

"Who is honored? One who honors."

*Pirkei Avot 4:1*

Temple Adath Yeshurun

CITIZEN OF THE  
YEAR



Dinner  2017

Saturday, October 28

Cocktails - 7:30 pm | Dinner - 8:15 pm



# David Muir

David Muir, an Emmy-award winning journalist for ABC News, is the anchor and managing editor of *ABC World News Tonight with David Muir* and co-anchor of ABC's 20/20. His primetime specials for ABC News include *Breaking Point: Heroin in America* and *Flashpoint: Refugees in America*. Muir also moderated a town hall with President Barack Obama about race, policing, and efforts to bridge

the divide, entitled *The President and the People: A National Convention*.

Before becoming anchor of *World News Tonight with David Muir*, Muir had been dispatched all over the world as a lead correspondent for ABC News for more than a decade. Muir opened the world's eyes to Europe's refugee crisis when reporting from the Hungarian/Serbian border, gained rare access to Guantanamo prison, and secured the exclusive interview with President Barack Obama during the historic trip to Cuba. Most recently, Muir landed the first interview with President Donald Trump post-inauguration.

Muir, who began his career as an intern at a local Syracuse TV station, graduated magna cum laude from Ithaca College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. He also attended the Institute of Political Journalism at Georgetown University and studied at the University of Salamanca in Spain. Muir spent five years as an anchor and reporter for WTVH-TV (Syracuse) before joining WCVB-TV in Boston. In Boston, he distinguished himself as an award-winning anchor and correspondent prior to joining ABC News.



## Robin Goldberg, D.D.S.

Robin Goldberg, D.D.S. is a retired dentist and a community volunteer extraordinaire. Robin has received numerous awards for her leadership and service to the community, especially the Jewish community. Her accolades include the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the National Council of Jewish Women in Syracuse for her demonstration of exceptional service to both the Jewish Community and the community at-large, and the Esther and Joseph Roth Award from the Jewish Federation of CNY for outstanding leadership in the Jewish community. In 2016, Robin received the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award for her encouragement of membership and active commitment as Lion of Judah coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Central New York, an organization that plays a vital role in creating social justice, aiding the vulnerable, preserving human dignity, and building Jewish identity.

Robin has held a plethora of past leadership roles including President of the Syracuse Hebrew Day School, President of Make-A-Wish of Central New York, Chair of the Lion of Judah Division at the Jewish Foundation of CNY, Co-Chair of the United Way of CNY's campaigns Alexis de Tocqueville Society and Hamilton White Society, and is annually the Chair of the National Council of Jewish Women's Mitzvah Project. She has served on the boards of the Sam Pomeranz Jewish Community Center of Syracuse, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Jewish Federation of CNY, Menorah Park, and WCNY.

Robin is married to Neil Goldberg, President and CEO of Raymour & Flanigan and a previous COY Local Honoree. They have four children: Seth (Leah), Shira (Jared), Adam (Amira), and Miriam; and four grandchildren: Abe, Danya, Harry, and Eliana.

## Linda LeMura, Ph.D.

Linda LeMura, Ph.D. is the 14th President of Le Moyne College, and the first female layperson to rise to that position. In her time as President, Le Moyne has had two consecutive, record-breaking fundraising years, and two students have earned prestigious Fulbright Program scholarships.

Prior to becoming College President, Dr. LeMura served for seven years as College Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs. She played a pivotal role in the revision of the College's core curriculum, the establishment of the Madden School of Business, and the renovation and expansion of Le Moyne's science facilities. Before Le Moyne, Dr. LeMura served as a professor, graduate program director, and associate dean at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania.

Dr. LeMura is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Niagara University and earned an M.S. and Ph.D. in applied physiology from Syracuse University. She has been a research consultant for the U.S. and Italian Olympic Committees. Her research interests include pediatric obesity, pediatric applied physiology, and lipid and energy metabolism; and additionally, she has taught anatomy and physiology, bioethics, and the biology of aging. Dr. LeMura is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, and has served locally on the Board of Directors of CenterState CEO, Syracuse Symphony, the Everson Museum, and the Syracuse International Film Festival.

Dr. LeMura is married to Dr. Lawrence Tanner, a professor of environmental systems science at Le Moyne, and they have a daughter, Emily.





## Norman Swanson

Norman Swanson is the President and Owner of the Woodbine Group, Inc., a real estate development and management company that holds interests in warehousing and hospitality. Norman, a graduate of Syracuse University, has 40 years of experience in commercial real estate sales and development, founding the Woodbine Group in 1978. He fully owns and privately holds all three segments of the business: commercial real estate, warehousing, and hospitality.

Norman adapted the former Temple Adath Yeshurun building on S. Crouse Ave into the Hotel Skyler, which is one of only three LEED Platinum Hotels in the country and the only adaptive re-use LEED Platinum Hospitality Project. His core values include investing in historic buildings and bringing new life into formerly under-utilized buildings. Norman's newest hospitality project is Tailwater Lodge, another adaptive re-use project. The lodge was created by re-developing the former Altmar Elementary site on the Salmon River in Oswego County.

Norman's projects include the development, ownership, and operation of the Genesee Grande Hotel, Parkview Hotel, Hotel Skyler, Copper Beech Commons, Woodbine Business Park, and Ainsley Superior Warehouse. Professionally, he was a Board Member of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce and is a Past President and current Board Member of the East Genesee Regents Association. He's been a Member of the University Hill Corporation for over 20 years, and was a Member of the Metropolitan Development Association for over 10 years.

## Mark Wladis & Steven Wladis

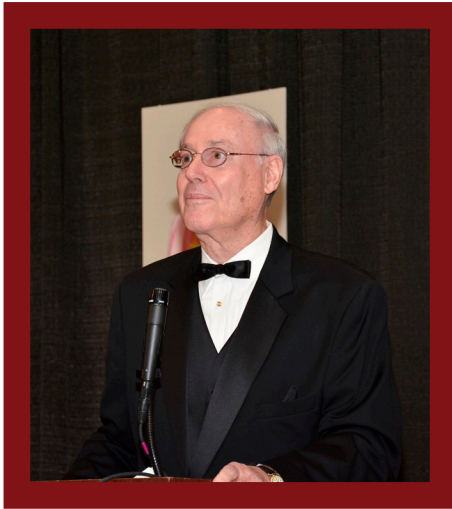
Mark Wladis is the President and founder of the Wladis Law Firm, PC. His practice is focused on providing corporate counsel and performing a myriad of critical tasks for his business clients. Mark is an active member of the community having served as Vice-Chair of the Jewish Federation of Central New York, Chair of "Success By 6" through the United Way, Chair of the Early Childhood Alliance Business Council, and as a Board member of AAA Western and Central New York. The past two years, Mark has chaired the Jewish Federation of Central New York Annual Campaign. Mark and his wife Diane live in Manlius and are parents to Jacqueline, Harrison, Andrew, and Tyler.

Steven is President of The Wladis Companies Inc., a full-service employee benefits firm founded by his late father George Wladis. The firm is committed to providing the highest level of service, dedication, and integrity to their clients, which has led them to being considered one of the premier employee benefit agencies across Upstate New York. In 2016, the firm was named Producer of the Year for The Business Council of New York State. Steven has served on the Board of Congregation Beth Sholom - Chevra Shas, including two years as Vice-President of Finance. He is currently Vice-President on the Board of the Sam Pomeranz Jewish Community Center of Syracuse, and serves as Co-Chair of The Foundation Board of The Syracuse Community Health Center. Steven and his wife Lexi live in Fayetteville and have a daughter Rachel.

The Wladis brothers are Syracuse natives who proudly continue a tradition started by their father George, co-chairing an annual drive to provide winter hats and gloves to every elementary school child in the Syracuse City School District.



Alan S. Burstein, z”l  
1940 - 2015



*A special award will be posthumously presented to Alan S. Burstein for his years of commitment and dedication to the Citizen of the Year dinner, which held a special place in his heart.*



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