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Conservative Movement and the Jewish People
With Distinction for Over 25 Years

March 3, 2025/3 Adar 5785
3:30 p.m.

Program

PROCESSIONAL

Justin Pellis, H. L. Miller Cantorial Student, JTS

WELCOME

Alan Levine, Esq., Chair, JTS Board of Trustees

GREETINGS

Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold, President, Rabbinical Assembly

REMARKS

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor, JTS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

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Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen, Pearl Resnick Dean of The Rabbinical School and Dean of the
Division of Religious Leadership, JTS

Dr. Jeffrey Kress, Provost and the Dr. Bernard Heller Professor of Jewish Education, JTS

Rabbi Stephanie Ruskay, Associate Dean of The Rabbinical School, JTS

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE HONOREES

Rabbi Jane Kanarek, Professor of Rabbinics and Dean of Faculty, Hebrew College, Newton, MA

BLESSING OF THE HONOREES

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Rabbi Stephanie Ruskay, Associate Dean of The Rabbinical School, JTS

CLOSING REMARKS

Rabbi Gordon S. Tucker, Vice Chancellor for Religious Life and Engagement, JTS

RECESSIONAL

Justin Pellis, H. L. Miller Cantorial Student, JTS

RECEPTION

Light refreshments in the JTS Atrium

Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*

Rabbi Francine Green Roston

Rabbi Dana Bogatz

Rabbi Harry Brechner

Rabbi Batya Glazer

Rabbi Michelle Goldsmith

Rabbi Sean Gorman

Rabbi Sherre Hirsch

Rabbi Marc Israel

Rabbi Naomi Kalish

Rabbi Jane Kanarek

Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

Rabbi Tsafreer Lev

Rabbi Steven Morgen

Rabbi Shalom Plotkin

Rabbi Craig Scheff

Rabbi Deborah Schloss

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

Rabbi Gustavo Suraszki

Rabbi Chana Thompson Shor

Rabbi Mimi Weisel

BIRKAT KOHANIM / PRIESTLY BLESSING

יְבָרֶכְךָ ה' וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ
יָאֵר ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנֶּךָ
יֵשָׂא ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיֵּשֶׁם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

Yevarekhekha Adonai veyishmerkha

Ya'er Adonai panav eilekha vihuneka

Yisa Adonai panav eilekha veyaseim lekha shalom

May God bless you and protect you.

May God's countenance shine upon you and may God deal
graciously with you.

May God look towards you and grant you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Jewish Theological Seminary is a preeminent institution of Jewish higher education that integrates rigorous academic scholarship and teaching with a commitment to strengthening Jewish tradition, Jewish lives, and Jewish communities.

JTS articulates a vision of Judaism that is learned and passionate, pluralist and authentic, traditional and egalitarian; one that is thoroughly grounded in Jewish texts, history, and practices, and fully engaged with the societies and cultures of the present. Our vision joins faith with inquiry; the covenant of our ancestors with the creative insights of today; intense involvement in the society and State of Israel with devotion to the flowering of Judaism throughout the world; service to the Jewish community, as well as to all of the communities of which Jews are a part: our society, our country, and our world.

JTS serves North American Jewry by educating intellectual and spiritual leaders for Conservative Judaism and the vital religious center, training rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, communal professionals, and lay activists who are inspired by our vision of Torah and dedicated to assisting in its realization.

UPCOMING AT JTS

Join us on April 1–2 for *Israel at a Crossroads: Navigating Religion, Democracy, and Justice*. Our next convening explores the challenges Israel faces in pursuing justice, inclusion, and healing in the wake of profound trauma.

Scan the QR code or visit www.jtsa.edu/event/israel-at-a-crossroads for more information and to register.

