

**JTS**

131st Commencement Exercises  
May 22, 2025

# 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.

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### **Processional**

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### **The National Anthems**

Roseanne Kay Benjamin, Rachel Kay Leah Black, Justin Zvi Pellis

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### **Invocation**

Rabbi Bill Lebeau

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### **Conferring of Honorary Degrees**

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor

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### **Induction into the Society of Fellows**

Mr. Marc Gary

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### **Commencement Address**

Dr. Christine Hayes, Author and Sterling Professor Emerita in Classical Judaica, Yale University

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### **Musical Performance**

*Sim Shalom*

Music by Zina Goldrich, arranged by Oran Eldor; Text: Liturgy

The Chorus of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School

Professor Joyce Rosenzweig, Conductor and Pianist

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### **Sheheyanu**

Rabbi Amy Eilberg

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## Conferring of Degrees in Course

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor

Dr. Jeffrey Kress, Provost

### The Gershon Kekst Graduate School

Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, Dean

### The William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education

Dr. Jeffrey Kress, Acting Dean

### The Division of Lifelong Learning and Professional Studies

Dr. Lisa Springer, Dean of the Division of Lifelong and Professional Studies and Associate

Provost for Continuing and Digital Learning

Rabbi Naomi Kalish, PhD, Harold and Carole Wolfe Director Center for Pastoral Education

### Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies

Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, Dean

Remarks on Behalf of the Graduates of List College: Hannah Faye Solon

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

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

Cantor Rabbi Shoshi Levin Goldberg, Director H. L. Miller Cantorial School

### The Rabbinical School

Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen, Pearl Resnick Dean

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

Lorraine Schneider Enlow, The Gershon Kekst Graduate School

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## Charge to the Graduates

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor

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## Recessional

*Amen Shem Nora/Yehalelu Shemo*

Sephardic folk songs, arranged by Matthew Lazar

The Chorus of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School

Professor Joyce Rosenzweig, Conductor and Pianist

puck glass, tof

# Greetings from the Chancellor

דברי הנגידה



Congratulations to you, our graduates, to your friends and families, to the faculty and deans on this joyous occasion!

Precious students—your years at JTS have been shaped by moments of both challenge and celebration. You have been both witness and participant to some of the world’s distressing events. Through it all, you have pursued your studies; grown in understanding, proficiency, and achievement; and found ways to make a difference in our community and beyond.

In a recent article reflecting on the 40th anniversary of women’s ordination, I wrote: *“I had the good fortune to come of age in the 1970s, just as the feminist movement was gaining momentum and the struggle for women’s ordination in the Conservative Movement reached its peak.”* As we honor Rabbi Amy Eilberg—as well as Dr. Claudia Goldin, Professor Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, and Dr. Christine Hayes—today, I can’t help but reflect on my own graduation—on how much has changed, not only in this space, but in the world beyond these walls. Women have achieved a level of advancement that had seemed impossible, and opening those doors then paved the way for advancing leadership among other marginalized groups.

Today, as we face new challenges that need our attention as Americans and as Jews, let’s find inspiration in the paths of our honorees, in knowing that seemingly insurmountable challenges can become reality in many spheres of life.

As you step into the next chapter, may you find new ways to advance change that ushers in a more just, humane, and caring future. And may you be continually fortified by the learning, relationships, and experiences that shaped you here at JTS.

Shuly Rubin Schwartz  
Chancellor

# Greetings from the Board Chair

דברי ראש הוועד



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our Advisory Boards, it is my great pleasure to extend a personal *yishar ko'ah* and *mazal tov* to our graduates, and to their families and friends, on this joyous and momentous occasion.

We are deeply proud of the talented and dedicated group of rabbis, cantors, educators, scholars, and future lay leaders gathered here today. Your passion and commitment during your time at JTS have brought you to this milestone—and prepared you to lead, inspire, and serve Jewish communities around the world.

As Chair of the Board, I am continually inspired by the promise of this new generation of Jewish leaders. As the preeminent institution of Jewish higher education in North America, JTS's mission is to “integrate rigorous academic scholarship, teaching, discourse, and religious practice in order to strengthen Jewish tradition, Jewish lives, and Jewish communities in the broadest possible sense.” Today we celebrate the graduates who not only reflect this vision—but who bring it to life.

To our graduates: as you leave our halls, you step into the world at a time of great complexity and challenge—for both the Jewish people and for humanity as a whole. Yet, we are confident that your education at JTS has prepared you not only to confront these challenges, but to help transform them. May you continue to embody *tikkun olam*—repairing the world—with courage, wisdom, and compassion.

Mazal tov on your accomplishments. Go forth with strength, hope, and a deep sense of purpose.

B'shalom,

A handwritten signature in dark 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 Vice Chancellor

## דברי סגן הנגידה



As I consider the accomplishments of our graduates, I'm inspired by all they've achieved—the knowledge they've gained, the deep friendships they've formed, and the strong academic foundation they've built here at JTS. As an alum, I know firsthand that the JTS experience is a gift that continues to pay dividends and create opportunities for our graduates and their families into the future.

As Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement, it is a privilege to serve my *alma mater* and help ensure that our students, faculty, staff, and administration have the resources they need to experience all that JTS has to offer. Whether it's the scholarships we are honored to provide, the Student Life experiences we invest in, or the academic, emotional, and spiritual guidance we offer, JTS is grateful for our parents, donors, supporters, and leaders, who honor our students with their support.

Mazal tov to our graduates. May JTS always be a home for you—May it continue to serve as a place that can sustain you, inspire you, and nourish not just your education, but your life's journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joel Seltzer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rabbi Joel Seltzer  
Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement



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in honor of a graduate!

# Honorary Degrees

תארי כבוד

## Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by  
Mr. Barry Lovell  
Rabbi Gordon Tucker

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As the first woman to be ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary and to serve on the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, you have blazed a trail of immense importance for female leaders of our community. You brought to your calling a belief that Jewish women, because of the particularities of their experiences in the traditional Jewish world, would kindle new and vital energies for the rabbinate. That belief has been vindicated through your illustrious career and the careers of the many talented women who have followed in your footsteps. Your ordination in 1985 thus helped to chart new paths for future generations of both women and men in Jewish religious leadership, and for the Jewish people.

You have made profound contributions to the fields of pastoral care, spiritual direction, and peacebuilding. You have also dedicated yourself to advancing interfaith dialogue, racial justice, and peace and reconciliation, most recently serving as the Coordinator of Jewish Engagement for Faith in Action Bay Area. Through the Pardes Rodef Shalom Communities Program, you have taught Jewish civil discourse, empowering rabbis and Jewish organizations to foster peaceful and constructive dialogue. Previously, you helped found the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center and served as founding co-director of the Yedidya Center for Jewish Spiritual Direction.

As Chair of the Racial Justice Subcommittee of the Conservative Movement's Social Justice Commission and Chair of Congregation Etz Chayim's Anti-Racism Impact Team, you continue to lead efforts to combat injustice within Jewish institutions. Your book, *From Enemy to Friend: Jewish Wisdom and the Pursuit of Peace*, shows how ancient Jewish traditions can inspire personal reconciliation and peacebuilding.

Your influence extends to academia, where you have taught at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, University of St. Catherine, and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. You also directed interfaith dialogue programs for the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning. You received your Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 2016, and your work has earned you national recognition and awards from the Rabbinical Assembly, the New Israel Fund, and Tru'ah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights.

You embody the values of tikkun olam at the highest level, dedicating yourself to healing and justice in all aspects of your life and work, and it is a privilege to salute you on this, the 40th anniversary of your rabbinate.

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# Dr. Claudia Goldin

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by

Mr. Matthew Furman

Dr. Edna Nahshon

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Your tremendous contributions to the field of economics have revolutionized our understanding of women's labor market outcomes. Through your creative and brilliant research, which earned you the 2023 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, you have revolutionized how we analyze and address gender differences in the workplace.

An economic historian and labor economist, you are the Henry Lee Professor of Economics at Harvard University and hold the Lee and Ezpeleta Professorship of Arts & Sciences. As the former director of the National Bureau of Economic Research's (NBER) Development of the American Economy program and co-director of NBER's Gender in the Economy group, you have led transformative research spanning a wide range of topics, including the gender gap in earnings, income inequality, technological change, education, and immigration.

You are best known for your historical work on women in the United States economy, with landmark research on the history of women's career and family choices, coeducation in higher education, and the impact of the birth control pill on women's decisions regarding career and marriage. Your most recent book, *Career & Family: Women's Century-Long Journey toward Equity*, has been translated into 15 languages. Your book *The Race Between Education and Technology* (with L. Katz) won the prestigious 2008 R.R. Hawkins Award for the most outstanding scholarly work in all disciplines of the arts and sciences. Your insights are in especially high demand at present, given the uncertainty surrounding US economic policy, and you are frequently cited by the national media and other scholars.

You have been honored with numerous prestigious awards, including the IZA Institute of Labor Economics Prize in Labor Economics, the Mincer Prize, the BBVA Frontiers in Knowledge Award, and the Nemmers Award. Past president of the American Economic Association and the Economic History Association, you received your BA from Cornell University and your PhD from the University of Chicago.

Your work continues to inspire and shape the future of economics, making you a leading force in advancing gender equity in the workforce.

# Professor Ruth Halperin-Kaddari

Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by

Ms. Mimi Alperin

Dr. Stefanie B. Siegmund

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You are a powerful voice in advocating for women's rights in Israel and worldwide, making extraordinary contributions to law, society, and the State of Israel.

An expert on family law and international women's rights, you are the Founding Academic Director of the Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women at Bar-Ilan University Law School in Israel, where you serve as a full professor. In December 2018, you completed three terms on the UN Committee on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), during which you served twice as the vice-chair of the committee, and as the first chair of the Working Group on Inquiries.

A graduate of Yale Law School, where you earned your LLM and JSD, you are the recipient of numerous international awards, including the United States State Department's Women of Courage Award and the Human Rights Award from the Ingrid zu Solms-Stiftung Foundation.

You have ensured that many women who have experienced violence and discrimination obtained redress, including but not limited to recognition of their status as victims.

Since the horrendous events of October 7, you have played a critical role in fighting for international acknowledgement of Hamas' horrific sexual crimes and working tirelessly to achieve justice.

You have gained the respect and trust of survivors as well as of experts and policymakers around the world. This has allowed you to undertake important collaborations with United Nations officials and realize extraordinary achievements, including ensuring that violations of the rights of Jews are acknowledged and condemned even in the most challenging political contexts.

In co-founding the Dinah Project, an organization dedicated to recognition and justice for victims of sexual violence in conflict, you have effectively countered denial of appalling atrocities while maintaining a deep commitment to accuracy and respect for victims' agency and right to privacy.

Your work has advanced women's equality and enabled countless women in Israel and around the world to better enjoy their rights to autonomy and physical integrity.

## Dr. Christine Hayes

Doctor of Hebrew Letters, *honoris causa*

Sponsored by  
Mr. Alan Klein  
Dr. Richard Kalmin

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Your outstanding contributions to Jewish scholarship have elucidated critical areas of Jewish thought with immense originality and insight.

As Sterling Professor Emerita of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica at Yale University, your scholarship on Talmudic-midrashic studies, the Hebrew Bible, and the history and literature of Judaism in late antiquity has shaped our understanding of these critical areas of Jewish thought. An acknowledged *ohevet Yisrael*, a lover of the people of Israel, your warmth toward the Jewish community shines through in your teaching and writing.

Your books, including *Between the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds*, which won the 1997 Salo Baron Prize; *Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities*, a 2003 National Jewish Book Award finalist; and *What's Divine about Divine Law? Early Perspectives*, which received numerous honors, including the 2015 National Jewish Book Award in Scholarship and the 2016 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award, are widely regarded as landmark works.

A graduate of Harvard University and the University of California at Berkeley, you have strengthened the academic enterprise through your expert leadership as past President of the Association for Jewish Studies and co-editor of the *Association for Jewish Studies Review*. Your introductory book on the Hebrew Bible; your popular online Yale course, "Introduction to the Bible"; and your textbook on the emergence of Judaism have made complex, nuanced findings and cutting-edge scholarly approaches accessible to a wide audience.

You have also held faculty or visiting faculty positions at Princeton University, Tel Aviv University Law School, the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and Harvard University Law School, among others. In 2023, you were honored with an honorary doctorate in Theology from Lund University, Sweden. You are an elected member of the American Academy of Jewish Research and a Senior Research Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

A stalwart friend of the Jewish people in good times and challenging ones, your groundbreaking work continues to shape Jewish scholarship and will inspire students and scholars alike for generations to come.

# Society of Fellows

## אגודת העמיתים

Established in 1966, the Society of Fellows is an association of men and women who have demonstrated devotion to the highest ideals of Judaism and to the principles of social justice and concern for the broader community. They are people of extraordinary and diverse talents, who have made an enormous impact on the welfare of JTS.

## Mr. Marc Gary

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Mr. Alan Leifer

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You are a deeply respected and visionary leader in the Jewish communal world, having made transformative contributions to Jewish education, institutional leadership, and the advancement of Jewish life in North America.

Marc, as a former executive vice chancellor and chief operating officer of The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), you played a central role in reshaping one of the most vital institutions of Jewish learning and leadership. During your tenure, you led the planning and construction of the JTS 21st Century Campus, which encompasses the beautiful atrium that we are sitting in today. This project, of immense complexity and importance, brought to life a bold vision for the future of Jewish scholarship, religious life, and community.

A graduate of Columbia Law School, you are a distinguished attorney and a lifelong leader in the Conservative Movement and the Jewish community. Your journey began at age 17 as the international president of USY and has continued through decades of service on the boards of Jewish communal organizations such as United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, UJA –Federation of New York, and the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, among many others. You brought your extensive legal and lay leadership experience to JTS, where your impact reached far beyond physical infrastructure. Under your stewardship, JTS expanded its reach through groundbreaking initiatives such as the Block / Kolker Center for Spiritual Arts, the Hendel Center for Ethics and Justice, and the Nishma text study program, each a reflection of your deep commitment to Torah, justice, and spiritual growth.

Your leadership extended to nearly every facet of institutional life, including finance, development, admissions, information technology, and academic affairs. You brought clarity, professionalism, and *menschlichkeit* to your work, while mentoring a new generation of professionals and helping build a more vibrant and resilient institution.

A passionate advocate and knowledge-seeker of Jewish learning and a tireless servant of the community, you have continued your commitment to JTS as a member of its Board of Trustees, as a donor, and as a friend and counselor to many. Your deep love for the Jewish people, your reverence for learning, and your dedication to ethical leadership are evident in every chapter of your career.

Your extraordinary service to JTS and to the Jewish community reflects the highest ideals of Judaism and the principles upon which the Society of Fellows was founded.

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# Degrees in Course

## תארים

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### THE GERSHON KEKST GRADUATE SCHOOL

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים במדעי היהדות ע"ש גרשון קקסט

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#### Doctor of Philosophy

David Scott DeLauro

Ryan Stephen Higgins

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#### Doctor of Hebrew Literature

Ashley Nicole Brocious

Loraine Schneider Enlow

Judith Lynne Shapero

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#### Master of Arts

Annabel Cohen

Julia Goldberg

Alicia Ann Rothamel

Anina Dassa

Joshua Henry Klein

Claire Shoyer

Ariel Ya'akov Dunat

Shira Farbman Lipkin

Nicole Beth Wilson-Spiro

Alex Friedman

Aiden Eliyahu Pink

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### THE WILLIAM DAVIDSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

בית הספר ללימודים מתקדמים בחינוך יהודי ע"ש ויליאם דוידסון

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#### Doctor of Education

Shelley S. Kedar

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#### Master of Arts

Tobi Afran

Mallory Jana Bustow

Trudy Shai Morse

Shanna Talia Bedrick

Liora Libi Finkel

Emma Lou Sesar

Sarah Haley Bernstein

Julia Goldberg

Hadassa Slager

Samantha Brenner\*

Ariel Laura Light

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### THE DIVISION OF LIFELONG LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

החטיבה ללימודי המשך והשתלמות מקצועית

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#### Master of Arts

Sassoon Orol Brown

Rebecca Jane Galin

\* Degree awarded in October 2024

*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

Aaron Willis Friedman Bruce <sup>JP</sup>	Michael Solomon Lippman <sup>JP</sup>	Adeena Shulamit Bromberg Seltzer <sup>DD</sup>
Daniel Albert Caplan <sup>JP</sup>	Jonathan Lev Livstone <sup>JP H</sup>	Matthew Gregory Shtaynberg <sup>JP</sup>
Rebecca Paulette Chiet <sup>JP</sup>	Sarah Christine Martinson <sup>JP</sup>	Miriam B. Singer <sup>JP</sup>
Maya Rebekka Druch <sup>JP</sup>	Sahar Paz <sup>JP</sup>	Hannah Faye Solon <sup>JP</sup>
Rachel Mae Frank <sup>JP</sup>	Lily Avital Penn <sup>JP</sup>	Dahlia Ayelet Soussan <sup>DD</sup>
Reena Bat-Tzion Bromberg Gaber <sup>JP H</sup>	Ava Madeline Quinn <sup>JP</sup>	Benjamin Wald <sup>JP</sup>
Eli Gelb <sup>JP</sup>	Jonathan Louis Rosen <sup>JP</sup>	Tzvi Hadar Waxman <sup>JP</sup>
Eliana Goldin <sup>JP</sup>	Madison Leah Rosenfield <sup>JP</sup>	Gabriel Fine Weiss <sup>JP H</sup>
Judith Ellen Goldstein <sup>DD</sup>	Rachel Rumstein <sup>JP</sup>	Eden Yadegar <sup>JP</sup>
David Harari <sup>JP</sup>	Claudia Rose Sachs <sup>JP</sup>	Avital Miriam Zeldin <sup>JP</sup>
Gilad D. Kestenberg	Gittel Tova Segal <sup>DD</sup>	
Yakira Esther Lebeau Kress <sup>DD</sup>	Yehezkel Levi Segal <sup>JP</sup>	

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

Roseanne Kay Benjamin	Rachel Kay Leah Black	Justin Zvi Pellis
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#### Master of Sacred Music

Erin B. Ehren\*

## THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL

### בית המדרש לרבנים

#### Rabbi, Teacher, and Preacher\*\*

Sassoon Orol Brown	Alex Friedman	Lara Hannah Rodin
Anina Dassa	Rebecca Jane Galin	Alicia Ann Rothamel
Ariel Ya'akov Dunat	Aiden Eliyahu Pink	Claire Shoyer

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.

\* Degree awarded in May 2024

\*\* 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

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### THE RABBINICAL SCHOOL

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Cyrus Adler Prize—*Sarah Rockford*

Bernard and Sydell Citron Scholastic Prize—*Claire Shoyer*

Ismar Elbogen Fellowship Memorial Prize in Talmud—*Noam Blauer*

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg Homiletics Prize—*Ariel Ya'akov Dunat*

The Rabbi William H. Lebeau Merit Award—*Marc Hersch*

Israel H. Levinthal Prize in Homiletics—*Sassoon Orol Brown*

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Prize in Professional Skills—*Rebecca Jane Galin*

Solomon and Rose Lasdon Prize—*Anina Dassa*

Stephen Henry Shefin Memorial Prize—*Christopher Penello*

Eleanor and Meyer Visotzky Memorial Prize in Midrash—*Sassoon Orol Brown and Claire Shoyer*

The Kay and Rabbi Moshe (z"l) Pomerantz Prize in Congregational Education—*Lara Hannah Rodin*

Rabbi Moses Silverman Prize—*Alicia Ann Rothamel*

Raymond Mark Wintrob Memorial Prize—*Wade Melnick*

Isaac H. Wolfson Memorial Award—*Aiden Eliyahu Pink*

Joseph Zubow Memorial Prize in Codes—*Eitan Bloostein*

Dr. Michael Higger Prize in Talmud—*Harold Aaronson and Elyse Wolman*

Rabbi Morris Silverman Award in Liturgy—*Alex Friedman*

Rabbi Mordecai Waxman (z"l) Memorial Prize in Interreligious Engagement—*Iliana Brodsky and Claire Davidson Bruder*

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### WILLIAM DAVIDSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

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Chaim Davidson Prize—*Mallory Bustow*

Rabbi Carl and Barbara Friedman Award—*Shanna Bedrick*

Lisa and James Schlesinger Prize—*Tobi Afran*

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

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Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Joseph and Rickie Gole Vocal Scholarship Fund—*Rachel Black*

Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Leon and Michal Lissek-B'nai Amoonah Scholarship Fund—*Justin Zvi Pellis*

Cantors Assembly Foundation Hazzan Melvin Luterman Scholarship Fund—*Brittany Stern*

Cantors Assembly Foundation North Suburban Synagogue Beth El/Hazzan Larry Goller Endowment Fund—*Ruth Engel*

Cantors Assembly Hazzan Nancy Abramson Scholarship Fund—*Kelsey Bailey*

Cantors Assembly Hazzan Richard M. and Mary L. Berlin Scholarship Fund Award—*Toby Banks*

Cantors Assembly Hazzan Sheldon and Nita Polay Levin Scholarship Award—*Marc Szechter*

Cantors Assembly Hazzan Abraham Lubin Scholarship Fund—*Shira Bodnar*  
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Alberto and Deborah Mizrahi Scholarship Award—*Frances Shacket*  
 Cantors Assembly Hazzan Elaine Shapiro Scholarship—*Libbie Sarah*  
 Cantors Assembly Hoffman Family Foundation Award in honor of Hazzan Charles Davidson—*Roseanne Kay Benjamin*  
 Cantors Assembly Oheb Beth Israel Scholarship—*Caitlyn Shannon*  
 Cantors Assembly Richard Briskin Cantor-in-Residence Award—*Justin Zvi Pellis*  
 H. L. Miller Fellow—*Toby Banks*

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### **ALBERT A. LIST COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES**

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Raphael and Sara Rifka Krasnow Memorial Education Award—*Reena Bat-Tzion Bromberg Gaber*  
 William and Alexander May Award—*Aaron Willis Friedman Bruce*  
 Dr. Bernard Samson and Mrs. Sarah Bluma Samson Levinthal Memorial Award—*Daniel Albert Caplan*  
 Sarah Barcan Soffin Memorial Award—*Rebecca Paulette Chiet, Ava Quinn*  
 Dr. Susan Aurelia Gitelson Award for “The Spirit of the Search for Truth” in Memory of Dr. Moses Leo Gitelson—  
*Yakira Esther Lebeau Kress*  
 Irving and Mary Kremsdorf Memorial Award—*Gittel Tova Segal*  
 Dr. Joseph Garrison Parker Award—*Gabriel Fine Weiss*  
 Rosalyn Gooen Milians Award—*Eliana Goldin*  
 Charles Steven Reinisch Award—*Jonathan Lev Livstone*  
 Marcus and Frances Krasnow Thau Award—*David Harari*  
 Professor Paul Chertoff Prize—*Hannah Faye Solon*  
 Helen P. Sussman Memorial Prize—*Adeena Bromberg Seltzer*  
 Louis and Mary Lefkowitz Memorial Award—*Michael Solomon Lippman, Rachel Rumstein*  
 Bina Appelman Memorial Education Award—*Judith Ellen Goldstein*  
 1976 Celebrating Classes Joshua Ovsay Memorial Award—*Sarah Christine Martinson*  
 Harry [Hillel] Appleman Award—*Sahar Paz*  
 Max and Bess Goodman Memorial Prize—*Lily Avital Penn*  
 Fanny Schneyer Education Award—*Jonathan Louis Rosen*  
 Max and Bess Goodman Award—*Dahlia Ayelet Soussan*  
 Harry and Ernestine Goldstein Award—*Miriam B. Singer*  
 Minnie Weiss Halpern Memorial Education Award—*Claudia Rose Sachs, Rachel Mae Frank*  
 Benjamin and Anna Jaffee Memorial Award—*Yehezkel Levi Segal, Maya Rebekka Druch*  
 Fanny Schneyer Education Award—*Matthew Gregory Shtaynberg*  
 Teacher’s Institute Class of 1917 Award—*Gilad D. Kestenberg, Avital Miriam Zeldin*  
 Teacher’s Institute 1919 Award—*Madison Leah Rosenfield, Benjamin Wald*  
 Teacher’s Institute Class of 1920 Award—*Tzvi Hadar Waxman, Eli Gelb*  
 Esther Zommerstein Zweig Education Award—*Eden Yadegar*

# 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.

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#### 2025 RECIPIENTS

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Anina Dassa

Lara Hannah Rodin

Alicia Ann Rothamel

### Project Judaica

Central to the revival of Jewish life and learning in Ukraine, Project Judaica is a unique program sponsored by JTS in cooperation with the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Kyiv. Students enrolled in its certificate program go on to assume leadership positions in Ukrainian Jewish communities and in Jewish scholarship.

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#### CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, JUNE 2025

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#### Institute of Oriental Studies, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Kyiv

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##### Certificate in Jewish Studies

Oksana Chala

Iryna Nebesna

Daria Skvortsova

Olena Chihrinets

Tetiana Romanchenko

Ihor Temeh

Yevhenyi Levinson

Roman Serheev

Vadim Yablonsky

Svitozara Melenevska

Yevhen Shnayder

Olha Yashna

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.

## Certificate in Judaica and Hebraica Librarianship Program

The Certificate in Judaica and Hebraica Librarianship, offered jointly by JTS and the Association of Jewish Libraries, is awarded to librarians, library school students, academics, and PhD students in the field of Jewish studies who have completed a curriculum providing skills in the specialized universe of Judaica librarianship. Coursework is followed by a supervised internship in specific areas of interest. Graduates are equipped with the skills necessary to work in research, academic, special collection libraries, and archives in the US and internationally.

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### 2025 RECIPIENTS

Ruta Anulyte	Eleonora Bischetti	Mackenzie Zalin
Anthony Catanese	Keren Perugia	

## Certificate in Biblical Hebrew

The Biblical Hebrew Certificate is awarded to those who have completed a curriculum covering the fundamentals of Biblical Hebrew grammar. Graduates have acquired the necessary tools and abilities to translate the books of the Tanakh in the original Hebrew.

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### 2025 RECIPIENTS

Daniel Bachman	Charles Hersh	Joan Popkin
Gail Becker	Robert Hirsch	Samuel Rood
Andy Block	Liz Jones	Anne Schwartz
Michele Braun	Elliot Klayman	Constance Seligman
Mallory Bustow	Brian Lister	Marc Silberberg
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