



Dear Alumni,

I imagine that this letter is not the only one in your in-box offering a way to ensure Jewish continuity and the Jewish future. Many of them, I am sure, talk of preserving Jewish life, and of how a particular mission impacts the Jewish world.

But this letter is different.

This letter is different because it comes from The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS)—the institution that shaped who you are as a person and a professional. It was here, at 3080 Broadway, where you acquired much of the knowledge and honed many of the skills you needed to persevere and succeed. Today, you know better than anyone the benefits of your time at JTS; the rewards of studying with our world-class faculty; and the immeasurable academic resources available to you still.

On May 17, JTS celebrated its 116th Commencement, after which 120 new graduates joined you—and the thousands of other professionals who once studied, learned, socialized, and challenged themselves at 3080 Broadway—as members of one of the world's most exclusive groups: JTS alumni.

Chancellor Eisen used his Commencement Address to share his vision of the Jewish future, [his vision for the new JTS](#)—the vision that will guide JTS in the next chapter of its 124-year history and influence the future of American Jewish life.

This vision is rooted in the past but reaches into the future. It recognizes the challenges of today and speaks to the needs of our community now.

JTS boasts that unique set of resources we have always been privileged to have: a first-rate faculty, a student body of dedicated men and women who will be the future leaders of the community, a world-renowned library, a deep connection to the institutions of the Conservative Movement, and thousands of individuals around the world who constitute our loyal partners.

No other institution brings this unique set of assets to the tasks and possibilities confronting the Jewish community today.

With a renewed mission for the twenty-first century, the new JTS is aimed at improving our ability to provide learning, vision, and leadership to the Conservative Movement and the vital religious center of North America, the Jewish people, and the world.

As you also know, the excellence of a JTS education comes at a cost. In light of the

current economic climate, **JTS needs your support more than ever.** We hope that you will join us in our efforts to assist today's JTS students with a gift to the JTS Alumni Commencement Campaign. A contribution—no matter how large or small—will be greatly appreciated. Your donation, which is completely tax-deductible, will help us change lives, advance the mission of JTS, and ensure the Jewish future.

Thank you for your past support. We now need you to help bring us into the next chapter of American Jewish life, the next chapter of leadership and vision at JTS. Together we can build the Jewish future. Please consider making a gift to help make our vision for JTS—and its impact on the Jewish world—a reality. Only through your continued partnership can we bring the exceptional resources of The Jewish Theological Seminary to bear.

**[Please support your alma mater and make your online gift to the JTS Alumni Commencement Campaign today.](#)**

Warm regards,



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