

JTS

130th Commencement Exercises
May 16, 2024

Greetings from the Board Chair

דברי ראש הוועד



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Boards, let me extend a personal *yishar ko'ah* and *mazal tov* to our graduates, and to their families and friends, on this joyous occasion.

For those of you here at JTS for the first time, we welcome you to our new 21st Century

Campus, opened in the midst of the pandemic and now in full operation.

We could not be prouder of the talented and stellar group of rabbis, cantors, educators, scholars, and future lay leaders that JTS sends out today to serve our Jewish communities and the larger world.

As lay leaders of this great institution, we never lose sight of the overriding purpose of our commitment to The Jewish Theological Seminary: to do our part in the education and training of the next generation of Jewish leaders. JTS is the preeminent institution of Jewish higher education in North America, creating an environment that is, to quote our mission statement, “pluralist and authentic, traditional and egalitarian.” Today we celebrate the graduates who embody this vision and will carry it forward.

To our graduates: you are taking your next steps at a moment of formidable challenges in the world, and specifically to and within the Jewish people. The events of this past year have changed not only our lives; they will have reverberations for generations to come. Whatever your viewpoint, we are counting on you to explain and embody the Judaism you have learned here at The Jewish Theological Seminary with greater fervor, intention, and joy than ever. As concerned as I am about the future, I have confidence that your time at JTS has given you the education, the wisdom, and the resilience to meet those challenges and indeed, to help others meet them.

It is our prayer that each of you makes your unique contribution to the Jewish communities wherever you serve, and that in doing so you bring great credit to the reputation that JTS has earned over the more than 135 years of its existence.

B'shalom,

Alan Levine, Esq.

Chair, Board of Trustees, JTS

Greetings from the Chancellor

דברי הנגידה



It is my great pleasure to congratulate our graduates, their friends and families, faculty and deans on this joyous occasion. The educational experiences of our 2024 graduates have been indelibly impacted by the unprecedented events of the past few

years. We witnessed their remarkable resilience and dedication to their studies in response to the challenges of the pandemic. And then we felt great appreciation for the opportunity to come together in person for study, prayer, and community. This year, students responded with compassion and strength to the horrific attack on Israel on October 7, the tragic hostage crisis, and the continued suffering of all those impacted by the conflict. All this while navigating a marked increase in antisemitism in Morningside Heights. Through it all, our graduates successfully completed their studies, and we are grateful to be able to celebrate their accomplishments together today. Mazal tov!

At The Jewish Theological Seminary, our students immerse themselves in studying the texts, ideas, history, and literature of the Jewish people in a deep, substantive, and finely nuanced way. As leaders—rabbis, cantors, educators, communal professionals, scholars, and lay leaders—our graduates will bring this precious tradition forward with passion, creativity, and expertise. They will enrich the communities of which they are a part with a Judaism that can anchor us—intellectually, morally, religiously, and spiritually—in the fraught contemporary world in which we find ourselves.

May the JTS learning and community that our students have experienced provide them with lifelong sustenance and may we all benefit from the fruits of their labors. Thanks to our graduates, the generative light so sorely needed in Jewish life and our world will burn brightly.

Shuly Rubin Schwartz
Chancellor

Order of the Exercises

סדר טקס הסיום

Alan Levine, Esq.,

Chair, Board of Trustees,
Presiding

Please rise for the academic procession and remain standing through the anthems and invocation. At the conclusion of the exercises, please remain seated until the recessional march ends.

Processional

The National Anthems

Ingrid Barnett, David Childs, Gedalia Penner, Max Silverstone, Neal Taibel

Invocation

Rabbi Eliot Malomet

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor

Commencement Address

Mr. Wolf Blitzer, CNN anchor and award-winning journalist

Musical Performance

Od'cha

Text from the Hallel service; Music by Stephen Glass

The Chorus of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School

Hazzan Natasha J. Hirschhorn, Director

Elliot Roman, keyboard

Sheheyanu

Rabbi Nason Samuel Goldstein

Conferring of Degrees in Course

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor

Dr. Jeffrey Kress, Provost

Gershon Kekst Graduate School

Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, Dean

William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education

Dr. Jeffrey Kress, Acting Dean

Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies

Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, Dean

Remarks on Behalf of the Graduates of List College: Elan Levine

H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music

Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen, Pearl Resnick Dean, Division of Religious Leadership

Cantor Raphael Frieder, Interim Director

The Rabbinical School

Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen, Pearl Resnick Dean

Remarks on Behalf of the Graduates of the Professional and Graduate Schools:

Grace Hack, The William Davidson School

Charge to the Graduates

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor

Recessional

Adon Olam

Music by Dov I. Frimer, arranged by Raymond Goldstein, adapted by Natasha J. Hirschhorn

The Chorus of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School

Music performed by
BaRock Orchestra

Honorary Degrees

תארי כבוד

Mr. Wolf Blitzer

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by
Ms. Molly Levinson
Dr. David Fishman

One of our country's most prominent journalists, you have served as a trusted voice in times of crisis.

You grew up in Buffalo as the child of Holocaust survivors, going on to earn a BA from the State University of New York at Buffalo and an MA from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

You began your career in 1972 with the Reuters News Agency in Tel Aviv, after which you became the *Jerusalem Post's* Washington, DC, correspondent. You joined CNN in 1990, serving first as the network's military affairs correspondent at the Pentagon, then as senior White House correspondent, and later as anchor of CNN's Sunday public affairs program *Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer*. For the past eighteen years, you have anchored *The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer*.

Over the decades, you have reported on a wide range of major breaking stories that have shaped the international political landscape. You covered the first Israeli-Egyptian peace conference in Egypt in 1977, and, from Moscow in 1991, the collapse of the Soviet Union. Your interviews with some of the most notable figures of our times—including numerous US presidents, the Dalai Lama, Mikhail Gorbachev, and Nelson Mandela—have shaped news cycles and changed conversations both domestically and internationally. The numerous honors you have received for your reporting include an Emmy Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Inspired by your Jewish heritage, you have worked tirelessly to promote Holocaust education and combat antisemitism throughout your career. In 2022, you produced *Never Again: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: A Tour with Wolf Blitzer* for CNN, an impactful and deeply personal report, which was awarded the prestigious Grand Prize Award from Germany's RIAS Berlin Commission. In 2023, you traveled to Poland to participate in the 35th International March of the Living and to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Your insightful reporting has unfailingly kept us informed about the state of our nation and the world, serving as an essential beacon for democracy.

Dr. Gail Twersky Reimer

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by
Mr. Ned Gladstein
Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky

A visionary pioneer of Jewish feminism, you have played an incomparable role in expanding our appreciation for the inestimable impact of Jewish women.

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, you received your PhD in English and American Literature from Rutgers University and began your career as a faculty member of Wellesley College. You worked to increase women's representation in the curriculum and participated in the college's new women's studies program. From 1989 to 1995, you served as Associate Director of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. You conceived and co-edited two pathbreaking anthologies of Jewish women's writings—*Reading Ruth: Women Reclaim a Sacred Story* and *Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holy Days*.

In 1995, you founded the Jewish Women's Archive, the only national organization dedicated entirely to Jewish women's history. Your inspirations were the stories you heard from your parents, who were Holocaust survivors, and the work of a rising group of feminist historians. Your goal was to ensure that Jewish women's stories—so often unknown or overlooked—would become integral parts of the historical record, and you have succeeded beyond measure.

Thanks to your prescience in establishing the archive as a digital repository open to anyone with internet access, you have captured the imagination of scholars, supporters, and web users of all ages from across the globe. The Jewish Women's Archive quickly became the go-to source for information about Jewish women and their impact on all aspects of Judaism and Jewish life and on society at large. The Jewish Women's Archive has also generated new material about Jewish women and has become an essential contributor to a more expansive vision of the Jewish world.

You have received numerous awards, including the 2012 American Jewish Distinguished Service Award from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Since retiring as the Executive Director of the Jewish Women's Archive in 2014, you produced and directed a film about Regina Jonas, the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi, and continue to research and write about Jewish women.

Your vital work has not only transformed our understanding of the breadth and scope of Jewish women's history and experience, but it has also helped shape a more inclusive Jewish future.

Dr. John Sexton

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by

Alan M. Klein, Esq.

Chancellor Emeritus Arnold M. Eisen

A transformational leader, you have pioneered innovations in higher education that have profoundly impacted our increasingly global world.

President Emeritus of New York University, Dean Emeritus of New York University School of Law, and the Benjamin Butler Professor of Law, you were educated at Fordham University and Harvard Law School.

From 1988 to 2002, you served as dean of NYU School of Law; under your tenure, NYU became one of the top five law schools in the country according to *U.S. News & World Report*. From 2002 to 2015, you served as the fifteenth president of NYU, during which time the university's stature rose dramatically into the ranks of the world's top universities. Under your leadership, NYU became the world's first global network university, opening successful degree-granting campuses in Abu Dhabi and Shanghai.

In 2016, you founded and for five years served as CEO of the Catalyst Foundation for Universal Education, providing over \$25 million in grants to educate underserved refugee and displaced children around the world.

You have authored numerous works, including a leading casebook on civil procedure and *Redefining the Supreme Court's Role: A Theory of Managing the Federal Court System*. Your much loved 2013 book, *Baseball as a Road to God: Seeing Beyond the Game*, is based on an undergraduate seminar you teach at NYU each spring and was a *New York Times* bestseller. Your latest book, *Standing for Reason*, discusses the sacred role universities play in safeguarding and promoting conversation within the bounds of civil discourse.

In addition to your work as President Emeritus, you are a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Council on Foreign Relations, and you serve on the board of the Institute of International Education. Previously, you chaired the American Council on Education.

You are the recipient of numerous awards, including the Institute for International Education's Dugan Prize, the UN Global Coalition's Award for Education Leadership, and the Open University of Israel's Alon Prize.

The landscape of higher education, geographically and intellectually, has evolved in ever more essential ways thanks to your incisive mind, your boundless energy, and your commitment to the common good.

Professor Yair Zakovitch

Doctor of Hebrew Letters, *honoris causa*

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Ms. Mimi Alperin

Dr. Robert Harris

One of the world's most original Bible scholars, you have reached beyond the confines of the academy, bringing Bible study closer to the hearts and minds of the Israeli public.

Emeritus Father Takeji Otsuki Professor of Bible at Hebrew University, you were born in Haifa and earned a BA at the University of Haifa and an MA and PhD at Hebrew University. You joined the Hebrew University faculty while in graduate school and remained until your retirement in 2010. Since then, you have continued to teach at Hebrew University and at other eminent institutions including Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Harvard University, and JTS. In 2021, you received the Israel Prize in Biblical Studies for your extraordinary contributions to biblical scholarship.

Your primary interests are the literary analysis of the Bible, the history of beliefs and ideas in the Bible, biblical historiography, and early Jewish and Christian interpretation of the Bible. You have written numerous commentaries, monographs, and articles. Among the highlights of your publications are *Between Inner- and Extra-biblical Interpretation*, *Jacob: Unexpected Patriarch*, and books you co-authored with your good friend Avigdor Shinan on the history of biblical interpretation, including *From Gods to God: How the Bible Debunked, Suppressed, or Changed Ancient Myths and Legends*. You have also explored the relationship between the New Testament and the Hebrew Bible, and you published a collection of poems, *Jesus Reads the Gospels*.

In Israel, you are a sought-after lecturer, engaging both educators and popular audiences. You have been well-received across the country including at Masorti institutions in Haifa, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv. You were central to the founding of Hebrew University's Revivim Program, which trains outstanding university students to teach Bible and Jewish studies in state schools.

You have described the relationship between the Jewish people and the Bible as one in which “a people created a book and the book created the people,” and your work strengthening this connection will be felt for generations to come.

Degrees in Course

תארים

GERSHON KEKST GRADUATE SCHOOL

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים במדעי היהדות ע"ש גרשון קקסט

Doctor of Philosophy

Maor Gili Greene

Yaakov Lipsker

Jeremy Zalman Tabick

Doctor of Hebrew Literature

Elianna Mitnick

Andrew D. Siegel

Malka Strasberg Edinger

Master of Arts

Jessica Q. Alperin

Joshua Aaron Bender

Joshua Ezra Brunnlehrman

Max Buchdahl

Gadi Capela

Shara Naomi Zierler Feit*

Craig Hartman*

Talia Laya Kaplan

Gisela Andrea Romang-Baler

Emanuella Nadya Rozenfeld

Ilana Mardell Sandberg

Lilliana Elizabeth Shvartsmann

Derek Jack Tassone Jr.

Samuel Joseph Vingron

Amalya Miriam Volz

* Degree awarded in October 2023

WILLIAM DAVIDSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים בחינוך יהודי ע"ש ויליאם דוידסון

Doctor of Education

Justin David

Andrew Solomon Ergas

David Michael Kessel

Luciana Pajecki Lederman

Master of Arts

Maya Simona Ehrenreich

Jacob Gillis*

Stacey Elise Glazer

Grace Zweiback Hack

Hannah Elizabeth Isaacs-Arkin

Alice Rose Manning

Lucy Marshall*

Aimee Schwartz

Robert Walter Shorr*

Dov Raphael Smilovic

Hannah Sophie Stein

* Degree awarded in October 2023

The students whose names are listed herein were candidates for the degrees indicated at the time the program was printed.

ALBERT A. LIST COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

בית המדרש ללימודי היהדות ע"ש אלברט ליסט

Bachelor of Arts

Naomi Ruth Alberts ^{DDH}

Yola Ashkenazie ^{DD}

Daniel Max Barth ^{JP}

Sivan Danielle Barzeski ^{DD}

Jason Aaron Bloch ^{JP}

Daniel Borovskiy ^{JP}

Miriam Kayla Broches ^{JP}

Ilan Spencer Cohen ^{JP}

Isabella Dayani ^{JP}

Ezra Dayanim ^{JP}

Annika Lynne Erickson ^{DD}

Jeremy Evan Faust ^{JP}

Naomi Davida Fox ^{DDH}

Solomon Israel Fox ^{JP H}

Noah Ezriel Friedman-Nathan ^{JP}

Blake Garber ^{JP}

Julia Rose Goldberg ^{JP}

Leah Goryachkovsky ^{JP}

Emma Rose Grungold ^{JP}

Rachel Guidanian ^{JP}

Sophie Ilana Hanin ^{JP}

Caleb Shai Holzhauer ^{JP}

Elizabeth Leipzig Holzhauer ^{JP}

Natalie Hana Katalan ^{JP}

Annabella Rose Kliman ^{DD}

Rose Marlee Leveen ^{JP}

Neeve Levi ^{JP}

Talia Chaya Levin ^{DD}

Elan David Michael Levine ^{JP}

Elisheva Yonit Sandler Malomet ^{JP H}

Shira Michaeli ^{JP}

Ariella Esther Mitchell ^{JP}

Rebekah Ngan Neuman ^{JP}

Rachel Leah Nielson ^{JP}

Alyssa Pustilnik ^{JP}

Max Lon Mullino Schain ^{JP}

Shaqed Tzabbar ^{DD}

DD: Double Degree Program with Barnard College

JP: Joint Program with Columbia University School of General Studies

H: With Honors

H. L. MILLER CANTORIAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF JEWISH MUSIC

בית המדרש לחזנים ע"ש ה. ל. מילר

Diploma of Hazzan and Master of Sacred Music**

Ingrid Alexandra Barnett

David Samuel Childs

Gedalia Moshe Penner

Max Henry Silverstone

Neal Michael Taibel

Master of Sacred Music

Anna A. Boiko-Weyrauch

THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL

בית המדרש לרבנים

Rabbi, Teacher, and Preacher**

Jonathon Gordon Adler

Jessica Charlotte Belasco

Joshua Aaron Bender

Caleb Milian Shahan Brommer

Talia Laya Kaplan

Gisela Andrea Romang-Baler

Ilana Mardell Sandberg

Lilliana Elizabeth Shvartsman

Samuel Joseph Vingron

Amalya Miriam Volz

Master of Sacred Music

Jonathon Gordon Adler

Students being ordained as rabbis either received a master's degree today from a JTS school or earned one previously. Only those who are receiving master's degrees today are called up to the stage.

*** The ordination of rabbis and cantors will take place at a ceremony to be held on the afternoon of Commencement day.*

The students whose names are listed herein were candidates for the degrees indicated at the time the program was printed.

Prizes and Awards

פרסים

THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL

Cyrus Adler Prize—*Aiden Pink*
Bernard and Sydell Citron Scholastic Prize—*Samuel Vingron*
Ismar Elbogen Fellowship Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Eitan Bloostein*
Rabbi Sidney Greenberg Homiletics Prize—*Amalya Volz*
Dr. Michael Higger Prize in Talmud—*puck glass, Jeremy Kohler*
The Rabbi William H. Lebeau Merit Award—*Lara Rodin*
Israel H. Levinthal Prize in Homiletics—*Arielle Korman*
Lillian M. Lowenfeld Prize in Practical Theology—*Caleb Brommer*
Rabbi Jacob S. Minkin Prize in Jewish Philosophy—*Talia Kaplan*
Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Prize in Professional Skills—*Ilana Sandberg*
Herman H. Rubenovitz and Mignon L. Rubenovitz Prize—*Samuel Vingron*
Stephen Henry Shefin Memorial Prize—*Claire Miller*
Rabbi Morris Silverman Award in Liturgy—*Max Halperin*
Rabbi Arnold Turetsky Prize in Homiletics—*Lilliana Shvartsmann*
The United Synagogue Award for Congregational Service—*Jonathon Gordon Adler*
Eleanor and Meyer Visotzky Memorial Prize in Midrash—*Jess Belasco*
Raymond Mark Wintrob Memorial Prize—*Sass Brown*
Isaac H. Wolfson Memorial Award—*Gisela Baler*
Joseph Zubow Memorial Prize in Codes—*Josh Bender*

GERSHON KEKST GRADUATE SCHOOL

Rabbi Joel S. and Sylvia M. Geffen Prize—*Chaim Yaakov Lipsker*
Abraham S. Halkin Award in Jewish History—*Derek Tassone*
Charles and Ruth Samson Lefkowitz Award—*Jessica Alperin*

WILLIAM DAVIDSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Chaim Davidson Prize—*Maya Simona Ehrenreich*
Rabbi Carl and Barbara Friedman Award—*Robert Shorr*
Carol Ingall Prize—*Dov Raphael Smilovic*
Lisa and James Schlesinger Prize—*Hannah Stein*

H. L. MILLER CANTORIAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF JEWISH MUSIC

Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Joseph and Rickie Gole Vocal Scholarship Fund—*Ruth Engel*
 Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Leon and Michal Lissek-B'nai Amoonah Scholarship Fund—*Neal Michael Taibel*
 Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Melvin Luterman Scholarship Fund—*Max Silverstone*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Nancy Abramson Scholarship Fund—*Gedalia Penner-Robinson*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Richard M. and Mary L. Berlin Scholarship Fund Award—*Ingrid Barnett*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Sheldon and Nita Polay Levin Scholarship Award—*Justin Pellis*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Abraham Lubin Scholarship Fund—*Brittany Stern*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Alberto and Deborah Mizrahi Scholarship Award—*Kelsey Bailey*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Elaine Shapiro Scholarship—*Roseanne Benjamin*
 Cantors Assembly Hoffman Family Foundation Award in honor of Hazzan Charles Davidson—*David Childs*
 Cantors Assembly Oheb Beth Israel Scholarship—*Rachel Black*
 Cantors Assembly Richard Briskin Cantor-in-Residence Award—*Gedalia Penner-Robinson*
 Max and Sol Feld Prize in Composition—*Marc Szechter*
 Dr. Leonard E. Field and Beatrice E. Field Award—*Erin B. Ehren*
 Rabbi David C. Kogen Community Activities Award—*Anna Boiko-Weyrauch*
 H. L. Miller Fellows—*Toby Banks, Marc Szechter*
 Women's League for Conservative Judaism Kol Ishah Award—*Toby Banks*

ALBERT A. LIST COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

Bina Appleman Memorial Education Award—*Naomi Alberts, Solomon Fox*
 Harry (Hillel) Appleman Memorial Education Award—*Miriam Broches, Ilan Cohen*
 Professor Paul Chertoff Prize—*Noah Friedman-Nathan*
 Dr. Susan Aurelia Gitelson Award for “The Spirit of the Search for Truth” in Memory of
 Dr. Moses Leo Gitelson—*Naomi Fox*
 Harry and Ernestine Goldstein Award—*Jason Bloch*
 Max and Bess Goodman Memorial Prize—*Julia Goldberg, Annabella Kliman*
 Minnie Weiss Halpern Memorial Education Award—*Annika Erickson, Rose Leveen*
 Benjamin and Anna Jaffe Memorial Award—*Rebekah Neuman, Alyssa Pustilnik*
 Raphael and Sara Rifka Krasnow Memorial Educational Award—*Ariella Mitchell*
 Irving and Mary Kremsdorf Memorial Award—*Shaqed Tzabbar*
 Louis and Mary Lefkowitz Memorial Award—*Daniel Borovskiy, Max Schain*
 William and Alexander May Memorial Educational Award—*Isabella Dayani*
 Rosalyn Gooen Milians Educational Award—*Talia Levin*

The 1976 Celebrating Classes Joshua Ovsay Memorial Award—*Sivan Barzeski, Rachel Guidanian*
 Dr. Joseph Garrison Parker Prize—*Elan Levine*
 Charles Steven Reinish Memorial Award—*Natalie Katalan*
 Dr. Bernard Samson and Mrs. Sarah Bluma Samson Levinthal Memorial Award—*Emma Grungold*
 Fanny Schneyer Education Award—*Leah Goryachkovsky, Shira Michaeli*
 Sarah Barcan Soffin Memorial Award—*Elisheva Malomet*
 Helen P. Sussman Memorial Prize—*Yola Ashkenazie*
 The Teachers Institute Class of 1917 Award—*Jeremy Faust, Elizabeth Holzhauer*
 The Teachers Institute Class of 1919 Award—*Blake Garber, Caleb Holzhauer*
 The Teachers Institute Class of 1920 Award—*Neeve Levi, Rachel Nielson*
 Isak, Rose, and Shifra Thau Memorial Award—*Daniel Barth*
 Marcus and Frances Krasnow Thau Award—*Sophie Hanin*
 Esther Sommerstein Zweig Education Award—*Ezra Dayanim*

ALL SCHOOLS

Dr. Moses Einhorn Award—*Max Halperin, Emily Vayner*
 Professor Louis Ginzberg Talmud Prize—*Joshua Brunnlehrman*
 Alexander Kohut Memorial Prize—*Benjamin Kamine*
 Edith Marks Prize in Semitics—*Vivien Chang*
 Robison Memorial Prize—*Talia Levin*
 Anna Grossman Sherman Award in Hebrew—*May Yang*

Certificate Programs

תכניות תעודה

Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling

The Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling is awarded to people of all faiths who have completed a curriculum of Jewishly grounded academic learning, supervised clinical experience, professional skills development, religious and personal identity formation, and development of competencies in providing pastoral care to people of diverse backgrounds.

2024 RECIPIENTS

Jonathon Adler

Lise S. Brown

Talia Kaplan

Project Judaica

Central to the revival of Jewish life and learning in Ukraine, Project Judaica is a unique program sponsored by JTS in cooperation with the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Kyiv. Students enrolled in its certificate program go on to assume leadership positions in Ukrainian Jewish communities and in Jewish scholarship.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, JUNE 2024

Institute of Oriental Studies, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Kyiv

Certificate in Jewish Studies

Olga Bondar

Ilona Lisnikovska

Stanislav Sorokhmaniuk

Olena Guz

Larisa Pidhirna

Aliona Vishniakova

Natalia Hritsenko

Anzhelika Shevchenko

Serhiy Zhulin

Henady Koval

Valentina Shevchuk

Our graduating Judaica students in Kyiv completed their course work in the midst of war and bombardments, attending classes virtually from basements and shelters. We congratulate these graduates on their devotion and remarkable achievement.

Honoring the Class of 1974 on Its 50th Anniversary

לכבוד בוגרי 1974 בשנת ה 50 לסיומם

For more than a century, The Jewish Theological Seminary has enhanced the world by training talented and committed individuals for religious, professional, and lay leadership.

Members of the class of 1974—rabbis, cantors, educators, and leaders in innumerable, diverse fields and disciplines—you have been worthy representatives of this historic institution, applying Torah and tradition to daily religious and family life, education, business, science, the arts, and community building. We applaud you, your efforts, and your achievements, especially as we mark this significant milestone. Mazal tov!

RABBINICAL DEPARTMENT

POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT

Doctor of Philosophy

Rabbi S. Hillel Hyman (z"l)

Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz

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Shana Rabinowitz

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Rachel Rafaeli

Theodore Baran

Sharona Irwin

Gershon (Gordon) Schwartz (z"l)

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Tina Nachison Klugman

Mark Silk

Hedvah Campeas Cohen (z"l)

Jonathan Kose

Naomi Stamler Hanochi

Jeremy Cohen

Risa Krohn

Abraham Uriel

Rachel Freedman Diamond

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Joseph Freedman

Marsha Leventhal

Jacob Ginou

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CANTORS INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY COLLEGE OF JEWISH MUSIC

Bachelor of Sacred Music and Diploma of Hazzan

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