



**Honoring those who represent  
the best of the LGBTQ+  
and ally Jewish community.**

**Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 11 AM PT**

## **Thank you for joining us today at JQ's 2022 Impact Awards!**

A heartfelt thank you from the JQ professional team to our Impact Awards honorees & co-chairs, host committee, Board of Directors, and our generous sponsors. Your investment in our life-affirming work celebrates and strengthens queer Jewish life, and your support creates a joyful and healthy future for LGBTQ+ Jews and our loved ones.

**Thank you!**

# Program

## **Musical Performance**

Terra Naomi

*Indie Singer Songwriter*

## **Welcome**

Joey Soloway

*Impact Awards Emcee*

## **JQavana & Blessing**

Rabbi Eli Herscher and Bill Deliman & Scott Minkow

*Impact Awards Co-Chairs*

## **JQ 2022: Connect, Learn, and Thrive**

Asher Gellis

*Chief Executive Officer*

## **Allyship Award**

Sherri Morr & Paul Verger

*Introduced by Noah Bernstein and Jesse Bernstein*

## **Trailblazer Award**

Gamal J. Palmer

*Introduced by Wendy Chang and Bill Resnick*

## **Investing in Our Queer Jewish Future**

Shana Gee-Cohen

*Chief Development Officer*

## **Inspiration Award**

Neil Spears

*Introduced by Chani Nicholas*

## **Special Messages from Elected Officials**

## **Thank You from the Board**

Todd Shotz

*JQ Board Co-Chair*

# *Thank You*

## **to Our Generous Impact Awards Sponsors**

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Scott Minkow & Bill Deliman

Heidi & Jon Monkarsh

Heidi Nimmo & Jeff Spears

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Neil Spears

Bryan Wasser

Rabbi Barbara Zacky

**It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to JQ's 2022 Impact Awards.** We are honored to co-chair JQ's annual gala that applauds the work of those who have inspired, forged new paths, and created the highest visibility for allyship to our LGBTQ+ Jewish community. We are delighted that you have joined us today to celebrate our incredible honorees and raise critical funds for JQ's transformative programming and lifesaving support services.

We want to thank the JQ professional team, our entire host committee, our sponsors, and the JQ Board of Directors for their dedication, energy, and inspiration. We are thrilled to honor great leaders in the LGBTQ+ and all Jewish communities, and today we honor:

**Gamal J. Palmer**

*JQ Trailblazer Award*

**Neil Spears**

*JQ Inspiration Award*

**Sherri Morr & Paul Verger**

*JQ Allyship Award*

The JQ Impact Awards allow us to celebrate our achievements over the past year and to honor those who have helped us to strengthen and celebrate the lives of LGBTQ+ Jews and allies. Today's event highlights those individuals who represent the best of our LGBTQ+ and ally Jewish community.

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you enjoy the program.

**Rabbi Eli Herscher**

**Bill Deliman & Scott Minkow**

*JQ Impact Awards Co-Chairs*

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Myna and Uri Herscher	Heidi Nimmo and Jeff Spears
Tobi Inlender	Neil Spears
Shalom Kimble and Lindsay Kauffman	Bryan Wasser
Meir Kojman	

JQ envisions a world where all LGBTQ+ Jews feel a strong sense of self, pride, and community – a place where LGBTQ+ Jews and our allies are supported by those that embrace our needs and celebrate our unique identities. Through community building, educational programs, and support services, JQ creates a joyful and healthy future for LGBTQ+ Jews and their loved ones to connect, learn, and thrive.



JQ's community building programs offer individuals previously unaffiliated with or disenfranchised from the organized Jewish community an environment where they see themselves reflected. From Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, and unique identity enriching events for young adults, JQ provides a space for vulnerability and peer-to-peer connection, building a community with room for combating adversity, promoting leadership, and celebrating queer Jewish life.



Many LGBTQ+ Jews live every day of their lives with anxiety about their safety. They hide their LGBTQ+ identities, fearing rejection by their families, schools, and Jewish communities. JQ works with secular and Jewish institutions to become more welcoming and inclusive of people representing all gender identities and sexual orientations. Through our educational trainings for teens, parents, educators, and adults, we have helped make a difference in the lives of many, pushing for greater inclusion and acceptance in our Jewish community.



JQ's Helpline, support groups, and wellness programs provide competent and affirming resources and referrals, supporting individuals and families struggling with sexuality and gender identity, spirituality, food insecurity, and homelessness. The JQ Helpline is the first resource and support line in the U.S. dedicated to serving LGBTQ+ Jews and their allies. Grounded in the prophetic Jewish value of pikuach nefesh, JQ's free virtual monthly drop-in support groups for LGBTQ+ Jews and allies are psycho-educational and provide guidance, education, and support on various issues.





## *Allyship Award* Sherri Morr & Paul Verger

**Sherri Morr and Paul Verger met while Sherri was shul shopping at IKAR.** When Paul courageously proposed some two years later, her response was "she had to think about it." They have now been happily married for six years. They love their life and being together, enjoying Shabbat, traveling to Israel and Cuba, sharing new friends, and being avid readers. Together they have become a power couple in Los Angeles through social justice activism, supporting active older adults, and LGBTQ+ allyship.

During Sherri's career as a professional fundraiser, she shared her love for Israel with many Los Angeles-based leaders through the Jewish National Fund. She also wrote essays and training manuals about being a successful fundraiser. Her unique contribution to the philanthropic landscape of Los Angeles comes from a place of humor, insight, and compassion for life's shenanigans. Recently, Sherri published her first short story titled "75 and Fabulous: Reflections." Her book is a laugh-out-loud reflection on turning 75 amidst a global pandemic.

Paul Verger is a native Angelino who grew up in Westwood. For over 30 years, he worked as a systems analyst for Los Angeles and is currently a software developer and business analyst for a large mortgage company. When Paul is not working on software, you can find him and Sherri at IKAR, volunteering at ChaiVillage LA, and attending theater at the Braid.



## *Trailblazer Award*

### **Gamal J. Palmer**

**Gamal J. Palmer is the Principal and Founder of Conscious Builders.** A graduate of Yale and student of Oxford University with a strong background in organizational leadership and inclusion, Palmer has worked with hundreds of leaders, executives, educators, and CEOs to help them diversify their organizations and teams and increase effectiveness and collaboration.

He has worked with large-scale universities, businesses, and nonprofits including Cornell University, Yale University, KCRW, Live Nation, Intuit, ITVS, and Wexner Heritage Fund, to name a few. Through the Diversity Gym—his signature workshop—Gamal has helped thousands of individuals find acceptance and foster inclusion. In addition, his work has been featured on Simon Sinek's classes on-line platform.

After working with social impact entrepreneurs in over 15 African countries, the Middle East, and the US, as well as being an International Career Advancement Program (ICAP) Fellow at Aspen Institute, Palmer now sits on three national boards: UpStart Lab, Safety, Respect and Equity, and American Jewish World Service. He has also held Fellowships at Schusterman Foundation, Los Angeles Global Justice, and Durfee Foundation Springboard.

During Palmer's 8 1/2 year tenure at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, he rose from his starting role of Senior Director of Leadership Development to his final post as Senior VP of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

Palmer brings a deep understanding of the human condition and the ability to teach professionals how to leverage their personal stories and authenticities to navigate and overcome differences. As a speaker, his TedX and multiple talks focus on utilizing social impact and authenticity becoming your power.



## *Inspiration Award*

### **Neil Spears**

**Neil Spears is captivated by the power that relationships and culture have to help us lead lives imbued with meaning and purpose.** He's served on JQ International's Board of Directors since 2013 and is the board's Co-Chair.

Professionally, Neil's career is focused on the intersection of justice, education, and community. He's currently the executive director of the Silverlake Independent Jewish Community Center. Previously, he served as executive director of the California regions of PowerMyLearning, a national education nonprofit that enhances the learning relationships among teachers, students, and families. His identity as an educator took root during his time teaching middle school in Los Angeles Unified School District.

Neil holds a master's degree in education policy and management from Harvard University and a B.S. in psychology from the University of California, San Diego. When he's not at Queer Talmud Camp, he likes to play guitar and fly airplanes.



# Joey Soloway

## Impact Awards Emcee

Joey Soloway is an artist, activist, and filmmaker. They created the Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning series *Transparent* and cult feminist series *I Love Dick*, both from Amazon Studios. Joey founded Toppie Books, a publishing imprint at Little A, and is currently releasing memoirs by Precious Brady Davis, Alexandra Billings, and Pigeon Pagonis, among others. Joey is currently working on *The South Commons Experiment*, a limited series about growing up in a "racial utopia" and *The Amtlai Tapes*, a podcast dedicated to the mysterious story of Amtlai, the mother of Abraham, who was almost written out of history. They are a co-founder of 5050 by 2020, a strategic initiative of TimesUp, and a co-creator of The Disruptors Fellowship, bringing trans, undocumented and disabled artists of color into Hollywood. They launched the community organization East Side Jews and are on the board of Temple Nefesh, a trans-denominational Jewish space for activism and spirituality. They are amidst development on podcast, television, and film projects that fulfill the Toppie mission of elevating marginalized artists and their stories. They identify as trans and nonbinary and use they/them pronouns.



# *Terra Naomi*

## **Impact Awards Musician**

Terra Naomi is a singer, songwriter, composer, and visual artist. After winning the inaugural YouTube Award for Best Music Video, she released multiple albums independently and with Universal Music and Island Records. Terra's music can be heard in dozens of films, television shows, and commercials, and she has toured around the world including dates at Wembley Stadium, historic opera houses across Italy, and the top of the Gulmarq Glacier in Kashmir. In 2021 Terra reclaimed her publishing rights from Universal Music and released her breakout hit "Say It's Possible" on Async Art, a leading platform for music and art on the blockchain. Terra is passionate about the intersection of music and technology and helping creators live more fulfilling lives through autonomy and self-actualization, made possible through blockchain innovation.

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well-deserved and named  
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With tremendous pride, gratitude and love,

*Wendy Chang, Bill McDermott & Snehal Desai*

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**In a world where so many seek  
to sow seeds of division,**

**We are grateful to JQ, whose  
work helps stitch  
it together.**

**Mazal tov to all of the  
honorees for their courage,  
vision, and bold leadership.**

**A special Kol Hakavod to  
Gamal, Neil, and Sherri & Paul  
for their holy and loving work  
to sustain a better world.  
We are proud to be a part of  
the JQ community.**

**-Lynn and Les Bider**



**Gamal,**

**Congratulations on receiving the Trailblazer Award. We are so proud of you for your commitment to so many worthwhile causes including JQ International.**

**You are amazing!**

**Nancy and Alan Epstein  
Debi and Marc Graboff**

**Mazal Tov to Gamal Palmer, the other honorees, co-chairs, Asher Gellis, and the incredible professional staff on the groundbreaking and life changing work on behalf of JQ Int'l.**

**You continue to impact our Jewish world by creating a kinder, more inclusive, and stronger community for all.**

**With love,  
Heidi and Jon Monkarsh**



**Congratulations to JQ honorees Neil Spears, Gamal J. Palmer, Sherri Morr & Paul Verger.**

**We thank JQ for creating a safe Jewish Queer space for people to celebrate all that they are.**

**Gamal, it has been an honor to work with you and call you a friend.**

**The Rosenthal Family**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
OUR STELLAR JQ HONOREES,  
WITH  
LOVE, ADMIRATION, AND DEEP  
RESPECT!!  
BART KOGAN**



**I wish to congratulate Neil Spears,  
Gamal J. Palmer, and  
Sherri Morr & Paul Verger  
on their well-deserved awards and for  
all their help  
strengthening the lives of  
LGBTQ+ Jews and our allies.**

**Rabbi Barbara Zacky (she/her)**

**Kol Hakavod to the honorees, Sherri, Paul, Neil & Gamal.  
Your leadership is inspirational to the community!**

**And thank you to JQ's board and staff for  
your steadfast work in making the community an  
inclusive place for LGBTQ+ Jews and allies.**

**Bill Ho & Bruce Stuart**

*Looking for a...*

# *Nice Jewish Boy?*

Name: ..... Meir  
 Age: ..... 32  
 Height: ..... 5'-9"  
 Build: ..... Athletic  
 Occupation: ..... Building Physics Engineering  
 Looks good in a suit?: ..... Yes  
 Looks good in a swimsuit?: ..... Oh, yeah!  
 Accent: ..... British  
 Lives in: ..... Los Angeles  
 Currently, he is: ..... Single ;-)

**Meir Kojman**  
*is proud to support*  
**JQ International**

**To be an ally is to take on the struggle as your own  
To amplify the cries of unheard voices and of voices denied  
To engage and be willing to learn  
To stand up and act**

**Kol Hakavod to JQ International for its work  
and for recognizing Sherri and Paul,  
whose raised voices and concrete actions have been a blessing  
to the LGBTQ+ community and beyond throughout a lifetime of  
commitment to creating a better, more caring world.**

**With much love,  
Tobi Inlender**

**“Let us go forth with fear and courage and rage  
to save the world” - Grace Paley.**

**To our beloved friends Neil, Gamal, Sherri & Paul**

**We are so lucky to have the pleasure to know  
and work with you all in your  
prophetic work of Tikkun Olam.  
And a special Kol Hakavod to  
Sherri, an ally and friend for  
over forty years!**

**With love,  
Bill Deliman and Scott Minkow**



# Congratulations

## Gamal, Neil, Sherri & Paul

from your friends at

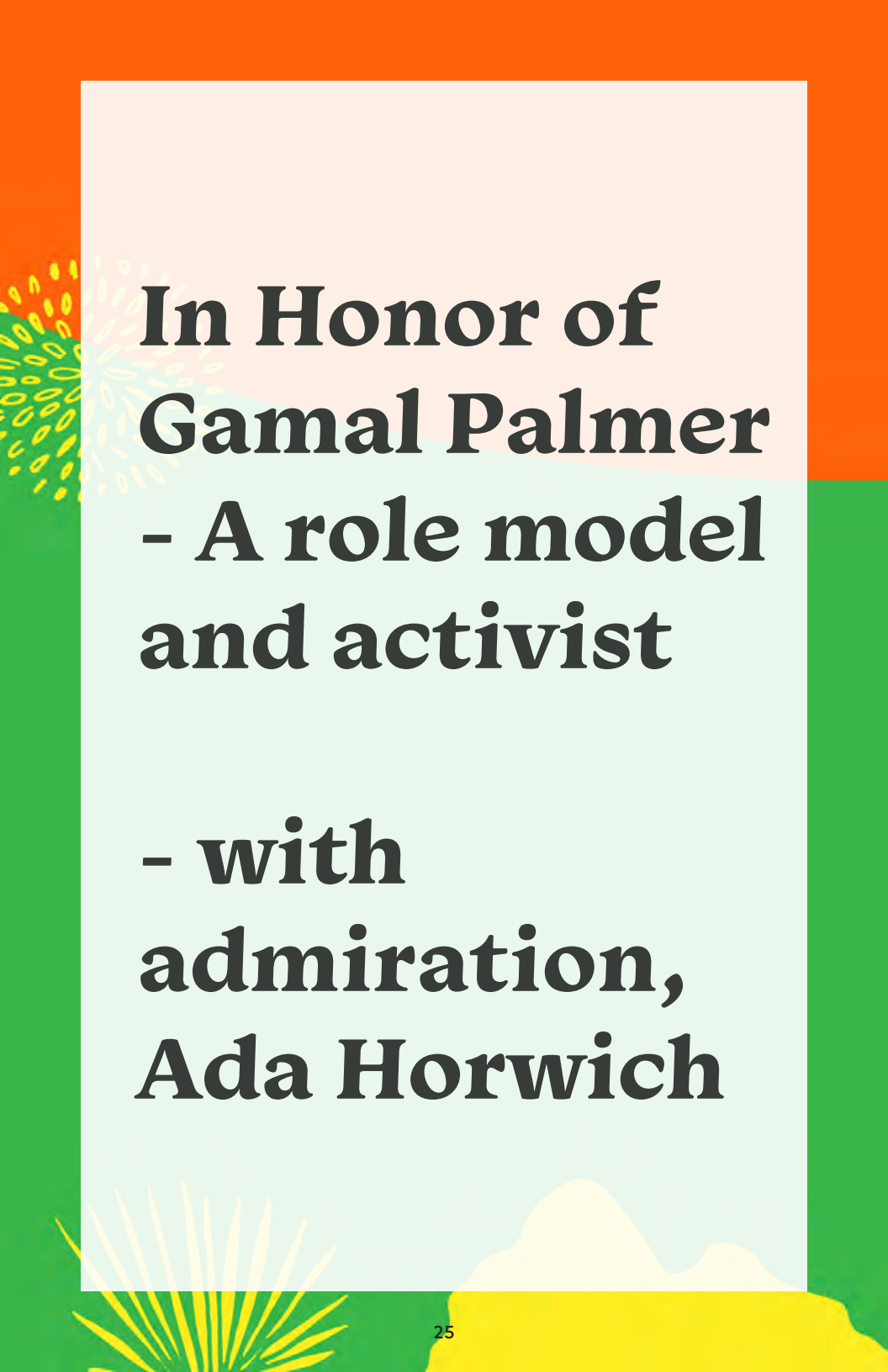


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**Mazal Tov**  
**Gamal, Neil, Sherri & Paul!**

**Kol HaKavod for your dedication  
to the sacred work of JQ.**  
**We applaud you for your trailblazing  
and inspiring leadership.**  
**With special appreciation for the  
precious JQ professional team.**  
**You make miracles happen every day.**

**Bonnie and Rabbi Eli Herscher**



**In Honor of  
Gamal Palmer  
- A role model  
and activist**

**- with  
admiration,  
Ada Horwich**

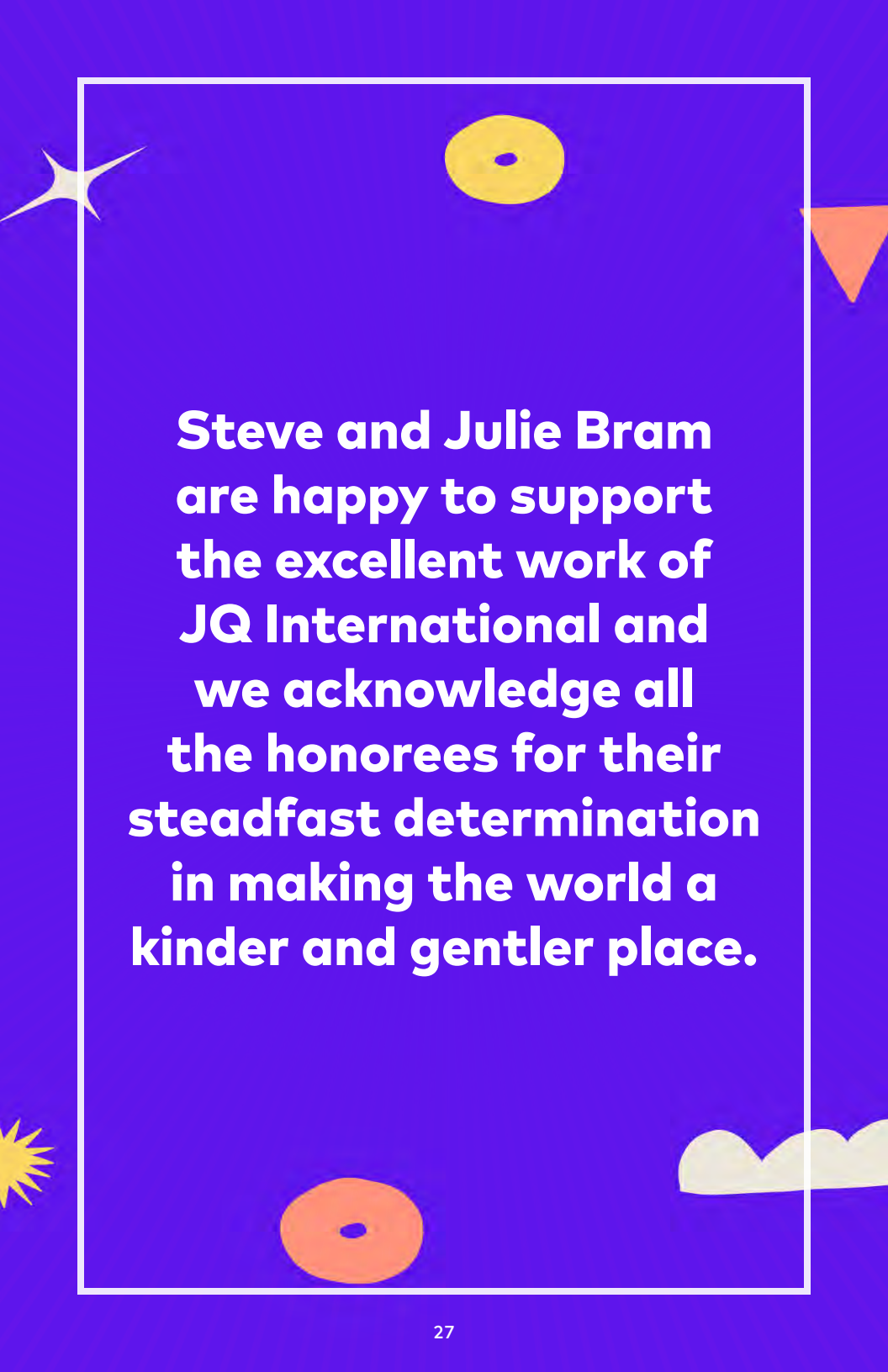
**Congratulations to Gamal J. Palmer! Thank you for your remarkable leadership, activism, and your efforts to create a more inclusive and supportive community for all. With deep admiration and affection.**

**Robert Bank  
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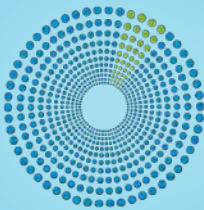


**Steve and Julie Bram  
are happy to support  
the excellent work of  
JQ International and  
we acknowledge all  
the honorees for their  
steadfast determination  
in making the world a  
kinder and gentler place.**

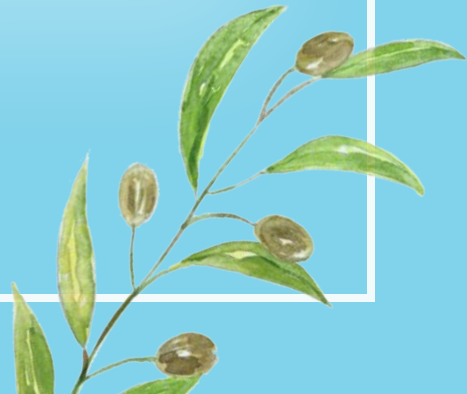


**Mazal tov to Schusterman Fellows  
Gamal Palmer and Neil Spears  
on their extensive contributions  
toward LGBTQ+ equality. We're  
thrilled to support you in all your  
extraordinary endeavors!**

**-- The Schusterman Fellowship Team**



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**Mazel tov, Gamal for  
blazing new trails as  
you make our Jewish  
community and the  
world safer and more  
equitable for all.**

**With appreciation,  
SRE Network**



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**safety respect equity**

We salute  
**JQ International**  
for its transformative work  
ensuring inclusion for  
LGBTQ+ Jews  
and their allies  
everywhere!

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**Congratulations**

**Gamal  
Neil  
Sherri  
Paul**

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Congratulations  
Gamal Palmer,  
for your wisdom,  
humanity and  
courage that shines  
through in all your  
groundbreaking work!

Arthur Slepian





# MAZAL TOV, JQ HONOREES!

**Gamal J. Palmer  
Sherri Morr and Paul Verger  
Neil Spears**

*We are proud to celebrate  
your invaluable contributions!*



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***Mazel Tov to my dear friends, Sherri Morr and Paul Verger on a well-deserved honor! Thank you for being fabulous allies to the LGBTQ+ community.***

***Love, Annette, Leonard & Lisi***



**Mazal Tov Gamal And  
yasher koach to JQ**

**-Sharon Spira-Cushnir  
and Andrew Cushnir**



**As Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”**

**Gamal, thank you for your love and light.**



**“Those who say it can’t be done are usually interrupted by others doing it.”**

**- James Baldwin**

**Thank you for your prophetic work of disrupting inequity.**

**And for your courage, bold leadership, and trailblazing vision to sustain a just, equitable, and dignified world!**

**Your JOC Fam,  
Nate Looney, Avodah  
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***"We've learned that quiet isn't always peace, and the norms and notions of what 'just is' isn't always justice."  
–Amanda Gorman***

**Mazal tov Gamal, Neil, Sherri & Paul for your loving work, dedicated leadership, and thoughtful allyship that creates a more JUST world.**

**The JQ Board & Staff**

**CONGRATS AND MAZEL TOV  
SHERRI AND PAUL! WE ARE  
INSPIRED BY ALL THAT YOU  
DO. KEEP GOING AND KEEP  
GIVING! WE ARE FOLLOWING  
YOUR ROLE MODEL!**

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YOUR ENTIRE  
FAMILY!!**



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Gamal, Neil, Sherri and Paul -  
You are all treasured IKARites  
and you inspire all of us with your  
dedication, love and compassion.

With Love,  
Rabbi Sharon Brous, Melissa,  
and the IKAR team

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**Congratulations to our friend, Asher Gellis, and all the JQ Impact Awards honorees for their many contributions to the LGBTQ+ and ally Jewish communities.**

**With respect and admiration, Neil and Kevin Goetz**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles  
extends a warm  
**Mazal Tov**  
to this year's honorees.

We are especially grateful for the leadership of  
**Neil Spears**  
and our former colleague  
**Gamal Palmer**  
in our deep partnership with JQ and  
our joint efforts to improve the lives  
of LGBTQ+ Jews and their allies.

*We are proud to partner with  
JQ International.*



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**Mazel Tov, Sherri and Paul on this well-deserved Allyship Award. You both truly are an inspiration to all who know you and we are fortunate to count you among our friends.**

**With love and admiration,**

**Gail Minkow and Bob Meyers**

**To an incredible friend, Neil you are a shining light, and pillar of goodness, and a mensch of mensches!**

**With all our love, ZEMR (Zach, Eli, Maya, Ron)/ The Shapiro-Galperin Family, and Temple Akiba of Culver City**



*A shout out to our friend  
Asher Gellis, all the other  
great folks at Team JQ,  
and this year's JQ Impact  
Award's honorees.*



**MAZEL TOV!**

To Gamal and each of this year's honorees:  
We wish you a heartfelt congratulations on your  
extraordinary accomplishments and the deep impact you've  
had in strengthening queer Jewish life throughout our  
communities.

With love and gratitude,  
Your Friends at



JEWISH STUDIO PROJECT

To our inspiring friend,  
Gamal, who meets the  
moment with grace, dignity  
and leadership. We love you  
and are so lucky to learn  
and grow with you as you  
transform the world.

-Yechiel, Susan, Josh and  
Sarah (the i5)

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO GAMAL  
WE WISH WE COULD  
BE THERE TO  
CELEBRATE YOU!**

**- MARIDETTE & JEFF GREENBERG**

**Congratulations  
Gamal for your  
trailblazing work!**



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2022 Impact Honorees  
Thank you for your efforts uplifting L.A.'s  
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Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach!  
Lior Sibony & Alex WooGmaster

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**Congratulations to  
Sherri Morr and Paul  
Verger for their support  
of JQ and its mission!**

**Janice Kamenir-Reznik  
and Ben Reznik**

*Mazal tov to Honoree Gamal J. Palmer  
on the 2022 Annual Impact Awards!*

On behalf of the Avodah Institute for Social Change and the Avodah JOC Bayit, we celebrate and applaud your work to enrich, strengthen and celebrate the lives of LGBTQ+ Jews and allies. We're so proud to have you on our Institute for Social Change faculty team. You embody what it means to be a Jewish leader in this field and you inspire our Corps Members to be their full selves. Congratulations to JQ International and to all the Honorees. Thank you for all you've done to make our Jewish community stronger.



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*A good head and a good heart  
are always a formidable combination.  
- Nelson Mandela*

**Congratulations:  
Neil Spears  
Sherri Morr and Paul Verger  
Gamal Palmer**

**Congratulations on this honor and thank you  
for using your good heads and good hearts to  
make the world a better place.**

**David Levy and Steve Karbelnig**



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**PERSIAN PRIDE PARENTS  
AND ALLIES PANEL**

Thursday, March 31

**LGBTQ+ AND ALLY  
PASSOVER SEDER**

Sunday, April 17

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Friday, June 3

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