

Staten Island's SOCIAL CALENDAR

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May 22

Chai Society of Wagner College's 12th annual Community Mitzvah Awards

Join the Chai Society of Wagner College for its 12th annual Community Mitzvah Awards, where those who have advanced Holocaust education and promoted tolerance, social justice and the Jewish culture in our borough and the city will be honored.

This year's honorees: Holocaust survivor Jack Kliger, who will receive the first Monroe J. Klein '66 Humanitarian Award; Jennifer Straniere, director of facilities for the Department of Performing and Creative Arts, who will receive the Civic Leadership Award; Joe Delaney, chairman of the board of Catholic Charities and member of board of directors for the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, who will be granted the Spirit of Change Award; and Jack Chernak, executive director of 49 Strong Inc., who will receive the Courage Award.

Holocaust survivors Hannah Steiner and Arthur Spielman will present the Next Generation Award to Cameron Haffner to express their gratitude for the videos of their life stories that he created.

Additionally, there will be a tribute presentation for Monroe Klein, delivered by Klein's wife, Marcia, and their son, Laird, and a special performance by Elmore James and Zalmen Mlotek of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbeine.

Welcoming guests to the gala dinner: Lori R. Weintrob, director of the Holocaust Center; Chai Society board chairpersons Dr. Victor and Kim Avis; and Wagner College president Dr. Richard Guarasci and his wife, Carin.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the Holocaust Center.

Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Kosher options are available.

For information, and to purchase tickets, contact Betty McCominsky at 718-420-4014 or emccomis@wagner.edu. *Wagner College, 1 Campus Rd., Grymes Hill.*

