

Welcome to the  
**LILLIAN AND ALBERT SMALL  
CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM**



# 2025 GALA

*Preserving History and Building Bridges*

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**LA MAISON FRANÇAISE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY**

**Honoring  
Esther Safran Foer  
David M. Rubenstein**

Inspiration for the gala's invitation and collateral comes from the sculpture by local artist Zachary Oxman called *Intersections*, a gift of the Howard and Geraldine Pollinger Foundation. The piece graces the atrium of the Museum's Morse-Loeb Lobby, figuratively connecting the past to the present, representing the intersection of communities, stories, and identities found in the Museum. Photo: Imagine Photography.



The Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum  
explores the Jewish  
experience in the national  
capital region and inspires  
visitors to *connect* personally  
and collectively, *reflect* on the  
relevance of the past to today,  
and *act* on behalf of their  
communities and values.

The Museum is an open, welcoming  
space for storytelling, connection, and  
dialogue across cultural communities  
in our city. We strive to connect the  
past to the present through thought-  
provoking exhibitions, a continuously  
developing collection, dynamic  
programming, and creative public  
experiences.



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# ■■■■ LILLIAN AND ALBERT SMALL CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM

**2025 GALA**

Sunday, September 14

## **WELCOME**

Ambassador Laurent Bili

## **INTRODUCTION AND IN MEMORIAM**

*In Memory of Sarah Milgrim (z'l) and Yaron Lischinsky (z'l)*  
Dana Bash

## **REMARKS**

Mayor Muriel Bowser

## **REFLECTING ON THE YEAR**

Chris Wolf, Board President  
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## **HONORING ESTHER SAFRAN FOER**

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Joshua Foer

## **HONORING DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN**

Governor Wes Moore

## **PRESERVING HISTORY AND BUILDING BRIDGES: A CONVERSATION**

Esther Safran Foer  
David M. Rubenstein  
Dana Bash

## **HAMOTZI (BLESSING OVER BREAD)**

Dana Bash

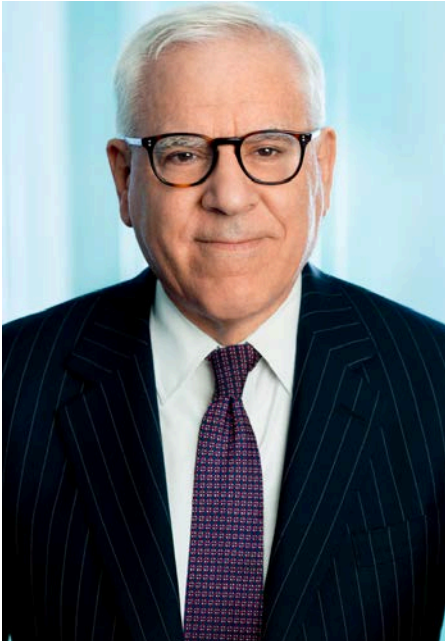
## **PROGRAM CONCLUDES**

Please join us for dinner in the ballroom, followed by a dessert reception.

Consider a donation to the Museum's family programming—providing opportunities for children and families to explore the Washington Jewish experience and connect the past to the present.



# ABOUT THE HONOREES



**David M. Rubenstein** is an investor, philanthropist, author, and Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of The Carlyle Group, a global investment firm managing over \$450 billion.

A Baltimore native and Chairman and CEO of the Baltimore Orioles, he is a prominent civic leader, serving on numerous nonprofit and corporate boards. Known for his "Patriotic Philanthropy," Rubenstein has supported the restoration of major U.S. landmarks and institutions.

He is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, host of several interview shows, and author of multiple bestsellers on leadership, history, and investing.

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**Esther Safran Foer** is a writer, public relations executive, and influential Jewish leader who served as CEO of Sixth & I, where she helped create what the media called "a new paradigm for Jewish life."

The daughter of Holocaust survivors and mother of writers Frank, Jonathan, and Joshua Foer, she is the author of *I Want You to Know We're Still Here*, a National Jewish Book Award finalist published in nine languages.

She recently led the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum as Board Chair through its launch and early success.







## ABOUT THE HOST



**Dana Bash** is CNN's chief political correspondent and anchor of *Inside Politics with Dana Bash*. She also co-anchors the Sunday show *State of the Union* with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash. Based in Washington, D.C., she covers U.S. politics, moderates debates and town halls, and anchors major election coverage. Bash created CNN's *Being...* and *Badass Women of Washington* series, spotlighting influential figures in politics and culture. She's known for high-profile interviews and breaking Capitol Hill news, and is a recipient of the National Press Foundation's Sol Taishoff Award. Bash graduated cum laude from The George Washington University.

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**Many thanks to the Board and Staff of the  
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## I N M E M O R Y

**We continue to mourn the loss of Sarah Milgrim (z'l)  
and Yaron Lischinsky (z'l) who devoted their lives to  
diplomacy, bridge building, and peace.**

**May their memories be a blessing**





# Greetings

## Capital Jewish Museum 2025 Gala Preserving History and Building Bridges

September 14, 2025

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am pleased to extend greetings of welcome to the Capital Jewish Museum's 2025 Gala: *Preserving History and Building Bridges*. You are gathering to celebrate and reflect on Jewish heritage in our city and the nation—a legacy defined by resilience and endured perseverance.

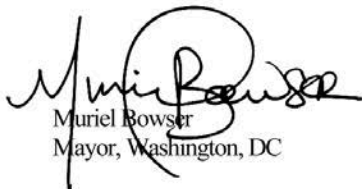
The Capital Jewish Museum stands as a beacon of hope and great meaning in our city, illuminating the stories that have shaped generational history interwoven with adversity and triumph. The lessons of history are not simply to be observed but used to look toward the future by building bridges across communities, encouraging dialogue, and strengthening our shared rich fabric.

This gala also provides the opportunity to honor two individuals whose lives and leadership embody that mission: Esther Safran Foer and David M. Rubenstein. Esther, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, has given voice to the past with authenticity and compassion through her memoir, *I Want You to Know We're Still Here*, showing all of us that remembrance is living and not merely a relic of the past. Her contributions have enriched Washington, DC's cultural landscape and deepened our collective understanding of strength and community. Equally inspiring is David M. Rubenstein, whose visionary philanthropy and steadfast commitment to preservation have ensured that the heritage of our nation remains accessible to all. Through his leadership, history is not confined to archives but transformed into a living legacy to foster engagement and connection. The honorees' visionary dedication has been anchored in cultural stewardship, civic engagement, and a deep reverence for history that will resonate far beyond this gala and continue to strengthen our nation's capital.

The Museum and your community went through a trying time this past spring. Now, as we gather together for this Gala, let us recommit ourselves to the values reflected in the Museum's mission: that the richness of Jewish life in our nation's capital is not only to be preserved, but also to serve as a living guide for building a more inclusive and just society.

On behalf of the more than 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, congratulations to the Capital Jewish Museum, to this year's distinguished honorees, and to all who continue to dedicate themselves to honoring cultural bonds that unite us for generations to come.



  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor, Washington, DC



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
**Wes Moore**

To my friends at the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum:

*Preserving History and Building Bridges* isn't just the title for this gala—it's a clarion call to serve. With hate on the rise at home and around the world, we must do more to protect our past and move with impatience toward a brighter future.

Tonight is bittersweet—with strands of the past and present woven together into a singular tapestry of communal strength and sadness. We grieve the tragic loss of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky, two Israeli Embassy staffers killed outside of this very museum in an act of antisemitic hatred. At the same time, we uplift heroes who have pushed us boldly toward our shared aspirations, despite countless struggles and setbacks.

It is my distinct honor to highlight the contributions of a true friend and colleague, who is a proud member of the greater Capital Region Jewish community and a faithful public servant in every sense of the phrase. David Rubenstein is known by many titles: Businessman, lawyer, philanthropist, CEO, titan, legend. But of his many accolades, the one that resonates most in my mind is also the simplest: Marylander.

David isn't just *of* our state, he is *for* our state—fighting every day for the communities that raised him. This son of Baltimore built a career that took him across the country and around the world. But he never forgot who lifted him up in those early days, until his shoulders were broad enough to lift others. In word and deed, David Rubenstein embodies the true meaning of *Tikkun Olam*. I am honored to celebrate David tonight, as we uplift the stories of courageous American Jews who have already left their fingerprints on the pages of our continued progress and prosperity.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes Moore".

Wes Moore  
Governor

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## Office of the Governor

Glenn Youngkin  
Governor

September 14, 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the 2025 Gala of the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum. The theme of your gala, *Preserving History and Building Bridges*, represents your genuine commitment to advancing the Museum's mission.

Tonight, we honor the lives of the two Israeli Embassy staffers we tragically lost outside the Museum this past May. The memory of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky calls us to remain resolute against relentless evil and to stand in solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people, a people who remain a bright light in the darkest of times. May Sarah and Yaron's memories be a blessing.

We also celebrate David M. Rubenstein and Ester Safran Foer for their vision and leadership in preserving Jewish cultural heritage. Their work within the Jewish community is invaluable, and I greatly admire their efforts to help the Jewish people flourish. Together, we stand with you in protecting and celebrating Jewish life.

The First Lady and I extend our gratitude to the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum for its vital role in encouraging visitors to Connect, Reflect, and Act. May tonight's gathering inspire us to remain committed to ensuring a safe and enduring place for Jews to live and freely practice their faith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Youngkin".

Glenn Youngkin

**Congratulations to  
Esther Foer and David Rubenstein  
2025 Lillian and Albert Small Capital  
Jewish Museum honorees.**

**Your dedication, leadership, and  
impact on the community are truly  
inspiring.**

**A heartfelt thank you to the talented  
and dedicated CJM Staff  
for a beautiful and meaningful  
evening.**

*Meg Flax and Tina Small  
Gala Co-Chairs*



**In honor of**  
**LILLIAN and ALBERT SMALL**  
**CAROLYN ALPER**  
**SHIRLEY and ALBERT SMALL**

**Who all had the foresight and  
dedication to enshrine the Jewish  
history of Washington DC at this  
Capital Jewish Museum.**

**And to**  
**TINA and SONNY SMALL**  
**who continue taking a leadership role.**

*Love, Patty Alper-Cohn, David I. Cohn,  
Allison and Mychael Cohn, Mason,  
Madelyn, Charlotte Cohn*

**In honor of Esther Safran Foer and  
David M. Rubenstein, whose passion  
and generosity light the way for the  
Museum's future.**

*Linda and Sidney Moskowitz*

**We are honored to celebrate the history of  
Jewish Washington, D.C. with the Lillian  
and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum.**

**Congratulations to this year's worthy  
honorees,  
Ester Safran Foer  
and  
David M. Rubenstein.**

*Debbie Levy and Rick Hoffman*



The background of the image shows a modern building interior. On the left, there is a glass railing with a metal handrail. In the center, a brick wall is visible, with a sign that reads "HISTORIC SANCTUARY". To the right, a staircase with a blue metal railing is visible. The ceiling is made of wooden slats. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box with a gold border.

**We salute and thank our  
honorees for all the  
amazing things they have  
done and continue to do  
for our community.**

*Chris Wolf and Jim Beller*



***We are pleased to support  
the important work of the  
Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum.***

***Congratulations to this  
year's honorees.***

*Meg and Samuel Flax  
Michael and Caroline Flax Ganz  
Andrew Flax  
Ellen Flax*





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**IN FOND MEMORY OF ISRAEL ORLOVE**  
**“The Mayor of O Street Market”**

**whose oral history was memorialized at age 90 by the  
Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington.**

**Israel immigrated to DC at age 19 in 1910,  
served in World War I and the National Guard, was a  
charter member of the Jewish War Veterans, and  
owned and operated Orlove Brothers butcher shop at  
the O Street Market from 1922 until its destruction in  
the 1968 riots.**

**Thank you to the Small family, the Capital Jewish  
Museum, the Jewish Historical Society of Greater  
Washington, and all who have supported and continue  
to support the important mission of preserving the  
history of Jewish Washington.**

***Brett, Deborah, Elliott  
and Alexander Orlove***

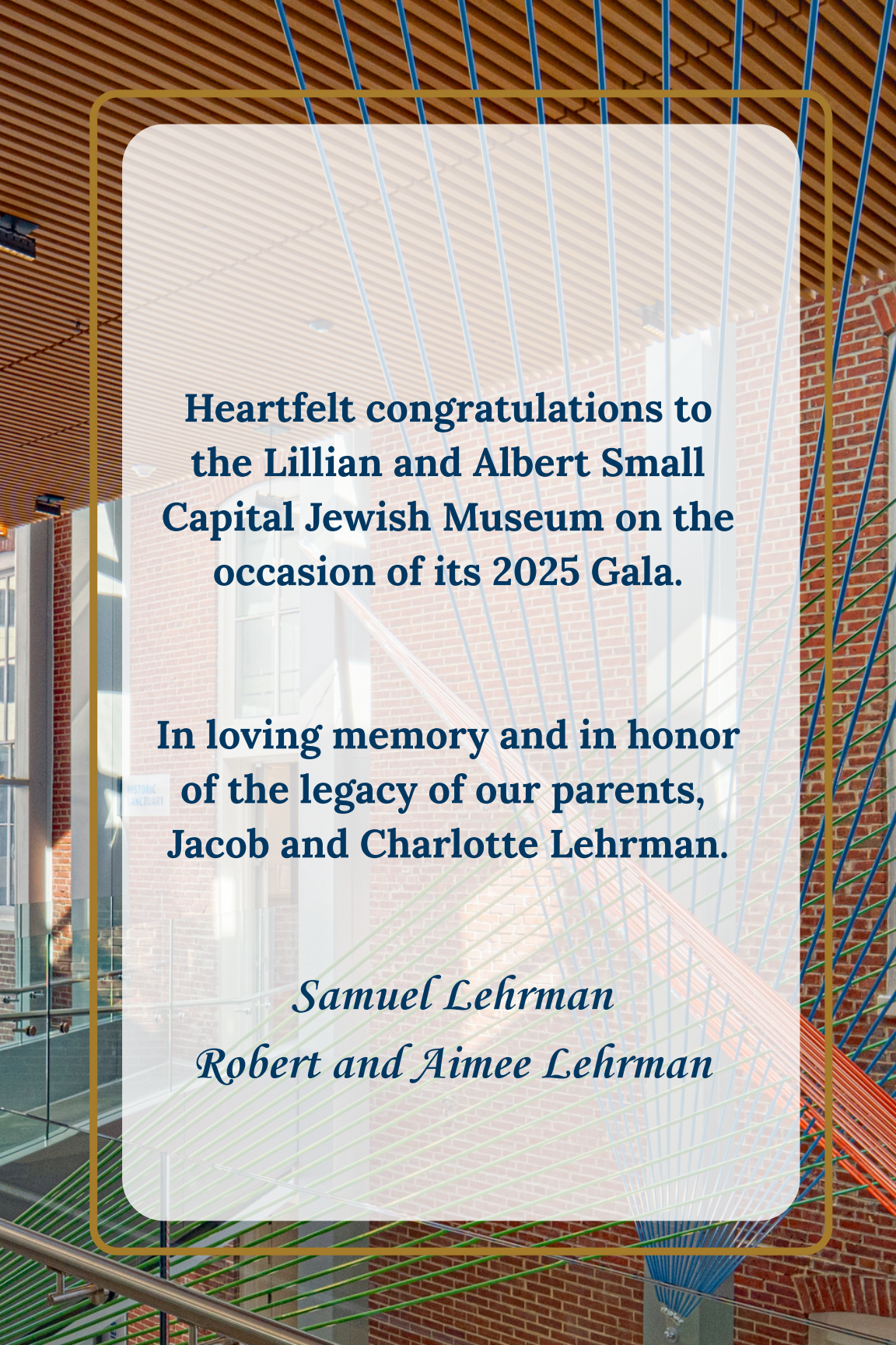


**Congratulations to the  
Capital Jewish Museum on its  
2025 Gala and to co-chairs Meg  
Flax and Tina Small for their  
outstanding leadership.**

**We are proud to honor  
Esther Safran Foer  
and  
David M. Rubenstein  
for their vision and  
contributions.**

*Harolyn and Michael Cardozo*





**Heartfelt congratulations to  
the Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum on the  
occasion of its 2025 Gala.**

**In loving memory and in honor  
of the legacy of our parents,  
Jacob and Charlotte Lehrman.**

*Samuel Lehrman*

*Robert and Aimee Lehrman*



**We have been proud to work with the Capital Jewish Museum and honor the important contributions they make everyday to preserving history and building bridges for the community.**



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**We deeply appreciate the message and the work of the Capital Jewish Museum**

*Judy and Russell Smith  
Sandy and Jon Willen*

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*“Count your achievements by the number of people who are better off because of you.”*

**Shimon Peres**

We are proud to honor  
**David Rubenstein and Esther Foer,**  
whose dedication and vision  
embodies the very essence of excellence.  
Their leadership and commitment inspire us  
all to reach higher and give more.

**Mazel Tov,**  
*Tina and Albert Small Jr. and Family*

**Congratulations to the  
2025 Gala honorees, and  
thank you for being part of  
the Capital Jewish Museum's  
efforts to preserve history  
and build bridges.**

*Nancy Robinson Breuer  
and Lanny Breuer*



**The Capital Jewish Museum,  
a place to Connect. Reflect. Act.  
more important than ever.**

**Congratulations to  
Esther Foer  
and  
David Rubenstein.**

*Gene Sofer and Judith Bartnoff*

**Mazal Tov to Esther Safran Foer and David Rubenstein. Kol Hakavod to our Ohr Kodesh friends, Bea Gurwitz and Malki Karkowsky, and the entire museum staff and leadership for your strength, resilience, and leadership. Thank you for safeguarding our history and forever telling our sacred story.**

*Ohr Kodesh Congregation*

Wishing a heartfelt Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to the Capital Jewish Museum team and leadership, and to this year's distinguished honorees:

**Esther Safran Foer  
David M. Rubenstein**

For their invaluable work and leadership in amplifying and celebrating the Jewish experience in our nation's capital, and serving our Greater Washington Jewish Community.



*Adas Israel Congregation  
Washington, DC*



**May the Lilian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish museum keep the  
memory alive and illuminate the path  
forward.**

*Steve and Madelyn Harris Family*

**Honoring heritage, inspiring action—  
proud to support the Capital Jewish  
Museum 2025 Gala.**

*Denise and Peter Glassman*

***Best wishes from the  
Webber and Hyman Families***



**Mazal Tov Esther,  
you are a true Woman of Valor**

*Marlene Singer*

**With gratitude and  
appreciation to the  
Capital Jewish Museum  
for preserving our stories,  
struggles, and triumphs.**

**If we learn from our past  
and explore our present,  
hopefully we can make a  
better world and future.**

*Abbe Levin*



**Congratulations to our dear friend  
Esther Safran Foer  
and to the incomparable  
David Rubenstein,  
who embody the essence of tikkun olam.**

**And heartfelt thanks to  
Chris Wolf, Bea Gurwitz  
and the entire staff  
for your dedication and hard work  
on behalf of this beloved Museum.**

*Sherry Bindeman Kahn  
and David Kahn*

**The American Friends of Yahad-In Unum is delighted to pay tribute to our board member and treasurer, Esther Safran Foer. With deep admiration for her dedication to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust by bullets.**

**מזל טוב,  
Capital Jewish Museum!**

**May you go from strength to strength.**

***Diane Abelman Wattenberg***



**Gary and Pennie Abramson  
are proud to support the  
Capital Jewish Museum, its  
inspiring mission, and the  
celebration of the 2025 Gala.**

**Congratulations to the  
2025 Gala honorees and for  
being part of the Capital  
Jewish Museum's efforts in  
preserving history and  
building bridges.**

*Gerald Savitsky  
and Susan Small Savitsky*

**With pride, affection, and  
esteem for our remarkable  
mechutanista!**

*Rachel N. Herlands and  
Jonathan Herlands*

**Ellen Kay & Cary Sherman  
salute**

**Esther Safran Foer  
and**

**David M. Rubenstein  
and the leaders and staff of  
the Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum for  
their vital work.**



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the Lillian & Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum in  
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**We thank and cherish the great patriot David Rubenstein for his leadership and generosity in restoring our nation's monuments and supporting our nation's important cultural institutions, like the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum.**

*Mary and David Boies*



The background is a photograph of a brick building. A large, white, three-dimensional cross is mounted on the wall. To the right, there is a tall, narrow arched window. At the bottom left, a person is sitting on a wooden bench, looking down at a book. At the bottom right, there is an arched doorway leading into a brightly lit interior where another person is walking. The entire image is framed by a thin gold border. A semi-transparent white rectangular area with rounded corners is centered over the image, containing the text.

**We join our community in celebrating**

*Esther Foer*  
and  
*David Rubenstein*

**With our highest  
appreciation and admiration,**

*Arlene and Robert Kogod*

*Congratulations to the  
Capital Jewish Museum on all the  
incredible work you do to preserve  
history and inspire our community.*

*Nancy and Harold Zirkın*

**Congratulations to our esteemed  
Honorees David Rubenstein  
and Esther Safran Foer!  
Thank you for supporting such a  
righteous cause at this critical  
moment in time.**

**And thank you Tina and Sonny  
Small for putting your heart and  
soul into this Museum and  
remaining unbowed!**

*David A. Javdan  
Alvarez & Marsal*





**It is an honor to pay tribute  
to the Lillian and Albert  
Small Capital Jewish  
Museum on its 2025 Gala  
and to this year's honorees,  
David M. Rubenstein and  
Esther Safran Foer.  
Congratulations to all.**

*Alan and Nancy Bubes*

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington  
is a proud supporter of The Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum

***Mazel Tov***  
***to the 2025 Honorees***

**Esther Safran Foer**  
*former board member of The Jewish Federation*

**David M. Rubenstein**

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**Esther and David**, congratulations on  
this well-deserved honor. Your leadership  
is a testament to the power of memory,  
dedication, and Jewish identity. We are  
grateful for all you have done and continue to  
do to serve and uplift our community.

**Thank you** for helping build a vibrant Jewish  
future in Greater Washington and beyond.



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**Congratulations David M. Rubenstein and  
Esther Safran Foer, our 2025 Gala honorees.  
We are excited to celebrate you and your  
wonderful contributions to our community.**

**Many thanks to the Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum for all it does to  
preserve history and build bridges.**

*Lynn and Wolf Blitzer*

*We salute Esther Safran Foer and  
David M. Rubenstein for their  
visionary leadership and enduring  
commitment to our community.*

*Ginny and Irwin Edlavitch*

*Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek*  
Wishing that the Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum remains strong in its  
commitment to its important mission.

Heartfelt congratulations to the  
distinguished honorees

Esther Safran Foer  
and  
David M. Rubenstein

Many thanks to the incomparable gala chairs,  
Tina Small and Meg Flax

May we all be strengthened.

*Debby Ratner Salzberg and  
Michael Salzberg*



**Mazel Tov**  
to the  
**Lillian and Albert Small**  
**Capital Jewish Museum**  
on the occasion of its  
**2025 Gala**

and to this year's  
distinguished honorees

**Esther Safran Foer**  
and  
**David M. Rubenstein**

*Gildenhorn, Speisman, Winer Families*  
*and*  
*Gildenhorn-Speisman Family Foundation*

**We are proud to support the  
Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish  
Museum and to celebrate its many  
contributions to preserving history and  
building bridges.**

**Congratulations to Esther Safran Foer  
and David M. Rubenstein, distinguished  
and deserving honorees of the 2025 Gala.**

*Lauren and Samuel Racoosin  
and Family*

**With gratitude and admiration, we  
celebrate the important work of the  
Capital Jewish Museum.**

*Stuart and Bonnie Youngentob*

**Celebrating the Gala  
honorees and the  
Capital Jewish Museum  
for their vision and  
devotion to honoring  
Jewish history,  
heritage, and  
community.**

*Dr. Leonard Goldman  
and Dr. Lisa DeMarco*

**We are grateful to Esther  
Foer and David Rubenstein  
for all they have done on  
behalf of the museum and  
our community. In tribute to  
them and in memory of the  
two bright lives lost, we are  
honored to support the  
Capital Jewish Museum to  
help us understand, value,  
and remember.**

*Marlene and Ken Markison*



**Mazel tov to the Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum on its 2025 Gala  
and to the honorees, David M. Rubenstein  
and Esther Safran Foer, two true  
visionaries and entrepreneurs.**

**Sending a special heartfelt tribute to  
Esther, whose wisdom, generosity, and  
warmth are not only qualities we admire,  
but a catalyst for innovation, inspiring us  
personally, as well as others and projects  
alike. May you continue to go from  
strength to strength.**

**Fondly,**

*Jeanie Milbauer and Bill Knapp*

Congratulations and  
thanks to David and Esther  
for their significant  
contributions and  
commitments.

*Irma Reshefsky  
and Jay Freedman.*

Congratulations to this  
year's honorees Esther and  
David. Thanks for all the  
hard work this year by the  
Gala chairs, Bea, and the  
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*Jerry and Ann Bass*

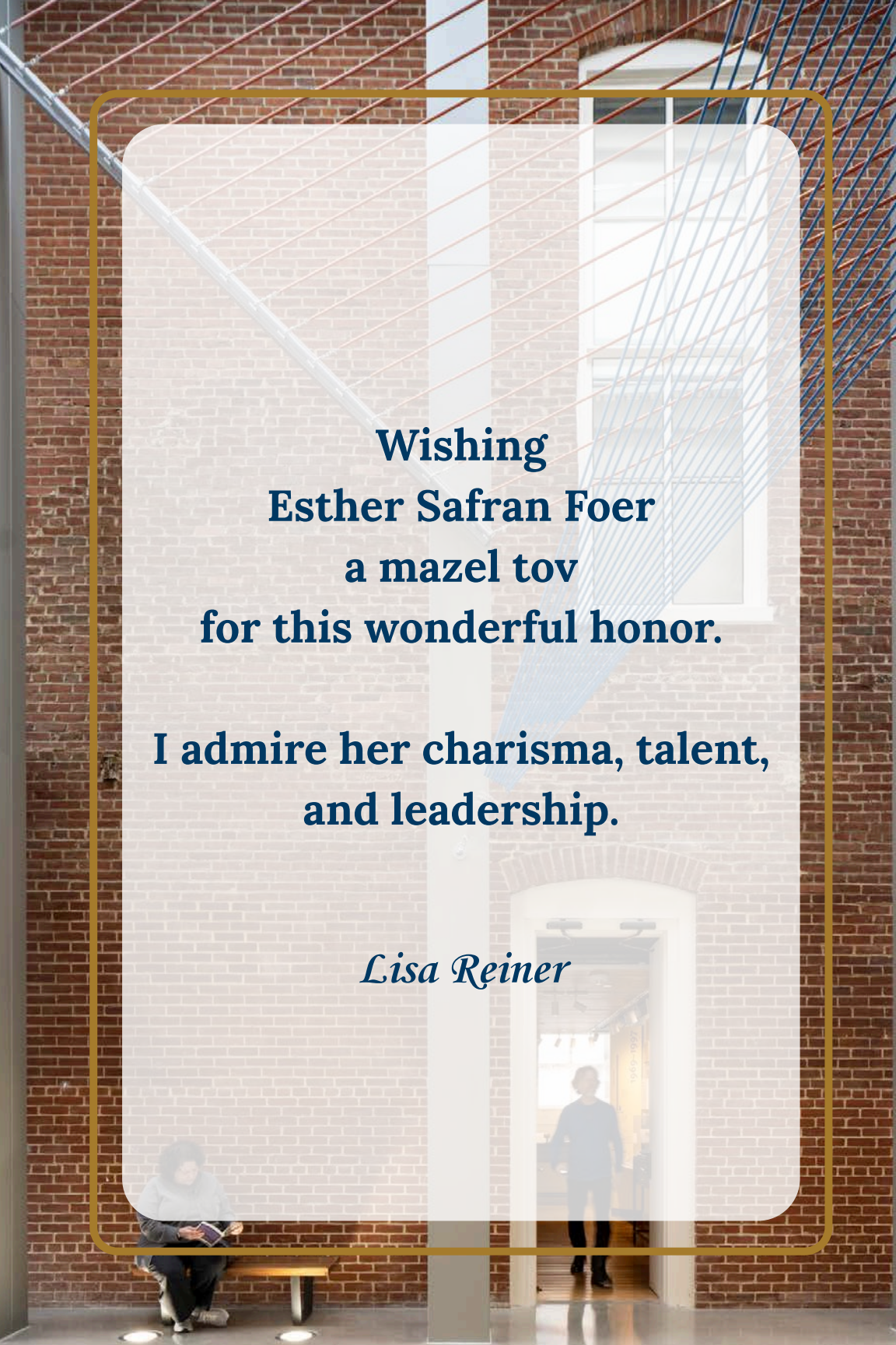
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Museum's work to preserve  
history and build bridges.

*John Zeller*

J Street is honored  
to pay tribute to  
***Esther Safran Foer***,  
an extraordinary  
leader, storyteller,  
and advocate for  
truth, justice,  
and peace.





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**Wishing  
Esther Safran Foer  
a mazel tov  
for this wonderful honor.**

**I admire her charisma, talent,  
and leadership.**

*Lisa Reiner*



**With gratitude and admiration for the visionary leadership of Esther Safran Foer and David M. Rubenstein, two champions of great causes and strong institutions that serve our community and the nation.**

*Elisa and Kenneth Glazer*



GMP LLP is honored to support the Capital Jewish Museum and its mission to preserve and celebrate Jewish history and culture. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor the outstanding individuals who have made a lasting impact on our community and organization. Their dedication and tireless efforts have shaped the lives of many, leaving an indelible mark on those they served.

We also mourn the profound loss of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky, two remarkable individuals whose contributions will never be forgotten. Their legacies will continue to inspire us all.

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**Congratulations to this year's  
honorees**

**David M. Rubenstein  
and  
Esther Safran Foer.**

**We are deeply grateful for each  
of your tireless devotion and  
unwavering dedication to our  
history and our community.  
Respectively, your commitment,  
compassion, and integrity have  
inspired so many others who  
will surely continue your legacy.**

*Pat and Robert Silverman*



Esther,

What a joy it is to honor you tonight—a true trailblazer whose leadership has transformed how our community engages with Jewish history and culture. Your work has bridged generations: preserving stories, strengthening connections, and building spaces of belonging. From the synagogue to the museum, your legacy is one of resilience and renewal.

L'chaim!

*The Weiners  
Harvey, Diane and Michelle*

**Congratulations to this  
year's gala honorees**

**Esther Safran Foer and  
David Rubenstein**

May the memories of  
Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim  
forever be a blessing.

*Jodi Cafritz and Mark Bronsky*

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**Mazel tov to the  
Capital Jewish Museum  
for furthering the values  
we hold dear.**

*Robin Hettleman  
and Matthew Weinberg*

**Congratulations to  
David M. Rubenstein, himself  
a Washington monument,  
Baltimore charm, and national  
philanthropic leader.**

**Congratulations to  
Esther Safran Foer, a pillar of  
the community across many  
spheres for her leadership of  
the Capital Jewish Museum.**

*Brenda Gruss and Daniel Hirsch*



**We are delighted to join  
the chorus of praise for  
two authentic visionaries,  
Esther Safran Foer and  
David M. Rubenstein.**

*Jean and Jeff Yablon*

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**In memory of our parents**

**Dr. Joseph and Augusta Dessoiff  
Myer and Lena Colodny.**

*Nancy and Edwin Colodny*



**Honoring the Capital  
Jewish Museum and this  
year's honorees with  
gratitude and admiration.**

*Nancy and Marc Duber Family*

**With heartfelt appreciation to  
the talented and dedicated  
staff of the Lillian and Albert  
Small Capital Jewish Museum.  
Your knowledge and creativity  
bring the Museum's mission to  
life, preserving Jewish history  
for future generations.**

**A special note of pride and  
gratitude to my daughter,  
Lauren Hoffman, for her  
meaningful contributions to  
this important work.**

*Mandy Lippman and Mark Ohan*

**SIXTH & I**  
*congratulates*

Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum 2025 Honoree

**Esther Foer**

with gratitude for her impact and  
vision as Sixth & I's Executive  
Director from 2007 – 2016, for her  
insight as a board member, and  
as a champion for Jewish life and  
community across Washington, DC

**Congratulations to the professional  
staff of the Capital Jewish  
Museum for their hard work,  
dedication, and strength during  
difficult times, shining a light on  
the Jewish community and its  
contributions to Washington, DC  
and the country.**

**Mazel tov to the amazing  
Esther Safran Foer for her inspiring  
contributions to the Jewish  
community of Washington, DC and  
to David Rubenstein whose  
immense talents have benefited  
the entire American public.**

*Nancy Asper*



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Esther Safran Foer whose  
work with the Capital  
Jewish Museum as well as  
with Sixth and I Synagogue  
has so enormously  
strengthened and  
energized the life of the  
Jewish community of the  
Washington, DC area.

*Terrie Gale and Robert Adler*

We celebrate and honor  
Esther and David with great  
appreciation.

*The Waxman/Goldberg Family*

To our distinguished  
honorees: thank you for  
championing the Lillian and  
Albert Small Capital Jewish  
Museum and preserving  
Jewish history in the  
nation's capital.

*Dorothy Canter*

**Congratulations,  
Tina and Sonny Small!**

**Your hard work, passion, and energy  
have made a lasting impact on the  
museum. Thank you for your  
dedication and commitment.**

*Mary and Jim Speyer*

**Proud to honor Esther Foer and David  
Rubenstein, whose vision, passion and  
generosity help ensure the Capital  
Jewish Museum will educate and  
inspire future generations.**

*Julius Genachowski and Family*



**Congratulations to this evening's honorees, Esther Foer and our dear friend, David Rubenstein.**

**With deep admiration, we salute both your leadership and unwavering commitment to connecting past to present and leaving a lasting impact on our country's institutions, communities and cultural landscape.**

**To the great team at the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum, thank you for your vision, dedication, and tireless work in bringing this magical evening to life.**

**Here's to honoring the legacy and building the bridges we all need.**

**Sincerely,**

*Bea and Tony Welters*



**Proud to be part of this great  
Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum.**

**Congratulations, Esther and  
David. Lots of love from the  
Bernstein family.**

*Stuart, Wilma, Adam,  
Alison, John, and Ami*

*It is through narratives that we begin to learn who we are and how we are called on to behave.*

~ Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

With gratitude to Ester Safran Foer and the Capital Jewish Museum for bringing lessons of our past to the building of our future.

*Stacy Burdett and Tom Diaz*

Congratulations to the  
2025 honorees and chairs!  
Here's to Preserving  
History and Building  
Bridges in our nation's  
capital tonight and always.

*Mindy Strelitz and  
Andrew Cornblatt*

Mazal Tov to the Capital  
Jewish Museum on its  
many accomplishments!

May you continue to go  
from strength to strength.

*Dr. Peggy K. Pearlstein*



**At the Capital Jewish  
Museum, young minds  
light up with discovery as  
Jewish history, culture,  
and identity come alive.**

*Diane Lipton Dennis*

Shana tovah to all,  
mazel tov to the 2025  
Gala honorees, and  
special mazel tov to our  
cherished friend,  
Esther Foer

*Nancy Abramowitz  
and Mark Ellenberg*

**Congratulations to  
Sonny and Tina Small!**

*Lois Alperstein*

What a wonderful  
opportunity to share  
our admiration and love  
for Esther—author,  
artist, entrepreneur and  
dear friend!

*Edward Jack Kopf  
and Nancy Levy Kopf*

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special occasion!**

**We extend our deepest gratitude  
to 2025 Gala Co-Chairs  
Meg Flax and Tina Small, and  
to the dedicated Museum staff  
whose hard work and  
commitment made this  
celebration possible.**

***Marcy and Neil Cohen***



**In tribute to Esther Safran Foer  
in friendship and with gratitude.**

*Alan Zekelman*

In loving memory of my family, who lived in  
Washington, D.C. at various times during the  
1910s, 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s & 1960s:

**My parents:**

Jack David Neff & Goldie Lev Neff

**My grandparents:**

Harry Neff & Fannie Blum Neff

**My great aunts and uncles:**

Isaac & Freeda Casel, Rose & Isadore Rosenberg,  
Morris & Bebe Blum, Sam & Miriam Blum

**My aunts and uncles:**

Fanny & Leo Stern, Bernie & Gloria Lev,  
Edith & Max Corenfield, Mary & Alex Cohen, Paul & Helen Neff

**My cousins:**

Eileen J. Polinger, Ph.D., Marlene Meringoff

Zichronam Li-V'racha

Their memories are always a blessing.

*With love,*

*Larry Neff, 2nd generation DC native*

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*Tim and Lisa Lindon*

**In honor of Joan and Eli  
Wernick and Irene Rubin,  
Zichronam Livracha**

*Kate and Seth Wernick*

**Thank you for all that you do  
to preserve and celebrate  
our community's past and  
present. Mazel tov on this  
milestone - may we all go  
from strength to strength.**

*The Edlavitch DC Jewish  
Community Center*

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**Celebrating the dedication of  
our 2025 Gala honorees, the  
Museum's professional team,  
and all of the volunteers to  
preserve Jewish history and  
inspire connection in our  
nation's capital.**

*Tracy and Greg Kalik*



**With sincere gratitude to the  
talented and dedicated staff of the  
Lillian and Albert Small  
Capital Jewish Museum.**

**Your unwavering commitment,  
creativity and professionalism have  
made this museum a vibrant space  
to tell and preserve the Jewish story  
for generations to come.**

**It has been an honor and privilege  
to work alongside all of you.**

*Esther Safran Foer*

