

## 7th Annual Community Recognition Event



June 24, 2025



## Welcome

In 1915, visionary leaders in our community came together to unify the efforts of various Jewish service organizations. Their goal was clear: to create an agency with a philanthropic and charitable mission, one dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in both the Jewish and general communities. This founding vision continues to guide the mission of Jewish Family Service (JFS) today.

Welcome to the 7th Annual Community Matters event — an evening that celebrates not only the mission and values of JFS, but the power of community itself. Each year, hundreds of individuals turn to JFS in pursuit of well-being, health, and stability. Clients are referred through schools, healthcare professionals, mental health centers, the court system, and — perhaps most meaningfully — through those who have themselves benefited from our services. We meet people where they are, addressing their needs and collaborating with community partners and funders to achieve positive, lasting outcomes.

Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania remains one of the region's leading human service agencies. For more than a century, we have worked to enhance the well-being of individuals, strengthen families, and uplift our community—serving both the Jewish and broader populations with dignity and compassion. As we gather tonight, we are reminded that no one carries the weight of community alone. JFS stands on the shoulders of those who came before us, and with your continued support, we will keep making a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Thank you for joining us—and for helping us help others.

Shirla Mudelman aldo

Sheila Nudelman Abdo, ACSW, LCSW Executive Director Dr. Daniel Ginsberg IFS Board President

Vaniel Ginsberg









## **Schedule**

## Community Matters Event Program June 24, 2025

**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Specialty Food Stations

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Doug Fink

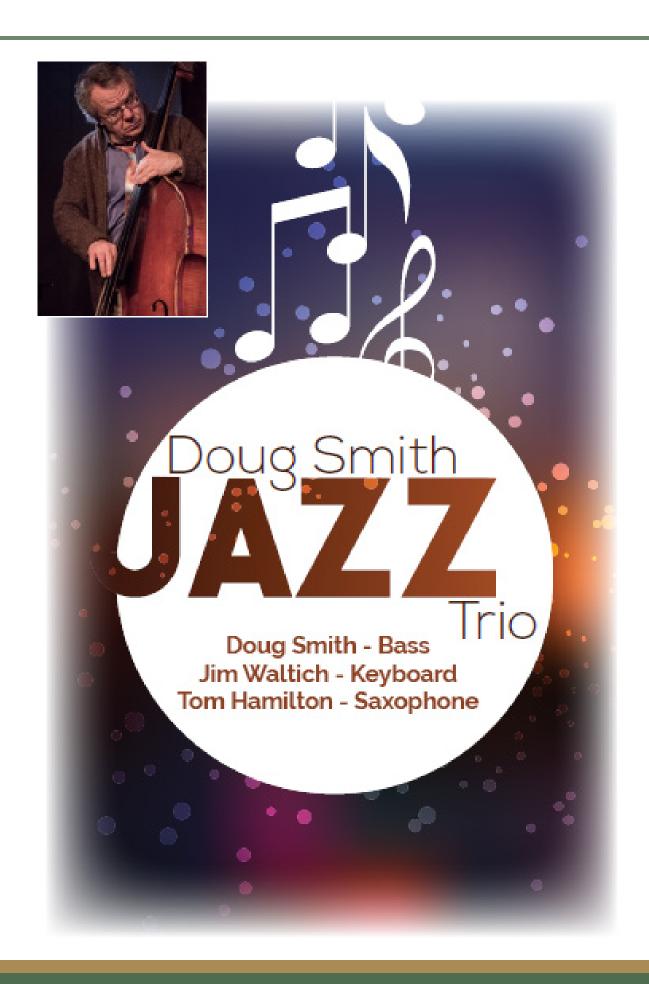
Opening Remarks Dr. Daniel Ginsberg

**About our Honoree** Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus

Honoree Remarks Jim Alperin

Closing Remarks Sheila Nudelman Abdo

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dessert Reception



### JFS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### MENTAL HEALTH/ COUNSELING SERVICES

JFS provides confidential, professional counseling services for families, couples, and individuals experiencing challenges in their daily life.

#### OLDER ADULT SERVICES / CASE MANAGEMENT

Promoting and preserving the dignity and self respect of aging individuals by assisting them and their families in making choices that foster maximum level of independence in their daily living.

#### ADULT GUARDIANSHIP OF PERSON

Providing guardianship of person service to those individuals who have been determined by the court to be incapacitated and no longer able to make their own life decisions.

Guardianship is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS

Kosher Meals on Wheels provides adequate well-balanced meals delivered by JFS voluteers to individuals who need assistance preparing meals for themselves.

#### MAE S. GELB FOOD PANTRY

Established in January 2001, was developed to provide assistance with food and other necessary household items to families and individuals during times of significant financial stress.

#### FINANCIAL AID/ HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

Short-term financial assistance for rent, utilities, food or other emergency needs is provided 8for individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties.

## 2025 Honoree

## Jim Alperin

Born in 1958 in Scranton, PA, to Myer and Joan Alperin, Jim is a proud graduate of Central High School and Lehigh University, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. After college, he joined his family's apparel contracting business, steering it through a challenging period of foreign competition. Under his leadership, the company evolved into a global enterprise, owning its brands and operating internationally. It specialized in producing menswear, childrenswear, and school uniforms in overseas factories. Headquartered in South Scranton, the business distributed its products widely and operated successfully until its sale in 2021.

Jim is married to Patty Flatz Alperin of Fort Lee, NJ, and together they take great pride in their four children: Rebecca (born 1984) living in New York City, Andrew (born 1987) living in Boston, Kristin (born 1991) living in Los Angeles, and Lucas (born 1995) living in New York City.

Deeply committed to his community, Jim has dedicated himself to numerous Jewish, civic, and educational organizations. In the Jewish community, he recently served as President of Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab and as a Board Member of the Foundation for the Jewish Elderly. He has also served as Treasurer of the Scranton Lackawanna Jewish Federation and Vice President of Temple Hesed in Scranton, PA. Additionally, he has chaired both the Passage to Freedom campaign and the Annual United Jewish Appeal campaigns.



In the broader community, Jim has held leadership positions with the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike County and the United Way of Pennsylvania, contributing significantly to campaigns, allocations, and leadership development. He has also served as a Board Member of the Ben Franklin Technology Center Regional Advisory Board, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern PA Labor Task Force, Junior Achievement of Northeastern PA, Young Volunteers in Action, and the Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces.

A strong advocate for interfaith understanding, Jim was a founding Board Member of the Community Forum of Abington Ecumenical Ministerium and served on the Advisory Board of the United Churches of Northeastern PA.

## **Guest Speaker Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus**

Born in Yonkers, New York, and raised in Washington, D.C., Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus graduated from the Talmudical Academy of Baltimore in 1964, earned a B.A. in Economics in 1968, and received both an M.S. and Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshiva University in 1971. He later earned an MBA from Boston University in 1976 and an advanced certificate in gerontology and health care administration from Marywood University.

From 1971 to 1979, he served as a U.S. Army Chaplain, with postings at Fort Carson, Colorado; Nuremberg, West Germany; and with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. A licensed nursing home administrator in Pennsylvania, he began his tenure at the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania in 1979 as Assistant Executive Director and served as Executive Director from 1983 to 2019.

He currently serves as the Managing Director of the Foundation for the Jewish Elderly of Eastern Pennsylvania and as Chaplain of the Sandy Weisberger Leon Kaplan Post of the Jewish War Veterans. He is married to Sonia, a nurse practitioner.





Honoring outstanding leaders who have made a difference in our community.

2016 Honorees Mayor Jim & Susie Blum Connors

> 2017 Honorees Morey and Sondra Myers

> > 2018 Honoree Jane Oppenheim \*

2019 Honorees Louis and Barbara Nivert

> 2023 Honoree Natalie Gelb

2024 Honoree Dr. Margaret Sheldon



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TO

## JIMMY ALPERIN

FOR HIS MANY YEARS
OF DEDICATION AND
SERVICE TO OUR
COMMUNITY.

MICHAEL AND SHEILA CUTLER

## CONGRATULATIONS JIM!

FROM THE NIVERT FAMILY

Jim,

Thank you for upholding the Alperin Family tradition of community service in our dearly loved and always fondly remembered Scranton.

Aunt Toni Alperin Goldberg
Bob & Liz Alperin Solms
David Alperin
John & Leah Alperin Nickerson

## Dear Dad/Jim:

### **Mazel Toy!**

We are so proud of you and all you've done to uplift and support the Jewish community in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Your commitment, humility, and generosity have touched so many lives—and continue to inspire us every day.

Thank you for leading by example, for showing us the importance of showing up, giving back, and standing for something bigger than yourself.

We love you so much and are excited to celebrate you tonight!

With love and admiration, Rebecca, Kristin and Lucas

# MORGAN HUGHWAY AUTO PARTS & RECYCLING

## **CONGRATULATIONS JIMMY!**

YOU HAVE MADE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE!

**Donna & Bobby** 

## CONCRITULATIONSSIS



FROM ROBIN & JEFF JACOBSON

## WHIT WOLLD MINN DOB

JIMMY VOLUNTEERS HIS TIME TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY.

JIMMY NOT ONLY DONATES HIS TIME BUT ALSO PROVIDES MONETARY SUP-PORT TO CAUSES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT THOSE IN NEED.

JIMMY NOT ONLY SUPPORTS THE JEWISH COMMUNITY BUT ALSO THE COM-MUNITY AT LARGE.

JIMMY LOVES HIS FAMILY AND IS THERE TO SUPPORT THEM AND LOVE THEM THROUGH GOOD TIMES AND BAD.

JIM IS A DEVOTED HUSBAND WHO LOVES AND CARES GREATLY FOR HIS WIFE, PATTY.

JIMMY AFTER FINDING HIS BALL DEEP IN THE WOODS WOULD FIND A 5 FOOT WINDOW TO HIT HIS BALL THROUGH THE TREES, THAT WOULD NEED TO CARRY A CREEK, MULTIPLE SAND TRAPS, AND LAND SOFTLY BY THE HOLE, BE-CAUSE JIMMY IS AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST!

AND THAT IS WHY US FRIENDS OF JIMMY, LOVE HIM.

HE'S A MAN WITH A HUGE HEART WHO CARES.

### PAUL BARTOLETTI

Congratulations on this well deserved recognition for all you have done for the community

Love, Marsha & Family



# PROUDLY HONORING OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER JIM ALPERIN

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# MAZEL TOV & KOL HAKAVOD

for a well-earned recognition as an outstanding community leader,

## JIM ALPERIN



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# CONGRATULATIONS JIM!

# ALAN AND LAUREL GLASSMAN

# THANK YOU JIM FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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IN RECOGNITION OF HIS UNWAVERING
COMMITMENT AND SELFLESS SERVICE
TO OUR COMMUNITY,
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THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.



# CONGRATULATIONS JIM!

## PAUL AND TONI COVIELLO



## Congratulates Jim Alperin



The staff and board of directors of Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab congratulates Jim Alperin on this well-deserved recognition. As Immediate Past President of our Board of Directors, Jim's visionary leadership guided Elan through the pandemic and a rebranding initiative. His selfless dedication and commitment to improving the lives of others has made a real difference in the lives of so many members of our community.

Thank you Jim for everything you have done to advance the Jewish Senior Life mission through your many years of unwavering support and invaluable volunteer service!



A Jewish Senior Life Community

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLOSE FRIEND FOR HIS SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

## ROBERT AND FAYE ROSENBERG

The Board of Directors of the Foundation for the Jewish Elderly of Eastern PA salutes Jewish Family Service of Northeastern PA in recognizing

## Jim Alperin With its Community Matters Award

Jim's devotion to the welfare of the aging and his ardent support of community programming for them represent a snapshot of his exemplary work on behalf of the entire community.

We congratulate Jim, Patty and the entire family for this well-deserved tribute.



## **Building Legacies, Strengthening Communities**

At Riggs Asset Management Company, we understand the importance of legacy. Just as Jim Alperin has contributed tirelessly to the strength of our community, we too believe in cultivating lasting impact across generations.

Thank you to Jewish Family Services of Northeast Pennsylvania for your dedication, and congratulations to Jim Alperin, this year's honoree. Your leadership continues to inspire and uplift us all.

Together, we make our community stronger.

Alan Glassman | Riggs Asset Management Company | Adam Glassman



## In Honor of Jim Alperin and the Staff and Board of JFS for all that they do for our community

The Fink Family



SCRANTON, PA 18505

# Your passion is brilliant.

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## Congratulations Jim Alperin

Making a Difference in our Community

Faye and Richard Bishop

## Congratulations JIM ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED HONOR!

## Your Friends at





Your leadership and dedication have helped enrich and strengthen our Jewish community making it a vibrant and special place to live.

Susie and Scott Herlands

Congratulations to Jim Alperin on this well deserved honor.

Bonnie and Ken Green

Congratulations
Jimmy for all your
service to our
community,
a well deserved
honor!!!

Best, Fred Levy

Jim,
Thank you for your remarkable service to others

Sondra and Morey Myers

Congratulations! Lee & Suzanne Jaffe & Family



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Congratulations!

To JFS, on your Lucky 7th: Your exceptional, compassionate work in the Greater Scranton community is renowned and highly respected. To JIM, on this much deserved tribute: Your benevolence and community leadership have long made a difference to so many, including JFS.

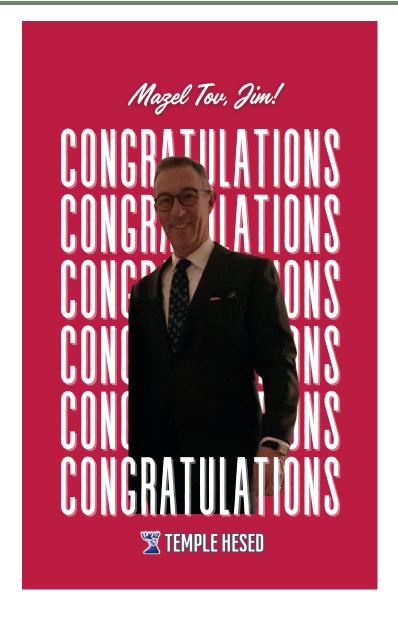
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Bob & Laney

## Healthy communities are built on strong organizations.

Thanks for making our hometowns even better places to live.

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Congratulations Jim!

The 16th ward Friedman Hospitality Group Hourigan Kluger & Quinn

Congratulations Jim!

From cousins Sheryl and Seth Gross

Mazel Tov Jim!

Doug and Madelyn Fink



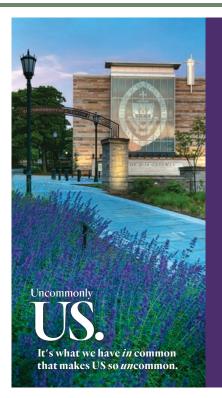


The JCC Staff & Board of Directors sends warm wishes & congratulations to

Jim Alperin

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our community





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# Congratulations! From STATE SENATOR MARTY FLYNN

Jim, Congratulations! You are truly an advocate for the Scranton area.

Gail

Mazel Tov to Jim Alperin for his tireless service on behalf of the community!

David Myers and Nomi Stolzenberg

Saluting Jim Alperin!

A friend. A visionary. A mensch.

Rabbi Benny & Chany Rapoport Rabbi Yosef & Esther Rapoport

Congratulations

Jay Rosenstein

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement. Your dedication and continual efforts are truly inspiring!

Mark Stahller

AMOS LODGE B'NAI B'RITH
IS PROUD OF JIM ALPERIN
FOR ALL HE HAS DONE AND
CONTINUES TO DO TO MAKE
OUR COMMUNITY BETTER!

Congratulations
Jim!

Marian and Gary Beckhorn



We proudly congratulate **Jim Alperin** on his many accomplishments and extend our heartfelt thanks for his outstanding service, leadership, and support.

Jim's commitment to our community is truly inspiring, and his impact will be felt for generations to come.

With gratitude and admiration,

The Board & Staff of the Jewish Resource Center of the Poconos

Mazel toy!



TOM FILARDO AND
WARSHAW BURSTEIN LLP
CONGRATULATE JIM ALPERIN ON THIS
WELL-DESERVED HONOR.

JIM'S DEDICATION AND SERVICE
TO HIS INDUSTRY, HIS IMMEDIATE
COMMUNITY, AND THE GREATER
COMMUNITY ARE TRULY INSPIRATIONAL.

Warshaw Burstein Mazel Tov on a job well done.
As laser focused and hard working as a Mountain Hawk should be

Marylu and Steven Eisner

Congratulations on being honored for your contributions and efforts throughout the community.

Ionathan and Allison Wolk

Congratulations on receiving recognition for your hard work and valuable contributions to the community.

David and Kelly Reif and the entire team at School Apparel

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## congratulations Allied Services proudly extends our

## Jim Alperin

Your unwavering commitment to our community and tireless advocacy on behalf of those in need have made a lasting impact. Your leadership, compassion, and generosity are an inspiration, and we are proud to join Jewish Family Services in recognizing your extraordinary contributions.

Thank you, Jim, for making our community a better, more compassionate place for all.

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— DEUTERONOMY 1:13

JIM, THANK YOU OF ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN TO OUR COMMUNITY
— YOUR WISDOM, DISCERNMENT AND EXPERIENCE
HAVE BEEN SUCH A BLESSING TO US ALL.

RABBIS DANIEL SWARTZ AND MARJORIE BERMAN

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