

Around the Community

Yeshiva Darchei Torah's eighth grade graduation rafting trip



Marion & Aaron Gural JCC's Annual Gala

Four of the community's most active and dedicated members were recently recognized for their outstanding support of the Marion & Aaron Gural JCC at their Fourteenth Annual Fundraising Dinner which was held on June 2, 2016. The gala, which has become a much anticipated and well-attended event, was held at Temple Israel of Lawrence and catered by Foremost Ram Caterers.

For her steadfast leadership of the Village of Cedarhurst and the JCC, Myrna Zisman was honored with the JCC's esteemed Leadership Award. Myrna has been a Village Trustee since 2006. She worked on Governor George Pataki's first campaign for governor at the request of former U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato and she was appointed by Governor Pataki in

1995 to serve on the New York State Commission on the status of women and also on the New York-Israel Cultural Exchange. This dual interest in politics and love of Israel led to being elected State Committee Woman in the 41st Assembly district from 1979-1982. In 1980, she was appointed by Mayor Ed Koch to be on the Citizens Committee as a Democratic National Convention Member. She was a co-founder of WINPAC—Woman's Pro Israel National Political Action Committee. Myrna has spearheaded chairmanships of several pro-Israel missions to Washington. Myrna was also part of Mayor Giuliani's Commission on Protocol. The Marion & Aaron Gural JCC is honored to have such an accomplished woman serve on their board of directors.

Anita and Andrew Shevins,

members of the Inwood Country Club, were bestowed with the organization's prestigious Harrison-Kerr Community Achievement Award. Through their work with the club's Inwood Charities fund, they epitomize the spirit of the award in their unwavering dedication to the community and supporting so many worthy causes. The Inwood Charities Fund supports not only programs at the JCC which include the Rina Shkolnik Kosher Food Pantry, but many organizations throughout the Greater Five Towns.

Mimi Weinerman, who was born and raised in the Five Towns, was recognized with the Volunteer Award. Mimi is a compassionate volunteer at the JCC where she works tirelessly to lend a helping hand, offer a kind word and put a smile on the faces of so many JCC

participants, especially the older adults who participate in a variety of social and recreational programs where Mimi volunteers her time. Mimi is also an integral part of the Rina Shkolnik Kosher Food Pantry where she can often be found greeting clients and helping to organize the pantry's vast inventory.

"We are proud to recognize such wonderful community members like Myrna, Anita, Andrew and Mimi who give so much of their time and put forth an extra effort in helping make The Marion & Aaron Gural JCC the special place that it is," said Joel A. Block, Executive Director of the Marion & Aaron Gural JCC. "Every year our gala brings together a cross-section of the Five Towns in an evening of camaraderie and community pride."