

**BY:** Senator RHOADS

**HONORING** Sheryl and Joseph Cohen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Young Israel of Plainview Community Leadership Award for Outstanding Service to the Community

**WHEREAS,** Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

**WHEREAS,** Sheryl and Joseph Cohen have given not only their time and energies, but also their competence, intelligence, and leadership, and consequently have been designated for this special honor; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sheryl and Joseph Cohen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Young Israel of Plainview Community Leadership Award for Outstanding Service to the Community to be celebrated on Sunday, March 22, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Sheryl and Joseph Cohen have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the entire period of their service, a period of constructive involvement, Sheryl and Joseph Cohen have stood constant in dignity, good grace, and humor; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1999, Sheryl and Joseph Cohen finished their Pediatric residencies at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and moved to Plainview, New York, where they became members of Young Israel; and

**WHEREAS,** Sheryl Cohen became involved with the Shul Sisterhood shortly after moving; over the years, she served on the welcoming committee, chaired the Youth Committee and has served as the Treasurer and the President; and

**WHEREAS,** Together, Sheryl and Joseph Cohen raised their four children Samuel, Adena, Rebecca and Rachel in Plainview, all of whom attended the HANC Plainview campus through 6th grade; and

**WHEREAS,** At HANC Plainview, Sheryl served in various capacities with the PTA including Treasurer and PTA President; currently she is serving as the Recording Secretary for the Shul Board and volunteers as a greeter on Shabbat; and

**WHEREAS,** Joe Cohen began to volunteer at HANC in 2003 when Samuel began attending; Joe was very active, welcoming new families into the shul and making sure new families were invited to meals and prospective families had a place to stay when visiting Plainview; and

**WHEREAS,** More recently, Joe Cohen has become a weekday gabbai in

their shul and can sometimes be found repairing Siddurim and Chumashim in need; and

**WHEREAS,** Sheryl and Joseph Cohen love to spend time with their family, travel, go hiking, skiing, and enjoy other outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Sheryl and Joseph Cohen have displayed throughout their life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sheryl and Joseph Cohen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Young Israel of Plainview Community Leadership Award for Outstanding Service to the Community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sheryl and Joseph Cohen.