

JTS

One-Hundred-Fifteenth
Commencement Exercises

May 21, 2009

Order of the Exercises

סדר טקס הסיום

Mr. Gershon Kekst

Chairman, Board of Trustees,
presiding

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

Music performed by
BaRock Orchestra

Processional

The National Anthems

Jen Cohen

Opening Prayer

Rabbi Jim Rosen

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Professor Arnold M. Eisen, Chancellor

Commencement Address

Ms. Ruth W. Messinger
President, American Jewish World Service

Musical Performance

The Chorus of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School
Hazzan JoAnn Rice, Director
Hodu L'Adonai Ki Tov, Hazzan Charles Osborne

Sheheheyanu

Rabbi Kassel Abelson

Conferring of Degrees in Course

Professor Arnold M. Eisen, Chancellor
Dr. Alan Cooper, Provost

The Graduate School

Dr. Stephen Garfinkel, Dean

William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education

Dr. Barry W. Holtz, Dean

Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Dean
Remarks on Behalf of the Graduates of List College: Eliezer Schindler Lehmann

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

Hazzan Henry Rosenblum, Dean

The Rabbinical School

Rabbi Daniel S. Nevins, Dean

Remarks on Behalf of the Graduates of the Professional and Graduate Schools:
Vanessa Kroll Bennett, The Graduate School

Charge to the Graduates

Professor Arnold M. Eisen, Chancellor

Adon Olam

Daniel Gross

Recessional

Greetings From the Chancellor

דברי הנגיד



Jewish tradition has a long history of endings that mark beginnings, and beginnings that are never quite a start but much more a continuation. The Talmud famously begins on page two. The reading of Torah is begun again the very moment it ends. Printed commentaries often end the page we are reading with the first word of the next. And of course we will never know for certain whether our Torah begins at the very beginning—whatever that could be—or in the beginning of this stage of creation: the one awaiting our words of "let there be," our partnership in the fulfillment of what is there begun, the innovation and imagination only we can bring, our creative energies and wisdom.

As a young person one rejoices in that role, flexes muscles of mind and heart, sighs with relief that there is still work for us to do, that it has not all been finished (often badly) before we arrived upon the scene. Middle age preserves that sense but, in my experience at least, adds another: thankfulness that we do not have to begin at the beginning but can build on the good work of our predecessors and especially our ancestors. Tradition may have been a burden for Immanuel Kant, who in the very first sentence of his essay "What Is Enlightenment?" called on his readers to throw off all "tutelage," escape the bonds of the past holding them. That is never how I experienced tradition. The study of the Jewish past, and especially its texts; the joys of Jewish ritual and the Jewish calendar; the combination of clarity and ambiguity of Jewish teachings—all these provided a discipline in which, I knew, true freedom can be found.

At JTS we are committed to knowledge of where Jews and others have been so intimate and nuanced that when we take those paths forward to meet present and future challenges we know it really is the past we are carrying forward and not an entirely new road of our own invention. Knowledge of what has been thought and accomplished must be thorough, textured, and critical if it is to serve us well. Apologetics are not adequate. Superficiality and slogans will quickly prove useless. Our task—whether as rabbis or cantors, educators or scholars, leaders of today or leaders-in-training for tomorrow—is to help Jews and the world build and maintain true communities, and to fill those communities—those lives—with meaning rich and deep enough to live for and live by. JTS is dedicated to training Jewish leaders who share this commitment and possess the passion and skill required to transmit it to a new generation of Jews.

I hope we have done that for those marking completion and beginning today. May the strength we have gained together help to strengthen us, and the world, when and where our learning, creativity, and commitment are most needed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arnold Eisen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arnold M. Eisen

The Jewish Theological Seminary

The Jewish Theological Seminary was founded in 1886 through the efforts of two Sephardic rabbis, Dr. Sabato Morais and Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, together with prominent lay leaders from Sephardic congregations in Philadelphia and New York. Its mission was to preserve the knowledge and practice of historical Judaism. In 1887, the first class of ten students was held in the vestry of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, New York City's oldest congregation.

Today, JTS is incomparably greater; it now includes a beautiful Manhattan campus that serves as the home of Conservative Judaism's leading institution worldwide. A Jewish university with a world-class faculty and a diverse student body, JTS grants undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees through its five schools, and offers serious programs of enrichment for the Jewish community in the United States, Israel, and around the world.

An engine for outreach, JTS is committed to the introduction of religious alternatives in Israel and Eastern Europe through the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem; to training a new Jewish intelligentsia for Russian Jewry through Project Judaica, our Jewish studies program in Moscow; to raising a generation of literate and observant Jews in North America through our intensive work with the Ramah camps and Schechter schools; to providing Jewish knowledge and experience to adults through a panoply of innovative programs; and to creating a responsible and inspired Conservative Jewish voice on public issues from religious pluralism in Israel to bioethics.

JTS is a vibrant institution training leaders for the Jewish future and researching and teaching Torah in ways that make our tradition, in all its depth and complexity, relevant, meaningful, and compelling to a new generation in the constantly evolving conditions in which we live.

Excerpt from the 1909 Commencement Address of Solomon Schechter

But though this ceremony, as all matters of a symbolic nature, must necessarily remain as of old, it can never be antiquated, suggesting, as it does, on each occasion, some new thoughts and fresh meaning. This is especially true in America, which, by reason of constant and perpetual additions to the Jewish community, and a general unrest in the secular as well as in the theological world, gives *panim hadashot*, new aspects to old problems, thus creating new demands and new temptations for the leaders of the communities.

Solomon Schechter was president of The Jewish Theological Seminary from 1902 to 1915.

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Honorary Degrees

תארי כבוד

Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella

Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

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Dr. Shira D. Epstein

You have said that your generation “grew up in the shadow of the greatest injustice and inhumanity the world had ever known,” and therefore “has a particular duty to protect the world’s justice and humanity.” Your life has been both a fulfillment of this duty and a model for all people, in all societies.

Many times, you have achieved milestones and pioneered important new ideas. You are the first Jewish woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, where you uphold the principles of impartiality and accessibility to justice. Born in a Displaced Persons camp in Germany in 1946, you came to Canada as a refugee in 1950. At the age of twenty-nine, you were appointed to the Ontario Family Court, becoming Canada’s youngest judge, and its first pregnant one. More than two decades ago, you created the legal term and concept of “employment equity” as a new strategy to reduce barriers to employment faced by women, non-whites, persons with disabilities, and others; your theories of *equality* and *discrimination* were adopted by the Canadian Supreme Court in its first decision dealing with equality rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The ideas that you developed have been enshrined in Canadian legislation and implemented by nations on three other continents as part of their own efforts to ameliorate histories of injustice and inequality. You publish widely and lecture extensively, and are not only a noted teacher but an innovator in legal education who organized the first Canadian judicial seminar in which all levels of the judiciary participated and the first in which persons outside the legal profession were invited to take part.

Throughout your exemplary judicial and academic careers, you have placed signal importance on protecting human rights and equality within society. You have been a true defender of human dignity, tirelessly striving to perfect and redeem the world.

Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz

Doctor of Hebrew Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by

Mr. Yale I. Asbell

Rabbi Neil Gillman

Blessed with wisdom and courage, you have made profound contributions to deepening our understanding of Judaism and Jewish life.

Often called the dean of American Jewish philosophers, you are Distinguished University Professor and Sigmund L. Falk Distinguished Professor of Education and Jewish Religious Thought at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion/New York, where you have taught for over forty years. You have served the Jewish people as a rabbi for more than six decades. You demonstrated your valor as a Navy chaplain during the Korean War and through nonviolent civil disobedience in the Civil Rights Movement, troubling “the conscience of the wicked” and giving new strength to the conscience of the righteous. You have guided our explorations of how we can simultaneously be modern, committed to individual autonomy, and authentically Jewish, personally involved with God, Torah, and Israel. In your groundbreaking development of Covenant theology, you have emphasized that “Jewish selfhood arises within the people of Israel and its Covenant with God,” and that “the secular concept of self must be transformed in terms of its Covenantal context.”

You have won many well-deserved accolades for your work, including a National Foundation for Jewish Culture medal, the National Jewish Book Award, and numerous honorary doctorates. As founder and an editor of *Sh'ma*, you achieved major advances in inter-denominational conversation and provided a venue for people to apply their Judaism to current issues. You have been a visiting professor at eminent institutions including The Jewish Theological Seminary, and were invited by Harvard to inaugurate its List Professorship in Jewish Studies. The Jewish Publication Society has published a selection of your papers from the past fifty years and named you a “scholar of distinction.”

Author and editor, rabbi and theologian, scholar and teacher, your career has made an indelible mark on Jewish thought, and your life has been a gift to the Jewish people.

Ms. Ruth W. Messinger

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

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Dr. Michael B. Greenbaum

Beloved champion of human rights and social justice, international development and women's empowerment; esteemed leader in the American Jewish community; distinguished civil servant and teacher; you have become the embodiment of Judaism's teachings to "know the heart of the stranger" and "repair the world": an inspiration for all who reflect on your noble life and magnanimous labors.

Respected president of the American Jewish World Service, you began your illustrious career by dedicating yourself to education, civic participation, social welfare, and democracy. Following in your family's path of service to Judaism and humanity, and your mother Marjorie Wyler's devotion to her work for more than five decades as a key communications officer for The Jewish Theological Seminary, you made the most vulnerable and poor among us your priority as you brought your training in social work to your positions as New York City Council member, Manhattan Borough President, and nominee for mayor of New York City, the first woman to win the support of the Democratic Party. Known during your government career as "the conscience of the Democratic Party," you have now continued your lifelong pursuit of bettering people's lives in your leadership position at the AJWS, where you call on US Jewry to alleviate the suffering in the world. During your tenure, the resources of the AJWS's daily battle against genocide, hunger, disease, poverty, and illiteracy have tripled, and you have earned the ear of President Barack Obama, who calls on your expertise in bringing aid to the people of Sudan and other nations.

Winner of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs' prestigious Albert D. Chernin Award and the Union for Reform Judaism's Maurice N. Eisendrath Bearer of Light Award, you were named one of America's most influential Jews by the *Forward*. You, like the AJWS, are the "heart, hand, and voice of the American Jewish community in the developing world."

Dean David M. Schizer

Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

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Daniel J. Beller, Esq.
The Honorable Howard M. Holtzmann
Dr. Beth Berkowitz

Shaping a new and vital legal landscape with your expansive vision, profound understanding of history, and deep appreciation for the art of law, you advocate for a profession defined by high standards, sound reasoning, and ethical decision-making, and have earned the overwhelming respect of your peers, students, and elders.

Fourteenth dean of Columbia Law School and Lucy G. Moses Professor of Law, you honored your attorney parents by following in their footsteps—your mother a Columbia Law School alumna—and your need “to explore fundamental questions about war and peace, social policy, and leadership,” and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in History, *summa cum laude*, and a master’s degree in History from Yale University, and a JD from Yale Law School. You won the position of law clerk to Judge Alex Kozinski of the US Court of Appeals, Pasadena, and then to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. You specialized in tax law, because “a well-functioning tax system is essential to an efficient economy and to fair distribution of wealth,” serving at Davis Polk & Wardwell and becoming one of the field’s leading experts. Six years after being invited to join the faculty of Columbia Law School, where you taught popular courses in professional responsibility and other areas, you were appointed dean, the youngest in the school’s 151-year history. You sit on numerous boards, support Jewish philanthropy, and write prolifically, your work published in the *Columbia Law Review*, *Harvard Law Review*, and the *National Tax Journal*. Your most treasured award is the one presented in appreciation by your students.

Esteemed guardian of the law, you teach that “peace or war, liberty or tyranny, prosperity or poverty” will be determined by “legal systems across the globe.” Now that you have given renewed meaning to the words *honesty*, *standards*, and *ethics*, the world is ever closer to achieving what is best for all its inhabitants.

Degrees in Course

תארים

The Graduate School

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים במדעי היהדות

Doctor of Philosophy

Daniel Bronstein
Sarah Diamant

Rachel S. Mikva *
David Siff

Judy Weiss

Doctor of Hebrew Literature

Susan C. Grossman

Master of Philosophy

Geoffrey David Claussen
Ryan Scott Dulkan

Tamara Griffin Sykorova
Jenny R. Labendz

Shay Arie Pilnik
Michael Rosenberg

Master of Arts

Meredith Anne Ahlgren
Rebecca J. Baltuch
Vanessa Kroll Bennett
Karyn Beth Berger
Louisa Strouse Boiman
Jason Michael Bonder
Avital Campbell Hochstein

Judith Lapkin Craig
Julie Beth Deluty
Heidi Dodgen
Sarah A. Eson
Alexis Lee Felder
Nathaniel Lev Fintz *
Steven I. Garfinkle

Craig Scott Hartman
Ashira Y. Konigsburg
Jonathan Lopatin
Jason Rubenstein
Nathan Still Schumer
Yehudit Ute Steyer
R. David Walker

* Degree awarded in October 2008

William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים בחינוך יהודי ע"ש ויליאם דוידסון

Doctor of Education

Adi Raz

Master of Arts

Yvonne Marx Asher ^H
David Jeffrey Baum
Mara Ellen Berde ^H
Sara Beth Berman
Eliav Shaul Bock
Maiya Sarah Chard-Yaron ^H
Rafi M. Cohen
Barbara Jean Ford de Normandie
Amy Leichtner Deutsch
Daniel Isaac Dorsch
Rebecca Lynn Elkus
Jeremy Daniel Gerber

Rina Sybil Goldberg
Elisheva Sarit Gould ^H
Benjamin Matthew Greene
Hannah Lisa Greenstein
Stephanie Gros Sabban
Noah Seth Hartman
Allison Levine Speiser
Margot Menes
Ariela C. Pelaia
Adam Brent Pollack
Marlene Beth Rachelle
Rebecca Phyllis Rosenthal

Rachel Ilana Saks
Melanie Beth Schwartz
Abbi Beth Sharofsky
Andrew David Shugerman *
Rachel A. Silverman ^H
Jamie Lyn Skog
Libby Sharon Heller Spitzer
Daniel Dov Victor
Joel Steven Weissglass
Joshua Wohl
Rebecca Patrice Zwiebel

^H: With Honors

* Degree awarded in October 2008

Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies**בית המדרש ללימודי היהדות ע"ש אלברט ליסט****Bachelor of Arts**

Joshua Marc Altman ^{[JP] S}	Rachel Esther House ^[JP]	Nathan Still Schumer ^{[JP] C}
Jacqueline Marie Beckwith ^{[JP] C}	Renna Yael Khuner-Haber ^{[DD] M}	Michael Postol Berens Levine Schwartz ^[JP]
Jonathan Zvi Berman Billig ^{[JP] M}	Navah Michal Ripps Kogen ^{[DD] M}	Carly Siegel ^[JP]
Ariel David Brenman ^{[JP] M H}	Dana Rachel Kresel ^{[JP] C}	Meirav Shulamit Siegel-Richman ^{[JP] C}
Shoshana Sara Brownstein ^{[JP] M}	Noah Starrin Leavitt ^[JP]	Harry Scott Smolowitz ^[JP]
Jamie Ann Diamond ^{[JP] C}	Eliezer Schindler Lehmann ^{[JP] M}	Shoshana Faith Sprague ^{[DD] M}
Rebecca Sara Farber ^{[DD] M}	Rachel Gayle Lipsky ^{[JP] M}	Lauren Nicole Steinberg ^{[JP] M}
Mollie Jenna Flink ^{[JP] M}	Sarah Danielle Merker ^[DD]	Ira Brian Stup ^{[JP] M}
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Jacob Alexander Green ^{[JP] C}	Matthew Hunter Platt ^[JP]	Rachel B. Weinberger ^[DD]
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Emily Hannah Haney-Caron ^{[JP] M}	Julie Rappoport ^{[DD] M}	Jessica Michelle Willis ^[JP]
Jonathan Simon Henkin ^{[JP] M}	Nathaniel Mark Richman ^{[JP] M}	Nicole Erin Yeroshalmi ^{[JP] S}
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Rebecca Lee Hiner ^{[JP] C}	Jenny Levin Rosenbaum ^{[DD] M}	
Sarit Rachel Horwitz ^{[JP] M}	Aaron Gershon Rotenberg ^{[JP] M}	

DD: Double Degree Program with Barnard College

JP: Joint Program with Columbia University School of General Studies

C: Cum Laude; M: Magna Cum Laude; S: Summa Cum Laude; 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**

Kathryn Jones Claussen	Daniel Brian Gross	Jeremy B. Stein
Elana Cohen	Benjamin Mark Kintisch	Lawrence Alexander Szenes-Strauss
Jennifer Freda Cohen	Ellen Miller Arad	
Rachel H. Goldsmith	Lance David Rhodes	

The Rabbinical School**בית המדרש לרבנים****Rabbi, Teacher, and Preacher** and Master of Arts**

Sharon Naomi Barr Skolnik	Abby Lynn Jacobson	Elizabeth Anne Richman
Adam Israel Joseph Cutler	Juan Pablo Mejía	Erez Haim Sherman
Fred B. Elias	Shoshana Winograd-Hutner	Joshua Abelson Sherwin
Jarrold Rapoport Grover	Ohriner	Leor Jacob Sinai
Nicole Guzik	Katherine Elizabeth Palley	

Rabbi, Teacher, and Preacher**

David Jeffrey Baum	Hannah Lisa Greenstein	Steven I. Rein
Tim Daniel Bernard	Seth Michael Haaz	Rebecca Phyllis Rosenthal
Neil F. Blumofe	Eytan Noach Kenter	Andrew David Shugerman
Eliav Shaul Bock	Ashira Y. Konigsburg	Yehudit Ute Steyer
Rafi M. Cohen	Ari Avraham Perten	Daniel Dov Victor
Jeremy Daniel Gerber	Aaron Michael Philmus	Joshua Wohl

** The investiture of cantors and ordination of rabbis took place at a ceremony held on the morning 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—*Fredda Cohen*
Abraham Berliner Prize in Jewish History—*Zachary Silver*
Bernard and Sydell Citron Scholastic Prize—*Juan Mejía*
Israel Davidson Memorial Prize—*Juan Mejía*
Elbogen Fellowship Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Alex Freedman, Ari Lucas*
The Rabbi Max Gelb Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Juan Mejía*
Philip Goldstein Award of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and
The Men's Club of Adas Israel Congregation, Washington DC—*Cecelia Beyer*
Rabbi Sidney Greenberg Prize—*Abby Jacobson*
William B. Hackenburg Prize in Midrash—*Lori Koffman*
Dr. Michael Higger Prize in Talmud—*Joshua Foster, Danielle Gobuty*
Lampport Homiletics Prize—*Ari Lucas*
Alexander Lampport Prize in Talmud—*Joshua Barton, Joel Shaiman*
Solomon and Rose S. Lasdon Prize—*Joshua Rabin, Deborah Zuker*
The Rabbi William H. Lebeau Merit Award—*Ita Paskind*
Israel H. Levinthal Prize in Homiletics—*Adam Roffman*
Lillian M. Lowenfeld Prize in Practical Theology—*Seth Haaz*
Rabbi Jacob S. Minkin Prize in Jewish Philosophy—*Ute Steyer*
Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Prize in Professional Skills—*Steven Rein*
Rabbi Joel Roth Prize—*Joshua Rabin*
Herman H. Rubenovitz and Mignon L. Rubenovitz Prize—*Andrew Shugerman*
David Scharps Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Ashira Konigsburg*
Stephen Henry Shefin Memorial Prize—*Catharine Clark, Maya Kosowsky*
Rabbi Morris Silverman Award in Liturgy—*Nicole Guzik*
Rabbi Arnold Turetsky Prize in Homiletics—*Aaron Philmus, Andrew Shugerman, Ute Steyer*
The United Synagogue Award for Congregational Service—*Erez Sherman*
Raymond Mark Wintrob Memorial Prize—*Ita Paskind*
Isaac H. Wolfson Memorial Award—*Ute Steyer*
Joseph Zubow Memorial Prize in Codes—*Adam Cutler, Jarrod Grover*

The Graduate School

Rabbi Joel S. and Sylvia M. Geffen Prize—*Alec Eliezer Burko*
Sidney Grossbard Memorial Award in Jewish History—*Daniel Bronstein*
Abraham S. Halkin Award in Jewish History—*Elina Flax*
Menachem Ribalow Prize—*Beverly Bailis*

Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies

Bina Appleman Memorial Education Award—*Ariel Brenman*
 Harry (Hillel) Appleman Memorial Education Award—*Jacob Green*
 Grace J. Calder Fund—*Lauren Steinberg*
 William A. Calder Family Fund Prize—*Jonathan Billig, Shoshana Sprague*
 Professor Paul Chertoff Prize—*Nathaniel Richman*
 Dr. Susan Aurelia Gitelson Award for “The Spirit of the Search for Truth” in Memory of
 Dr. Moses Leo Gitelson—*Shoshana Brownstein*
 Harry and Ernestine Goldstein Award—*Joshua Altman*
 Max and Bess Goodman Memorial Prize—*Rebecca Pohl*
 Emanuel Halpern Memorial Award—*Rachel Hilker*
 Minnie Weiss Halpern Memorial Education Award—*Jacqueline Beckwith*
 Benjamin and Anna Jaffe Memorial Award—*Julie Rappoport*
 Raphael and Sara Rifka Krasnow Memorial Educational Award—*Aaron Rotenberg*
 Irving and Mary Kremsdorf Memorial Award—*Elena Graff*
 Louis and Mary Lefkowitz Memorial Award—*Alyson Miller*
 Freda and David Leiter Student Aid Fund—*Rebecca Farber, Shoshi Rosenbaum*
 Judith M. Lewittes Award—*Tamara Epelbaum*
 Sara Goldin Lewittes Award—*Adina Rosen, Adi Segal, Justin Turetsky*
 William and Alexander May Memorial Educational Award—*Jonathan Henkin*
 Rosalyn Gooen Milians Educational Award—*Jacqueline Gerber*
 The 1976 Celebrating Classes Joshua Ovsay Memorial Award—*Emily Haney-Caron*
 Alvin S. Raphael Prize—*Meirav Siegel-Richman*
 Charles Steven Reinish Memorial Award—*Ira Stup*
 Abraham E. Rothstein Prize—*Lydia Schulman*
 Sarah Sameth Rudavsky Memorial Prize—*Ilana Cohen*
 Dr. Bernard Samson and Mrs. Sarah Bluma Samson Levinthal Memorial Award—*Eliezer Lehmann*
 Fanny Schneyer Education Award—*Navah Kogen*
 Sarah Barcan Soffin Memorial Award—*Jacob Taber*
 Helen P. Sussman Memorial Prize—*Ariella Rosen, Nicole Yeroshalmi*
 The Teachers Institute Class of 1917 Award—*Sarit Horwitz*
 The Teachers Institute Class of 1919 Award—*Nathan Schumer*
 The Teachers Institute Class of 1920 Award—*Dana Kresel*
 Isak, Rosa, and Shifra Thau Memorial Award—*Rachel Lipsky*
 Marcus and Frances Krasnow Thau Award—*Mollie Flink*
 Lt. Franklin M. Tunick Memorial Prize—*Morgan Dorsch*
 Esther Sommerstein Zweig Education Award—*Renna Khuner-Haber*

William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education

Chaim Davidson Memorial Award—*Mara Berde*
 Rabbi Carl and Barbara Friedman Award—*Amy Deutsch*
 Lisa and James Schlesinger Prize—*Elisheva Gould*

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

Anonymous Prize—*Melissa Berman*
 Cantors Assembly Alumni Award in Honor of Rabbi Morton M. Leifman—*Mike Weis*
 Cantors Assembly Alumni Award in Memory of Hazzan Max Wohlberg—*Elisa Abrams, Annelise Ocanto*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Morris Schorr Memorial Award—*Jonathan Schultz*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzanut Study Award—*Matthew Klein*
 Cantors Assembly Oheb Beth Israel Scholarship—*Lindsay Waldman*
 Cantors Assembly Richard Briskin Cantor-in-Residence Award—*Elana Cohen*
 Cantors Assembly Sidney Q. Janus Award—*Richard Bessman*
 Max and Sol Feld Prize in Composition—*Jeremy Burko, Dan Gross*
 Dr. Leonard E. Field and Beatrice E. Field Award—*Alexis Konigsberg*
 Hazzan Michal Hammerman Memorial Prize—*Ellen Arad*
 Richard H. Holzer Memorial Prize in Judaica—*Lawrence Szenes-Strauss*
 Sara and Samuel Katz Memorial Prize in Liturgy and Nusah—*Sidney Ezer, Yosef Goldman, Ted Prosnitz, Ben Rosner*
 Rabbi David C. Kogen Community Activities Award—*Ben Kintisch*
 Hazzan David J. Leon Prize—*Magda Fishman*
 H. L. Miller Fellows—*Shoshana Abrams, Dan Gross, Matthew Klein, Lindsay Waldman*
 Amy B. Putterman Memorial Prize—*Katy Claussen, Israel Gordan*
 Rose S. Rovine Prize in Liturgical Music—*Shoshana Abrams*
 Hazzan Israel Weiser Memorial Prize—*Yakov Hadash*
 A. J. Weisgal Award—*Rachel Goldsmith*
 Women's League for Conservative Judaism Kol Ishah Award—*Jen Cohen*

All Schools

Dr. Moses Einhorn Award—*Guy Austrian, Adam Baldachin, Ita Paskind, David Saiger*

S. Gershon Feffer Memorial Prize—*Shay Pilnik*

Aaron Friedenwald Prize in Jewish Theology—*Ute Steyer*

Professor Louis Ginzberg Talmud Prize—*Noah Bickart*

Fannie and Robert Gordis Prize in Bible—*Julie B. Deluty, Christopher Dost*

Alexander Kohut Memorial Prize—*Eliezer Kaunfer*

Rabbi Monroe Joseph Levens Memorial Prize—*Ruth Askenazi*

The Metzger Family Prize for Community Service—*Kathryn Claussen, Elisheva Gould*

Rabbi Joseph and Frances Miller Prize in Bible—*Suzanne Chipkin*

Peace Prize—*Elisheva Gould*

Sarah and Morris Rosenberg Prize—*Zachary Silver*

Anna Grossman Sherman Award in Hebrew—*Alex Freedman*

Project Judaica

Central to the revival of Jewish life and learning in the former Soviet Union, Project Judaica is a unique program sponsored by JTS and the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow. Students enrolled in either a one-year certificate program or a five-year degree program pursue the university's general curriculum while concentrating in Jewish history and culture.

Candidates for Graduation, June 2009

Degree in Jewish History and Civilization

Victoria Gerasimova

Elena Solopova

Aliya Urmanova

Elena Grushevskaya

Dina Terletskaya

Maria Voropaeva

Certificate in Communal Affairs and Jewish Studies

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וְהוּא הָיָה וְהוּא הוֹה,	וְהוּא יִהְיֶה בְּתַפְאָרָה :
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בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית, בְּלִי תַכְלִית,	וְלוֹ הָעֵז וְהַמְשָׁרָה :
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L'eyt na'asa v'heftzo kol, azai melekh sh'mo nikra.*

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