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# JIC Israel

## Fundraiser Dinner

June 13, 2018



## HONOREE

### Johnny Stross



Born in Manchester, Johnny was raised traditional. At the age of 21 he started to find his way to a life of Torah. After studying at Aish HaTorah, he progressed with his business endeavors and strived to find a balance between working, studying, and socializing.

Finding life unfulfilling in Manchester, Johnny seized the opportunity to move to Israel in 2016 to begin building his new life. Shortly after moving to Jerusalem in Sept. 2017, Johnny saw a great opportunity with JIC Israel not only to help build a new life for himself but also to help many others. Johnny joined the leadership board with a number of ideas he wanted to implement. Within a couple of weeks of pitching the board, Johnny launched the first weekly 'Shiur & Beer' bringing together 45-55 Young Professionals in a fun, relaxed environment learning Torah and socializing together. Now 6 months later, with many hours per week spent managing the marketing and logistics, and bridging the financial gap, Shiur & Beer is still going strong, consistently hosting 25-35 people weekly.

With more JIC Israel events going on than ever and so many great singles around, Johnny decided the time was right to launch JIC Israel Dating. The platform is designed to help more relationships come together within the JIC Israel community. Within a week of pitching the board, Johnny had launched JIC Dating, and it is now very active with its own committee, a growing Facebook Group and a great shadchan on board.

Johnny looks forward to continuing to volunteer with JIC Israel and the great work they do to improve the lives of as many people as possible in Jerusalem and beyond. Johnny's other passions include working out, swimming, skiing, table tennis, nutrition, self-development, acts of chesed and spending time with his 9 year old son.

## HONOREE

### Sarah & Steve Levy



Sarah was born in the Bronx and raised in Brooklyn. She worked as a pediatric occupational therapist for 10 years and completed a masters degree in biobehavioral studies at Columbia University. She then earned a Ph.D. in neuropsychology and has been involved in research, teaching and clinical practice.

Steve was born in Ecuador while his father was serving as a Peace Corps physician. He grew up in Gainesville, FL, went to college at Penn and studied law at UCLA, eventually ending up in New York City to practice law. It was there that he started learning about traditional Judaism. He then earned an MBA at INSEAD in France and spent a few years studying in yeshiva in Jerusalem. When he returned to New York, he worked at an internet startup with Jodi Samuels, who had just founded JICNY.

Sarah, who had been working at Alyn Hospital in Jerusalem after college, had just returned to New York at the very same time that Steve left New York to study in Israel. When they were finally both in the same country at the same time, Steve and Sarah were introduced through Fabia Preminger, with whom Sarah had worked in Israel and whom Steve had met through Jodi.

Four years ago they made Aliyah from Atlanta to Yad Binyamin. Steve continues to work in real estate investment and Sarah works as a psychologist. They have five daughters: Shira (13), Daniella (11), Ariella (10), Avigail (7), and Elana (6). They co-authored a recently published book, The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary, which is based on weekly essays they wrote to help generate discussions around their own Shabbat table. They plan to move to Jerusalem this summer and look forward to continuing their involvement with JICNY- Israel.

# Mazel Tov Sarah & Steve!

You are involved with a truly  
worthwhile initiative.

Abraham Altman

Wishing you Johnny, and  
JIC Israel every success in all  
your endeavours for these  
wonderful and worthwhile  
projects.

**Mazel Tov on  
receiving this award!**

With best wishes from  
The Ralph Stross Charitable Trust

# Mazal Tov

to a wonderful couple  
Steve and Sarah.

Truly love you guys.

Mo Brown

Mazel Tov Sarah and Steve  
on this well-deserved honor!

We admire your dedication to JIC  
and it's mission. May you  
continue to be a source of  
illumination for the Jewish  
community. Your presence will  
be missed in Yad Binyamin.

Sarah and Yosef Aschkenasi  
Ammi and Josh Dorevitch  
Candy and Earl Engel  
Chaya and Yehoshua Jacobson  
Nira and Shmuel Kaplan  
Miriam and Menachem Perl  
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We wish you success moving  
forward with the Jewish International  
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Mazel Tov  
Johnny!

David

# Wishing Mazel Tov to the Honorees!

Gavin & Jodi Samuels and Steve Eisenberg

To our good friends Jodi and Gavin,

Your tireless efforts to enrich Jewish life around the world is remarkable and may you continue to be an inspiration for the Jewish community.

Mazal Tov to Johnny and to Sarah and Steve Levy on their well deserved awards.

Nechama and Yona Levy



Karen Gefen is proud to partner with Jody and JIC Israel  
on our FERTILITY PRESERVATION program.

Mazal Tov, Karen

Jodi and Gavin,

Thank you for all the important work you do for the community and for inspiring us all to give more.

Jordana Miller

Jodi and Gavin,  
Wishing you continued success  
in all your endeavours.

Warmly, Sandy & Reuven Brudner

Well done Johnny on your award -  
May JIC go from strength to strength

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Jodi & Gavin,  
Love connecting to new people  
through your programs and events!  
Thanks for dedicating your time  
and hearts to Klal Yisrael.

-Abby Hessney

*Mazal Tov!*

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Evelyne and David Guez,  
Thank you for your support and  
hospitality for JIC Israel!

Rachel Guez and Esther Ohayon,  
Thank you for your dedication over  
the past month!

It is both a pleasure and privilege to  
honor our friends and former  
Atlanta neighbors, Sarah and Steve  
Levy, who are continuing to make  
great contributions to the global  
Jewish community!

Mazel Tov to you and to  
your families!

And, we wish JIC Israel  
much hatzlacha!

With best wishes,  
Jan and Robert Cohen

Congratulations to the  
Levy's. We're honored  
to be friends and your  
neighbors.

Yehoshua and Chaya  
Jacobson

Sarah & Steve,  
Mazel Tov on this well deserved honor.  
May Hashem continue to give you strength  
and resources to be able to continue in this  
beautiful Holy work !

B'hatzlachah  
Avrohum & Teila Lewis & family  
Chaim & Yoella Fishfeld & family



Dear Sarah and Steve  
and the entire Levy family,

We are so proud of your  
extraordinary commitment  
to the Jewish community—  
both young and old!

Love  
Roslyn and Norman Levy

Dear Sarah and Steve,  
We are so proud of your insatiable  
desire to help the Jewish people.  
May you continue to be successful at  
promoting positive change in Israel  
and the Jewish community.

With all our love and admiration,  
Dr. Bernard and Eva Lewis

**Shir Hadash on Emek**  
community would like to join the  
JIC in Honoring our members:

**Johnny Stross**  
in receiving the Young Leadership  
Award! Well Done!

**Jodi and Gavin Samuels**  
and their amazing children  
Meron, Temira and Cailey for all  
their support and hard work for  
our community!

Thank you! Thank you!  
Thank you!

**Thanks**  
**Jodi & Gavin**  
**for all you do!**

With love & appreciation,

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Congrats Jodi and Gavin  
on the amazing work you  
do helping people find  
love in Israel.

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Dear Jodi and Gavin,  
Well done on what you have  
built up in Israel and  
Jerusalem! May you continue  
to be blessed to build and  
grow in Jerusalem!

Dear Johnny Stross,  
Well done on your Young  
Leadership Award!  
May you continue to lead  
and inspire others!

With love and warm regards,  
Alan and Lori Lurie  
Tova and David Kramer

To our dearest Johnny!  
The man with the plan!! Johnny you inspire  
all of us with your every action. We can't  
thank you enough for all that you do and  
for making us feel part of the JICNY family!

Rabbi Yossi and Frida Bensoussan

Mazel tov Johnny, Sarah, & Steve!

Your determination and self sacrifice to better your community and world at large is such a kiddush hashem.

Thank you! Brian and Ayelet Polonsky



**From New York to Israel  
and everywhere in between,  
we are all connected.**

Thank you Jodi, Gavin & Steve for recognizing the importance of those connections, strengthening the bonds and helping to create new ones.

With Love & Appreciation,  
Beth Zagoria

**To Jodi and Gavin,**

May you continue to go from strength to strength and touch so many in NY and in Israel!

**To Steve and Sarah,**

Treasure your friendship and schep nachas from your precious family!

**To Johnny Stross,**

Mazel Tov!

Thank you to the gracious hosts  
**the Guez family!**

Amazing **Stacey** behind the scenes hardworking lady!

With many heartfelt blessings,  
**Fabia Preminger**

**Mazel Tov  
Sarah and Steve!!**

**Bev & Marc  
Lewyn**

**Mazel Tov  
Jodi and Gavin!**

Thank you for your  
amazing work!

And a big thank you to the  
entire JICNY team.

Malkie Wormser



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**GREETINGS**

Mazal Tov Johnny! -Shelley Vogel

Mazel Tov to Steve and Sarah from the Kaplitt Family!

Mazal Tov Sarah & Steve! Yasher Koach for all you do for Klal Yisrael. -Rick & Robin Halpern

Congratulations to Steve and Sara. We love you. -Adam and Perla

Mazal tov Sarah and Steve. Your commitment to the Jewish community truly makes a difference and is inspirational to all of us. Love, the Weisel cousins

Mazel Tov Steve and Sarah. -Edith & Michael Binstock

Congratulations to our dear friends Steve and Sarah Levy! -Jacob and Daphna Malka

ישר כח May you be זוכה to continue this amazing work -Shoshana and Harold

Mazal Tov Sarah & Steve! Very Best Wishes, -Laurie, Marc, Jason & Jake Smith

We're so proud of you Sarah and Steve - Mazel tov! -David & Elisabeth Levy

Congratulations Johnny on this wonderful achievement! Wishing you as well as JIC many more future successes. -Sora Lunzer

Heartiest Mazel tov Sarah and Steve on this well deserved honour. -Andrew and Naomi Scher

Thank you Sarah and Steve for your work and dedication. We're very proud. -Dovid and Heidi Zaner

Sarah & Steve, With much love and admiration. May you continue to give to the Klal with such simcha and kindness. -Tifanie Levine

Kol HaKavod to all involved, including Meron, Temira and Caila. -David Frankel

Sarah & Steve, A well deserved honor. Mazel Tov, Hatzlacha, and Kol Ha Kavod for all your behind the scenes chessed. Love, Cheryl & Paul Rodbell

Sarah, Steve, and Johnny, Thank you for being role models of how to give so much on a collective level and on a personal level for being such fine human beings. It's been a gift to learn from each of you and to be your friend. Mazal Tov on this well deserved honor. -Ahuva Moses

Johnny- thank you for organizing Shiur & Beer -Bar Pinchas, in memory of my father who passed Iyar 5778

Mazel Tov to Sarah and Steve Levy -Andrew & Leah Lewis

Mazel Tov Johnny!! -Phillipe Bouaziz

Mazal Tov! -Maury and Peninah Kelman

Mazel tov! -Abraham Garcia Torres

Mazel Tov Johnny! -Mr. Goldberg

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# Mazel Tov!

to our honorees and special  
thanks to our hosts

Evelyne and David Guez

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