

JTS

129th Commencement Exercises
May 18, 2023

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.

You are taking your next steps at a moment of formidable challenges in the world. Yet we firmly believe 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,

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

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 2023 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 enjoyed a renewed sense of gratitude as we joined together in person for study and community. How fortunate we are to be able to celebrate this milestone 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 contemporary world.

May the JTS learning and community that our students have experienced provide them with life-long 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.

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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

Hazzan Nancy Abramson, Josh Ehrlich, Marilyn Okoshi, Noah Rachels

Invocation

Rabbi Betsy Forester

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor

Commencement Address

Rabbi Arthur Green, Founding Dean and Rector of the Rabbinical School and Irving Brudnick Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Religion, Hebrew College (retired)

Musical Performance

Ul'amtuye

Text from the Zohar and Torah service; Music by Norma Brooks, arranged by Natasha J. Hirschhorn

The Chorus of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School

Hazzan Natasha J. Hirschhorn, Director

Featuring Alicia Svigals, violin

Sheheyanu

Rabbi Joel Pitkowsky

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. Shira D. Epstein, Dean

Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies

Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, Dean

Remarks on Behalf of the Graduates of List College: Eden Rose Astorino

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

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

Hazzan Nancy Abramson, Director

The Rabbinical School

Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen, Pearl Resnick Dean

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

Pamela Kekst, Gershon Kekst Graduate 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

Rabbi Arthur Green

Doctor of Hebrew Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by

Mr. Jonathan M. Lopatin

Dr. Eitan Fishbane

Dr. Barry W. Holtz

A scholar of worldwide renown, you have built and led religious and educational institutions that have had a profound impact on the Jewish world.

The founding dean of Hebrew College's Rabbinical School, you recently retired after serving for many years as rector of that school and as Irving Brudnick Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Religion at the college. You were educated at Brandeis University, where you received bachelor's and doctoral degrees, and The Jewish Theological Seminary, where you received rabbinic ordination. At JTS you were an avid student of Professor Abraham Joshua Heschel.

You rose to prominence as a scholar of Hasidism and a leading figure of Neo-Hasidism, the effort to create a contemporary Jewish mysticism and apply Hasidic teachings to life in today's world. You have taught Jewish mysticism, Hasidism, and theology at the University of Pennsylvania, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College—where you served as both dean and president—Brandeis University, and Hebrew College. Your online classes have enabled people worldwide to learn together and work in new and exciting ways toward a spiritually reawakened Judaism.

The author of numerous books, including *Tormented Master: A Life of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav*, *Defender of the Faithful: The Life and Thought of Rabbi Levi Yitshak of Berdychiv*, and *Judaism for the World: Reflections on God, Life, and Love*, for which you won a National Jewish Book Award in 2020, you are also well known for your translations and interpretations of Hasidic teachings, including *Me'or Eynayim: The Light of the Eyes* by Rabbi Menahem Nahum of Chernobyl.

Both a historian of Judaism and a theologian, you have long sought to bridge these two fields of endeavor, enriching the perspectives of all seekers, both within and beyond the academy. Notably, your 1968 founding of Havurat Shalom in the Boston area sparked the beginning of the havurah movement in American Jewish life.

Your quest to create a Jewish religious language that is compelling, intellectually honest, and meaningful in the age in which we live has reinvigorated contemporary Judaism.

Philip Ozuah, MD, PhD

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by
Alan M. Klein, Esq.
Rabbi Naomi Kalish

President and CEO of Montefiore Medicine, the umbrella organization for Montefiore Health System and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, you are a nationally recognized physician, leader, executive, researcher, teacher, and author. You have made extraordinary contributions to the field of medicine and fostered significant innovations in medical education. You have continued and expanded Montefiore's 139-year legacy of providing medical care to underserved populations.

Montefiore and JTS share deep roots. Montefiore Hospital was created at Congregation Shearith Israel in 1884 by representatives of New York synagogues led Rabbi Henry Pereira Mendes. Named to honor the great philanthropist Moses Montefiore, it used his name with his blessing, and the hospital opened on his hundredth birthday. Two years later, Rabbi Mendes, once again meeting with a group of leaders at Shearith Israel, played a key role in the founding of JTS.

You lead an organization comprised of 10,000 physicians and 53,000 employees serving a heterogeneous group of patients. Your dedicated and wise leadership of Montefiore Medicine has been of immense importance to the people of New York. During early spring 2020, New York City rapidly became the first US epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic. Facing an unparalleled and extremely dangerous strain on health care resources, you mobilized Montefiore's entire workforce to accommodate the growing number of patients being admitted.

During your tenure, Montefiore Health System's specialties have been ranked in the top 1 percent of the nation's hospitals, providing the highest level of care to some of the most vulnerable populations in New York. You have improved financial and operational performance by integrating care across a rapidly growing and evolving Montefiore system. You are a National Institutes of Health-funded researcher and a two-time recipient of the Academic Pediatric Association's prestigious Helfer Award for Innovation in Medical Education.

You have simultaneously advanced the cause of medicine as an instrument of social justice, expanding the availability of care to disadvantaged communities and recruiting and cultivating diverse and outstanding talent that reflects the communities Montefiore serves.

Your lifelong dedication to providing excellent medical care to all, eliminating health disparities, and advancing diversity will influence the field of medicine for years to come.

Rabbi David Saperstein

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by

Daniel J. Beller, Esq.

Rabbi Gordon Tucker

You have long stood at the forefront in fighting for Jewish interests, social justice, and American pluralism.

For 40 years you served as director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, representing the Reform Jewish Movement to Congress and the White House. Your distinguished leadership inspired the broader Jewish community and Jews across the religious spectrum to confidently pursue justice work through a Jewish lens.

During the second term of the Obama administration, you served as the United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom—the first rabbi in American history to hold the title of ambassador—and you were a forceful advocate for the cause of religious freedom across the globe.

Since leaving government, you have served as Senior Advisor for Policy and Strategy of the Union for Reform Judaism. In 2019–20, you served as the president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international arm of the Reform Jewish Movement.

Also an attorney, you taught seminars on Church-State law and on comparative Jewish and American Law for 35 years at Georgetown University Law Center and later as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University’s Foreign Service School and Center for Jewish Civilization. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, you have chaired or co-chaired several national interreligious coalitions including the Coalition to Preserve Religious Liberty, and you served as the first chair of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom.

The author of *Jewish Dimensions of Social Justice: Tough Moral Choices for our Times*, you have contributed to publications ranging from the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* to the *Harvard Law Review*. You have eloquently written that you “believe in the great cause of social justice: that we are not the prisoners of the bitter failures of the past, but that we can—and must—be the shapers of a better future for all God’s children.”

Your commitment to justice, peace, freedom, equality, and compassion has powerfully brought Judaism’s prophetic ideals into the 21st century.

Ms. Alicia Svigals

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by

Ms. Ruth Hendel

Hazzan Nancy Abramson

A celebrated musician and composer, you have contributed immensely to the revival of klezmer. You have revitalized this wonderfully evocative Jewish art form that is part of the cultural heritage of so many American Jews.

The world's foremost klezmer fiddler, you were a founder and co-director of the Grammy-winning Klezmatics, where you created contemporary Jewish music that combined the joyous and mystical Yiddish tradition with a postmodern aesthetic and political worldview. You almost singlehandedly revived the tradition of klezmer fiddling, which had been on the brink of extinction until you recorded your solo debut album *Fidl* in the 1990s.

Your illustrious performances in a multitude of genres have thrilled, captivated, and inspired audiences from New York to Berlin to Safed. Today, your klezmer roots band, Alicia Svigals' Klezmer Fiddle Express, plays at festivals around the United States and the world.

As an award-winning composer, you have created powerful, inventive compositions, including music for the Kronos Quartet, violinist Itzhak Perlman, and playwright Tony Kushner.

You were awarded the Foundation for Jewish Culture's 2013 New Jewish Music Network Music Commission for your original live score to the 1918 silent film *The Yellow Ticket*. You went on to compose and perform, with pianist Donald Sosin, live scores to the 1923 film *The Ancient Law*, the 1924 film *City without Jews*, and Eleanor Antin's 1991 faux-silent film *Man Without a World*.

In 2018, your release of *Beregovski Suite* brought to life melodies from a Ukrainian klezmer archive collected in the 1930's by Soviet Jewish ethnomusicologist Moshe Beregovski. Arranged and performed with jazz pianist Uli Geissendoerfer, the album re-imagined these long-lost melodies for the 21st century.

Your commitment to interpreting traditional klezmer for our contemporary era and introducing the next generation to Yiddish music has had an extraordinary impact on the arts and Jewish life. You have enriched us through your remarkable talent, boundless generosity, and deep love for Jewish music and culture.

Degrees in Course

תארים

GERSHON KEKST GRADUATE SCHOOL

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים במדעי היהדות ע"ש גרשון קקסט

Doctor of Philosophy

Kristine Heewon Yi

Master of Philosophy

Kristine Heewon Yi

Master of Arts

Jocelyn Rose Abrams

Gerald Adler

Yi Mei Chiang

Ronald F. Daitz

Benjamin Zachary Forester

Grace Elizabeth Gleason

Lindsay J. Goldman

Rishe Groner

Rebecca Margalit Guralnik ^{SW}

Alex Michael Hamilton

Pamela Kekst ^{SW}

Rubén Kraiem

Aaron Philip Leven

Aaron Joshua Morrill ^{PH}

Arielle Sabot

Boaz Kenneth Willis

Amelia Freida Rackner Wolf

PH: Dual-degree program with Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

SW: Dual-degree program with Columbia University School of Social Work

WILLIAM DAVIDSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים בחינוך יהודי ע"ש ויליאם דוידסון

Doctor of Education

Joshua Seth Ladon

Benjamin Aaron Mann

Master of Arts

Adam Geoffrey Bender

Ian Mark Cohen

Jayne Gayle Epstein

Aviva Beth Kamens

Sarah Marissa Klein

Jacob Solomon Kotlicky

Marilyn Selby Okoshi

Kimberly Samantha Rosenthal

Michale Bess Schueler

Hadassah Netanya Turk Tolub

Andrew Benjamin Weissfeld

Peter Erwin Young

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

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| Marissa Aaronson ^{JP H} | Teri Franco ^{DD} | Ryan Levi Milkman ^{JP} |
| Victoria Ayn Ardelean ^{JP} | Rory Alyse Glantz ^{JP} | Benjamin David Pagovich ^{JP} |
| Eden Rose Astorino ^{JP} | Maia Lynn Golzar Anderson ^{DD} | Jonah Nadav Pitkowsky ^{JP H} |
| Adam Daniel Aviram ^{JP} | Samuel Noah Grossman ^{JP} | Arin Leah Pogany ^{DD} |
| Jacob Matthew Baumstein ^{JP} | Sarah Lindsey Gruber ^{JP} | Hadassah Naomi Richman ^{JP H} |
| Alyx Bernstein ^{DD} | Alexa Nicole Hirsch ^{DD} | Natanya Shira Rosen ^{JP H} |
| Arieh Michael Bright ^{JP} | Solomon Rubin Hoffman ^{JP} | Emanuella Rozenfeld ^{JP} |
| Joshua Ezra Brunnlehrman ^{JP} | Noga Hurwitz ^{JP H} | Samuel Mark Slater ^{JP} |
| Dan Amiran Cohen ^{JP} | Jonah Lubow ^{JP} | Bailey Drew Tischler ^{JP} |
| Shulamit Crevoshay ^{JP} | Sophia Malovany ^{JP} | Zoe Beth Weinberg ^{DD} |
| Gabriel Maxwell Drill ^{JP} | Alice Rose Manning ^{DD} | Nicholas El-Eini Whitman ^{JP} |
| Zachary Aaron Fisher ^{JP} | Max Ryan Mezrow ^{JP} | Boaz Kenneth Willis ^{JP} |

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

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| Joshua Modiano Ehrlich | Marilyn Selby Okoshi | Noah Loren Rachels |
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THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL

בית המדרש לרבנים

Rabbi, Teacher, and Preacher**

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| Benjamin Zachary Forester | Lindsay J. Goldman | Gavriella Ayelet Kornsgold |
| Stefanie Marisa Gedan | Israel Moses Gordan | Aaron Philip Leven |
| Adam Joseph Gillman | Rishe Groner | Andrew Benjamin Weissfeld |
| Grace Elizabeth Gleason | Alex Michael Hamilton | Amelia Freida Rackner Wolf |

Master of Arts

Stefanie Marisa Gedan

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.*

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Prizes and Awards

פרסים

THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL

Cyrus Adler Prize—*Ilana Sandberg*

Rabbi Ben Zion Bergman Talmud Award—*Amelia Freida Rackner Wolf*

Bernard and Sydell Citron Scholastic Prize—*Amelia Freida Rackner Wolf*

Ismar Elbogen Fellowship Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Claire Shoyer*

The Rabbi Max Gelb Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Benjamin Zachary Forester*

Philip Goldstein Award of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and the Men's Club of Adas Israel Congregation, Washington, D.C.—*Israel Moses Gordan*

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg Homiletics Prize—*Benjamin Zachary Forester*

Dr. Michael Higger Prize in Talmud—*Ilana Brodsky, Claire Miller*

The Rabbi William H. Lebeau Merit Award—*Lilliana Shvartsmann*

Israel H. Levinthal Prize in Homiletics—*Micah Cowan*

Lillian M. Lowenfeld Prize in Practical Theology—*Aaron Philip Leven*

Rabbi Jacob S. Minkin Prize in Jewish Philosophy—*Noam Blauer*

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Prize in Professional Skills—*Andrew Benjamin Weissfeld*

Chaplain Sabet Resnicoff Prize—*Stefanie Marisa Gedan, Alex Michael Hamilton*

Rabbi Joel Roth Prize—*Ariel Berry, Zachary Carruthers*

Herman H. Rubenovitz and Mignon L. Rubenovitz Prize—*Rishe Groner*

David Scharps Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Grace Elizabeth Gleason*

Stephen Henry Shefin Memorial Prize—*Sarah Rockford*

Rabbi Morris Silverman Award in Liturgy—*Zachary Bernstein, Marc Hersch*

Moses Silverman Prize—*Adam Joseph Gillman, Lindsay J. Goldman*

Rabbi Arnold Turetsky Prize in Homiletics—*Grace Elizabeth Gleason*

The United Synagogue Award for Congregational Service—*Stefanie Marisa Gedan*

Eleanor and Meyer Visotzky Memorial Prize in Midrash—*Gavriella Ayelet Kornsgold*

Raymond Mark Wintrob Memorial Prize—*Gisela Baler*

Isaac H. Wolfson Memorial Award—*Aaron Philip Leven*

Joseph Zubow Memorial Prize in Codes—*Caleb Bromberg*

GERSHON KEKST GRADUATE SCHOOL

Charles and Ruth Samson Lefkowitz Award—*Arielle Sabot*

WILLIAM DAVIDSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Chaim Davidson Prize—*Kimberly Samantha Rosenthal*
 Rabbi Carl and Barbara Friedman Award—*Aviva Beth Kamens*
 Carol Ingall Prize—*Sarah Marissa Klein*
 Lisa and James Schlesinger Prize—*Hadassah Turk Tolub*

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

Anonymous Prize—*Marilyn Selby Okoshi*
 Cantors Assembly Alumni Award in Memory of Hazzan Max Wohlberg—*David Childs*
 Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Joseph and Rickie Gole Vocal Scholarship Fund—*Gedalia Penner-Robinson*
 Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Leon and Michal Lissek-B'nai Amoonah Scholarship Fund—*Max Henry Silverstone*
 Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Melvin Luterman Scholarship Fund—*Noah Loren Rachels*
 Cantors Assembly Foundation Moshe Taube Scholarship Fund—*Rachel Black*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Nancy Abramson Scholarship Fund—*Noah Loren Rachels*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Richard M. and Mary L. Berlin Scholarship Fund Award—*Marilyn Selby Okoshi*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Sheldon and Nita Polay Levin Scholarship Award—*Erin B. Ehren*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Abraham Lubin Scholarship Fund—*Neal Taibel*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Alberto and Deborah Mizrahi Scholarship Award—*David Childs*
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Elaine Shapiro Scholarship—*Kelsey Bailey*
 Cantors Assembly Hoffman Family Foundation Award in Honor of Hazzan Charles Davidson—*Joshua Modiano Ehrlich*
 Cantors Assembly Oheb Beth Israel Scholarship—*Roseanne Benjamin*
 Cantors Assembly Richard Briskin Cantor-in-Residence Award—*Joshua Modiano Ehrlich*
 Max and Sol Feld Prize in Composition—*Justin Zvi Pellis*
 Dr. Leonard E. Field and Beatrice E. Field Award—*Neal Taibel*
 Rabbi David C. Kogen Community Activities Award—*Anna Boiko-Weyrauch*
 Hazzan David J. Leon Prize—*Ruth C. Engel*
 H. L. Miller Fellows—*Kelsey Bailey, Erin B. Ehren*
 Amy B. Putterman Memorial Prize—*Brittany Stern*
 Rose S. Rovine Prize in Liturgical Music—*Noah Loren Rachels*
 Women's League for Conservative Judaism Kol Ishah Award—*Ingrid Barnett*

ALBERT A. LIST COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

Bina Appleman Memorial Education Award—*Sarah Gruber*
 Harry (Hillel) Appleman Memorial Education Award—*Ryan Milkman*
 Grace J. Calder Fund—*Samuel Slater*
 William A. Calder Family Fund Prize—*Marissa Aaronson*
 Professor Paul Chertoff Prize—*Gabriel Drill*

Dr. Susan Aurelia Gitelson Award for “The Spirit of the Search for Truth” in Memory of Dr. Moses Leo Gitelson—
Sophia Malovany

Harry and Ernestine Goldstein Award—*Victoria Ardelean*

Max and Bess Goodman Memorial Prize—*Bailey Tischler*

Emanuel Halpern Memorial Award—*Zoe Weinberg*

Minnie Weiss Halpern Memorial Education Award—*Jonah Lubow*

Benjamin and Anna Jaffe Memorial Award—*Dan Cohen*

Raphael and Sara Rifka Krasnow Memorial Educational Award—*Natanya Rosen*

Irving and Mary Kremsdorf Memorial Award—*Teri Franco*

Louis and Mary Lefkowitz Memorial Award—*Maia Anderson, Emanuella Rozenfeld*

Freda and David Leiter Student Aid Fund—*Alice Manning*

Judith M. Lewittes Award—*Boaz Willis*

Sara Goldin Lewittes Award—*Jonah Pitkowsky*

William and Alexander May Memorial Educational Award—*Benjamin Pagovich*

Rosalyn Gooen Milians Educational Award—*Arin Pogany*

The 1976 Celebrating Classes Joshua Ovsay Memorial Award—*Samuel Grossman*

Charles Steven Reinish Memorial Award—*Eden Astorino*

Sarah Sameth Rudavsky Memorial Prize—*Zoe Wulfstat*

Dr. Bernard Samson and Mrs. Sarah Bluma Samson Levinthal Memorial Award—
Joshua Brunnlehrman, Nicholas Whitman

Fanny Schneyer Education Award—*Max Mezrow*

Sarah Barcan Soffin Memorial Award—*Noga Hurwitz*

Helen P. Sussman Memorial Prize—*Alyx Bernstein*

The Teachers Institute Class of 1917 Award—*Jacob Baumstein*

The Teachers Institute Class of 1919 Award—*Arieh Bright*

The Teachers Institute Class of 1920 Award—*Adam Aviram*

Isak, Rosa, and Shifra Thau Memorial Award—*Zachary Fisher, Solomon Hoffman*

Marcus and Frances Krasnow Thau Award—*Shulamit Crevoshay*

Lt. Franklin M. Tunick Memorial Prize—*Rory Glantz*

Esther Sommerstein Zweig Education Award—*Alexa Hirsch, Hadassah Richman*

ALL SCHOOLS

Israel Davidson Memorial Prize—*Rose Clubok, Marc Hersch*

Dr. Moses Einhorn Award—*Jonathon Adler, Marc Hersch, David Ioinovitch*

Professor Louis Ginzberg Talmud Prize—*Natanya Rosen*

Israel Goldstein Prize—*Derek Tassone, Susan Sapiro*

Fannie and Robert Gordis Prize in Bible—*Ira Tokayer*

Alexander Kohut Memorial Prize—*Shira Farbman*

Edith Marks Prize in Semitics—*Kristine Yi*

Rabbi Joseph and Frances Miller Prize in Bible—*Jacob Baumstein*

Sarah and Morris Rosenberg Prize—*Aiden Pink*

Anna Grossman Sherman Award in Hebrew—*Claire Miller*

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.

2023 RECIPIENTS

Stefanie Gedan
Adam J. Gillman

Grace Gleason
Lindsay Goldman

Aaron Leven

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 in cooperation with National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv. Students are enrolled in certificate and master's programs in Jewish studies and go on to assume leadership positions in Ukrainian Jewish communities and in Jewish scholarship.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, JUNE 2023

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine

Undergraduate Certificate in Jewish Studies

Oksana Andryushchenko
Tetiana Fedorov
Oksana Gula
Gera Grudev
Natalia Hrytsenko

Serhii Kolisnyk
Angelika Lapenkova
Zoryana Lelyo
Olga Lepikhina
Natalia Malinovska

Anastasia Orekhova
Iryna Palamarchuk
Lina Rudenko
Daria Varivod
Alena Vyshnyakova

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 1973 on Its 50th Anniversary

לכבוד בוגרי 1973 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 1973—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 Joel Roth

GRADUATE RABBINICAL SCHOOL

Rabbi, Teacher, and Preacher

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| Mark Bisman | Kenneth Greene | Paul Michael Meyerstein |
| Daniel Boyarin | Richard Hammerman | Richard Plavin |
| Moshe (Martin) Edelman | Menahem Herman | David Resnick |
| Charles Feinberg | Howard Hoffman | Bernard Rotman |
| Robert Fine | Alvan Kaunfer | Martin Sandberg |
| David Freedman | Chanan (Kenneth) Klaristenfeld | Stephen Steindel |
| Norman Goldman | Alan Lavin | Carl Wolkin |
| Michael Greenbaum | Howard Lifshitz | Alan Yuter |

Master of Arts

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| Joseph Aronson | Jay Greenspan (z"l) | Moshe (Murray) Rosman |
| Harold Berman | Ronald Hoffberg | Craig Schweon |
| Arthur Blecher | Allen Juda | Daniel Shevitz |
| Geoffrey Botnick | Mark Kiel | Alan Silverstein |
| Joel Epstein | Frederic Margulies | Zalman Stein |
| Robert Fierstien | Jonathan Matt | Daniel Teplitz |
| Edward Friedman | Rim Meiowitz | Gordon Tucker |
| Stephen Garfinkel | Bernard Nisenholz | David White |
| Daniel Goldfarb | Stephan Parnes | |
| Marvin Goodman | Mitchell Romirowsky | |

TEACHERS INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

Doctor of Hebrew Literature

Rabbi Tuvia Kahana
Aaron Nussbaum

Rabbi Samuel Schafner (z"l)
Yehuda Shabatay (z"l)

Master of Arts

Alexander Birnbaum
Judith Hauptman

Murray Lieberman (z"l)
Shaul Regev

Shoshana Shapira

Bachelor of Hebrew Literature

Perry Berkowitz
Jeffrey Bienstock
Alisa Bleich
Annette Botnick
Tamar Erez
Nili Garinkol
Kenneth Steven Goldrich (z"l)
Daniel Grossman
Eliezer Havivi

Frieda Landman
Stephen Levin
Shoshana Milgram Knapp
Talila Nattiv
Tirza Nitzan
Natalie Ostrovsky
Philip Pohl
Avram Reisner
Esther Robbins

Stuart Schreiber
Barry Serota (z"l)
Yona Shiloh
Daniel Stuhlman
Shlomo (Sanford) Tucker
Samuel Robert Waxman
Jacob Welts
Esther Wolkowicki

Teachers Diploma

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| אָדוֹן עוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ | בְּטֶרֶם כָּל-יִצִיר נִבְרָא : |
| לַעֲת נַעֲשֶׂה בְּחִפְצוֹ כָּל | אֲזִי מֶלֶךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא : |
| וְאַחֲרֵי כָכֵלֹת הַכֹּל, | לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלֹךְ נוֹרָא : |
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| בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית, בְּלִי תַכְלִית, | וְלוֹ הָעוֹז וְהַמְשָׁרָה : |
| וְהוּא אֵ-לִי וְחִי גּוֹ-אֲלִי, | וְצוֹר חֲבִלִי בְּעַת צָרָה : |
| וְהוּא נֹסִי וּמְנוּס לִי, | מִנֶּת כּוֹסֵי בְיוֹם אֶקְרָא : |
| בְּיָדוֹ אֶפְקִיד רוּחִי | בְּעַת אִישׁוֹן וְאַעִירָה : |
| וְעַם-רוּחִי גּוֹיָתִי : | הִי לִי, וְלֹא אֵינִי : |

*Adon olam asher malakh, b'terem kol y'tzir niv-ra,
L'eyt na'asa v'heftzo kol, azai melekh sh'mo nikra.*

*V'aharey kikh-lot ha-kol, l'vado yim-lokh nora,
V'hu ha-ya v'hu ho-veh, v'hu yi-h'yeh b'tif-ara.*

*V'hu ehad v'eyn shey-ni, l'ham-shil lo l'hah-bira,
B'li reyshit b'li takhlit, v'lo ha-oz v'ha-misra.*

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V'hu nisi u-manos li, m'nat kosi b'ynom ekra.*

*B'yado afkid ruhi, b'eyt ishan v'a'ira,
V'im ruhi g'vi-yati, Adonai li v'lo ira.*

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