



HONORING DR. EDWARD EDELSTEIN, CJE

Jewish Educators Assembly
71st Annual Conference
Long Island, New York
March 12-15 2023

רבי שימון אומר, שלשה כתרִים הם, כתר תורה וכתר כהנה וכתר מלכות, וכתר שם טוב עולה על גביהן וְלִבֵּיהֶן וְלִבֵּיהֶן וְלִבֵּיהֶן (Pirkei Avot 4:13)

Rabbi Shimon says: There are three crowns: the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood and the crown of monarchy - but the crown of a good name outweighs them all. (Pirkei Avot 4:13)



ABOUT THE JEA

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 serve educators in their efforts to strengthen the Conservative Movement and inspire greater Jewish learning. To be the leading advocate for the welfare of the Jewish educator and for best practices in Jewish education.

Our Values

Spirited and honest intellectual exploration of sacred texts, fluency in Hebrew, joyful participation in Jewish holidays and rituals, a deep commitment to Israel and the Jewish People, and egalitarian practice, academic excellence, innovation, collaboration, professionalism, lifelong learning, and integrity.

Although the statements above reflect an organization that prides itself on strengthening Jewish education, supporting its members and the students who benefit from the learning, the JEA is more than words on a page.

- **Annual Conference intended to gain and share knowledge of best practices and tools to help promote excellence in Jewish learning**
- **Online tools, such as the Listserv, allowing questions and conversations about all aspects of Jewish education including program ideas, leadership, nation-wide trends, and best practices**
- **Multitudes of educational webinars and other professional development opportunities from highly trained experts to help guide any educator seeking new ideas and techniques in the field**
- **Partnership with all arms of the Conservative Movement (USCJ) to promote unity and guide the movement in issues related to Jewish Education**
- **Mentoring for new Education Directors seeking guidance and ideas for fulfilling goals and tasks in their new positions**
- **ETGAR curriculum – developed by JEA members, for JEA members**
- **Professional recognition for years of service in the field of Jewish education including Honorary Doctorate from JTS and CJE Certification**
- **Guidance for job seeking and contract negotiation**
- **Research and grant opportunities**
- **Lifelong friendships and collegueship**

JEA, all this and so much more.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

March 12, 2023 • 19 Adar 5783

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It has been pointed out to me that this will be my 22nd – and final – letter of greetings to you at the start of our annual conference. So what is sometimes a bit of a routine task takes on a bit more significance this year as I retire from my role as Executive Director.

What can I say that has not been said before? What words of guidance, encouragement and perhaps, even inspiration can I write in this space? How much more can I praise you, the Jewish educator working in the field, sometimes struggling, sometimes succeeding magnificently? How else can I let you know how much you are appreciated, even though it may not always feel that way? How else can I remind you that the Avodah, the work and the service of Jewish education is sacred work – God's work?

Our theme this year is Tradition, Transition and Change. Perhaps I can remind you of the old adage "the more things change, the more they stay the same." Like all of you, I am mindful of the enormous changes that are continuing to come to Jewish education. How we teach, when we teach, even who we teach are constantly evolving as our understand of how children learn, the use of technology and cultural norms continue to change. We struggle to keep up when, in fact, we should be the agents of change staying far ahead of the curve. It isn't easy.

Yet at the same time, we understand that good education, no matter what you call it, is still good education. Teaching substance in a manner that is thoughtful, engaging and that encourages intellectual exploration is good education – no matter what you call it. Personally connecting with students and families in a way that is impactful to their lives is still good education – no matter what you call it. Serving as a personal dugma – role model and promoting the joy of Jewish living and our special connection to Eretz Yisrael is still good education – no matter what you call it. In the military, they often use the term "assets in the field." You are our assets in the field facing the same challenges and fighting the same battles that have been fought for generations – how to bring the next generation closer to Judaism.

So my dear colleagues... So many of us are driven by our passion for our work and the importance of our cause. So many of us work far beyond our given hours and far beyond the contractual definitions of our jobs. I would never dissuade you from doing the most that you can and being the best that you can be. But I also share with you the words of Pirkei Avot that have become especially meaningful to me as I approach retirement:

לֹא עָלֶיךָ הַמְּלָאכָה לְגֹמֵר, וְלֹא אַתָּה בֶּן חוֹרִין לְבַטֵּל מְסָנָה.

It is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.

By all means, tackle Jewish education with "all your heart, all your soul, and all your might." But allow yourself the luxury of leaving something to do for those who will succeed us

B'vracha,

Eddie



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Tradition. Transition. Change.

As educators, we are always seeking a balance of these three ideas. We cleave to the minhag of our institutions and to our Jewish traditions. We are always in a state of transition, recreating, and reorganizing - whether because of a pandemic or implementation of new programs. We know that change is not only necessary, but it is also how we grow. Change is positive and transformative even while it is sometimes scary and stressful.

This year's conference, our 71st JEA Conference, explores how Jewish Education is changing as we move into our post-pandemic world - a world defined by new technologies, new points of view, and new modalities of learning. We seek answers from our rich Jewish tradition and ideas from experts, including one another, as we try to provide the best educational experiences for our students.

Our Board of Directors is in transition. After three years, I am stepping down as president. It has been my honor to serve this assembly. I am grateful to the board members who have supported me and allowed me to pursue my vision. We have accomplished a great deal and I am very proud of our work together. I look forward to supporting our next president, Cantor Larry Brandspiegel, and helping him realize his vision for JEA.

JEA is in transition. Soon, our beloved Executive Director, Dr. Edward Edelstein, will retire. We honor him for his 22 years of leadership, guidance, knowledge, and experience in the field of Jewish Education. He has been a teacher to us all and we are grateful for all that he has done for JEA. And there is more change. I am thrilled to follow in Eddie's footsteps and become the next Executive Director! I'm confident our transition will be smooth and I will get right to work serving you, our members.

There is tremendous potential for JEA going forward. We are working with USCJ to bolster support for Jewish education in our synagogues. I look forward to partnering with them and other educational organizations to bring us new professional development opportunities. **JEA is your organization.** Let us know how we can help you grow to further the mission of Jewish education.

Finally, thank you all for the love and support you have shown me and each other during these past years. You have enriched both my professional and personal life and I'm blessed to have so many talented and compassionate colleagues and friends.

B'vrachah,

Robin
Rabbi Robin Foonberg

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CONSERVATIVE JEWISH EDUCATOR

The title of CJE is intended to recognize attaining a standard of achievement in the field of Conservative Jewish education and stand as a mark of honor and distinction. Earning the CJE is based on educational experience, academic study, and a demonstration of commitment to the goals of the JEA. The goal of this certification is to recognize educators who have achieved the highest professional standards of our organization and to encourage ongoing learning, growth, and development. Certificates are presented at the annual JEA Conference.

NEW CJE RECIPIENTS

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald • Debra Deutsch

Mazel tov on your accomplishments as you join this talented group of educators.

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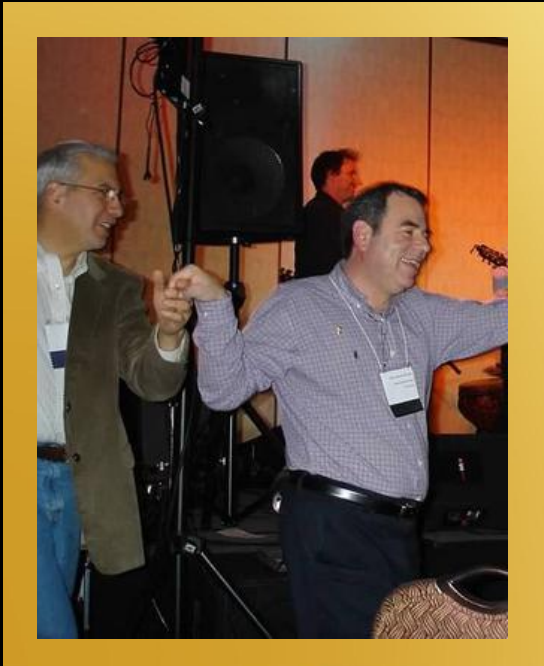
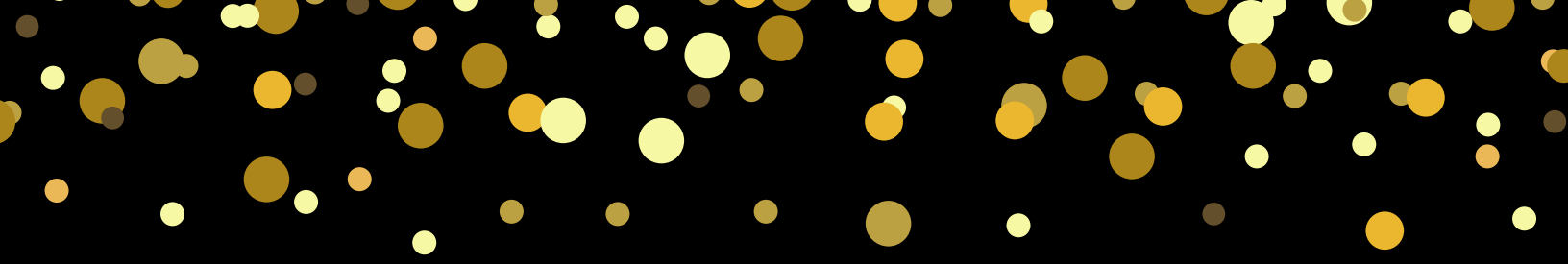
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our retiring Executive Director**

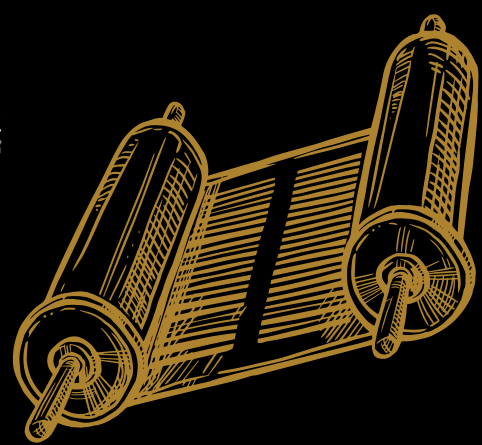
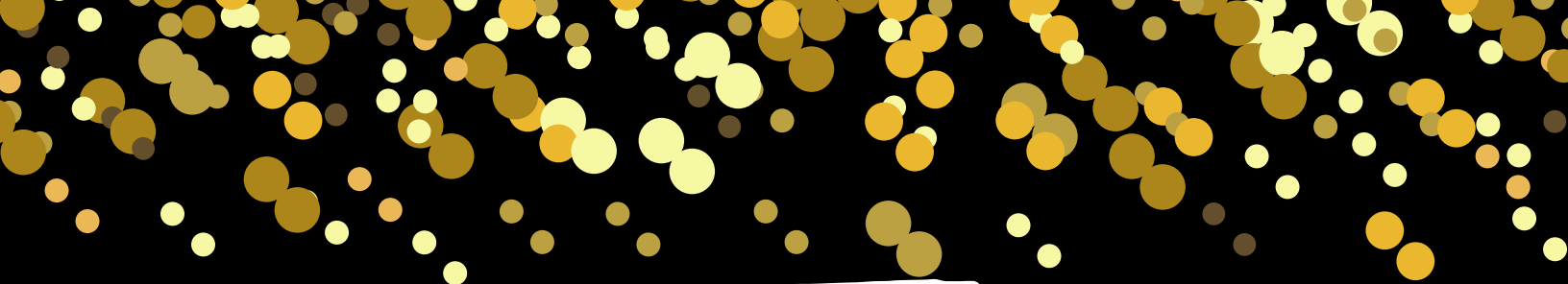
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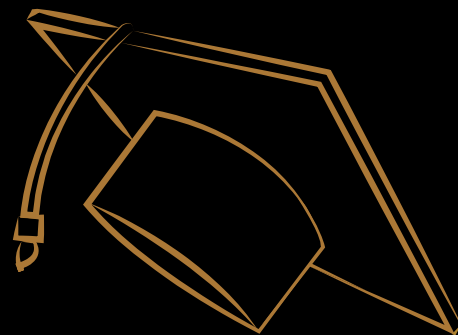
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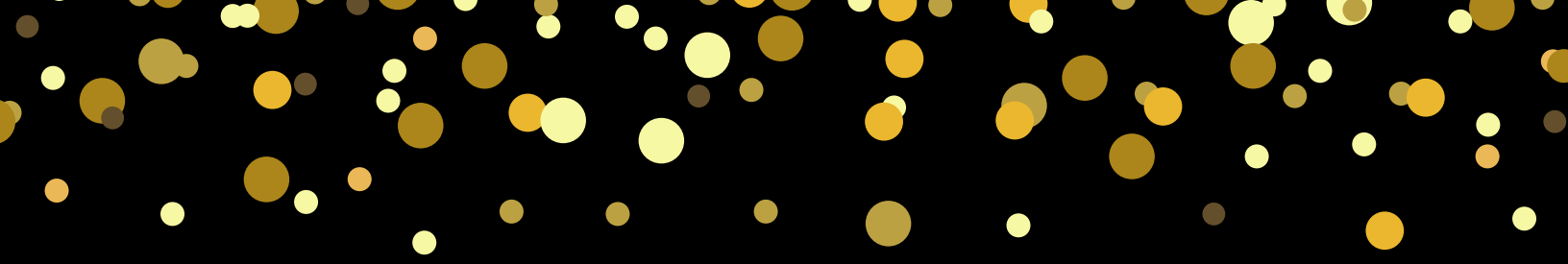
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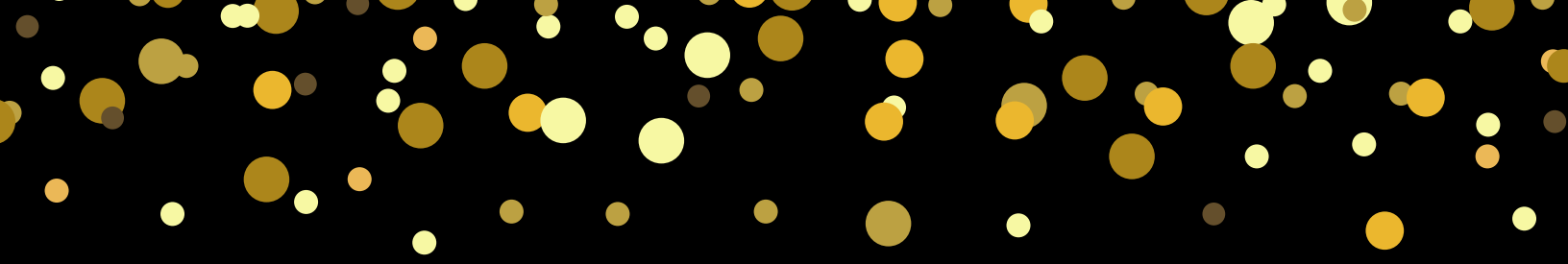


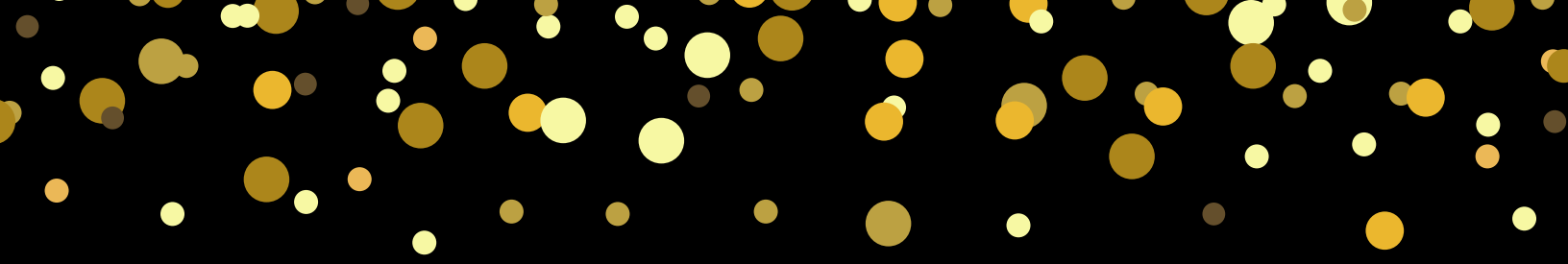


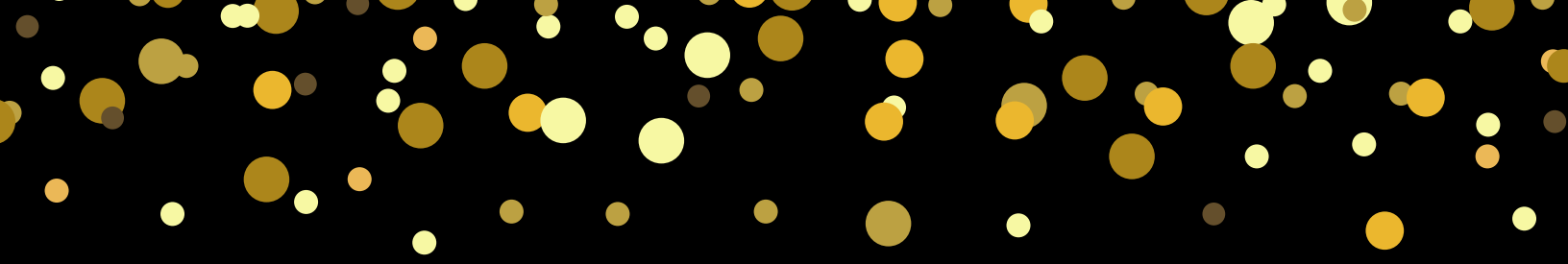




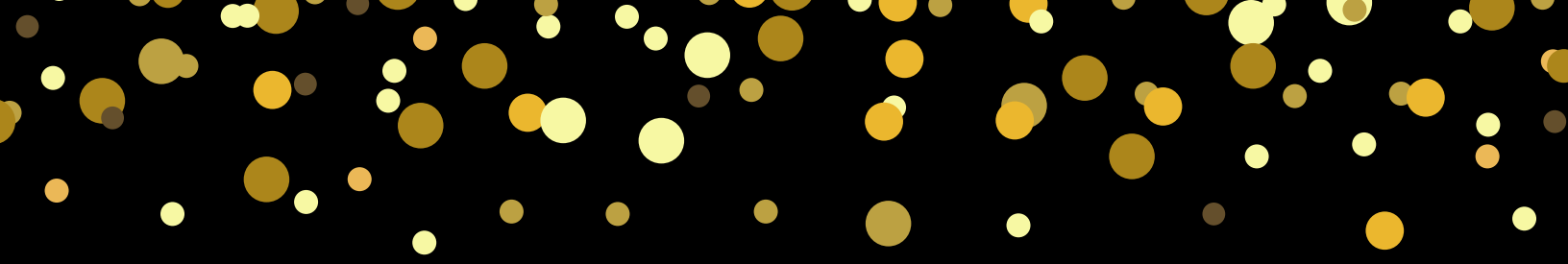


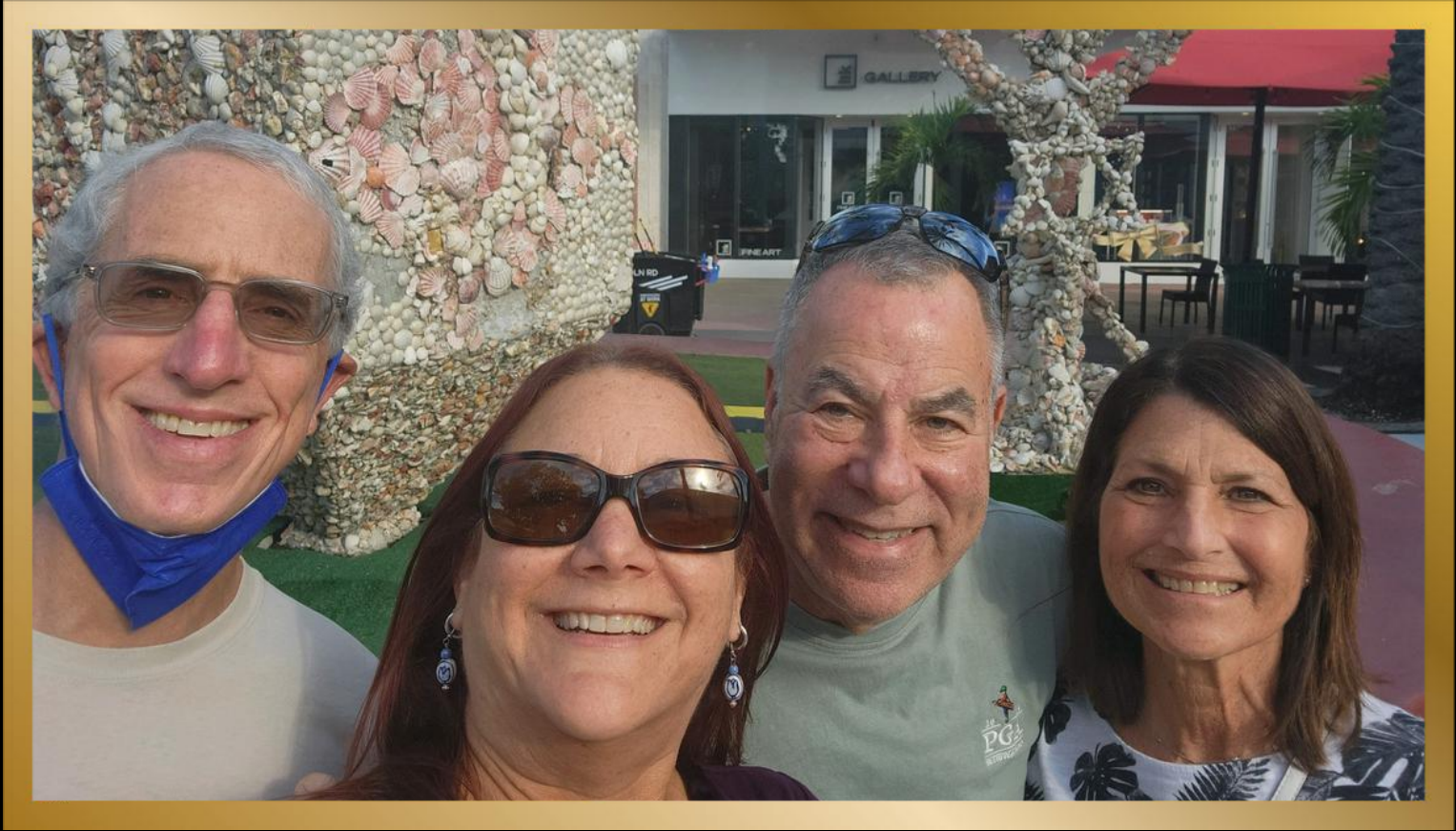
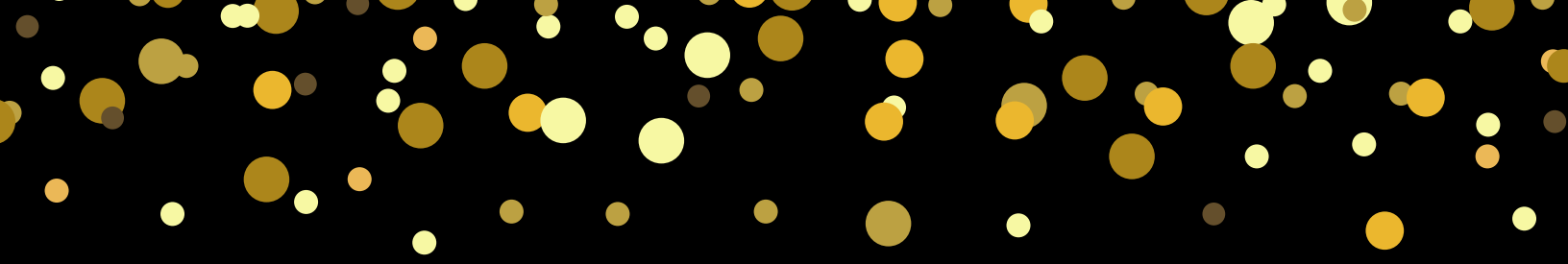


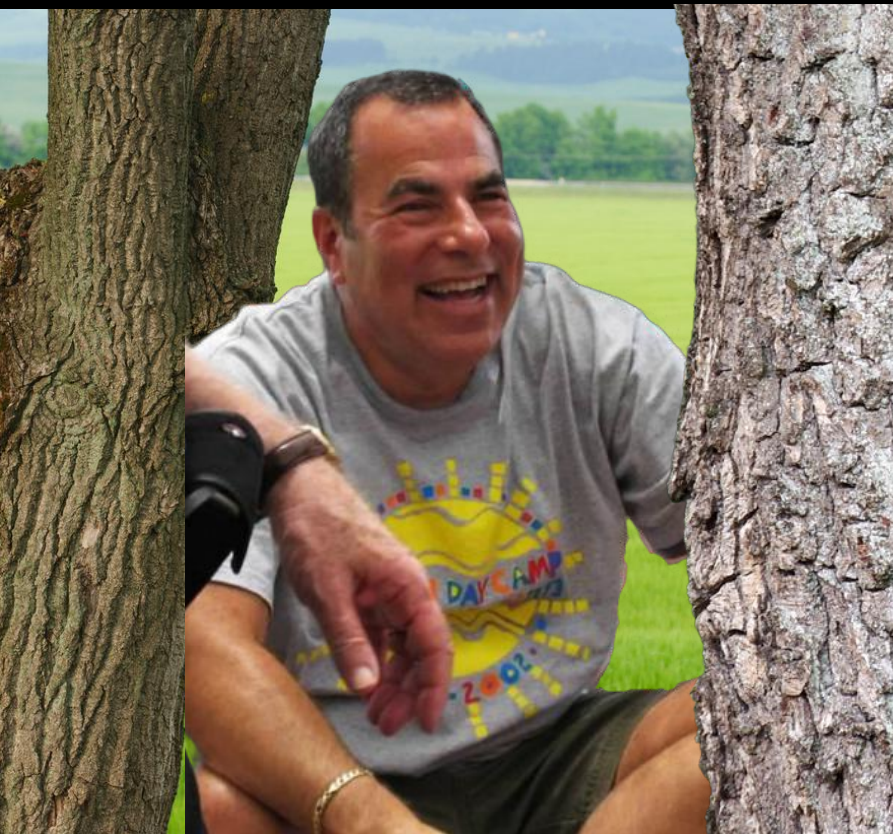














**WITH AN EXTRA SPECIAL
THANK YOU TO ANNA -
FOR BEING A LOVING
AND CARING PART OF
OUR JEA FAMILY!**

אִיזָהוּ עֶשֶׂיר? הַשְּׂמִחַ בְּחֶלְקוֹ

WHO IS RICH? THE ONE WHO IS CONTENT WITH THEIR LOT IN LIFE

Tehillim 128:2

Tonight I am surrounded by riches...

My family, my friends, my colleagues, my teachers and my students.

As I reflect back on a lifetime spent in Jewish education, it is I who have grown, learned, and been touched and enriched by all of you! I am so proud of all that we have achieved and accomplished together over all these years in supporting our educators and advancing our sacred work in Jewish education.

Thank you to my wonderful wife Anna, who has always encouraged me and been my partner not just in life, but in all things JEA. Thank you to my children, Shelley and Michael and now my grandchildren who have often been along for the ride.

Thank you to all those who have worked so hard to plan this conference and create this most special evening.

With extra-special appreciation to

- Hedda S. Morton • Robin Foonberg • Larry Brandspiegel •
- Cathy Berkowitz • Aviva Tilles • Rebecca Gordon •
- Melissa Ser • Babette Cohn •

who have given so much of their time and talent.

Finally, to my JEA family – you are exactly that – a huge family that cares so deeply about one another and supports our shared goals. Even as I take a step back from my role of Executive Director, please know that you will always remain a part of my family and our deep friendships and relationships will long live on.

באהבה ובברכה

Eddie



Eddie -

*For your unparalleled
contribution to Conservative
Jewish education, Temple Beth El
is proud of you and wishes you
happiness, good health, and
success in all new endeavors.*

*With love and admiration,
Temple Beth El*



CEDARHURST, NY

He [Rabban Yohanan] said unto them: go forth and observe which is the right way to which a man should cleave? Rabbi Eliezer said, a good eye; Rabbi Joshua said, a good companion; Rabbi Yose said, a good neighbor; Rabbi Shimon said, foresight. Rabbi Elazar said, a good heart. He [Rabban Yohanan] said to them: I prefer the words of Elazar ben Arach, for in his words your words are included.

אָמַר לָהֶם, צְאוּ וּרְאוּ
אִיזוֹהִי דֶרֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁיִּדְבַק
בָּהּ הָאָדָם. רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר
אוֹמֵר, עֵינַי טוֹבָה. רַבִּי
יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אוֹמֵר, חֵבֵר טוֹב.
רַבִּי יוֹסֵי אוֹמֵר, שָׁכֵן טוֹב.
רַבִּי שִׁמּוֹן אוֹמֵר, הַרוֹאֶה
אֶת הַנּוֹלֵד. רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר
אוֹמֵר, לֵב טוֹב. אָמַר לָהֶם,
רוֹאֶה אֲנִי אֶת דְּבָרֵי אֶלְעָזָר
בֶּן עֶרְוֵי מִדְּבָרֵיכֶם, שֶׁבְּכֻלָּם
דְּבָרֵי דְּבָרֵיכֶם.

I thought of you Eddie as I read this passage. It has been a pleasure and honor to work alongside you and know you these past four plus decades. You have one of the biggest hearts of anyone that I know, showing love for your campers, staff, students, teachers, colleagues and friends. This journey has indeed been an incredible one so far, and thank you seems so insufficient, but it must suffice. Thank you Eddie. Not as a postscript by any means, but thank you Anna, not only for sharing, but for just being you.

**Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers
Tree of Life, Pittsburgh**



The Jewish Educators Assembly

*Where everybody knows your name
and they're always glad you came*

Eddie

As you move on to the next stage in your life, I hope you know how much you have impacted mine. Mazal tov, and thank you!

Robin

You have become an incredible friend, mentor, and colleague. I can't wait to see what you accomplish as our new Executive Director.

Larry

As our next President, I know you will move this organization in the right direction. I look forward to coming along for the ride!

To my colleagues and fellow board members

Each of you is an inspiration and I treasure your friendship.

Thank you for trusting me with the design of this honoree journal.
It has been a labor of love.

Melissa Ser



Mazal Tov to Dr. Edward Edelstein on 22
years of service as JEA Executive Director!

Very best wishes to the JEA for a successful
Conference from the Board Members and Staff
of the JRB.



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To Eddie~

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave".

-Calvin Coolidge

Each of us has been touched by the gifts you've given-
Love, time, advice, leadership, friendship.
Tonight, we celebrate and honor YOU.

You've made us all so very proud. Mazal Tov
on retiring from 22 excellent years as IEA's
Executive Director!!

Much love,
Anna



Dr. Edward Edelstein

*With great admiration and respect
for all you have achieved.*

Fondly,

*Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz
and Eric Fishman*



תודה רבה והצלחה

to

Dr. Edward Edelstein

On his retirement as Executive Director
of the Jewish Educators' Assembly

מי שְׁעוֹסֵק בְּצָרְכֵי צְבוּר בְּאַמוּנָה

“Who devotedly engages in the needs of the community”

Eddie, you have performed outstanding
service to educators and the Jewish people
We wish you well as you enter the next
exciting phase of your life!

**Your Colleagues and Friends in Rhode
Island**

Lawrence and Marilyn Katz
Alvan and Marcia Kaunfer

מְרֻבָּה תּוֹרָה

The more
Torah, the
more life;
The more
sitting
[in the
company of
scholars],
the more
wisdom;
The more
counsel, the

more understanding; The more charity,
the more peace. If one acquires a good
name, he has acquired something for
himself; If one acquires for himself
knowledge of Torah, he has acquired life
in the world to come. Mishnah Avot 2:7

מְרֻבָּה עֵלְמָה In recognition of the
Jewish Educators Assembly: Educators,
Scholars, Creators, Counselors, and Friends.

בְּחַיִּים
תּוֹרָה

when one is passionate about
what they do, what they
become, and who they associate
with, the world is a better
place. It is then they find
thanks, honor, joy, and *shalom*.

FOR THOSE WHO
COMPLETE THE WORLD...

מְרֻבָּה תּוֹרָה,
מְרֻבָּה חַיִּים.
מְרֻבָּה יְשִׁיבָה,
מְרֻבָּה חֲכָמָה.
מְרֻבָּה עֵצָה,
מְרֻבָּה תְּבוּנָה.
מְרֻבָּה צְדָקָה,
מְרֻבָּה שְׁלוֹם.
קָנָה שֵׁם טוֹב,
קָנָה לְעֵצְמוֹ.

קָנָה לוֹ דְבָרֵי תּוֹרָה,
קָנָה לוֹ חַיֵּי הָעוֹלָם
הַבָּא:

FOR THOSE WHO
COMPLETE THE WORLD:
With deep admiration for
Eddie Edelstein: Colleague,
Teacher, Administrator,
Leader, and Friend.

With admiration, respect, trust, and love,
Cantor Larry and Dr. Laura
Brandspiegel and Family

מזל טוב וכל הכבוד

JEWISH EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY

With admiration for

EDDIE EDELSTEIN

and his 22 years of service as
executive director of the JEA.

We are proud of our partnership with
the JEA over decades of
educating generations of Jewish leaders.

We are grateful for Eddie's many years of
creativity, mentorship, and passion
on behalf of the Ramah Nyack community!



Arnie Harris, President
Amy Skopp Cooper, Director
Rabbi Mitchell Cohen, Senior Advisor



Matt Binstock, Chair
Rabbi Ami Hersh, Director

מזל טוב

Mazal Tov Eddie Edelstein on your retirement and, most of all, thank you for your years of creative, loyal, and dedicated service to Jewish Educators in the Conservative Movement.

We are forever grateful for the positive impact you had on professionalizing the field of Jewish Education and how you shaped the field of Jewish Education through your leadership at the Jewish Educator's Assembly.



Thank you for connecting Cathy Berkowitz to our congregation 19 years ago and

Mazal tov to Cathy in being nominated as the Senior Vice President of the JEA

Rabbi David Steinhardt



B'NAI TORAH
CONGREGATION

מֵזֶל טוֹב וְיֵשֶׁר כּוֹחֵכֶם

Dr. Edward Edelstein

**Colleague, educator, friend, mentor, mensch, and travel buddy
Your wisdom, passion, vision, leadership and dedication as JEA's longest serving
Executive Director are an inspiration to all of us**

**"You shall know the fruits of your labor and you will find them to be good"
Proverbs 12:14**

Rabbi Robin Foonberg

**Exceptional, innovative leader as JEA's 34th President and
JEA Executive Director-elect**

*&
Cantor Larry Brandspiegel*

**JEA President-elect (and first Cantor to serve in this office)
Wonderful colleague, collaborator, and friend for more than 30 years**

Many thanks to the JEA Officers, Board and Conference Committee

With great admiration and deep affection

Dr. Hedda S. Morton

חֵזק חֵזק וְנִתְחַזַּק

איזהו מכובד, המכבד את הבריות אבות ד':א'

Who is honored, one who honors others Avot 4:1



To our dear friend and colleague

Dr. Eddie Edelstein

Mazal Tov on your 22 years of service!

Thank you for your leadership,
dedication and above all, friendship.

Your Delaware Valley Colleagues:

*Yaffa Fuchs, Sherrie Klein, Nogah Marshall, Hedda Morton, Lisa Richman,
Selma Roffman, Michael Schatz, Arlyne Unger, Shira Weissbach*



BEHRMAN HOUSE

Dear Eddie,

You've been an anchor of the Jewish educational community since my first days in the field. It's hard to think about the JEA without you at the helm, and it's hard to imagine what the community will be like in your absence. That, I think, is the highest tribute one can pay to your engagement and accomplishments.

But I'm certain we haven't heard the last of your contributions. And so from all of your friends here at Behrman House, we wish you all the very best of success in this next stage.

David Behrman



In honor of

**DR. MICHAEL
SCHATZ, CJE**

JEA Past President

*Josh & Bryna
Landes*



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ברכות ז

"to use the Torah is more important than to study it..."

Eddie,

*You exemplify these words by wearing the
Crown of Torah in your every undertaking*

*Your selfless dedication & compassion have elevated
the JEA to its highest level.*

כל הכבוד

Our warmest wishes and best love,

Lonna & Stan



מזל טוב

Robin, Larry & incoming Officers and Board



Mazel Tov Eddie
on your distinguished career
with the JEA

We are so proud
of the example that you set
and we know that Michael was always
proud of your accomplishments
and treasured your friendship

With much love,

Celie Halzel

Avi Halzel

Michael Halzel (of blessed memory)

הוֹי כָּל־צֹמֵא לְכוּ לַמַּיִם

"O all who thirst, come for water" ~Isaiah 55:1

Dear Eddie,

We came to you for water,
and you gave us food, drink, and laughter.

We came to you for your Torah, and you gave
us wisdom, guidance, and mentorship.

Like a drop in the water, you have caused ripples
and made an impact on all of us.

Thank you Eddie,
for teaching us how to appreciate the view,
how to ride the waves,
and for the depth of your experience.

With love and gratitude,
Robin



Thank You

Dear Larry, Melissa, Cathy, Rebecca, Jason, and the JEA Board.

I am so grateful to all of you for your support these past three years. We have accomplished a great deal together and come through challenging times. I look forward to continuing our sacred work together as I step into my new role as Executive Director.

With Love and Gratitude,
Robin



Cantor Larry Brandspiegel



You captivate countless ears with the music of Torah and Tefilah as a pillar of the Jewish people and our family.

Congratulations on 20 years of accomplishments with the JEA. We can't wait to hear your next verse and the harmony you will bring in your new role as president

All our love,
Laura, Samantha, Avi, Heather, Jeremy, Orli, and Shayna

Congratulations and *Kol Hakavod* to our dear family friend, Eddie Edelstein on your incredible tenure as JEA Executive Director.

Mazel Tov to
CANTOR LARRY BRANDSPIEGEL
on becoming the President of the
Jewish Educators Assembly

The Board of Directors
East Brunswick Jewish Center
Jack Goldberg and Steve Wohl Co-Presidents

Mazal Tov to our dear friend & colleague **Eddie Edelstein**

With gratitude and pride for all of Eddie's remarkable contributions to our field, and unwavering partnership and friendship in NAASE. We wish him a joyous and fulfilling journey upon his retirement from the Jewish Educators Assembly.



אִיזָהוּ חָכָם? הַלּוֹמֵד מִכָּל אָדָם.

Who is wise? One who learns from every individual.

Eddie, you have built and sustained our community of educators, and enabled us to come together and learn from one another. We are indebted to you for your guidance, commitment and efforts. Mazel Tov on your retirement and may you & your family continue to go from strength to strength.

*With our appreciation,
Sharon & Mickey Safra*

**Mazel
Tov!**

**Congratulations Eddie on
your years of service and
dedication.**

**Proud to call you brother
and brother-in-law.**

**Hard to imagine you "retired" but we
know you will make the most of
whatever the next chapter brings.**

With much love, Sandy & Scott



Mazel Tov Eddie

Wishing you every success on the path ahead

**Rabbi Claudio Kupchik
Temple Beth El of Cedarhurst**

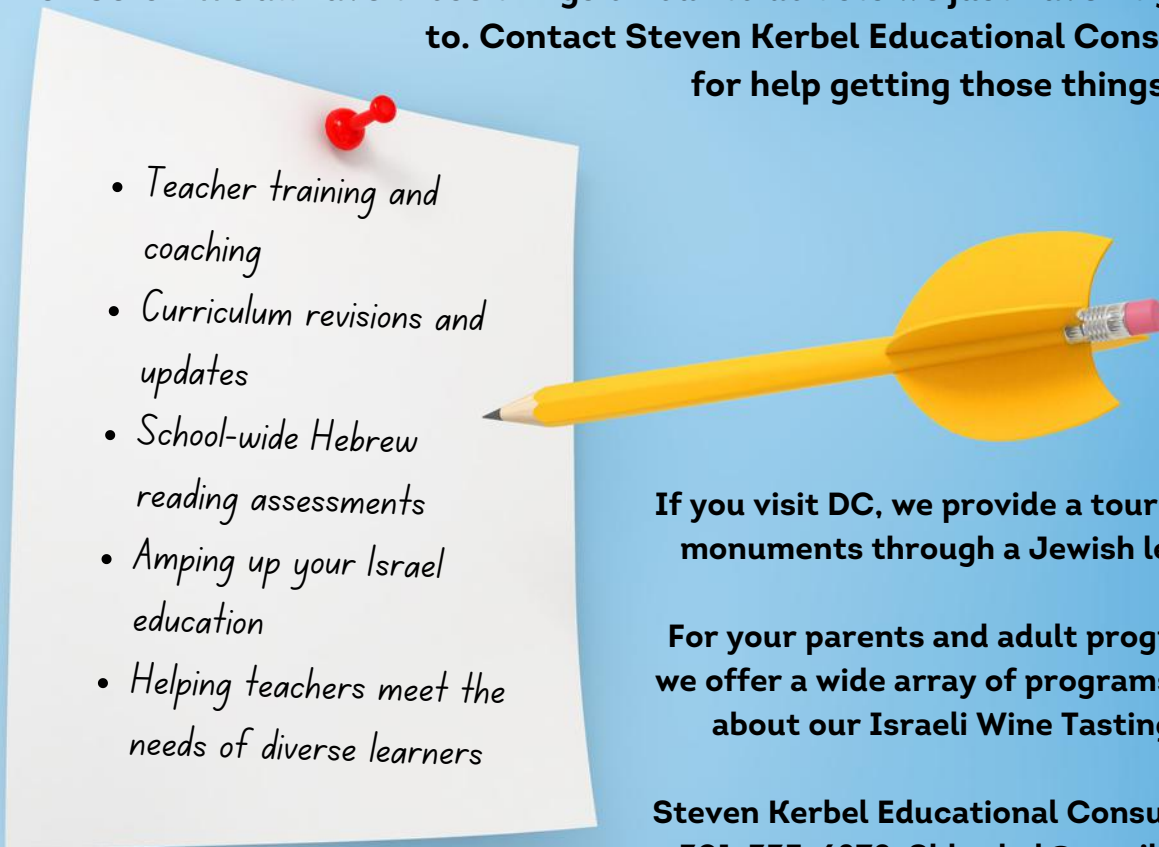
יהי כבוד חברך חביב עליך כשלך
משנה אבות ב:טו

Eddie, you've spent your career at JEA propping us up, helping us celebrate our successes and navigating our challenges. Your advice was always personal to each member, honest and frank, gentle but realistic, reassuring and empathetic. We've worked closely on things that could have been difficult: development and membership challenges, two Israel conferences, a field that is always changing and a shifting cast of characters - and yet never did it ever seem like we would be unable to succeed and reach our goals.

Thank you - for your wisdom, your enthusiasm, your passion, your ruach, your discretion, your time, your creativity and your commitment. The world of Jewish education is richer because you asserted yourself as a leader in the field. As a professional and a colleague, I am richer and better at my craft because of what I learned by watching you and working with you.

With great love and admiration,
Steve Kerbel

JEA Members - We all have those things on our to do lists we just haven't gotten to. Contact Steven Kerbel Educational Consulting for help getting those things done.

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Yasher Kochech to JEA Conference Chair

Aviva Tilles!

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everything you bring to our community
with educators across the country!

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אִיזָהוּ מְכַבֵּד, הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת

Who is honored? One who honors his fellows.

By giving of your knowledge, dedication and love of Jewish Education, you have honored the JEA community and beyond for the past 22+ years.

מזל טוב

It is our honor to now honor you!

We are so proud to have watched your incredible life's work and passion in developing, advancing and sustaining Jewish Education.

With Love,

**Shelley & Joel
Talia, Elisha and Jonah**

**Amy & Michael
Rebecca and Shayna**

Eddie,

Congratulations on outstanding leadership of the JEA for these many years...
And "Thank You" for all your heart and soul efforts in creating incredible
Annual Meetings! All of you... Will be missed!!!

But Best Wishes for a healthy and happy retirement!
God bless you!!

Your loving friends
Richard and Cathy Holland



*In honor of Dr. Eddie Edelstein,
a dear friend and colleague of our mother,
Dr. Miriam Klein Shapiro z"l*

*Ephraim Shapiro
Sara and Jonathan Shuter
Rachel and Barry Kirzner
Sim and Susie Shapiro
Rivka Shapiro*





CANTORS ASSEMBLY

Every Jewish Soul Has A Voice

The Cantors Assembly extends its best wishes to our friend, Eddie Edelstein, on his forthcoming retirement as Executive Director of the Jewish Educators Assembly. He has been a true partner over these many years to our organization. Eddie has worked tirelessly over the decades to enrich Jewish education, serve Klal Yisrael and advance Conservative/Masorti Judaism. We wish him a lengthy retirement enjoyed in the best of health.

Hazzan Stephen J. Stein, Executive Vice President

Hazzan/Rabbi Luis Cattan, President

עֲשֵׂה לְךָ רֵב, וְקַנֵּה לְךָ חֵבֵר, וְהוּי דָן אֶת כָּל הָאָדָם לְכַף זְכוּת

Make for yourself a teacher and acquire for yourself a friend.

**Mazal tov Eddie Edelstein, our friend and teacher
Thank you for your dedication to Jewish Education.**

**B'ahava,
Fred and Cathy Berkowitz**

Eddie,

It's an honor to work with you and be
your friends. Your commitment,
knowledge, and enthusiasm have
helped provide an outstanding
Jewish education.

Much respect and love,
Rhonnie and Bob Fischman



*Best wishes
to our dear friend*

EDDIE

Carolann and Steve Leffler

Congratulations Eddie on your retirement as Executive Director of the Jewish Educators Assembly.

You have made a tremendous impact on Jewish Education both at Temple Beth El and across the country.

You set the bar high!

*With love,
Lauren Balberg*



YOU DEFINITELY WEAR THE GREATEST CROWN OF THEM ALL—A GOOD NAME!

With the deepest appreciation for all you have done to advance the cause of Jewish Education.

Barry Gruber and Ben Lewis

**Eddie,
Your dedication and caring come through in everything you do!**

Mazel Tov on a job well done,

Michele & Dave Perlzweig

**Dear Eddie,
Best Wishes and Mazel Tov on your retirement from The Jewish Educators Assembly.**

Love,

Elaine and Fred Zeilberger



Eddie
Congratulations
from Evvy & Joel Harris
on this well-earned honor



מזל טוב

Mazal tov to Dr. Eddie Edelstein
on your retirement as Executive
Director of the JEA.

We thank you for your years of
guidance and support, helping our
educators be their best selves.

בהצלחה

to Dr. Melissa Ser as she begins
her term as Vice President for
Communications and Marketing.



Adat Shalom Synagogue
Farmington Hills, Michigan

For as many years as I have known Mr. Edward Edelstein, I have known him to be truthful and supportive of all the work and efforts being made for and by the JEA.

He will be sorely missed by those of us who have known him for so many years. The effort, guidance, input and participation on his part have never wavered. Rather, it was something we could always depend on throughout the years.

Congratulation, Edward! You've earned the recognition, and more importantly, the honor.

Your colleague and friend,
 Dr. Robert E. Cohen, MAEd, DJEd

In our daily prayers we ask God to give us *dea binah vehaskel* - knowledge, understanding & discernment.

Eddie Edelstein has blessed us with these sterling qualities. We who have worked alongside him in serving the Jewish community have been beneficiaries of his talents.

Thank you Eddie.

Batya & Rabbi Sholom Stern
 Rabbi Emeritus
 Temple Beth El of Cedarhurst

Mazel tov to Eddie Edelstein
on this well deserved honor.

You continue to set an
amazing example of working
tirelessly on behalf of the
Jewish community. May your
work continue to bear fruit
for many years to come.

Lauren and Michael Gewirtz

מזל טוב

Dear Eddie,

כל הכבוד

For everything you
accomplished over
these years!

Wishing a much well-
deserved happiness in
your next chapter!

Mark Silk

Mazel Tov
Eddie

Love,
Jessica and David Katz

כתר שם טוב עולה על גביהן
The greatest achievement is
the crown of a good name.

(Mishnah Avot 4:17)

Dear Eddie,

What a pleasure it was to have worked
with you from the very beginning of
your directorship! You are a first-class
mentsch, an excellent educational
leader, and a wonderful friend. You have
achieved a *shem tov*, a good name, both
for yourself and for the organization
that we love.

As you begin your retirement, Marilyn
and I wish you and Anna many healthy
and happy years together.

Paul Schneider



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***Mazal Tov and Todah Rabbah to
Eddie Edelstein
for twenty-two years as
Executive Director of the JEA.***

תלמוד תורה כנגד כולם קב"ז גג

***And the study of Torah is above all
Talmud, Shabbat 127a***

**Mazal Tov to our
dear friend, Eddie**

**With heartfelt
appreciation for the love,
dedication and guidance
you - and Anna - have
provided to hundreds of
Jewish Educators!**

With love,

**Mindy and Myron Edelman
Deb and Mark Friedman**

אִיזֶהוּ מְכַבֵּד? הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת

Who is honored?
Those who honor all people.
Pirkei Avot 4:1

Heartfelt thanks to Eddie for
two decades of dedicated
leadership with

The right words
In the right place
At the right time

And now
עלה והצלח!!

Rabbi Marim D. Charry

**Mazel Tov to
Dr. Edward Edelstein
on your retirement**

**Thank you for your
dedication and
commitment to
Jewish learning.**

**Shana, Alan, David and
Lowen Zuckerman**

יִישָׁר כַּח

Cantor Larry -
Incoming President of
the JEA,

We are honored to call
you our friend.

May you go from

חיל to חיל

Deena and Yigal Oren

Mazel Tov to

Edward Edelstein

**Our heartiest congratulations and
best wishes on this well-deserved
honor.**

**Your dedication as well as
leadership in Jewish education is
deeply appreciated.**

Yasher Koach!

Laura and Alvin "Eppy" Epstein

**Mazel Tov to Eddie for his many
years of dedicated service to the
JEA and his passionate
commitment to Jewish
education, his colleagues and to a
strong Jewish Community.**

**You touched the lives of many
for the better!**

**Dr. Steve Freedman
SSDS Bergen**

Dear Eddie,

**A variation on the "Kaddish
D'Rabbanan" in your honor:**

**May you be blessed and
strengthened as you have blessed
and strengthened educators
and all of their students!**

**With love from the Rodolitz Family
(and extra gratitude from Deedee)**

Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach Eddie!



An Amazing Mentor & Mensch & friend, wishing you all the best upon your retirement. Now you can spend more time with Anna & the family!

Love, Babette

The Men's Club of
Temple Beth El
congratulates our
Mentor, Edward
Edelstein on this
singular honor.

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The chairs are waiting!
Mazel Tov Eddie (& Anna)
on your retirement!
You have given your life to Jewish
Education and we thank you for
your teachings, your guidance
and friendship!

Much Love From Cantor Joshua
Fineblum and Temple of Aaron



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We congratulate **Eddie Edelstein** for his remarkable 22-year tenure as JEA Executive Director, and honor **Rabbi Robin Foonberg** on her successful three-year term as president. As she now steps into the role of Executive Director, we wish them both continued success!

MAZEL TOV

to our dear friend
EDDIE EDELSTEIN

on this extremely
well-deserved honor

We're proud of all of your
accomplishments!

Pam and Steve Greenbaum

Dearest Eddie, remember that time we were stuck on a bus during a snow/ice storm - yup, the one where we were on a bus for hours with the rest of Atlanta.



On that cold, icy, absolutely horrific day, I found my family. On that bus, the voices of the JEA community were strong and beautiful. Song kept our hopes up and the strongest voice was yours. Eddie, you created a space that I wanted to be a part of, no matter how much ice tried to darken the mood. Since then, Eddie, you have been my mentor, my colleague, my teacher, and my friend. If I ever get stuck on a bus with a bunch of crazy Jewish educators again - I want you to be in the seat next to me.

Love you, Rebecca Gordon

Dear Eddie --

Congratulations on your amazing, devoted, and decades-long leadership of JEA! The world of Jewish education is better for it.

Wishing you a wonderful retirement
(with maybe even a few calm days!)

With all best wishes,

Judy

(our 15 years working together at JEA were a fun and productive time!)
and Rabbi Jonathan Pearl

Eddie - Many thanks for your leadership, guidance, and help through the years. Much mazal, good health, and fun, as you and Anna begin the next chapter!

With love,
Joan Hersch

Eddie,

Thank you for your many years of dedication, leadership and friendship

Fred Nathan

Eddie,

Mazel Tov! Thank you for all you have done to make our organization so successful.

Fondly,
Leslie Goldress



Mazel tov to Eddie for all your devoted years of service!

Best wishes to Anna as well.

Jerry Stuart Silverman

”נר לאחד נר למאה”

One person's candle is light for many
Talmud Shabbat 122:5

To my dear friend and colleague,
Eddie Edelstein

Thank you for illuminating the lives of so many with your pedagogic skills and devotion to Jewish education. May you be blessed with many more years of good health and happiness.

Harriet Gefen

Cantor Larry Brandspiegel

Mazel Tov on becoming President of the Jewish Educators Assembly.

Wishing you success in this new role.
Love, Debbie and Norman Marks and Family



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**Mazal tov and thanks to a real mensch--for your energy, your enthusiasm
and your years of dedicated service to Jewish education
Professor Barry W. Holtz**

**Mazal Tov on your retirement!
Rabbi Benjamin Adler and Adath Israel Congregation, Lawrenceville, NJ**

**Rav Todot -- for professionalizing JEA -- for bringing JEA to the
Movement "table" -- and for all the little things that you do!
Ben Zion (Benzy) Kogan**

**In honor of Eddie Edelstein's many years of dedication to the JEA.
With great respect and admiration
from Rhea Zirkes Schwartzberg**

Eddie - Mazal tov on your retirement! Rabbi Leah Richman

**For your time and selfless devotion to promoting Jewish education, we wish you Mazel Tov!
Madeleine and Frank Welner**

Eddie - Congratulations and all the best from Harriet Rubenstein

Happy that Eddie is so deservedly being honored. Rabbi Burt Cohen

**Congratulations on your retirement as Executive Director. May you continue to have
good health and may we continue to share good times together with you and Anna.
Mazel Tov! - Diane and Eugene Linett**

Eddie - A well deserved honor! Mazal Tov!!! Gloria Lynn Brettner

**Eddie embodies all that is honorable in a Jewish leader. I'm proud to call him my friend.
Lauren A. Rapoport**

**Eddie - תּוֹכֵךְ כְּבָרְךְ (toch'cha kebarcha) - you are a rare combination of a professional
and a mensch; an inspiration for all of us. Enjoy your next stage of life.**

Dr. Joe Freedman

Mazal Tov, Eddie! Enjoy retirement! L'Chayim, the Hochbaum Family

Eddie - Mazel Tov on your many years of leadership. Marsha Franklin

In honor of Eddie, a man who wears all the crowns. From Iris & Steve Howard

**Eddie - Mazal tov on leading the JEA to the highest standards. Aleh v'hatzlach!
Rabbi Neal Kaunfer**

Eddie - Kol Hakavod on an amazing career! Betty Lynn Golub

Eddie - Mazel Tov on your many years of outstanding leadership. Phyllis and Carl Malinowski

**Eddie—Mazal tov on this very well deserved honor! May you go from strength to strength!
Tom & Marcia Kagedan**

Mazal Tov Eddie - from Roberta and Paul Shapiro

Congratulations Eddie. Sherry and Richard Skolnik

To Eddie - In honor of a great Jewish educator. Rabbi Gil and Ann Rosenthal

**Wishing Eddie's all of the best in his well-earned retirement.
-Many thanks for all of the years of advice and friendship.
Elisha Rothschild Frumkin, Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County**



**Larry, you are an inspiration. I am blessed to call you a friend and even
more blessed to be able to continue to work with you. Ellen (Bubbe Martha) Botwin**

**To Larry Brandspiegel, our Cantor and dear friend. We are so proud of you.
May you go from strength to strength.**

With Love, Risa, Perry, Danielle Jared, and Benjamin Krasnove

**Mazel Tov to our Brother and Uncle, Cantor Larry Brandspiegel,
on his installation as President of the Jewish Educators Assembly.**

Yasher Koach! Flora, Jordan, Jenna, Haley and Dakota

**Mazel Tov and Best Wishes to my son, Cantor Larry Brandspiegel, on this prestigious honor.
I love you - Mom**

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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