

Woodside Synagogue



Champagne Brunch Banquet



Jim and Debi Karesh, our Woodside Synagogue Ahavas Torah 2016 Banquet honorees, defy Jewish affiliation labels and personify what it means to be part of Klal Yisrael, the Jewish community at large, through their widespread volunteerism in both Jewish and secular affairs.

Jim is one of the foremost ophthalmologists in the country. He lectures worldwide and is the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and multiple book chapters. Jim is the Chairman Emeritus of Sinai Hospital's Krieger Eye Institute, where he leads the Division of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Jim also works at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center helping to develop the Vision Center of Excellence, a program to enhance quality of life for Service members and veterans. Jim regularly volunteers through the Red Cross at Walter Reed as an ophthalmologist. In addition, one week every year Jim volunteers at a rural hospital in Haiti to operate on patients with severe eye conditions.

Debi has been a media specialist with Montgomery County Public Schools for the past 43 years. Debi currently teaches 21 classes a week at Strathmore Elementary School, instructing students on research and use of the latest media technologies. Debi's professional career builds on her graduate degree in Library Science at Case Western University as well as her undergraduate studies in education and fine arts at Rider University.

Jim's many contributions to the Jewish community and the Woodside Synagogue include his past membership on our shul board, his ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Woodside/Shepherd Park Eruv, and his repair and rebinding of worn sid-durim in our shul. Jim is a regular participant in our Daf Yomi and at the morning minyan, often leads the davening, and does a mean hagba! In the past, Jim served as a board member of Ohr Kodesh Congregation.

Debi's volunteer activities for the Jewish community include her involvement in the mitzvah of tahara (preparing the deceased for burial) and working with Bethesda Cares, a chesed committee associated with Ohr Kodesh, aiding the infirm and home-bound. Debi is also a past President of the Ilan chapter of Hadassah.

Jim hails from Chicago and Debi from Newburgh, NY. Debi and Jim met while they were graduate students at Case Western, prior to Jim's enrollment in medical school at the University of Maryland. They married in 1973 and soon thereafter settled into their home in the DC/Chevy Chase area. The Kareshes are the proud parents of three children -- Dana (married to Phil Pelzman), Noah (engaged to Leemor Chandally), and Benjamin -- and proud grandparents of Boaz, Shai and Orli. Debi's mother, Miriam Shulman, is shepping nachas!

Woodside Synagogue is privileged to honor this deserving couple at its 2016 Banquet.

You are cordially invited to attend the
Woodside Synagogue Ahavas Torah
Annual Banquet honoring

James & Deborah Karesh

for their exceptional commitment
and contributions to our community

Sunday, March 6, 2016 * 26 Adar I, 5776
Champagne brunch at 11:30 am

Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Place
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Woodside Synagogue Ahavas Torah Champagne Brunch Banquet
Sunday, March 6, 2016

Please RSVP and submit journal ads no later than February 14, 2016

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