pleasure to work with Don in his time as Chairman of the Board of Directors. We commend him for his determination to make the JCC a gathering place for generations to come.

**STURM
FAMILY**



Congratulations to Don Kortz on this tremendous honor. We are proud to celebrate you and the JCC Denver for your integral contributions to the Denver Jewish community.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THIS YEAR'S HONOREES!**



A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS HERE



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BABY & FOURTH TRIMESTER CAFE

Baby & Fourth Trimester Cafe

A space for new parents to share parenting experiences, ask questions, build friendships, and gather resources for all things baby.

jccdenver.org/postnatal



Mothers' Milk Bank

babycafé

a program of Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation

*Mazel Tov to Don and Stuart,
two amazing "mensches".
Thank you for making our
JCC a better place!*

To the JCC Staff, Thank you for all you
are doing to serve the Community during
this incredibly difficult time. Your
commitment and resiliency are inspiring.

Wendy and Ed Nekritz



Build
connections,
work together,
strengthen
community.

Congratulations, **Don Kortz**, from
Norm and Sunny Brownstein, and
everyone at the firm, on being
honored with the **Robert E. Loup
Hineni Award**.

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Dear Don & Stuart,
Thank you for
all you have done
for the JCC! I am
thrilled your hard
work at the J is
being recognized.
My best wishes, and
thanks to you both.

Kathy Neustadt





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Stuart, You are the glue that binds us all together.

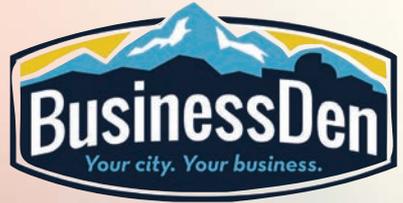
The Heidenrich and Sherman Family

Congratulations to
Don Kortz and Stuart Bombel!
Thank you for all you do for the JCC and our community.

Shannon Gifford and Jerry Glick

Well deserved
Stuart and Don.

Jodi



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Congratulations to the Honorees

Don Kortz
Robert E. Loup Hineni Award

Stuart Bombel
Gerald S. Gray Service & Leadership Award

Special tribute to
Art Kleinstein & Steve Wilson



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POOL**
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Thank you for honoring my late father, Gerald S. Gray, bestowing the award on Stuart Bombel, and recognizing my dear friend Art Kleinstein, a truly exceptional guy.

Michael Gray



Congratulations to the honorees!

Scott Robinson
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Congratulations to
Don Kartz
Robert E Loup Hineni Award
Stuart Bombel
Gerald S. Gray Service & Leadership Award

Congratulations to this year's honorees!

Julie and Brent Morse

Congratulations to Don Kartz, Stuart Bombel, Steve Wilson and Art Kleinstein (z"l) for these well-deserved honors.

Louann and Micky Miller

Congratulations Don!



Stuart, We are fortunate to have you in our Denver Jewish Community!

Kami and Neil Pomerantz

*Congratulations Don!
Thank you for all you do for our community.*

Susan and Eddie Robinson
Marcia and Dick Robinson

Dear Don and Stuart, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

The Michelson, Perry-Rest, Alpert Families

Millions of Mazel Tovs to our honorees!



To Don Kortz and Steve Wilson, We thank you and honor you!

Elaine Gantz Berman and Stephen Berman / Jack and Sarita Gantz Foundation

Congratulations to this year's honorees!

Steve and Elizabeth Kris

Don has been an integral part of our lives for many, many years. There is no finer human being walking the face of the earth than Don.

Jeannie and John Fuller



Thank you Don and Stuart!
The J is a better place because of both of you.

Elise and Brian Barish

Mazel Tov to the honorees, and
Yasher Koach to the J's
incredible and resilient staff.



Congratulations!

JoEllen and Steven M. Cohen
Family

Congratulations Don!
Thank you for all you
do for our community.

Susan and Eddie Robinson
Marcia and Dick Robinson

**Congratulations
Stuie!** We love and
adore you.

Alon, Rikki, Yarden,
Maya and Tali Mor

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**Congratulations
to all of
the honorees!**

Kathy and Rob Klugman

**Kol Hakavod
Uncle Stu!**

Astor, Barron, Dana
and Louie Whitesman

**Don, you are
a gentleman
& scholar,
Yasher Koach!**

Goodspeed
& Merrill 

Stuart has an incredible capacity
for giving to his community,
friends and family, he's a mentor
for many, and an honorable man
that sets the bar high.

Tanner Fanello



Mazel Tov!
A special tribute
and in memory
of Art Kleinstein.

Evi and Evan Makovsky

**Congratulations
to this year's
honorees!**

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**Congratulations
to Don and Stuart!
Thank you for all
you have done.**

Mike and Toni Kboudi

*Thanks for stepping
up, particularly
in these
challenging times.
Congratulations!*

Gary and Sheri Gray

Congratulations!

Aimee and Gary Wagner

Congratulations!

Steve and Kay Shraiberg

Don Kortz
walks on water!
With love
and admiration,

Arlene and Barry Hirschfeld

Congratulations to Don Kortz and Stuart Bombel!



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