

The outstanding leaders honored on Simchat Torah this year are Joel Brownstein and Leonard and Marcia Saran.

Chatan Torah (Bridegroom of the Torah) Joel Brownstein has served Temple Beth Tzedek as the Temple's attorney, member of the Financial Committee, and gabbai. He is a life-long resident of Buffalo and a life-long member of our congregation and its predecessors, having been bar mitzvah at Temple Emanuel. Joel has also served as a board member and vice president of the Kadimah Academy, and as chair of the Planning and Allocations Committee of the Buffalo Jewish Federation.

Before retiring, Joel was a partner for many years in *Borins, Setel, Snitzer & Brownstein*. He served on the boards of the Erie County Bar Association and the Erie County Bar Foundation, and was a member of the Erie County Bar's Judiciary Committee. Joel received both his bachelor's and law degrees from UB, and also has a Master's from NYU.



Chatan and Kallah B'reishit (Bridegroom and Bride of *B'reishit*) "Lenny" and Marcia Saran have decades of shared interests in Temple and other Jewish organizations, UB, gardening, and travel. Lenny has been a Temple Board member and a regular at evening minyan. He has also served as a board member and chair of the Development Committee for the Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association of Western New York. A retired pharmacist, Lenny is a Distinguished Alumnus of UB, where he continues to audit classes. Marcia taught and advised for many years in the Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences at UB.

Joel and Judy, and Lenny and Marcia, *shep naches* from their children and grandchildren, who have distinguished themselves in Jewish life and professionally.