

*Congregation B'nai Shalom of Buffalo Grove*

*Gala Honoree Dinner Honoring*

*Herb and Natalie Brand*

*and*

*Craig and Audrey Marshak*

*In recognition of their tireless effort, devotion,*

*and commitment to*

*Congregation B'nai Shalom of Buffalo Grove*

*and to the Buffalo Grove Jewish Community*

*Sunday, December 10, 2017 – 23 Kislev 5778*

*Meet and Greet at 4:30 PM - Dinner at 5:00 PM*

*701 West Aptakisic Road*

*Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089*

*Honoree Dinner Committee Co-Chairmen*

*Cindy Goldberg - Mel Goodman – Jay Piell*

*Program*

*Meet and Greet / Welcome - Danny Krakauer, President*

*Dinner*

*Ma'ariv*

*Presentation of Honorees*

*Herb and Natalie Brand – Presenter: Mel Goodman*

*Craig and Audrey Marshak – Presenter: Larry Kluge*

*Dessert*

*Benching - Rabbi Dvorin*

Herb and Natalie Brand have been active members of Congregation B'nai Shalom of Buffalo Grove for over 15 years.

During that time, they have organized and participated in social activities and participated in services during the High Holidays and throughout the entire year. Preferring to keep a low profile rather than promoting their own involvement, Herb and Natalie have worked behind the scenes, strengthening the community with their commitment and integrity.

Herb is the "Godfather" of the Morning and Yahrzeit Minyans. He has worked diligently to ensure full minyans for everyone who needs to commemorate a loved one's Yahrzeit. Herb attends almost every morning minyan often serving as Gabbi and dispensing Torah Honors. Herb also initiated and maintains the semi-monthly movie program. Due to Herb's efforts, the congregation has a source of entertainment and a place to "schmooze" and get together to view and discuss meaningful and enjoyable films.

Though Natalie does not come to Shul as often as Herb, her presence and involvement are always felt in Shul activities. A big thank you goes out to Natalie for sharing Herb with the Shul on a daily basis. Every morning at 6:00 AM, regardless of the weather, Natalie says goodbye to Herb as he leaves for Shul. Natalie has been Herb's partner, support, and source of strength in all of his endeavors. Our Shul and community has reaped many benefits because of Herb and Natalie's involvement, commitment and enthusiasm.



Craig and Audrey Marshak have been serving Congregation B'nai Shalom of Buffalo Grove and the Buffalo Grove Community for long as the Shul Has been in existence.

Working as a team, Craig and Audrey served on the Shul Board for many years as the Youth Group Chairmen. During this time, Craig and Audrey helped raise half of the children in Buffalo Grove by providing activities, learning experiences, and facilitating lifelong friendships. Whenever congregants needed something for their children to do, the Marshaks had a program to offer them.

When the Youth Group was no longer viable, Craig and Audrey still maintained their high level of participation in Shul Activities. Audrey became more active in Sisterhood affairs and Craig stepped in and helped in a variety of important ways. Audrey and Craig are regular volunteers helping with the Shabbat Kiddush, and Craig is involved with food preparation on a regular basis with the Morning Minyan.

Craig and Audrey have been the “go to” people when things need to get done and when extra hands are needed. And throughout the years, their assistance and leadership is provided in a manner marked by humility and kindness. Our Shul is a much better place because of the deeds of Craig and Audrey Marshak.

