



Temple Etz Chaim
Gala Celebration
and
Tree of Life Award Ceremony

Saturday, April 13, 2024
5 Nissan 5784
Coachmen's Lodge
Bellingham, Massachusetts

Welcome

Welcome to the Temple Etz Chaim Gala. We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate and honor three very special people with the Temple Etz Chaim Tree of Life Award.

Temple Etz Chaim has been a vital part of Franklin and surrounding communities for over a quarter of a century. We serve families desirous of maintaining their Jewish heritage in a friendly, comfortable setting, welcoming to all.

Throughout our existence, Temple Etz Chaim has been an active participant in the region we serve. Our Temple has made donations to area nursing homes and hospitals, to Franklin Fuel Assistance and Serenity House. We have provided backpacks for youth aging out of DSS at 18, and every year our Temple youth group collects pounds and pounds of food in support of the Franklin Food Pantry.

“Etz Chaim” means ‘tree of life’, representing the foundation of strength that our Torah (the Five Books of Moses) is for all of us. The Tree of Life award was established to recognize special individuals, whose actions and commitments have helped Temple Etz Chaim grow and thrive. Tonight we are honoring Isaac Chartoff and The Franklin Food Pantry, whose unwavering commitment to our community and our temple has helped build a foundation of strength for Temple Etz Chaim.

Again, thank you for being with us. We hope you enjoy the evening.

Gala Committee

Evening Program

WELCOME

Margot Rivelis & Randy Fedoruk
Event Co-Chairs

DINNER

RABBI REMARKS

Rabbi Thomas Alpert

TREE OF LIFE AWARD PRESENTATION

Rabbi Thomas Alpert

RECIPIENT OF AWARDS

Isaac Chartoff
Franklin Food Pantry

SILENT AUCTION

DANCING



Tree of Life Award



"Etz Chaim" means "tree of life" representing the foundation of strength that our Torah is for all of us. We have created the *Tree of Life* award to recognize special individuals within our community whose actions and commitments have helped Temple Etz Chaim and the larger communities in which we live and work.

PAST HONOREES

- 2023 Mr. Gary and Mrs. Karen Dauer
Mr. James Derrick
- 2022 Mr. Howard and Mrs. Cindy Heilweil
Father Brian Manning
- 2019 Mr. Stewart Lipson
Chief Thomas J. Lynch
- 2018 Mrs. Stacy Bushey
Reverend Carol Rosine
- 2017 Mr. Richard and Mrs. Connie Shulman
Dr. Paula Rooney
- 2016 Dr. David and Mrs. Susan Hirshfield
- 2015 Mr. Carl Citron
Representative Jefferey Roy



Isaac Chartoff

Isaac, wife Melissa, and 9 month old Molly, moved to Franklin in 2009. Layla was welcomed to the family in 2011 and they joined Temple Etz Chaim in 2013 as Molly was ready to begin her religious education. Soon thereafter, Isaac started teaching the sixth and seventh grade religious school class. He has continued to do so through this year, sometimes adding in grade five, and one year also taking a turn at grades two, three, and four. A short while after, he took over the role as Temple Webmaster. That role expanded to un-official IT support as the Temple transitioned to a new membership management system and COVID forced us all to switch to streaming, and other remote technologies, to come together as a community. He joined the Board in 2020 and still serves. His daughters will snicker as he occasionally still must turn around on Washington Street ... driving past the charter school on auto-pilot to the Temple building.



FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY

The Franklin Food Pantry in Franklin, MA is more than just food. They also provide support and assistance to those in need so they can have an improved quality of life through nutritious food and supportive resources. When our neighbors have challenges, they help them overcome those challenges.



The Board of Directors of Temple Etz Chaim
honors

Isaac Chartoff

for his many years of dedication and service to the
Temple Etz Chaim Community

&

The Franklin Food Pantry

for its leadership and support in the
Greater Franklin Community.

We are proud to present them with the
Tree of Life Award in recognition of the
outstanding work they do.

The Temple Etz Chaim Board of Directors

Andrew Rubenstein

Margot Rivellis

Stacy Bushey

Owen Folsom

Jodi Rutkowski

Rosie Buja

Jim Buja

Cindy Heilweil

Robert Martin

Michael Rubin

מזל טוב
וכל הכבוד!

Congratulations and well done!

To our honorees

Isaac Chartoff

The Franklin Food Pantry

~ Eileen Hagerty and Rabbi Tom Alpert

The Temple Etz Chaim Sisterhood
Board extends

Congratulations and Mazel Tov to

Isaac Chartoff

our friend and Technology Maven

&

The Franklin Food Pantry for their
great work in our community

You inspire us with your passion and
energy for our community.

With admiration

*Sherrie Carey-Rich, Karen Dauer, Melissa Folsom,
Miriam Goodman,, Eileen Hagerty, Emily Harvey,
Cindy Heilweil, Kathy Levine, Caren Pfeffer,
Margot Rivelis, Lori Beth Towne*

To Isaac-

So many thank you's to give.

For being part of our school ~ *Dayenu!*

For teaching our children ~ *Dayenu!*

For challenging your students ~ *Dayenu!*

For your wise advice ~ *Dayenu!*

For your IT support so willingly given ~ *Dayenu!*

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

~ Hana and Peter Berman

Kol Ha Kavod

Isaac!

Thank You for the many gifts and talents
you've given to our

Etz Chaim family

over the years!

~ Owen and Melissa Folsom

Isaac ...

We are so grateful for all of your hard work and dedication to our Religious School.

You are an amazing teacher who always puts the time and effort into creating engaging lessons that bring the students to a high level of understanding and inspiration.

You deserve to be celebrated!

~ *The Education and KEF Committees*

Mazel Tov
to the honorees
Isaac Chartoff
and
Franklin Food Pantry

~Mark & Sandi Cutler,

~Adam Cutler & Randy Fedoruk

Mazel Tov!

Jim & Rosie

Buja

Thank you

Isaac,

for all that you do for our
congregation,
especially our children.
We are forever grateful.

*~ Whitman & Valenca family
Joanne, Bem & Gus*

educator instructor lecturer mentor academic guide academic reader
facilitator enlighten **ISAAC CHARTOFF** impart show train
prepare inform lesson instill introduce prime enlighten reflect discuss lead

With gratitude for your years of service to our school.

Temple Etz Chaim Religious School Families



Congratulations to the
Tree of Life award recipients.
Thank you for all you do for the
community.



-Jayme Solomon-Z issu & Jonathan Z issu

In appreciation
for all your service
to the community

~ Sue & Colin Cass



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Congratulations to

Isaac Chartoff

and

The Franklin Food Pantry

Mazel Tov to Isaac Chartoff for receiving the
Tree of Life Award
We can't think of a more deserving person!

~ Margot and Michael Rivelis

Mazel Tov Issac!

Such a well deserved honor and we are happy to
celebrate with you and your beautiful family. Thank
You for all you do for our
community.

With love. *~ the Giordano Family*

TEC BROTHERHOOD
CONGRATULATES

Isaac Chartoff

MAZEL TOV!

Thanks for all you do!



ACORN ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Congratulations to Isaac Chartoff and the Franklin Food Pantry for being this years recipients of the Tree of Life award. Thank you for all you do for the temple and greater Franklin community.

~Martha Bugbee and Andy Weitzman

Mazel Tov
on this well deserved honor.

*~ Rabbi Raphael Kanter & your Friends at
Tifereth Israel Congregation*



Mazel tov to Isaac
Chartoff on this honor.

You have been a
valuable asset to our
committee, as well as the

Temple as a whole. You are very deserving of
this award for all your years of hard work and
dedication. Thank you for all you do.

- Religious Activities Committee



Congratulations Issac! You are a
wizad with our TEChnology. With
admiration and appreciation for your
efforts.

~ Karen and Gary Dauer

Mazel Tov Isaac!

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Your efforts, dedication, and
commitment to TEC are appreciated!

~

~Diane and Carl Citron

Mazel Tov, Isaac!

The strength and growth of our temple
community is built on the commitment of its members.
You and your family are a shining example of that
commitment.

Franklin Food Pantry, thank you for your
commitment to our community at large.

~The Bushey Family

Mazel Tov!

And thanks for all you do,
Isaac.

~Elaine and Bob Martin

Mazel Tov to Isaac Chartoff for receiving the
Tree of Life Award

We can't think of a more deserving person!

~ Margot and Michael Rivelis

**“Tis A Wonderful Tribute for Thine Hero
That This Great Honor Be Bestowed on Thee”**

Bing, Dank, & Three

And of course, the rest of the Village People

From Hannah, Jo, Mike, and Lee

Mazel Tov Isaac!
Thank you for all you do!

~ Susan & David Hirshfield

- ★ Isaac, In appreciation for all you do for the temple. Mazel Tov on this much deserved honor.
~ *Lori Beth and Jerry*
- ★ In Honor of Isaac Chartoff and his years of dedicated service to Temple tz Chaim and the people therein. Where would we be without him?
~ Adrienne Castro
- ★ Isaac, We are proud to be your family! Lots of love
~ *from your girls (and Tevye).*
- ★ Congratulations Isaac!
~ *Laura and Jeff Cerier*
- ★ Isaac, you are the definition of a Mensch. Thank you for always serving our temple and helping to keep our Jewish community thriving!
~ Fondly, The Fields
- ★ Congratulations to Isaac Chartoff on this well-deserved honor!
Thank you!
~ Kathy & Mike Levine
- ★ Mazel Tov to Isaac and the Franklin Food Pantry. Thank you for all you do for our community.
~ Mary Ann Oppenheimer
- ★ Thank you Julie & Wayne Elpus, and Paula Marano for your kind contributions



Gala Committee

*Thank you for all your hard work
putting together this event*

Randy Fedoruk & Margot Rivelis
Event Chairs

Rabbi Thomas Alpert
Carl Citron
Lisa Ferdenzi
Melissa Folsom
Miriam Goodman
Lisa Lauterbach
Ilise Samolyk
Lori Beth Towne

Auction

Thank you to those who made donations to our auction

Altitude Trampoline Park

Apricot Lane

Boston Red Sox

Boston Symphony Orchestra ~ donated by Ben Levy

Capron Zoo

ESBE Jewelry ~ Donated by Lisa Lauterbach

Israeli Art ~ Donated by Margot Rivelis

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Massage Envy

New England Patriots

Ocean State Job Lot

Paw's n Claws

Pet Smart

Pottery ~ Andrea Chartoff

Provincetown Weekend ~ Donated by Randy Fedoruk & Adam
Cutler

Red Sox Tickets ~ donated by Rabbi Tom Alpert

Sensation Station Party ~ Donated by Randy Fedoruk & Adam Cutler
Self

Smoked Brisket ~ Donated by Diane and Carl Citron

Terrazza

Top Golf

Wild Birds Unlimited

Vet Med

Wood Bowl ~ Donated by John O'Neill

Restaurant Gift Cards ~ 110 Grille, /Eviva Trattoria, Birchwood Bakery, Chateau, Coachmen's Lodge, Curry House, Elizabeth's Bagels, Gavel, Georges Pizza,, Hot Tables, Ichigo Ichie, Jake n Joes, Lowell's , Mak's RB, Muffin House,, Piezonies, PJ's, Rail Trail, Restaurant 45, Rome, Thai Pepper, The Shed, Town Pizza Bellingham

Wine Donations ~ Michael Bushey, Miriam Goodman, Hickey's, Pour Richards,

Grocery Store Donations ~ Big Y, Stop & Shop, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's





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