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EZRA ACADEMY

Gala

SUNDAY,
MARCH 9, 2025
5:30PM



ROOTS TO GROW, WINGS TO SOAR

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF JEWISH LEADERS

HONORING

Lauren and David Hass



LAUREN & DAVID HASS *Lauren* has been a member of Ezra's Board of Directors since 2012, including Board President from 2017 to 2019. She has served on several committees—marketing, outreach, finance, fundraising, board development, and HOSSEC, chairing the latter two for multiple years. Lauren co-founded Beyond the Bell, Ezra's after-school program, and led it from 2015 to 2020. *David* has made a meaningful impact through the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, where he has served on the Board since 2009 and chaired the Planning & Allocations and Human Resources committees. He currently serves as the Federation Board President. Professionally, Lauren is a Professional Organizer and the founder of Clutter Kicker. David is a gastroenterologist with PACT Gastroenterology Center and currently serves as Medical Director. He is also an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. Active members of Congregation B'nai Jacob, Lauren and David find their greatest joy in their three children, *Samantha* ('17), *Ethan* ('20), and *Jordan* ('22).

Joanna Romberg

Community Service Award Recipient



JOANNA ROMBERG *Joanna* is the founder and owner of 3Wishes Events, an event consulting and planning company. Joanna graduated from the Yale School of Drama and enjoyed a successful early career in the Arts, including at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, HBO and Paramount in NYC, and locally at Yale Rep. She has produced celebrations for nonprofits and private clients, seamlessly weaving together her professional and community volunteer roles. Within our Ezra community, Joanna shares her considerable creative talent and dedication to excellence through her work as a chairperson of the Ezra Gala committee. Additionally, Joanna serves as Vice co-chair of Development; is a member of the Ezra Board of Directors; and is a past member of the JCC Board. Joanna was born in Israel to Argentine parents who made aliyah. She moved to the US in her teens and currently lives with her husband, Mike, and their three children, *Eli* ('23), and current Ezra students, *Ari* and *Maya*.

Stefan Ladislau Kosztolitz, '04

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee



STEFAN LADISLAU KOSZTOLITZ '04
Stefan has lived across the US and explored different career fields since graduating from Ezra in 2004. After college at University of Vermont, Stefan worked as an AmeriCorps volunteer and then with Connecticut's effort to initiate the Affordable Care Act, prior to enrolling in nursing school. For six years, Stefan worked as a cardiac-medical ICU nurse in New Orleans and served on the front lines of care during the pandemic. He now lives in Providence, RI and works at a start-up primary care and public health clinic serving the LGBTQ+ community. Jewishly, Stefan has volunteered with Hillel, BEKI/BJ USY/Kadima, and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, and been a synagogue member wherever he's lived. Being Jewish makes him feel lucky - part of a rich history and community that deepens his connection to humanity and to life.

Lavish hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and dessert

Silent and live auction • Cocktail attire • Dietary laws observed