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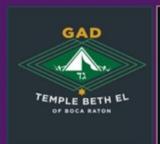
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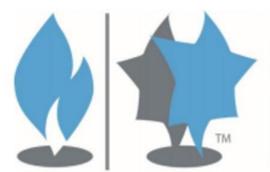
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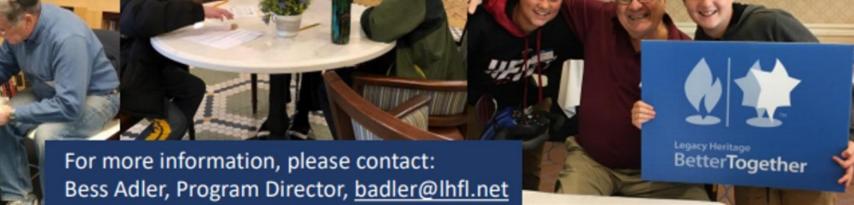
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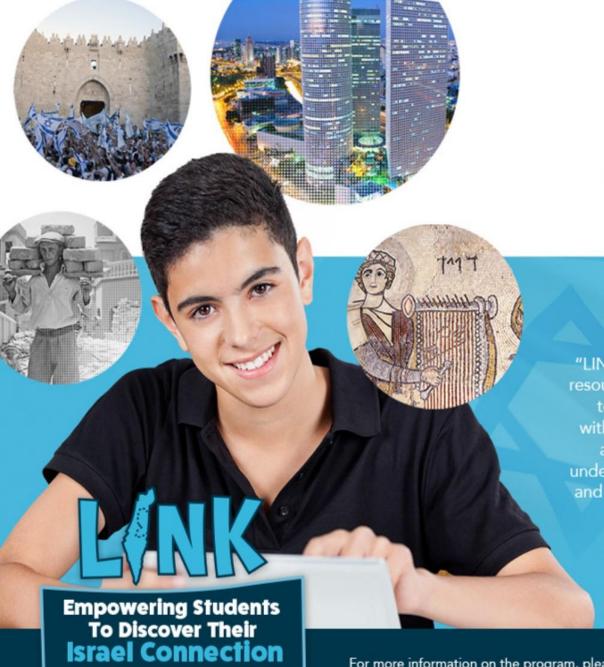
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Mazel tov, Marisa!

You are a source of blessing for our congregational family.

## Temple Jeremiah celebrates our Director of Religious Education

### Anne M. Lidsky, Ph.D., R.J.E.



for her 40 years of dedication, passion, and commitment to enriching the lives of our Jewish community



With deep appreciation,

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To our beloved colleague and friend Lisa B. Frankel on becoming a Reform Jewish Educator and a board member of ARJE.



From the administration and staff of
THE JACOB RADER MARCUS CENTER OF THE

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Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director



Rabbi Steven Rau, RJE and Elizabeth C. Foster

on their dedication to our Breman Education Center

The clergy, staff, and leadership of The Temple Atlanta, GA



# עבדו את יהוה בשמחה **Serve God with Joy**

Psalms 100:2

**Barb Shimansky** lives this teaching and teaches through the way she lives. Her passion for life, Judaism, Israel, family, community, and social justice is evident in all she does. Barb serves our Temple Beth Sholom community with joy and, in doing so, she serves God. Our congregants, staff, teachers, clergy, and leadership are individually and collectively blessed to learn from and with Barb. Barb inspires all to **Serve God with Joy**.





KATHY, MARISA, JOE, MISSY, STACY AND ANNE, MAY YOU CONTINUE TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AS YOU MOVE US TOWARD AN EXCITING FUTURE

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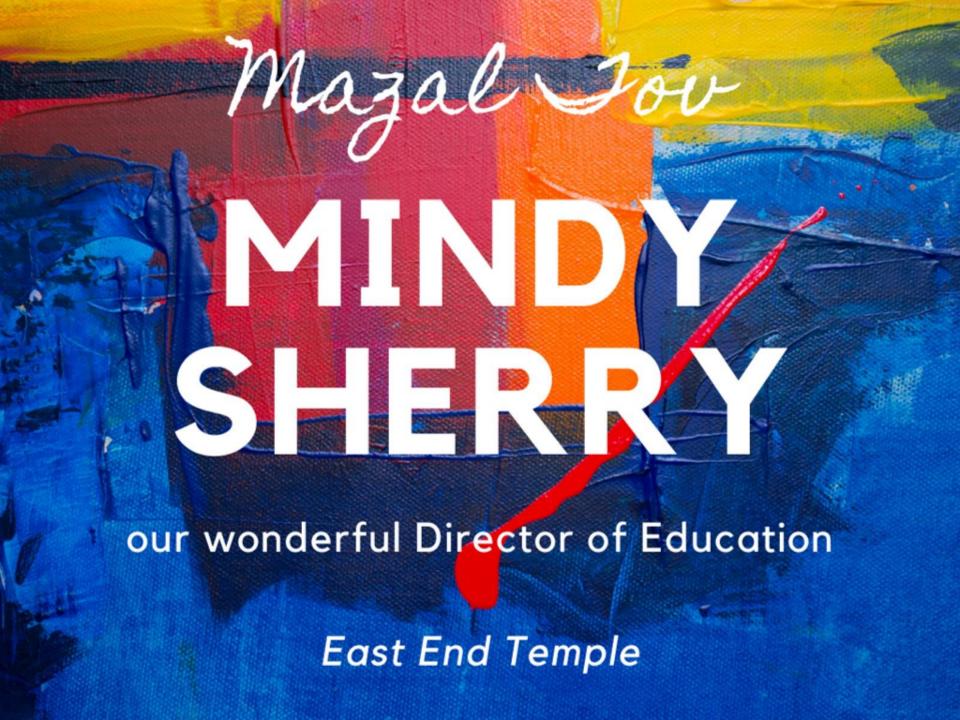
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## DR. KATHY SCHWARTZ, RJE

ON HER LEADERSHIP AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD AND LEADERSHIP OF THE ARJE.

> TO CONTINUING TO GROW AND LEARN FROM ALL OF YOU.

David M. Scott, RJE Congregation Beth Israel, Houston





Cheers our teacher and friend, **Dr. Lesley Litman**, on being recognized with the ARJE

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You grow and nurture others, now it is your turn to shine!

Mazal tov from your HUC-EMA Clinical Faculty Mentors, Anna, Joy, Julie, Kathy, Sue, Tamara MAZAL TOV HANNAH AND TAMI ON AN EXCELLENT FEW DAYS OF WONDERFUL LEARNING

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# MAZEL TOV JO-ELLEN ARJE Distinguished Educator 2020

We are so proud to work with you, and are grateful for your wonderful leadership.





#### Mazel Tov Tami Weisman, 2020 ARJE Annual Gathering Co-Chair!

From the Weisman and Wheatley Families Greg, Claire, Daphne, Layla, Leslie, Justin, Zach, Alison, Anna, and Lily



To the ARJE Leadership and Staff,

Thank you for your dedication, hard work, thoughtfulness, humor and joy as we lead this association, soaring to new heights (be it looking up at the mountains in Colorado for AG20 or flying through air on the way to one of our many meetings). You continue to be my partners and guides and I am forever grateful. Kathy Schwartz, RJE

## In honor of Dr. Lesley Litman

We are so grateful for your truly distinguished educational leadership and friendship.

חזקי ואמצי

Andrew Rehfeld, PhD, President
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and

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Distinguished Educator Honorees



You make the messy parts of Jewish education so inviting. I am so grateful to be on a creative journey together!

Miriam Heller Stern, PhD, RJE National Director, School of Education, HUC-JIR



#### וָהֶוִי דָן אֶת כָּל הָאָדָם לְכַף זְכוּת ,וּקְנֵה לְךָּ חָבֵּר , עֲשֵׂה לְךָּ רַב

"Find yourself a teacher, and acquire for yourself a friend, and judge all people with the scale weighted in their favor." (Pirkei Avot)

Lesley, you have embraced this teaching your whole career, so that both your teachers and students have become your friends, drawn by your openness, understanding, and caring.

Mazel Tov, on being honored by the ARJE as a 2020 Distinguished Educator.

Your proud family, Bill and Solomon

והיינו דאמר ר' חנינא מרבותי ומחבירי יותר מרבותי ומתלמידי יותר מכולן

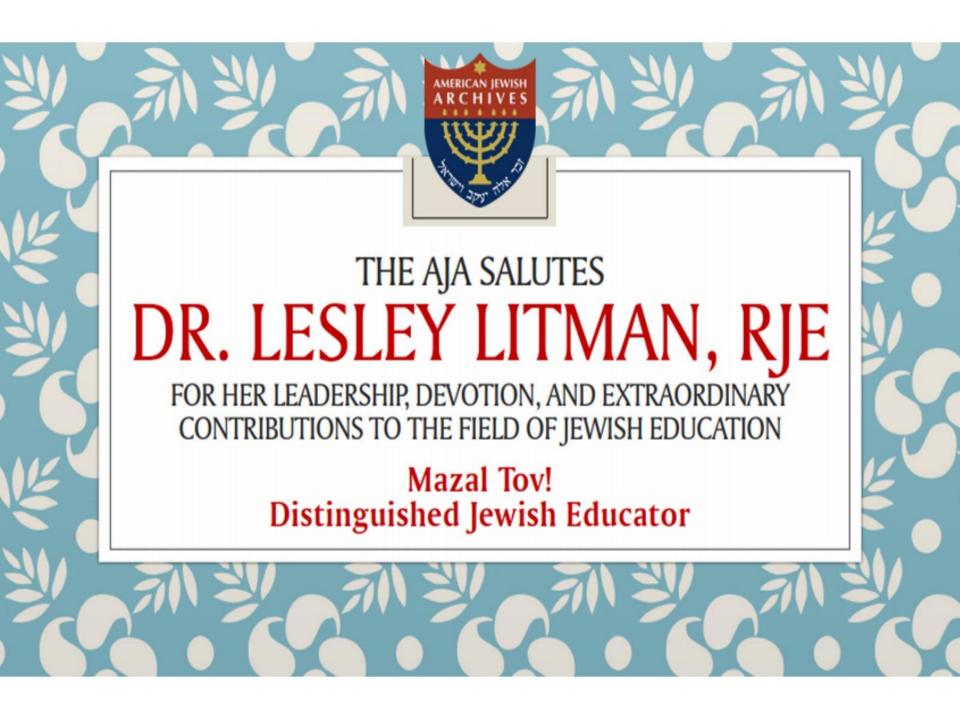
And this is what Rabbi Ḥanina said: I have learned much from my teachers and even more from my friends, but from my students I have learned most of all.

Taanit הרבה למדתי

Mazal tov Jo-Ellen on this magnificent honor. You are a teacher and friend to so many of us who have the honor to be your students.

May you go from strength to strength and joy to joy.

Lesley Litman, Ed.D., RJE





# Mazel Tov, Hannah Rubin-Schlansky, on an excellent gathering!



WITH APPRECIATION FROM YOUR Temple Emanu-El Family

#### RACHEL/MOM

### A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON GETTING YOUR RJE TITLE!

We are so proud of you and love you so much!!

Love, Albert, George, and Dena





Mazel tov to
Distinguished
Jewish Educators

Dr. Lesley Litman & Jo-Ellen Unger

Dr. Michael Zeldin







### Congratulations to Rabbi Rachel Kaplan Marks on your RJE title!

We are so proud of the work you do!





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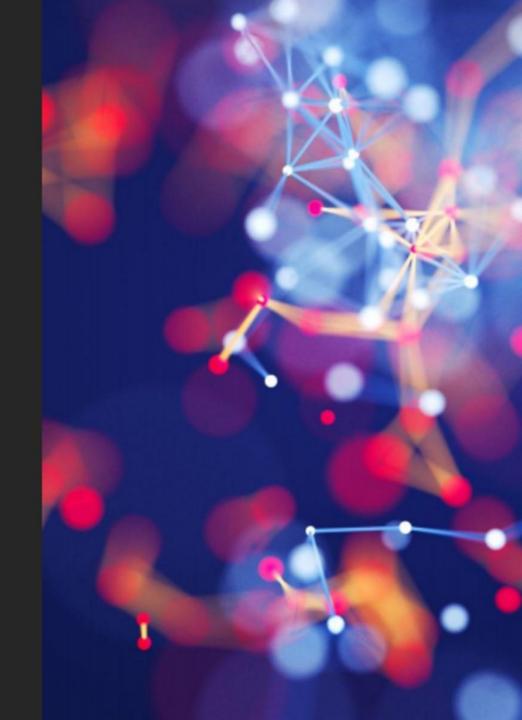






Thank you to Joan Carr, Lori Daitch, Joe Eiduson, Robin Eisenberg, Susan Morrel and Debbie Niederman (the Leadership Development Committee) for your dedication to our work.

LISA LIEBERMAN BARZILAI, RJE AND SARAH GLUCK



Ben Zoma says: Who is rich? One who is happy with their lot.
-- Pirkei Avot 4:1

We are so happy with the ARJE Finance Team.

# Emily Cohen Rabbi Jody Cook Mindy Sherry, RJE Lauren Trexler

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

With much appreciation, Rabbi Joe Eiduson, RJE & Miles Roger, RJE Thank you to all ARJE volunteers and leaders.

We are blessed to have this community of educational leaders guiding our organization and leading the field of Jewish Education.

Rabbi Laura Novak Winer, RJE



With all my heART, Jo-Ellen

#### אֲשֵׂה לְדָּ רַב, וּקְנֵה לְדָּ חָבֵר, וֶהֱוִי דָן אֶת כָּל הָאָדָם לְכַף זְכוּת.

Make for yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend and find in every person their merit. -Pirkei Avot 1:6



To Our Mentor, Friend, Colleague, and most of all, to our Teacher Sam,

Mazel Tov on your retirement! We are grateful for all of your contributions to Jewish life and in particular the ARJE. May you go from strength to strength! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

"Your wisdom and guidance has been and will continue to be a blessing to us all."

From the ARJE

#### חזק חזק ונתחזק

"Thank you Sam for your support and encouragement benefitting Jewish education and Jewish educators!"

"You have been and will continue to be a valued teacher and colleague."

"I have loved learning from and with you." "You've always been a great teacher and mentor. I've cherished our friendship and your wisdom."



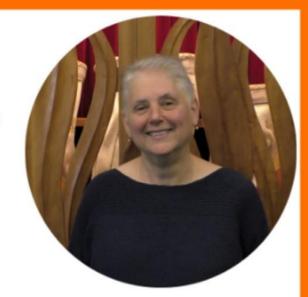


Temple Chai celebrates Laura Perpinyal, RJE!

We are blessed to have you at the helm of our congregational learning.
Thank you for your dedication to our members.



# Congratulations Iris!



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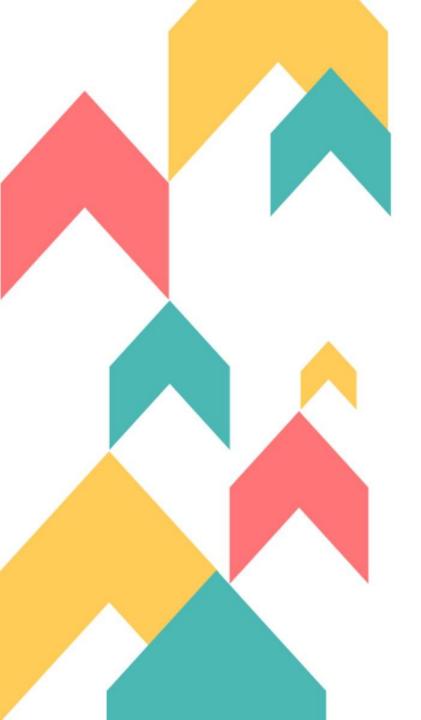
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TO MY COLLEAGUES AND SPECIAL FRIENDS

# JO-ELLEN UNGER & DR. LESLEY LITMAN

on being named the 2020 Distinguished Educator Honorees. I am so proud of both of you!

- Robin Eisenberg



# Thank you to the ARJE's unparalleled Development Team!

MINDY SHERRY,
LAUREN TREXLER,
BRIAN AVNER, &
STEFANI CARLSON

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ON BEING CHOSEN AS A 2020 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR!

WE ALREADY KNEW YOU WERE ONE!

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on receiving the 2020 Distinguished Educator Award

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Hannah Rubin-Schlansky & Tami Weisman,

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### Todah Rabah

Kathy Schwartz, for your continued partnership.

Stan Schickler, for your ongoing guidance and humor.

Executive Committee & Team Leaders, Missy Bell, Anne Berman-Waldorf, Brad Cohen, Lori Daitch, Joe Eiduson, Heather Erez, Mandy Herlich, Lisa Levenberg, Laura Perpinyal, Jay Rappaport, Rena Rifkin, Miles Roger, Stacy Rosenthal, Stephanie Schwartz, Barb Shimansky,

for your all that you do to continue the great work for the ARJE!

It is a privilege to work with all of you!

Marisa Kaiser, RJE

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# Mazal Tov Jo-Ellen & Lesley!

You are indeed distinguished educators. May you continue making a difference in the world of Jewish education.

-Joan Carr

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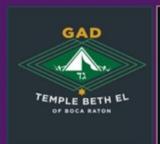
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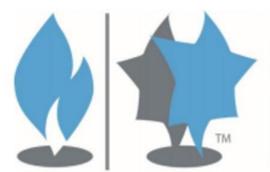
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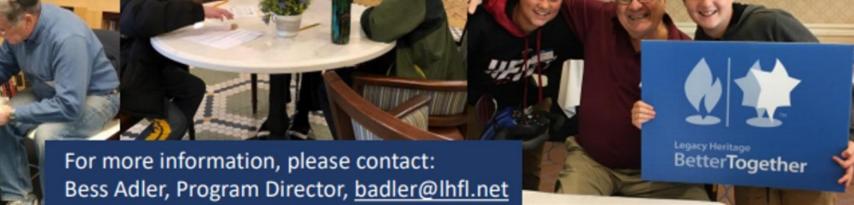
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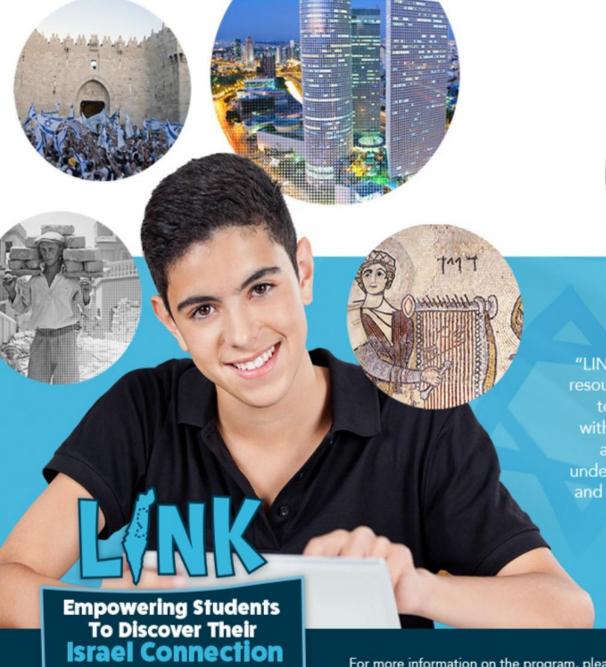
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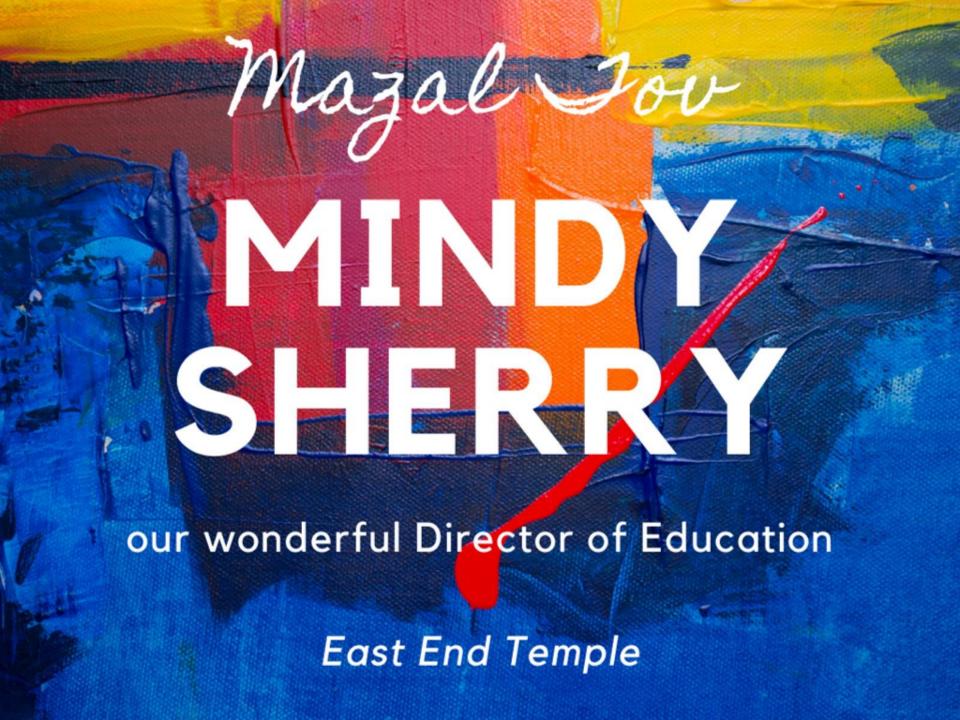
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You grow and nurture others, now it is your turn to shine!

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#### Mazel Tov Tami Weisman, 2020 ARJE Annual Gathering Co-Chair!

From the Weisman and Wheatley Families Greg, Claire, Daphne, Layla, Leslie, Justin, Zach, Alison, Anna, and Lily



To the ARJE Leadership and Staff,

Thank you for your dedication, hard work, thoughtfulness, humor and joy as we lead this association, soaring to new heights (be it looking up at the mountains in Colorado for AG20 or flying through air on the way to one of our many meetings). You continue to be my partners and guides and I am forever grateful. Kathy Schwartz, RJE

#### In honor of Dr. Lesley Litman

We are so grateful for your truly distinguished educational leadership and friendship.

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"Find yourself a teacher, and acquire for yourself a friend, and judge all people with the scale weighted in their favor." (Pirkei Avot)

Lesley, you have embraced this teaching your whole career, so that both your teachers and students have become your friends, drawn by your openness, understanding, and caring.

Mazel Tov, on being honored by the ARJE as a 2020 Distinguished Educator.

Your proud family, Bill and Solomon

והיינו דאמר ר' חנינא מרבותי ומחבירי יותר מרבותי ומתלמידי יותר מכולן

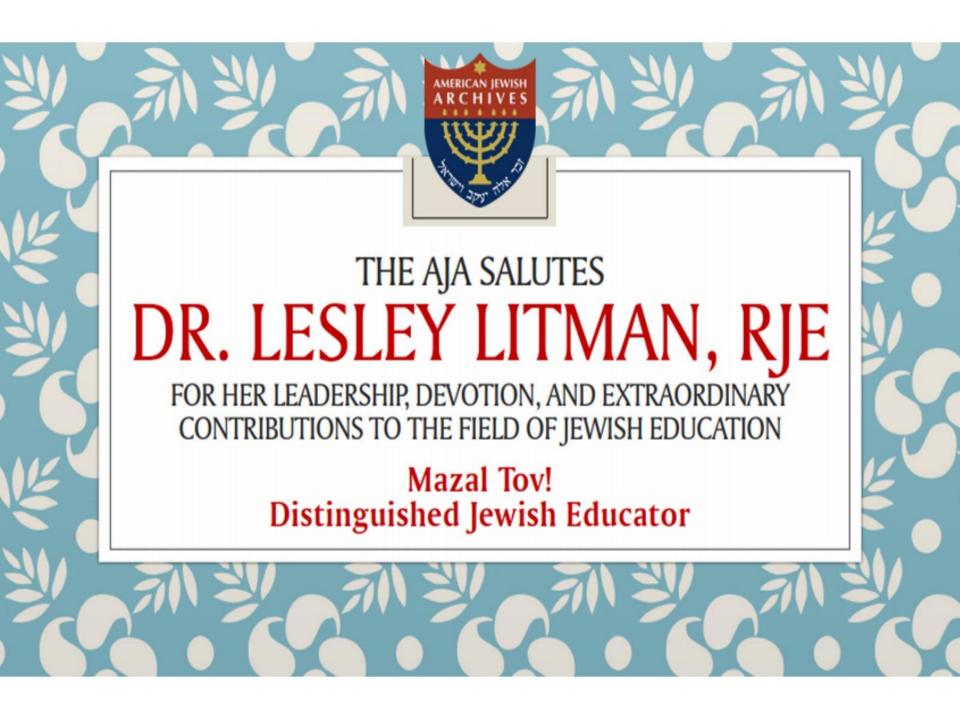
And this is what Rabbi Ḥanina said: I have learned much from my teachers and even more from my friends, but from my students I have learned most of all.

Taanit הרבה למדתי

Mazal tov Jo-Ellen on this magnificent honor. You are a teacher and friend to so many of us who have the honor to be your students.

May you go from strength to strength and joy to joy.

Lesley Litman, Ed.D., RJE





## Mazel Tov, Hannah Rubin-Schlansky, on an excellent gathering!



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Love, Albert, George, and Dena





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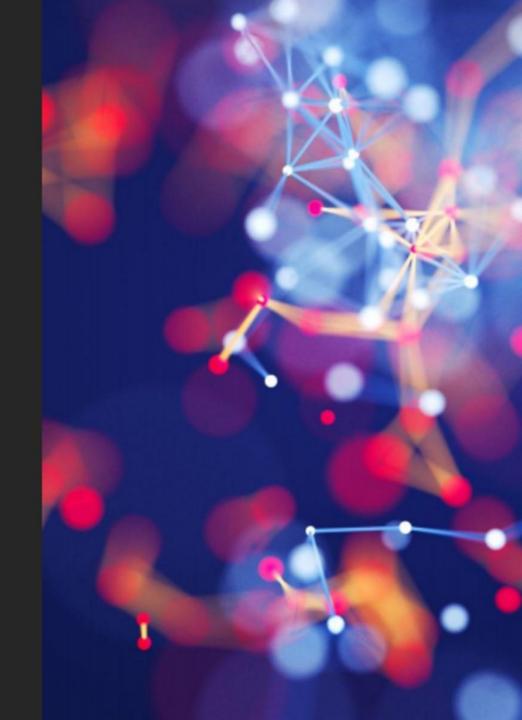






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Ben Zoma says: Who is rich? One who is happy with their lot.
-- Pirkei Avot 4:1

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Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

With much appreciation, Rabbi Joe Eiduson, RJE & Miles Roger, RJE Thank you to all ARJE volunteers and leaders.

We are blessed to have this community of educational leaders guiding our organization and leading the field of Jewish Education.

Rabbi Laura Novak Winer, RJE



With all my heART, Jo-Ellen

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To Our Mentor, Friend, Colleague, and most of all, to our Teacher Sam,

Mazel Tov on your retirement! We are grateful for all of your contributions to Jewish life and in particular the ARJE. May you go from strength to strength! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

"Your wisdom and guidance has been and will continue to be a blessing to us all."

From the ARJE

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"Thank you Sam for your support and encouragement benefitting Jewish education and Jewish educators!"

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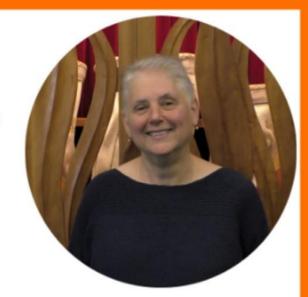


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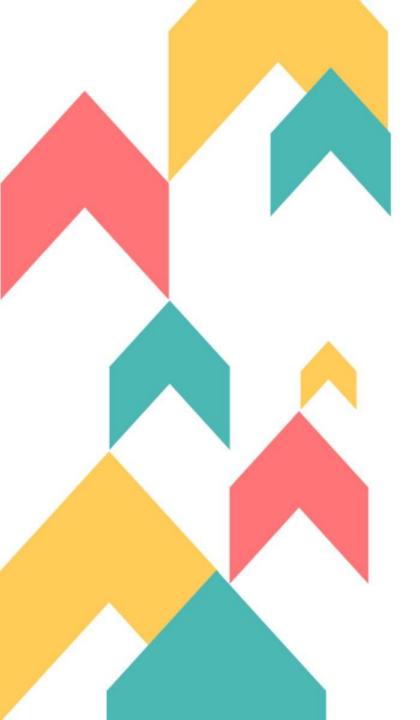
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on being named the 2020 Distinguished Educator Honorees. I am so proud of both of you!

- Robin Eisenberg



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It is a privilege to work with all of you!

Marisa Kaiser, RJE

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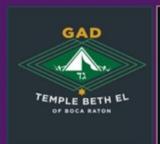
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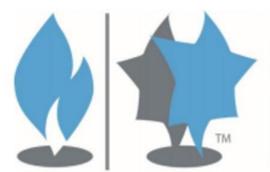
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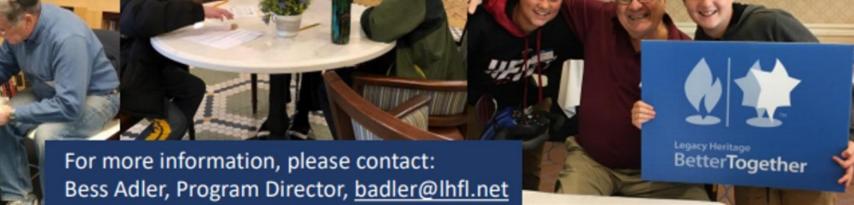
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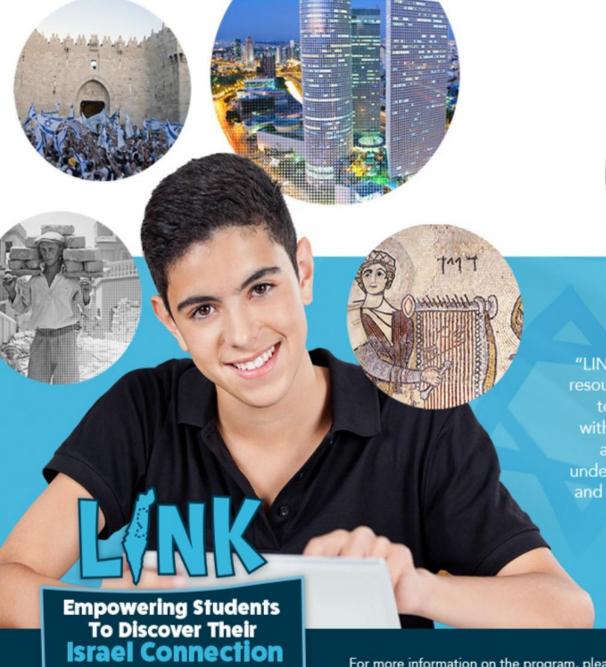
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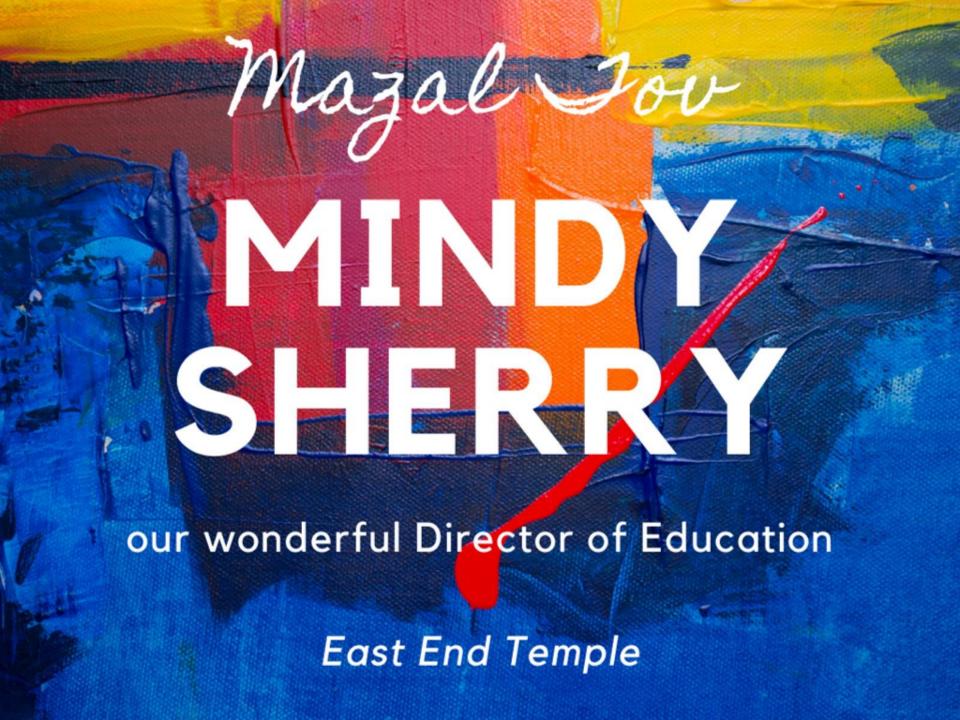
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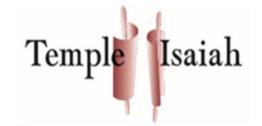
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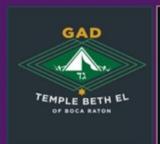
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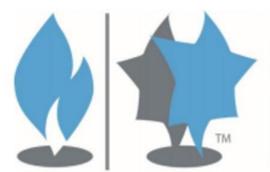
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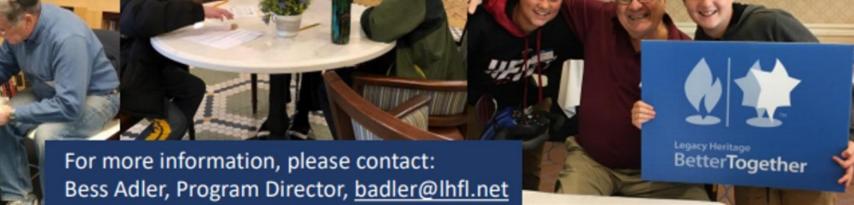
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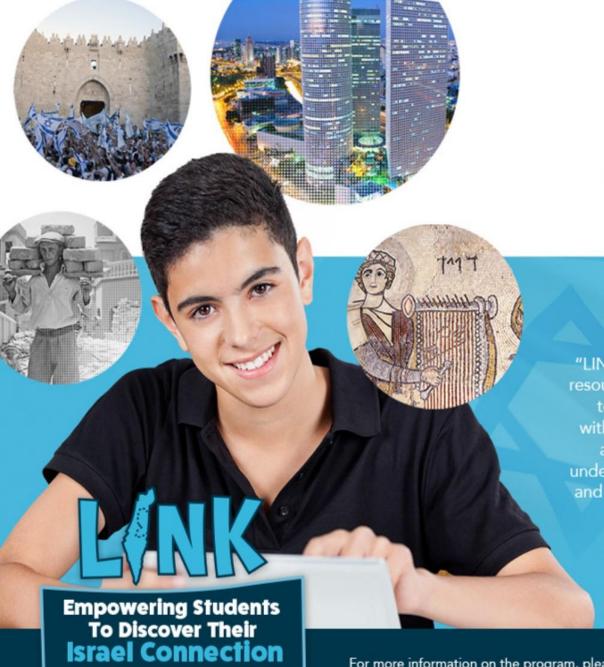
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