



Dear Friend,

On behalf of [Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen](#), we invite you to join us for the daylong symposium “**Transforming American Jewish Life: A Celebration of the Teachers Institute's 100th Anniversary**” on **March 7, 2010**, at The Jewish Theological Seminary. [The Teachers Institute \(TI\)](#)



Teachers Institute Faculty, circa 1947
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became synonymous with the professionalization of modern Jewish education and left a legacy that still thrives at JTS. Hebraist culture, Jewish feminism, Zionism, and the arts flourished under the institute's renowned leadership, beginning with Mordecai Kaplan. Camp Ramah, Reconstructionist Judaism, and the modern congregational school system all trace their origins to the TI.

The daylong symposium, cosponsored by the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education, Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies, and the Diane and Howard Wohl Office of Alumni Affairs of JTS, will feature many lively discussions:

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.: Double Degree Alumnae Breakfast for Double Degree alumnae and their spouses/partners with [JTS Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen](#) and Barnard College President [Debora L. Spar](#) celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the Double Degree Program between JTS and Barnard College.

11:15 to 12:00 p.m.: “The Future of Higher Education”—Chancellor Eisen and Barnard College President Debora Spar

12:15 to 1:15 p.m.: Lunch in honor of **Dr. Sylvia Ettenberg (BA '37)**, a founder of the Ivry Prozdor High School (1951), Melton Research Center for Jewish Education (1959), and, along with Moshe Davis, Camp Ramah

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.: “Camp Ramah,” Rabbi Mitchell Cohen (RS '90)—Dr. Joseph Reimer and Dr. Seymour “Epi” Epstein (SC '68), in memory of **Rabbi Joseph Lukinsky (z”l) (RS '56)**, with remarks by Rabbi Robert Abramson (RS '69)

3:15 to 4:15 p.m.: “Hebrew at the Heart”—Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz (GS '76, '87) and Nessa Rapoport.

4:30 to 5:45 p.m.: “The Teachers Institute: Creating an American-Jewish

Counterculture”— Dr. Carol Ingall (SC '61) and respondents Dr. Ofra Backenroth (DS '04), Joshua Krakoff (DS '00), and Davidson School doctoral candidate Sarah Tauber.

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.: Keynote lecture—Rabbi Harold Kushner (SC '55; RS '60, '72) in memory of **William Davidson (z”l)**

Throughout the day, Ivry Prozdor High School will host a book fair featuring publications by our speakers as well as books for Pesah. Guests will be given a list of neighborhood restaurants for an evening meal, and coffee and sweets will be available at JTS. You are welcome to join us for all or a portion of the day's rich program, which is free of charge.



Student dancers from the Teachers Institute performing in the 1940s
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Please [click here](#) to RSVP for any or all of the day's programs. Should you wish to make a gift in honor of the Teachers Institute, you are invited to do so by [clicking here](#); you will be able to attribute your gift as well. For additional information, contact [Melissa Friedman](#), director of the [Wohl Office of Alumni Affairs](#) at (212) 678-8909.

We look forward to seeing you on this very special day.

B'yididut,

Dean Barry Holtz, The Davidson School
College

Dean Shuly Rubin Schwartz, List
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