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Dear JEA Members and Friends,

Welcome to our 74th Annual Jewish Educators Assembly Conference in Philadelphia! I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our conference chairs, David Schwartz and Mandy Cheskis, whose vision and hard work have been instrumental in making this event a success. Additionally, I am thankful for the diligent efforts of the conference committee members—Cathy Berkowitz, Melissa Ser, Rebecca Gordon, Babette Cohn, Rabbi Nogah Marshall, Michael Schatz, Hazzan Barbara Barnett, and David Cohen—who have worked tirelessly to bring it all together. I am deeply appreciative of the 25-26 JEA Board of Directors, led by our esteemed president, Dr. Cathy Berkowitz who works tirelessly on behalf of the JEA to see her vision of JEA blossom. She is truly dedicated to Jewish Education and we are all fortunate to have her serve as President.

The future is bright for JEA! Next year, we will be celebrating our 75th annual conference! With our continued partnership with USCJ, we will learn and grow together to accomplishing national goals that will benefit our movement as a whole. We look forward to creating a new vision for the future of Jewish Education and we hope you will all join us! Save the dates: March 7-10, 2027!

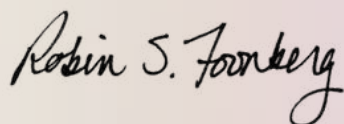
I wish a hearty mazal tov to our Lifetime Achievement Honoree, Dr. Lisa Richman. Lisa has been a professional Jewish educator in the Philadelphia area for over five decades. Lisa raises the bar for Jewish educators and has dedicated her life to teaching people of all ages, leading workshops for educators, mentoring student teachers, developing curricula, and integrating technology, games, and informal education practices into Jewish learning.

I am thrilled that Dorene Karasick, an education lay leader from Har Zion Temple, will receive our Or Zarua Award. She had made her impact by setting out to serve children with special needs, creating a unique space just for them so they could succeed.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors and guests for your support and for joining us this year. You are vital to our continued success and growth. Together, we will continue to make a significant impact in the world of Jewish education.

Chazak chazak v'nitchazek.

May we all go from strength to strength.



Rabbi Robin Foonberg, JEA Executive Director
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כנסת מחנכים יהודיים

Dear JEA Friends,

As I come to the close of my first term as President of the Jewish Educators Assembly, my heart is filled with gratitude. It has been an honor to serve a community so deeply committed to meaning, purpose, and one another. Together, we are journeying toward our future, educating our communities and advocating for our educators. This is grounded in our JEA mission and shared values.

"Growing and Connecting" is the theme of our conference, but it is also who we are every day. It reflects how we show up for one another as colleagues, as partners, and as a community of educators bound by passion and purpose. I have been privileged to share this journey with Rabbi Robin Foonberg, our Executive Director, who is a true partner whose collaboration, wisdom, and dedication have strengthened our work. We work together with an extraordinary Executive Board that is thoughtful, committed, and deeply invested. With the support and teamwork of the JEA General Board, our shared vision is attainable.

At the heart of JEA are our members. You create a space that is meaningful, welcoming, and alive. JEA is a place where relationships are formed; ideas are exchanged, and growth is nurtured. Because of you, JEA is not only an organization, but a community.

Mazal tov to our honorees: Dr. Lisa Richman, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award; Dorene Karasick, recipient of the Or Zarua Award; to those who have earned their CJE because of their deep commitment to Jewish education and leadership; and to our emerging educators, whose voices and leadership illuminate the path ahead.

May we continue "Growing and Connecting" not only at our conference, but in every classroom, conversation, and community we touch. As we journey toward our future, may we remain rooted in our shared commitment to educating our communities and advocating for our educators. Together, with courage, curiosity, and care, we will shape the next chapter of Jewish education and do so side by side.

With Gratitude & Hope,



Dr. Cathy Berkowitz, CJE
President Jewish Educator's Assembly



Journeying towards our future

Educating for our communities

Advocating for our educators

Our Mission

To promote excellence among educators committed to Conservative Jewish education by advancing professionalism, encouraging leadership, pursuing lifelong learning and building community.

Our Vision

To be the leading advocate for both the well-being of the Jewish educator and for best practices in Jewish education.

Our Values

Spirited and honest exploration of sacred texts, Joyful participation in Jewish holidays and rituals, A deep commitment to Israel and the Jewish people, Egalitarian practice, innovation and collaboration.



Rabbi Robin Foonberg, CJE
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February 23, 2026

Dear JEA,

On behalf of USCJ, we want to wish you a most deserved Mazal Tov as you celebrate 74 years of dedicated work furthering excellence in Jewish education, strengthening the Jewish Educators Assembly, and nourishing the global Conservative/Masorti movement.

The JEA has fostered exemplary educators who have inspired generations far and wide to engage in Jewish life. Your passion for creating intentional and dynamic learning spaces that are invaluable resources for all who have benefited and will continue to benefit from your tireless advocacy.

We are grateful for and proud of our three years of successful partnership; we believe that together our work continues to sustain a thriving, spirited, and deeply rooted community that helps individuals and families form relationships, engage in study and worship, and create deep roots in the larger Movement worldwide.

We look forward to the honor of continuing to create a vision for Jewish education for the next generation. We know that your efforts will continue to inspire countless people in the years to come.

We look forward to many more celebrations, including next year's auspicious 75th Anniversary Conference March 7th-10th, 2027.

May you, your families, and your students continue to go *mihayil l'hayil* - from strength to strength.

Warm regards,

Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal
Chief Executive Officer

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WE, THE PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE
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CONGRATULATE

DR. LISA RICHMAN

AND WELCOME HER TO OUR NUMBER

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OR ZARUA AWARD



אור זרוע לעדיק

***Or zarua la'tzadik* - Light is sown for the righteous
(Ps. 97)**

Or Zarua awards are given to those who spread light and goodness. This year's honoree, Dorene Karasick, has truly sown light for students at Har Zion Temple. She has created a space for students to grow in safety and comfort. Her compassion and dedication are evident, and we are so blessed to honor her with this year's Or Zarua award.

**Mazal tov Dorene,
and we hope you continue to shine!**

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Mazal tov to

Emily Ellentuck, Sheryl Eskowitz, Betty Golub, Joan Hersch, Sarah Lipinsky.

May you continue to inspire and lead as you take your place
among this talented group of Conservative Jewish Educators

Sandy Andron
Elly Bauman
Cathy Berkowitz
Sandra Borowsky
Larry Brandspiegel
Suzanne Brody
Jason Cathcart
Mandy Cheskis
Babette Cohn
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To our teacher,
friend, and colleague,



Lisa Richman

"What we need, more than anything else, isn't textbooks but rather text people. It is the personality of the teacher which is the text that students read – the text that they'll never forget."

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

Thank you for the inspiration you bring to us all. We will continue to cherish the lessons and dedication you bring to our community each and every day.

With deep gratitude,

The Religious School Staff and Students, Clergy, Board, and Professional Team of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El



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HAR ZION TEMPLE PROUDLY CELEBRATES

Dorene Karasick

RECIPIENT OF THE OR ZARUA AWARD

אור זרע לצדיק, ולישרי-לב שִׁמְחָה

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

For decades, **Dorene Karasick** has been a beloved and valued part of the Har Zion Temple community. Through her warmth, generosity, leadership, and deep commitment to Jewish life, she has enriched our congregation and touched so many lives. We are proud and grateful to see the broader Jewish community honor someone Har Zion has been so fortunate to celebrate for many years.

With pride and gratitude

The Clergy, Staff, Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees of Har Zion Temple

SENIOR RABBI
Rabbi Seth Haaz

PRESIDENT
Dr. Gary Falk

Dear Sarah,

On behalf of your entire Congregation Shearith Israel family, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations on receiving the Conservative Jewish Educator (CJE) Certification. This remarkable achievement is a testament to your knowledge, leadership, and unwavering dedication to Jewish education.



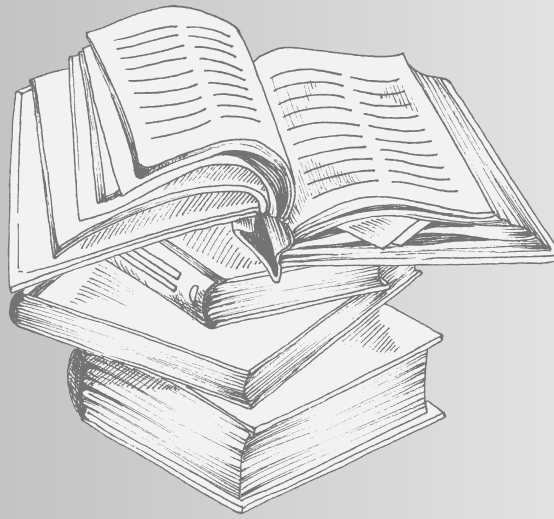
Your passion for teaching and your deep commitment to our students and families inspire us every day. You do more than educate – you nurture Jewish identity, cultivate curiosity, and help build meaningful connections to our tradition.

Our community is stronger because of you. We are incredibly proud to see your work recognized on a national stage. May this honor be just one of many milestones in a career that continues to shape Jewish life for generations to come.

*With admiration and gratitude,
Your Shearith Israel
Congregation Family*



**Congregation
Shearith Israel**



Sheryl,

***Mazal tov on receiving your CJE -
the Conservative Jewish Educators
certification. You absolutely deserve
this honor for all the work you
lovingly do for your community.***


Love,

***Barbara & Bruce Eskowitz and
Family***

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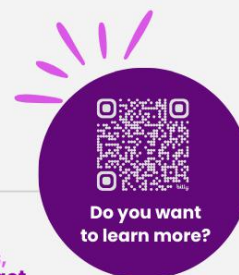
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Thank you to my friends and colleagues of the Jewish Educators Assembly

You are the strength behind our work and the heart of our community. Through your dedication, leadership, and love for Jewish education, you continue to inspire one another and shape the Jewish future.

I am energized by the passion, wisdom, and generosity of the Executive Board. It is because of you (Babette, David, Debbie, Jason, Larry, Melissa, Rebecca, and Teri) and Robin that JEA is not only a professional home, but a place of belonging where ideas are nurtured, leadership is cultivated, and relationships matter. It is my honor to serve as President among such a supportive, thoughtful, committed, and generous group of educators.

Mazal tov to our esteemed honorees!

To Lisa Richman, my dear friend and colleague, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, whose enduring impact has inspired generations of educators and learners.

To Dorene Karasick, recipient of the Or Zarua Award, whose light, leadership, and vision uplift our entire community.

To our newest CJE Recipients—Emily Ellentuck, Sheryl Eskowitz, Betty Golub, Joan Hersch, and Sarah Lipinsky—each of whom exemplifies excellence, commitment, and leadership in Jewish education.

And to our Emerging Educators—Leah Schatz, Bridget Siegel-Fultz, Melissa Shapiro, and Julia Orel — the future of our field: Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek.



B'vracha,
Dr. Cathy Berkowitz, CJE
President, Jewish Educators Assembly



We honor
Leah Miriam Schatz



חֲנֹךְ לְנֶעַר עַל־פִּי דְרָכּוֹ

Teach a child according to his own way (Proverbs 22:6)

You bring light and joy everywhere you go. You are a master teacher who honors your students' נשמות (souls) in the most gentle and caring manner. You are a Morah and a Bat Torah, inspiring generations of students and campers to see and experience the magnificence in Jewish life that you live. We couldn't be prouder.

Love,

Mommy, Abba and David

Zaydie and Miriam

Aunt Melanie, Uncle Mike, Syd and Will

Ro-Ro and Grandma Joyce z'l

B'NAI TORAH CONGREGATION OF BOCA RATON

CONGRATULATES THE INCREDIBLE

DR. CATHY BERKOWITZ

*ON THE RENEWAL OF HER TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE
JEWISH EDUCATORS' ASSEMBLY. THE HONOR SHE BRINGS
TO US BY VIRTUE OF HER LEADERSHIP IS ONE MORE
ADDITION TO THE INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY THAT HAVE
BEEN THE HALLMARKS OF HER INFLUENCE ON GENERATIONS
OF JEWISH CHILDREN IN THE MANY COMMUNITIES SHE HAS
SERVED.*

THE WORLD IS SUSTAINED

BY THE BREATH OF SCHOOLCHILDREN.

DR. CATHY BERKOWITZ IS THEIR OXYGEN.

MAZAL TOV!

Mazal Tov and Congratulations

To my friend, colleague, and special "Star" Dr. Lisa Richman upon receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award

To Dorene Karasick, on receiving the Or Zarua Award

To all New CJE Recipients and
to all the Outstanding Emerging Educators.

A special thank you and Yeeshar Kohakhem to the entire JEA Board for their hard work and dedication to education and to our organization, with Robin Foonberg as our Executive Director.

Hazak V'ematz to everyone.

May you go from strength to ever greater strength.
Rabbi Larry & Dr. Laura Brandspiegel & Family



הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב וּמַה נְעִים שָׁבֹת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד

“How good and pleasant it is when people dwell together in unity.”

Psalm 133:1

As you begin your second year as JEA President, we see how much stronger the community is because of you — not just because of what you do, but because of who you are.

What many don't see are the early mornings — the quiet preparation before the day begins, notes reviewed with coffee in hand, and the steady attention you give to getting it right.

You have a way of making people feel heard and respected. You lead without ego, and you keep the focus where it belongs —
on the work and the people it serves.

It's the same steadiness in everything you do — with kindness even when things don't go as planned.

Whether you are called “Cathy, mom, grandma or yaya” we celebrate not only your leadership, but the person who means so much to all of us.

B'ahava u'Vracha, Fred, Adam, Greg, Mikayla,
Leah and Geoff, Dylan and Maya



Today our congregation celebrates something truly extraordinary – our Director of Education receiving the CJE award for Jewish Education. For over 40 years, Joan has guided generations of students through the beauty, wisdom, and responsibility of Jewish learning.

Four decades is not just a milestone; it is a legacy. She has shaped young minds, strengthened Jewish identity, and created a foundation of knowledge and pride that continues far beyond the classroom walls. Through Joan’s leadership, patience, and deep commitment, she has helped families connect more deeply to our traditions, our Torah, and our community.

Her impact cannot be measured simply in years of service, but in the countless students who grew into confident Jewish adults because of her dedication. She has been more than a director – she has been a mentor, a role model, and a steady presence in our synagogue’s life.

This award honors not only Joan’s excellence in Jewish education, but the heart and soul she has poured into our community for over forty years. We are blessed to learn from her, to work alongside her, and to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.

Mazel Tov on Receiving the CJE Award!

Rabbi Cody R Bahir, Ph.D.
Cantor Neil Schnitzer
Your CBOI Family



Sarah,

This award is just another reason we are proud of you! The light you bring to your students is apparent to all those who see your impact. You take the time to partner with parents as a joint team.

You put much time and energy into your teacher in-services so that your staff feels motivated and excited when they walk into the classroom. Your teachers comment how much they learn from you. You help students feel accepted and teach them Jewish values with depth. Thank you for all that you give and do and teach to help our kids love being Jewish.

With love from your biggest fans in Texas,

**Sharon, Jay, Rachel, Greg, Rebecca, Lee
and all the little ones.**



Congrats,
Dr. Lisa Richman!



We love you and
are so proud of
you!

Love, Jeff, Sarah,
Rebecca, Evan, Shiloh,
Blackjack and Sunny



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Thank You!

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Rabbi Larry Brandspiegel,
and
the JEA General Board

With Gratitude, Robin

MAZAL TOV

**DR. LISA RICHMAN - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
DORENE KARASICK - OR ZARUA AWARD**

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BETTY GOLUB, CJE**

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FOR ALL THAT YOU DO TO ADVANCE JEWISH EDUCATION
AND SUPPORT OUR JEWISH FUTURE.

RABBI ROBIN FOONBERG, JEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rabbi Robin,

Your leadership, integrity, and unwavering dedication have elevated JEA in countless ways over the past three years. Watching the impact you make every day is a privilege. I'm endlessly proud of you — not only as JEA's Executive Director, but also as the remarkable person I'm lucky to call my wife!

Love, Alan

*Mazel
Tor!*

DR. LISA RICHMAN

*ON BEING HONORED WITH THE
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*

MARILYN AND LAWRENCE KATZ

To Joan Hersch! You have brought so much love to our family. Your teachings have enriched our lives - and the lives of so many! Thank you for your 43 years+ of commitment to Conservative Jewish education. We love you!

The Kessel Family



The kids, families, staff and leadership of the Germantown Jewish Centre are blessed to have Bridget Siegel Fultz building our youth and families community.

She brings joy, connection, Torah and goodness to everything she does and we are so grateful!

Mazel Tov, Bridget, on this well-deserved recognition of your important work!"

Mazal Tov

*Joan Hersch is a talented educator,
a wonderful person and a special
friend. Congratulations on this well-
deserved honor.*

Judi and Fred Young and family

Mazal tov

TO ALL OUR HONOREES

**I'M HONORED TO BE YOUR
COLLEAGUE & FRIEND**

MELISSA

MAZAL TOV

To JEA's Emerging Jewish Leaders

JULIA OREL and **MELISSA SHAPIRO**

מכל מלמדי השכלתי כי עצותיך שיחה לי תהילים קי"ט:ט"ט

"From all who teach me I have gained wisdom." *Psalm 119:99*

Great teachers make great students,
and great students make great teachers.

We are so proud of you!

Your Congregation Beth El Family



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the enormous contributions of

Joan Hersch as a Jewish educator

for our Hebrew school, our Sisterhood,

and general programming.

Mazel Tov, Joan!

Today we're feeling incredibly proud of our friend, Joan, for receiving the CJE award. This recognition reflects not only her hard work and dedication, but also the integrity and leadership she brings to everything she does.

Achievements like this don't happen overnight — they are earned through long hours, perseverance, and a genuine commitment to excellence.

Watching Joan's journey has been inspiring. This award is more than a title; it's a testament to her character, professionalism, and the respect she's earned from others. We are grateful to celebrate her milestone and excited to see what she accomplishes next.

With Love and Friendship,

Roz & Sheldon Zucker and Sharon & Rich Segarra



THANK YOU!

Today Rabah

תודה רבה

**TO OUR CONFERENCE CHAIRS
DAVID SCHWARTZ & MANDY CHESKIS
AND THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

Mazal tov to JEA and all of the honorees!

*Ben Tisser, Founder,
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**We're so proud of and happy
For our dear Joan Hersch.
May you continue to go
from strength to strength.
Cantor Neil Schnitzer, Linda
Bobrin & our whole family.**

**Joan Hersch.
A leader. An educator.
An inspiration. We are so proud of
the work you have done to shape
generations of Jewish people.
We love you!
The Leudemanns and Bergs**

**Mazal Tov to our friend Joan
Hersch on your honor. You
have made the Jewish people
stronger with every child you
have affected.
Rabbi Jay & Leslie Kornsgold**

**We are so excited for you, Joan!
You certainly deserve this award as
someone who has devoted her life
to Jewish education. You embody
the excitement, joy and importance
of learning and spread it to all those
you meet. Mazel tov,
Beth and Bruce Rosner**

**Mazel tov, Morah Sarah!
We are so proud of you and so
lucky to have been learning
from you since day one!
Love, Emma, Eli & Liam**

**Mazel Tov Joan!
Well deserved!**
Mazel Tov! **Love from
The Berger Family**

**Congratulations Joan Hersch
and thanks for your many
years of service to our
synagogue family.
Barbara, Gene, Phillip, Katy,
Julia & Claire Stern**

**Wishing a hearty 'yashar kochech' on this
well-deserved honor to our friend and
teammate Leah Schatz.
With *meah milim* of admiration,
Tzevet Yeutz 2025
Camp Ramah in the Poconos
Julie Berger, Aaron Besser, Rachael Besser,
Ella Chasan, Carly Friedman, Sara
Kreisman, Eliana Seltzer**

Mazal Tov, Leah Schatz.

**May you go
from strength to strength!**

With love, The Boxbaum family

Yasher Koach to Sheryl Eskowitz for her years of dedicated service as a Jewish Educator. Your CJE designation is well deserved. The staff and clergy of Congregation Beth Yeshurun are grateful for your endless contributions and so proud of your many accomplishments.

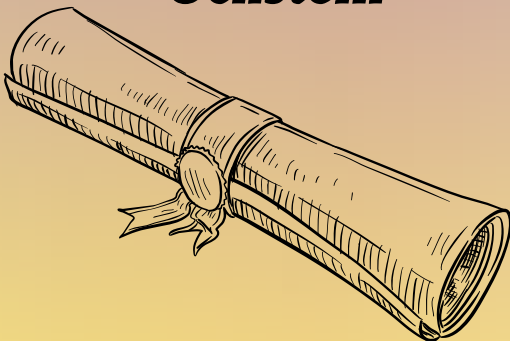
Mazel Tov!

**In honor of Betty Golub
-Rosalie Nagler &
The Mussar Group**

**MAZEL
TOV!** **DORENE
KARASICK**

**WELL DESERVED...
ANDREA AND RON ROBBINS**

**Sarah, Mazel Tov on
your award! You are
an outstanding
educator! I'm so
proud of you! Ann
Ochstein**



**KOL HAKAVOD TO
DORENE KARASICK,
FOR THE LIGHT SHE
SPREADS.**

FREDY & LEW GRAFMAN

**MAZAL TOV LISA
LOVE,
TBH-BE
SISTERHOOD**



**In honor of
Dorene Karasick
for her numerous
contributions
over many years to
Har Zion Temple
in education, membership,
programming
and so much more!
Nanci Goldman & Steven
Bergstein**

**Congratulations to our
TBHBE Director of
Religious School & friend
LISA RICHMAN on her
Lifetime Achievement
Award for teaching and
inspiring all of us and her
community!!**

**Warmly,
Josh & Rachel Dunaief
Robin & David Oriel**

**The Congregation
Brothers of Israel Men's
Club congratulates
Joan Hersch on being
honored by the Jewish
Educators Assembly for
her exemplary lifelong
teaching as a
Conservative Jewish
Educator.**



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& we love being
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**Debbie &
Rebecca**

Mazel Tov to Joan Hersch for her dedication & passion for Jewish learning. As a member of CBOI for 52 years, I have seen first hand how Joan's commitment to sharing her knowledge & love of Judaism has inspired my family & our entire Jewish community. She personifies the ideals of an educator who has a love of learning & a search for knowledge. Thank you for passing on the traditions of our faith with devotion, compassion & love. Donna Nowicki & Family

**כָּל הַכָּבוֹד Sarah!
We are so proud of
you and all of your
accomplishments.
Much Love,
The Reznik Family**

MAZAL TOV
to
**Dr. Lisa Richman
Leah Schatz**
and all of the JEA Honorees

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**Mazal Tov to our incredible
Emerging Education Leader,
Leah Schatz! We are so proud
of you and grateful to learn
from and be inspired by your
leadership each and every day
at KBA.**

**With much love,
Your KBA Family**



With Love, Gratitude & Endless Admiration

Lisa, we are so proud to honor you and your work! Your devotion to Ramah, Perelman and Beth Hillel-Beth El has shaped the Jewish lives of three generations of Jewish Philadelphia. You are a teacher, a mentor, and a role model, not only to thousands of children whose lives are Jewishly richer because of you, but to us as a family.

We are forever grateful for the values you have instilled, the paths you have illuminated, and the love of Judaism you have shared so generously. Our lives are better because you are in them. Thank you for all that you have done for ALL of us!
Todd, Aliza, Maya, Joey, Asher & Benny Zeff

הנך לנער על-פי דרכו

*“Educate a child according to their way.” —
Proverbs 22:6*

**So proud of our dear
cousin Sheryl Eskowitz on
her becoming a CJE
Recipient.**

**She has worked tirelessly
educating the next
generation!**

**With much love,
Shelly & Steve Brodie &
Family**

**Mazal Tov to Sarah Lipinsky
on this amazing
accomplishment! Your
dedication, hard work, and
unwavering commitment to
our Congregation Shearith
Israel community inspire us
all. You go above and beyond,
and we’re so grateful for
everything you do!**

**Love,
Natalie, Michael, Charlie,
Andrew, and Katie Waldman**

**MAZEL TOV, SARAH LIPINSKY! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!
MINDY, JEFF, NOAH, TODD AND OPHELIA**



**SURELLE AND BARRY WIND SALUTE JOAN HERSCH FOR BEING
THE WONDERFUL PERSON AND PROFESSIONAL THAT SHE IS.**



**JOAN, CONGRATULATIONS WITH GRATITUDE AND JOY!
MARK AND HOLLY NEMIROFF**



**JOAN, WHAT A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT. YOU CERTAINLY
DESERVE IT. KEEP GOING FOR ANOTHER 43 YEARS! BERNICE**



**MAZEL TOV JOAN HERSCH, THE BEST OF THE BEST!
LOVE, SHERI, STU, MOLLY & EDISON GROSS**



**MAZEL TOV JOAN HERSCH, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
YASHER KOACH FROM THE BAERS!**



**LISA, KNEW YOU WHEN...GREAT THEN, GREAT NOW!
EZE KAVOD! MAGIA LACH! MAZAL TOV! LOVE, FERNE**

JOAN, MAZAL TOV JOAN! ELLEN WEINER & FAMILY



**MAZEL TOV AND THANK YOU TO MANDY AND THE CONFERENCE
TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE!**

LOVE, DAVID SCHWARTZ



JOAN, MAZEL TOV ON YOUR WELL DESERVED HONOR.

NANCY AND LEE JASLOW



JOAN HERSCH MAZEL TOV TO A FABULOUS WOMAN!

JUDITH BRICKMAN



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MY FELLOW CJE RECIPIENTS. IT HAS
BEEN AN HONOR TO LEARN WITH YOU AND FROM YOU.**

JOAN HERSCH



MAZEL TOV JOAN HERSCH! LARRY AND SUSAN KELLER

MAZEL TOV TO ALL OF THE CJE HONOREES! LOVE, BETTY GOLUB



**THANK YOU JOAN FOR JOYOUSLY SHARING THE TEACHINGS AND
THE LOVE OF JUDAISM. SUSAN AND STEVE MEDOFF**



**MAZAL TOV LISA RICHMAN!
HEDDA MORTON**



**MAZEL TOV SARAH LIPINSKY! WITH LOVE - LEVY, ROBINOWITZ,
RUBINSTEIN & WALTERS FAMILIES.**



**IN HONOR OF DORENE AND LISA
LOVE HAZZAN ELIOT AND KAREN VOGEL**



SARAH, MAZEL TOV ON BEING HONORED. JUDY BEGAL



JOAN, MAZEL TOV! NAN & JEFF WEISS



**MAZEL TOV, SARAH!! ALWAYS CHEERING FOR YOU!
LOVE, FRANCES, MATT, PHOEBE, AND ELLA**

**JOAN HERSCH - CONSERVATIVE JEWISH EDUCATOR
EXTRAORDINAIRE - MAXINE AND BRIAN GOLDSMITH**



**HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO JOAN HERSCH ON THIS
WELL-DESERVED HONOR. LOVE, THE DUMACK FAMILY**



**SARAH WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!
ALL OUR LOVE AUNT SHARON AND UNCLE ABIE**



**JOAN, MAZEL TOV! YOU SO DESERVE THIS HONOR!
DIANNE AND GERRY**



**MAZEL TOV SARAH! YOU ARE AN AMAZING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
DIRECTOR, TEACHER, MENTOR AND ROLE MODEL FOR OUR
SHEARITH ISRAEL COMMUNITY. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**



**JOAN- YOU ARE THE HEART AND SOUL OF CBOI- YOU HAVE
TOUCHED COUNTLESS FAMILIES- WE LOVE YOU! THE DEUTSCH'S**

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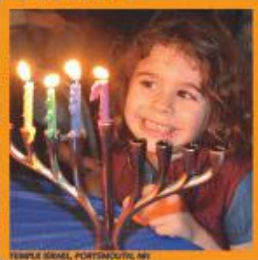
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