OUR MISSION

Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit delivers an outstanding general and Jewish education to Jewish children from preschool through eighth grade.

At Hillel, we inspire a passion for learning, responsibility to self and community, and devotion to Jewish living in a warm, innovative, and engaging environment.

CORE VALUES

Talmud Torah - Education - We believe that all study is sacred because all disciplines are paths to understanding God’s world. We seek to inspire a love of Torah in all its forms, so that our students may become lifelong learners.

Derekh Eretz - Honor and Respect - We believe in the value of treating every human being with honor and respect. Each individual has worth, as we are all created in the image of God. At Hillel, students, educators, staff, and parents collaborate to create a moral, kind, and caring community.

Ve-Ahavta - A Personal Relationship with God - We believe in the value of forging a loving, personal relationship with God. When we pray, we speak to God; when we study, God speaks to us. Through prayer that is spirited and meaningful, and study in an atmosphere that encourages deep and honest questions, students begin to develop their own lifelong relationship with God.

Tikkun Olam - Perfecting the World - We believe that we are God’s partners in perfecting the world by making it more peaceful, just, and compassionate. Through gemilut hasadim (acts of kindness) and hands-on service projects, our students make a difference in their own communities and in the world at large.

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Kedushah - Holiness - We believe that a rich Jewish life can add holiness to our existence. Some mitzvot, such as tzedakah, guide us in our relationships with our fellow human beings; others, such as those related to kashrut, Shabbat, and the holidays, govern ritual observance. All offer opportunities to sanctify our lives, to elevate the everyday.

Tzionut - Zionism - We believe in the importance of Israel, Zionism, and the Hebrew language. The modern State of Israel is a place where Jewish values come to life, and a home for Jews from around the world. We see spiritual meaning in the existence of the state, and are proud of its continued growth.

K’lal Yisrael - Unity of the Jewish People - We believe in the ultimate unity of the Jewish People. We feel a deep sense of connection to Jews around the world and throughout the generations. Recognizing the variety of beliefs, affiliations, and observances that exists in our community, we seek Shalom Bayit - peaceful coexistence based upon mutual respect and shared values.
Dream Maker Award honorees Joy and Allan Nachman have a long record of volunteer service to Jewish Detroit beginning in the 1960s, when as a teenager, Allan formed a B’nai Brith AZA chapter when he couldn't find one open to new members. That passion for creating opportunities for Jewish youth, and for strengthening the Jewish community overall, has, over six decades, led the couple to assume leadership roles at Tamarack Camps, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, Adat Shalom Synagogue, United Jewish Foundation, the Jewish Fund, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Family Services, and, of course, Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit, where we honor them with the Dream Maker Award.

Of his commitment to Hillel Day School, Allan said, “With a history such as that of the Jewish people, and all we have endured to survive and thrive, we don’t have the right to break the chain.” Thus, he and Joy are the proud parents of Hillel alumni Elanah (Rick) Nachman Hunger (class of 1988) and David (Briana) Nachman, and grandparents of current Hillel students Harrison and Dorian Hunger, as well as Juniper, Bowie, and Ford Nachman, who live out of town.

A member of the Hillel Day School Board of Trustees in the mid-1980s, Allan, who is of counsel at Butzel Long, as well as principal of Willowgreen Building Group, LLC, was co-chair of a 1986 capital campaign that made improvements to the school’s facility and parking lot. He has also made education of Jewish youth a priority as chair of Federation’s teen missions to Israel, cultivating young leadership.

Joy, a psychotherapist in private practice, has for decades advocated for children undergoing adoption, expedited placement of children in permanent homes, and has now expanded her practice in Birmingham to include caring for the needs of a growing elderly population in metropolitan Detroit. She is also the “Joy” behind “The Joy Project,” which provides essential services to women and children through Jewish Family Service. This Mother’s Day tribute program, which is celebrating its 10th year, was started by Elanah Nachman Hunger in honor of her mother, whom she calls “a rock in my life.”

For their lifelong commitment to Jewish Detroit, their inspiring community leadership, and passion for the next generation, Hillel is thrilled to present Allan and Joy Nachman with this year’s Dream Maker Award.
Reneé and Craig Erlich embody the value of chesed. Their widespread acts of kindness have taken form in philanthropy, volunteerism, and service to our community for many years. As the parents of three Hillel graduates, Jonah (2012), Sophie (2013), and Molly (2016), our school has greatly benefited from their unwavering support and commitment.

Reneé is an Executive and Leadership Coach and is President of Prosperi Leadership Coaching. She is the co-founder of pulse220 and Star Trax. She has served on the boards of JVS, EO, and Hillel Day School. Currently she is on the board of Frankel Jewish Academy and the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit.

Reneé began her involvement with Hillel when she served on a marketing committee and convened a parent allergy team that implemented an EPI pen system in the school. She served on the Board of Trustees and played a role in marketing, fundraising, and events. Her most fond moments were volunteering in the classroom, interacting with faculty, administration, and students, and watching her children thrive at Hillel.

Craig is the Executive Vice President and General Manager in Detroit + Nashville of the George P. Johnson Company. He is also a member of the board of directors of Agree Realty, a publicly traded REIT based in Bloomfield Hills. Craig serves on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, the Executive Board of JDRF and is past president of JARC.

Craig’s most memorable Hillel moments include walking his excited children to their classrooms, collaborating with them on real world homework projects, and volunteering in class throughout the years. He believes strongly that Hillel provided an educational, social, and Judaic experience for his entire family, immediate and extended, that continues to be a source of learning and inspiration today.

For the impact they have made at Hillel and throughout the Jewish and greater Detroit community, we are thrilled to present Reneé and Craig Erlich with this year’s Rabbi Jacob E. Segal k’v A Ward.
Steve Freedman was happily ensconced in suburban Philadelphia, working as the educational director at Beth Sholom Congregation, and raising four children with his wife, Joan, when Hillel Day School invited him to apply for the Head of School position that was open in 2003. “At first I said no,” he recalled. “My oldest son, Eytan, was about to start high school. And then Joan reminded me, ‘Eytan is about to start high school. It’s the perfect time to make a switch.’”

Within months, the family moved to Detroit. And for the next 16 years, Steve Freedman decisively led Hillel Day School into the 21st century, planning and creating an environment that is warm and conducive to learning, and which meets the needs of today’s students and families.

With the support of the Board of Trustees, his numerous accomplishments include eliminating the teachers’ union in 2005, and recalibrating the relationship between school leadership and teachers, unencumbered by politics. “In an independent school, the onus is on the leadership team to have a direct relationship with teachers,” he said.

In 2006, Steve instituted the eighth grade Israel trip, and accompanied students to Israel for several years. “Experiencing Israel through their eyes was magical,” he recalled.

In 2008, he led the move to become a community day school in response to demographic shifts and the broader mission of delivering an outstanding Jewish and general education to all Jewish children in metropolitan Detroit.

In 2010, he was integral to the decision to open an Early Childhood Center to grow enrollment, gaining the support of congregations and the community.

And in 2014, he led a $13 million renovation that aligns with a curriculum that has shifted from one that is content-driven to one that fosters active learning and skill acquisition, to prepare students to navigate an ever-changing global economy with tools in communication, collaboration, and critical thinking that withstand the winds of change.

As Steve and his wife, Joan, Director of Curriculum, move to New Jersey at the end of the school year to be closer to family, we are thrilled to name him among our graduates, as an honorary alumnus. His unique ability to turn vision into reality, to move forward an educational institution that now serves as a model to educators worldwide, while preserving our Jewish tradition and peoplehood, has strengthened Hillel for years to come.
The world stands on three things:
Torah, the service of God
and deeds of kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa
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DREAM MAKER AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018  Brian Hermelin
2017  Nadine and David Farbman
2016  Beverly and Arthur Liss
2015  Audrey and William Farber Family
2014  Miriam and Fred Ferber
2013  Joel Jacob
2012  The Tapper Family
2011  Sue and Alan J. Kaufman
2010  Henrietta and Alvin Weisberg
2009  Mandell L. “Bill” Berman
2008  Marcie and Robert Orley
2007  Lisa and Gary Shiffman
2006  Penny and Harold Blumenstein
2005  Marcia and Eugene Applebaum
2004  Trudy and Arthur Weiss
2003  Marty Goldman
2002  Eleanor and Saul Bluestone

2001  Arlene and David Margolin
2000  Doreen and Ambassador David Herman
1999  Beverly and Irving Laker
1998  Jane and Larry Sherman
1997  Jerome Schostak
1996  Lois and Dr. Milton Shiffman
1994  Conservative Rabbis of Metro Detroit
1993  Presidents – Past and Present
1992  Rosalyn and Rudolph Shulman
1991  Mortgage Patrons
1990  Mala and Henry Dorfman
1989  Sadie Cohn
1988  Emma and Morris Schaver
1987  Gustav and Eva Berenholz
1986  Mary and Mike Must

2008  Susan and Rabbi Harold Loss
2007  Cheryl and Ron Riback
2006  Rochelle Iczkovitz
2005  Terran Leemis
2004  Arlene Tilchin
2003  Anaruth Bernard
2002  Dina and Herman Brodsky
2001  Charlotte Tessler
2000  Doreen and Ambassador David Herman
1999  Rona and Herbert Freedland
1998  Saul Waldman
1997  Jerome Schostak
1996  Mary and Mike Must
1995  Emma Schaver

RABBI JACOB E. SEGAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018  Clara Gaba
2017  Adina Levin
2016  Malka Littman
2015  Ayala Perlstein
2014  Rivka Schuchman
2013  Pam Smith
2012  Janice and Steven Traison
2011  Norma and Michael Dorman
2010  Robert Canvasser
2009  Rochelle and Aaron Lupovitch
2008  Susan and Rabbi Harold Loss
2007  Cheryl and Ron Riback
2006  Rochelle Iczkovitz
2005  Terran Leemis
2004  Arlene Tilchin
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2002  Dina and Herman Brodsky
2001  Charlotte Tessler
2000  Doreen and Ambassador David Herman
1999  Rona and Herbert Freedland
1998  Saul Waldman
1997  Jerome Schostak
1996  Mary and Mike Must
1995  Emma Schaver
Dear Steve,

The entire faculty and staff thank you for your 16 years of leadership, friendship, and dedication. Your love and concern for each of us as individuals – knowing and caring about what is happening in our lives, partnered with your deep commitment to the advancement and growth of our school, make you a leader to be admired and cherished.

We will miss your smile at the door each morning and your gentle “boker tov.”

We wish you – הצלחה בכל – success and all good things as you move forward,ヴェルデラフ, from strength to strength.

As your favorite Rabbi to quote, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, says in his lessons in leadership, “Always choose influence rather than power. It helps change people into people who can change the world.”

Our ברכה to you is that you continue to enjoy many years of working to change the world.

With love,

Your Hillel Day School Staff and Faculty
To this year’s graduates,
Your achievements reflect your dedication, mastery of skills and desire, and capacity to go forth and serve. However you choose to assist your community, we hope you will remember the spirit of the mission and the core values of Hillel Day School.

We do hope that you have captured the essence of this school as you have progressed through your academic program.

Best wishes to you in your future endeavors and congratulations on your accomplishments.

The Faculty and Staff

To defend a country you need an army, but to defend a civilization you need education.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this occasion.
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Breakfast BookStock Family BINGO Family to Family Graduation Gift Hanukkah Dinner Hanukkah Sufganiyot Library Volunteers Lulov & Etrog Lunch Volunteers Model Seder Mishloah Manot Purim Hamantaschen Rosh Hashanah - Apples and Honey Rosh Hashanah Scholastic Book Sale Shabbat Bake Sale Shavuot Treats Siddur Party Silent Auction Spirit Wear Staff Appreciation Sukkah Decorating Party Sukkot Treats Teacher Appreciation Week The Yad Project Torah Party Tu BiShvat - Seven Species Tray Welcome Breakfast Yom Ha-atzma‘ut ... and on and on...

A special thank you to our Hillel Day School PTO and PTO President Amy Sapeika
PAST PRESIDENTS

Morris Jacobs z”l  
1958-1960
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l  
1960-1963
Max Goldsmith z”l  
1963-1965
Abraham Kasle z”l  
1966-1968
Melvin Weisz z”l  
1968-1970
Leonard Baron z”l  
1970-1973
Saul Waldman z”l  
1973-1976
Arlene Tilchin  
1976-1978
Aaron Lupovitch  
1979-1980
Ellen Glen  
1980-1982

Melvin Friedman  
1982-1984
Anaruth Bernard  
1984-1986
Dan Guyer  
1986-1988
Ronald Riback  
1988-1990
Howard Tapper  
1990-1992
Martin Gene  
1992-1994
Robert Schostak  
1994-1996
Dr. Marcy Borofsky  
1996-1997
Steve Margolin  
1997-1999
Fred Blechman  
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2001-2003
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2005-2007
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2007-2009
Nancy Newman Adler  
2009-2011
Robert Canvasser  
2011-2014
Todd Fink  
2014-2016
David Feber  
2016-2018

IN HONOR OF  
STEVE FREEDMAN

You made it look easy and  
you made all of us look good!
Thank you for the 16 years  
of excellence in education  
and friendship.
Wishing you continued  
success in the next chapter.
Your Presidents, your friends,  
your chosen family!
Dear Hillel Community,

Thank you all for attending the Annual Gala and for your generosity and support for Hillel Day School.

As the 2018-19 school year comes to an end, we can reflect on the many changes that took place this year. Our Head of School, Steve Freedman, will be leaving us in just a few short weeks after 16 years. He leaves Hillel in a better, stronger place, a 21st Century school both physically and academically. I know you join me in wishing Steve and Joan only the best as they return home to be with family. Steve, you will be missed, but your legacy will live on here for years to come. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for this school, and for the larger Hillel community during your tenure.

This year, as we celebrate our 61st year, we honor Joy and Allan Nachman, community leaders, and supporters of Hillel, with the Dream Maker Award. Our Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Award honors Renée and Craig Erlich, who have given so much to our community, both at Hillel and beyond.

And finally, we recognize our Head of School, Steve Freedman, with the Honorary Alumni Recipient award for his 16 years of service and his thirst for innovation and forward thinking.

Thank you to our administration, faculty, and staff, and to the Board of Trustees for their incredible dedication to our school.

Ellen B. Folbe
President, Board of Trustees
What an honor it has been to be a part of Hillel Day School's sacred work and story. The story and journey will go from strength to strength.

With love and admiration,
Steve Freedman
Head of School
2003 - 2019

Mazel Tov
Joy and Allan Nachman, Dream Maker Award Honorees,
and Reneé and Craig Erlich, Rabbi Jacob E. Segal k"z Award Honorees.

It is not your responsibility to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it. Pirke Avot 2:21

TO THE ENTIRE FACULTY, STAFF, AND LEADERSHIP TEAM

JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN
Dream Maker Award Honorees

and

RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal k"z Award Honorees

and

STEVE FREEDMAN
Honorary Alumni Recipient

For your devotion, passion, and kindness. Thank you.
Happiness is not made by what we own. It is what we share.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Joy and Allan
An award well deserved for all you do!!
Sally and Graham Orley
Steve Freedman,
We have all been the beneficiaries of your visionary leadership that has transformed Hillel and Jewish education. Mazel Tov on becoming an Honorary Alumni Recipient!

Reneé and Craig Erlich,
Yasher Koach on receiving the Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Award
And thank you for your commitment to Hillel Day School!

Last but not Least! Dear Joy and Allan,
I have counted myself lucky for 35 years that we have been family.
Your commitment to Jewish education is exemplary.

Thank you for everything you have done for Hillel Day School and to ensure Jewish continuity.

Mazel tov on a very well-deserved honor!
With love and admiration for all of the honorees!

Doreen Hermelin
Mazel Tov to all the Honorees

Joy & Allan, for their communal leadership
Reneé & Craig, for their volunteerism
Steve Freedman, for his dedication to Hillel these past years
Jennifer & Brian Hermelin

Congratulate Dream Maker Award Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman
and
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal k/z Award Honorees
Reneé and Craig Erlich
and
Honorary Alumni Recipient
Steve Freedman

Thank you for your commitment and passion in supporting our children in the Jewish community on their education journey.

GARY, BOB, LYLE AND JOSH
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There are eight rungs in charity. The highest is when you help a man to help himself.

(Maimonides)

Joy and Allan Nachman
Dear friends and Dream Makers

Reneé and Craig Erlich
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal (z”l) Honorees

Steve Freedman
Honorary Alumni Recipient

In appreciation of your contribution to our Jewish community.

Nancy and James Grosfeld

Best wishes to the 2019 Hillel Day School honorees!

Rona Rones
Mazel Tov to

Dream Maker Award Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman

Rabbi Jacob E. Segal k’z Award Honorees

Reneé and Craig Erlich

and

Honorary Alumni Recipient

Steve Freedman

For your commitment to
Hillel Day School and Jewish education.
You will be missed.

Ellen Folbe and David Grey
Jonathan (HDS ’12)   Eli (HDS ’16)   Erin and Ethan (HDS ’19)

Yasher Koach to our friends
Joy and Allan Nachman
for your leadership and generosity.

Mazel Tov to
Reneé and Craig Erlich,

Grateful for many years of friendship and inspiration.

ADIN,

Mazel Tov on your
Hillel graduation!
You are our beauty, inside and out.
Wishing you love and laughter always.
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, George, Robert, and Jack
Our Jewish community is fortunate to count Reneé and Craig in its cadre of communal leaders.

Steve
You have given Hillel Day School years of transformative leadership which will sustain a high level of Jewish education for posterity.
May you go from strength to strength!

Yasher Koach to all.
Joy and Allan
To Harrison and Dash,

The way you live your lives exemplifies the Jewish values that you have learned at Hillel Day School.

Grammy and Zadie

We remember

Suzanne and Joseph Orley
Shirley and Harry Nachman

We remember

Suzanne and Joseph Orley ה'ת"ז
Shirley and Harry Nachman ה'ת"ז

נורו לדור

Joy and Allan Nachman
Elanah and Rick Hunger
David and Briana Nachman
To Reneé and Craig Erlich
Yasher Koach on the Rabbi Jacob E. Segal 5761 Award. We deeply appreciate your leadership at Hillel and in this community!

To Steve Freedman
This community has been so lucky to have you. Having been part of your career in Detroit from the start has been something we have been so proud of - to quote Hamilton- the high point of Rob’s Hillel presidency was being “in the room where it happened!”
Your commitment and service have touched so many lives. We wish you and Joan all the best on your “next act” and may you continue to go from strength to strength!
Marcie and Rob Orley

Mazel Tov
Joy and Allan
It is because of the example that you set to your family of Jewish commitment, leadership and life that you now reap what you sowed and have the joy of seeing your grandchildren thrive at Hillel. It is a wonderful, living example of Dor l’ Dor. This honor is so well deserved; you both are two of the most thoughtful and effective leaders we know.
We love and admire you, and we thank you for what you have done for Hillel, this community, and for us!
We are so proud of you!
Marcie and Rob
Matthew, Samantha and Malcolm
Alex and Melisa
Jason, Ramona and Penelope Suzanne
Olivia and Wes
JADYN,

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished in your time at Hillel Day School! You are a leader and an inspiration to everyone you meet.

Joyful in every way
Ambitious student
Determined athlete
You’re amazing!
Nobody can stop you now!

We know you will do great things at Cranbrook!
We Love you Forever and Always,
Mom & Dad,
Kendyl, Reese,
Comet & Cooper

Mazel Tov to the 2019 Honorees

Joy and Allan Nachman
Dream Maker Honorees

Reneé and Craig Erlich
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal Award Honorees

Steve Freedman
Honorary Alumni Recipient

We appreciate how Hillel Day School has enriched our daughters lives by helping to instill values and autonomy.
MAZEL TOV TO JOY & ALLAN
FOR THIS WELL-DESERVED AWARD.
YOU DO SO MUCH GOOD FOR OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY.
YOUR JOIE DE VIVRE IS INSPIRING!
MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

Lori and Maurice Pogoda

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Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation. (C. Everett Koop)

Congratuations Jadyn on your graduation from Hillel!

Mazel Tov to
Dream Maker Award Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman
and
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal (z”l) Award Honorees
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Honorary Alumni Recipient
Steve Freedman

Sheri and David Jaffa
Eden, Kevin, Skylar, and Zachary Elbinger
Sabrina, Brian, Jadyn, Kendyl, and Reese Kaufman
Yasher Koach to
Dream Maker Award Honorees

Joy and Allan Nachman
Role models for the next generation

Reneé and Craig Erlich
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal י”ע Award Honorees

and Steve Freedman
Honorary Alumni Recipient

We are fortunate to have such wonderful supporters
for Jewish education in our community.

Penny and Harold Blumenstein
Carol and Ricky Blumenstein

My Dear Steve,
I am so proud of you for your dedication,
integrity, honesty, and moral courage as Head
of this wonderful school for the past 16 years.
In a time of great change in education you led
the way, always keeping the child at the center.
May you go from strength to strength in
good health and with me by your side.

Love,

Joan
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Gary Torgow and Chemical Bank salute Hillel Day School’s 2019 Honorees:
Dream Maker Award Honorees - Joy & Allan Nachman
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Award Honorees - Renée & Craig Erlich
Honorary Alumni Award Recipient - Steve Freedman
Mom and Dad,

You have been the builders of foundations for many castles in our community, and none more so than mine and David’s, our spouses and our children.

Thank you for always being there, for teaching us how to build our own foundations and most importantly, teaching us to give back to our communities.

No one has ever had a better support for their castles in the sky than we do and we are grateful for you every day.

All our love,
Elanah & Rick
Harrison & Dash

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them. Thoreau

Mazel Tov and Thank You

to all the honorees for their contributions to Hillel Day School and our Jewish community. Thank You to the teachers and staff who help make Hillel Day School such an incredible place to learn.

Lisa and Danny Klein
Josh Klein (HDS ’14) Ben Klein (HDS ’16)
The world rests upon 3 “pillars”: Torah, Avodah (“service,” worship), and Gemilut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness).

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Congratulations Hillel Day School Honorees

JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN
Dream Maker Award Honorees

and

RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal ’17 Award Honorees

and

STEVE FREEDMAN
Honorary Alumni Recipient

May you continue to be a source of strength to the Jewish community.

Lisa and Gary Shiffman
Lois Shiffman

JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN
Mazel Tov on your well-deserved Honor

Thank you for your devotion to Hillel Day School and our Community

Robin and Leo Eisenberg and Family
Reneé and Craig Erlich

Mazel Tov on your well-deserved Honor.

Thank you for your commitment to Hillel Day School and our Community.

Robin and Leo Eisenberg and Family

Steve Freedman,

Thank you for your Tireless Effort! Your years of devotion to Hillel Day School are very much appreciated.

Robin and Leo Eisenberg and Family
There are 2 gifts we should give our children. One is roots, the other is wings.

Many thanks to Hillel Day School and Steve Freedman for support, guidance, and helping to instill Jewish values that will last a lifetime.

NATALIE 2011  
EMMA 2014  
ISABEL 2017  
MIA 2019

Lilly and Howard Jacobson  
Our deepest appreciation and congratulations to the 2019 honorees.

SHAI WELTSHER ‘29

You are the future of our family and the Jewish people. Keep up the mitzvah magic!

We love you so,

Elliott ’71, Natalie ’97, Steven ’00, Aaron ’03, & David Baum ’05
Thank you, Steve Freedman

You have been a transformational leader at Hillel Day School, creating for all of us a forward-thinking educational institution with a fully engaged community of families. We thank you for your contributions and wish you and Joan well in your next endeavor.

Congratulations to the Nachmans and the Erlichs on their well-deserved honors.

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Mazel Tov to Joy and Allan Nachman for all you do for our community in Detroit and Israel!

Reneé and Craig,

We are so proud of you as leaders in our community. Thank you for your friendship and leadership. Mazel Tov!

Susan & David Feber
Max (HDS class 2013), Harry (HDS class 2018), and Julia (HDS class 2020)
To Steve,

We are so grateful for your leadership, drive, and passion for Hillel Day School and Jewish education! Your friendship over the years as our children have been at Hillel has been invaluable.

We wish you and Joan the best of luck on the next chapter!

We will miss you.
Susan & David Feber
(Past President)

Mazel Tov to our dear friends,
RENEÉ & CRAIG ERLICH

We commend and thank you for your commitment and positive impact on our community. You are both a great inspiration to so many. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations Joy, Allan, Steve, and all the 2019 graduates!

Mazel Tov

To our dear friends,

Renee & Craig Erlich

We commend and thank you for your commitment and positive impact on our community. You are both a great inspiration to so many. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations Joy, Allan, Steve, and all the 2019 graduates!
JOY, ALLAN, AND STEVE,

PROUD AND HUMBLED
TO SHARE THIS DAY
WITH SUCH INCREDIBLE HUMANS.

Mazel Tov and Thank You
Reneé and Craig Erlich

“Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure.”

Congratulations
Joy and Allan Nachman
A well-deserved honor indeed!

Marvin & Betty Danto Family Foundation
To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.

Thank You Hillel Day School for providing our grandchildren the foundation for future success.

Bella Gottlieb
Class of 2018

Joel Y. Gottlieb
Class of 2020

Ari Gottlieb
Class of 2022

Arlene and Alan Gottlieb
Congratulations to our generous honorees:

Joy & Allan Nachman
Renée & Craig Erlich

Thank you to
Steve Freedman
for your dedication and leadership over the years.
You are a true change maker!

Sheri and Evan Shapiro

Best Wishes to
Renée and Craig Erlich!
Your dedication is unwavering
Jennifer and Dan Gilbert
IN HONOR OF OUR THREE HILLEL STUDENTS...

AIDEN                    SADIE                    GOLDIE
CLASS OF 2027         CLASS OF 2029         CLASS OF 2030
EMILY AND JOSH HUNEGS

Mazel Tov
Joy and Allan Nachman
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Steve Freedman
Honors well-deserved!
Lisa and Danny Kurzmann
Mazel Tov!
Dream Maker Award Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman
Todah Rabah!
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Award Honorees
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Yasher Koach!
Honorary Alumni Recipient
Steve Freedman

We wish Steve and Joan luck in their new adventures.
Ilana Glazier and Lowell Schmeltz
Congratulations

RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH

Well-deserved!

Ina and Murray Pitt

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Kol Hakavod to

Joy and Allan Nachman
Reneé and Craig Erlich
and Steve Freedman

Your dedication to Hillel Day School and our community is greatly appreciated.

Mazel Tov on your honors.

With gratitude,
Lisa and Hannan Lis
Mazel Tov to all of this year’s Honorees

Dream Maker Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Honorees
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Honorary Alumni Recipient
Steve Freedman

Our granddaughters: Emma, Jadyn, Kendyl & Reese are fortunate to experience the unique educational opportunities that Hillel Day School provides.

Karen & Jerry Kaufman

Mazel Tov to our granddaughters

EMMA and JADYN

On Your Graduation from Hillel Day School!

We are so proud of you both!
Love Always, Nana & Zayde
YASHER KOACH
to
JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN
and
RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH

in recognition of their dedication
to securing the future of Hillel Day School
for our beautiful Jewish children.

Lori and Steven Weisberg
We love you
Noa, Ari, and Raya!

Sandy and Jim Danto

“Every blade of grass has its Angel that bends over it and whispers, Grow, Grow!”

Talmud
Thank you to all of the Hillel Day School teachers and staff for another wonderful school year!

Hilary & Larry Handler
Jake & Nicolette

To our friends
Joy and Allan Nachman and Reneé and Craig Erlich
Congratulations on your well-deserved honors. Your leadership and commitment are an inspiration to us all.

To our incredible friend and mentor
Steve Freedman

We will miss you terribly. Wishing you and Joan luck in the Garden State.
And thank you to the wonderful Hillel family and staff who support so many children, including our own, and instill in them a love of learning.

Amy and Jeff Schlussel
legacy
(legəsē) noun
planting seeds in a garden
you never get to see.

Dream Maker Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Honorees
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Honorary Alumni Recipient
Steve Freedman
You make it all possible for the students of Hillel Day School and we thank you.
Andi and Larry Wolfe
Yasher Koach to

Dream Maker Honorees

Joy and Allan Nachman

Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Honorees

Reneé and Craig Erlich

Honorary Alumni Recipient

Steve Freedman

Thank you for your leadership and guidance, your wisdom and knowledge and your devotion and dedication to Hillel Day School.

Robyn and Bob Canvasser

Steve & Joan Freedman

Thank you for your vision, commitment, and dedication to Hillel Day School and our community. It has been an honor and a privilege to be by your side through this journey. May you always go from strength to strength and we wish you and your growing family the best as you head East.

Your friends,
Robyn & Bob Canvasser
Yasher Koach to

Joy and Allan Nachman
Reneé and Craig Erlich

and

Steve Freedman

for all of your dedication to
Jewish education and commitment
to Hillel Day School.

Donna and Michael Maddin

In honor of my children and grandchildren
Evan & Sheri Shapiro
Meredith & Daniel
Jan Rubinstein & Nicole Jacobson
Brooklyn & Sadie Rubinstein
& Marlow Spector

Bubbie
Congratulations to all the honorees and Hillel Day School's wonderful faculty and staff, and best wishes to Steve Freedman!

Robert M. Carson      Jeff Schlussel
www.carsonfischer.com

We congratulate and honor our dear friends Joy and Allan Nachman on receiving the Dream Maker Award and Reneé and Craig Erlich on receiving the Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”t Award and thank them for all they do for the Detroit Jewish community

Sandy and Alan Schwartz
Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King

Mazal Tov to the Nachmans and Erlichs on this year’s awards. Thank you for your dedication to Hillel Day School and the community.

Mazal Tov and Hatzlacha to Joan and Steve Freedman. The vision you created and put into play at Hillel Day School is one we are extremely proud of. Our children benefit day in and day out. We wish you both lots of success in your new endeavors.

Ari & Monica Fischman
Erica, Tamar, & Jacob
Dear Joan and Steve,

Thank you for your devotion to education, to children, and to the Jewish People.

We will miss you.

The Nadis, Silver, and Strobehn Families

Ben Zoma says: Who is wise? He who learns from every person. Pirkei Avot 4:1

Ben זומא אומר: איזהו חכם, הלומד מכל אדם.

Mazel Tov to Joy and Allan Nachman and Renée and Craig Erlich on well-deserved honors!

A hearty Mazel Tov to my mentor and friend, Steve Freedman! Thank you for six years of tremendous learning and growth.

Thank you to all of the Hillel educators who have contributed to Jacob’s success in 6th grade and Max’s continued success in high school!

We are grateful for your dedication and inspiration.

Fondly,

Jennifer, Lowell, Max, and Jacob Friedman
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL THE HONOREES FOR YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND DEDICATION ON BEHALF OF HILLEL DAY SCHOOL.

MARY AND JONATHAN AARON
Dream Maker Honorees

Joy and Allan Nachman

Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Honorees

Reneé and Craig Erlich

Honorary Alumni Recipient

Steve Freedman

"Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts." Albert Einstein

Linda and Robert Finkel

Mazel Tov

Joy and Allan Nachman

Reneé and Craig Erlich

and

Steve Freedman

Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of Hillel Day School. May you continue to be a source of strength.

Janice and Steven Traison

MAZEL TOV

JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN

RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH

AND

STEVE FREEDMAN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF HILLEL DAY SCHOOL. MAY YOU CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH.

JANICE AND STEVEN TRAISON
Reneé and Craig,  
Mazel Tov on this wonderful accomplishment!  
With love and pride!  
Liz and JJ Modell

Mazel Tov  
Joy and Allan Nachman  
Reneé and Craig Erlich

L’Chaim  
Steve Freedman

Wishing you health and happiness!

Eden, Kevin, Skylar & Zachary Elbinger

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.  
–Aristotle
Mazel Tov Benny on your Hillel Day School graduation. We are so proud of you today and every day.

We love you
Mom, Dad,
Arianna, & Liat Lerner

Joy and Allan Nachman
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Steve Freedman

Thank you for your commitment and generosity to Hillel Day School.

Cheryl and Steve Schanes
Mazel Tov to
Joy and Allan Nachman
on receiving the Dream Maker Award

Reneé and Craig Erlich
on receiving the Rabbi Jacob E. Segal Award
and

Steve Freedman
for his incredible tenure of 16 years serving our school.

We celebrate your commitment to Hillel and the growth and advancement of our children!

Shayna, Josh, Brandon, Marni, Cailey, and Mia Levine
JOY & ALLAN

Hillel Day School is lucky to have you and so are we.

Love, Melissa & Larry Lax

Steve Freedman

Thanks for saying “yes” 16 years ago! Your vision, leadership, courage, and dedication allowed Hillel to reach new heights.

Joy & Allan Nachman

With deep gratitude for your steadfast support

Reneé and Craig Erlich

We applaud your commitment and devotion to Jewish education.

Nancy & Jeffrey Adler
In honor of our children and grandchildren, 
may you always go from success to success!

Mazal tov to
Joy and Allan Nachman
and Reneé and Craig Erlich!

Clara and Arthur Gaba

Dear Joan and Steve,

“We do not remember days, 
we remember moments.”

Cesare Pavese

There are many special moments 
that we shared together. 
We will always remember and 
cherish them!

Wishing you the best always!
The Gaba, Maine, and Soleimani Families
Congratulations to Joy and Allan Nachman and Reneé and Craig Erlich

In appreciation for your commitment to Jewish education and Hillel Day School

Phyllis and Bob Pilcowitz
CONGRATULATIONS
2019 HONOREES

AIMEE AND RICHARD SIMTOB

Thank you STEVE for all you have done to transform Hillel Day School!
We wish you the best of luck on your next adventure.
The Bermans
Jared, Amy, Benjamin, Allyson, Blake, and Jacob
Dream Maker Award Honorees

Joy and Allan Nachman
In honor of your dedication to Jewish education.

Honorary Alumni Recipient

Steve Freedman
Thank you for your love and leadership to Hillel Day School.

Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Award Honorees

Reneé and Craig Erlich
For your commitment to Hillel Day School.

Ellie and Sid Glen

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Dear Joy and Allan,

Mazel Tov on receiving the 2019 Dream Maker Award

Not only are you shining stars on the dance floor, you are shining stars in our community as well. May you continue to dance the night away for many years to come.

Shari and Alon Kaufman
THANK YOU AND MAZEL TOV TO THE NACHMAN, ERLICH, AND FREEDMAN FAMILIES!

“What we need more than anything else is not textbooks but text people. It is the personality of the teacher which is the text that pupils read; the text they will never forget.” Abraham Joshua Heschel

Our sincere gratitude to all the teachers and role models who inspire our children.

The Bocknek Family

Dear Catherine,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. Your wit, perceptiveness, and confidence will take you far. Without question, you possess both heart and hustle and your inner light shines brightly. Don’t ever lose those qualities. These will take you far both on your next journey and later in life. Believe in yourself and truly, you will accomplish anything that you set your mind to. Remember, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." (Maya Angelou)

Congratulations! We love you very much!

Love, Mom & Dad

A huge Mazel Tov to Steve Freedman and the legacy that he has created at Hillel!

Lastly, congratulations and mazel tov to the Hillel class of 2019!!!

Lauren and Eric Bean
BEHIND YOU
are all your memories
BEFORE YOU
are all your dreams
AROUND YOU
are all who love you
WITHIN YOU
is all you need!
WORLD (First, High School)
LOOK OUT!

Here comes Jacob
and he is ready to amaze!

Love, 
Mom, Dad, Noah, Aaron, Rebecca, David, & Joel

Yasher Koach to
Joy and Allan,
Reneé and Craig,
and last, but certainly not least, Steve,
all of whom have and continue to work
tirelessly to build a better world for all of us.
We are all blessed to have such exemplary
leaders in our community.

The Weinbaum Family
Your leadership and dedication power the legacy of Hillel Day School.

We join in congratulating:

Joy and Allan Nachman
Dream Maker Award Honorees

Renée and Craig Erlich
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal (2*1) Award Honorees

Steve Freedman
Honorary Alumni Award Recipient

Sue & Alan Jay Kaufman
& Family

To the dynamic duo,
Renée and Craig

You both fill this community with so much positive energy and dedication. We are grateful to have such Rock Stars among us. Keep doing what you’re doing...we truly need you!

Mazal Tov on this well-deserved honor!

With Love,
Shari and Alon
Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to:

Zeev, Lihi, & Hilla Maine; and Alma & Michal Soleimani for achieving another year of learning at Hillel Day School;

Clara Gaba and Amira Soleimani for their enduring commitment to the education of young minds at Hillel Day School;

Steve & Joan Freedman for years of dedicated leadership and guidance at Hillel Day School; you have left Hillel and the Detroit community a better place. Best of luck with your next challenge!

Ron (Hillel Day School, class of 1990), Madhu, Mor (Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, class of 2027), & Rahm (Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, class of 2029) Gaba Chicago, Illinois
Mazel Tov to
Dream Maker Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Honorees
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Honorary Alumni Recipient
Steve Freedman

Thank you for all you do!
Nicole and Stephen Eisenberg

Mazel Tov to our graduate,
Rachel Freedland

Behind you, all your memories,
Before you, all your dreams.
Around you, all who love you.
Within you, all you need.
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Noah
Mazel Tov to

Steve Freedman

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Hillel Day School.

Samantha and Ross Partrich

Jaclyn, Joshua, and Hallie Berger

You are all a source of joy, always warm and giving, looking on the bright side, finding fun in daily living.

Wishing you a lifetime of good health, success, and happiness.

Love now and always, Dad

Jaclyn
Bloomfield Hills High School 2016
University of Michigan 2020

Josh
Andover High School 2013
University of Michigan 2017

Hallie
Andover High School 2011
University of Michigan 2015
Chicago School of Professional Psychology 2021
Mazel Tov, Joy and Allan and Renée and Craig! We are inspired by your leadership.

Steve, Thank you for your many years of leadership and dedication to Hillel. You will be missed.

Thank you to all of the wonderful teachers and staff for another great school year!

Ilana, Zachary, Lily, Eden, and Ruby Liss

Mazel Tov to our friends and most deserving honorees, Dream Makers Joy and Allan Nachman and Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z”l Honorees Renée and Craig Erlich

Thank you for your devotion to Hillel and for your leadership in our community.

Dear Steve,

Thank you for 16 incredible years of vision, inspiration and transformation as our Head of School. Your leadership has defined an enduring path for continued strength at Hillel Day School.

On a personal note, our family is so grateful for the journey we began when Maddie entered Hillel Day School 13 years ago, and which continued with Aerin, Andrew, and to the present day. Throughout that journey, you were our guide, confidant and a true partner in the education of our children. You enrich our lives through your friendship and support. We will miss you and Joan, and wish you the very best as you begin this next chapter of life. May you continue to go from strength to strength.

With gratitude and love,
The Fink Family
Niki, Todd, Maddie, Aerin, and Andrew
Thank you Joy and Allan Nachman, Reneé and Craig Erlich, and Steve Freedman for your dedication to our community and Hillel Day School. Steve, you will be greatly missed.

Love,
Jeremy, Melissa, Merrick, and Sydney Michaelson
The heart’s intention is the measure of all things.  
Maimonides

Congratulations

Joy and Allan Nachman,  
Reneé and Craig Erlich,  
and Steve Freedman.

Beth and Steve Margolin

Mazel Tov RACHEL on graduating Hillel Day School!!  
We are very proud of you and love you!!

Yasher Koach to Joy and Allan Nachman on receiving the Dream Maker Award.

Congratulations to Reneé and Craig Erlich on receiving the Rabbi Jacob E. Segal  ה’י"ד Award.

Kol Hakavod to Steve Freedman on receiving the Honorary Alumni Award.

Joan and Steve, much success as you begin a new chapter in your lives.

Karen, Jaclyn, Josh, and Hallie Berger
To the Honorees

Beverly Baker

To our very dear friends
Joan and Steve

It’s hard to believe that so much time has passed since you came to town. You have left an indelible mark not only on this school, but on this community as a whole. The friendships you have made and the blogs you have shared with the community will stay with us for a lifetime.

We will miss you very much, but we know just as we were blessed to have you in our community, you will continue to be a blessing in the next community and to all who will come to know you.

May this next chapter be a chapter filled with blessings from Hashem.

With Love,
Shari and Alon
Associated Dermatologists would like to wish Mazel Tov to

AWARD HONOREES

Joy and Allan Nachman, Reneé and Craig Erlich, and
Steve Freedman!

With gratitude and pride in the Dream Makers,

Joy and Allan Nachman,

who have led our family and the greater
Jewish community by their example of
compassion (זָדַרָק) and charity (צוּרֵעה).

You have honored our family by your
recognition tonight from Hillel Day School.

Mazel Tov to

Reneé and Craig Erlich
and Steve Freedman

for your acknowledgement and commitment
to the successful future of Hillel Day School.

Harriet and Gregg Orley
With love and appreciation, we congratulate our cherished friends and outstanding role models Reneé and Craig Erlich

Thank you for being you!
Kol Hakavod

Rachel and Josh Oppener
Our community is fortunate to have

Joy and Allan

and we are fortunate to have them as our friends!

Rissa and Sheldon Winkelman

Hillel Day School helped us to raise 3, bright, strong beautiful daughters.

Mazel Tov to Renee & Craig Erlich and to Joy and Allan Nachman!

Fondly, Mindy & Bruce Ruben
Congratulations to the 2019 Hillel Day School Honorees.

Karen and Dr. Richard Minkin
Congratulations to
Joy & Allan
and Reneé & Craig
on these well-deserved Awards.

Best wishes,
Aileen and Harvey Kleiman

In honor of our dear Grandchildren
Bella, Joely, and Ari Gottlieb
Alyssa and Rafi Appel
Noah, Ethan, Aaron, and Micah Adler
Sydney, Jonah, and Alec Sabbota

Love,
Bubbie and Zaidie
(Elaine and Harvey Sabbota)
YOUR EDUCATION IS A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR A LIFE THAT IS YOURS TO LEAD. NORA EPHRON

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.
THANK YOU TO HILLEL DAY SCHOOL FOR A WONDERFUL EDUCATION.

BUBBE AND ZAYDE
How lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so sad.

- A.A. Milne

Joan and Steve,
We will miss you and wish you the best!

Nancy & Jeffrey Adler
Debbie & Michael Balkin
Linda & Murray Baruch
Nancy Benchell-Eisman & Jeffrey Eisman
Terri Farber & Yossie Fleischmann
Clara & Arthur Gaba
Lea & Richard Luger
Marilyn & Bob Mossman
Beth & Ronn Nadis

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach
Dream Maker Honorees
Joy & Allan Nachman
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal ṭ�� Honorees
Reneé & Craig Erlich
Honorary Alumni Recipient
Steve Freedman

Linda and Steve Jacobson
To Joan and Steve Freedman,
Thank you for your dedication and vision, and for making Hillel Day School so wonderful!

vcr vsu,

Love,
Howie, Marni, Dahvi, and Hanny
Mazel Tov and Best Wishes to
Joy and Allan Nachman
on receiving the Dream Maker Award

Reneé and Craig Erlich
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal’s Award

Steve Freedman
on receiving the Honorary Alumni Award
for his 16 years of outstanding service to Hillel Day School

Mazel Tov to all of the honorees who contribute so much to Hillel Day School.
A very heartfelt thank you to the teachers and staff for another wonderful year.

Leemor, Jeff, Talya, & Ammi Rotberg
Mazel Tov to our lifelong friends
Joy and Allan
for your tireless efforts.

Thank you to
Reneé and Craig Erlich

Yasher Koach to
Steve Freedman
Beverly and Arthur Liss

Mazal Tov!
... to our children,
Zeev, Lihi, & Hilla,
for a wonderful school year!

... & to
Steve Freedman!
Thank you, Steve, for your leadership & friendship!

With gratitude & appreciation,
Ilana & Gabriel Maine

Congratulations to the 2019 Hillel Day School Honorees.

In appreciation of your devotion to the Jewish community.

Robbie and Scott Sherman
Mazel Tov to our friends and mentors

Joy & Allan Nachman
Reneé & Craig Erlich
Steve Freedman

We are inspired by your unwavering dedication to Hillel Day School and the future of Detroit’s Jewish community.

Thank you for all you do!

Barbara, Ira, Zoe, & Isabel Zaltz

Mazel Tov to the 2019 honorees.

Your commitment to the continuity of exemplary Jewish education is honorable.

With gratitude,

Peggy and Dr. Mark Saffer
Reach for something higher. It's the struggle that forces you to grow. We are given the strength we need to accomplish the purpose God has given us.

Much thanks to Steve, Joy and Allan, and Renée and Craig for all you each have done for our school, our children and our community.

Yishar Kochachem!

With much appreciation,
Doron Bar-Levav ('68)
Ilana Bar-Levav ('70)
Leora Bar-Levav ('74)
Daniel Edelson ('05)
Rina Edelson ('07)
Jacob Edelson ('13)
Bar-Levav Family Foundation
Mazel tov and thank you to inspirational leaders and cherished friends:

Joy and Allan Nachman
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Steve Freedman

Rebecca and Rabbi Aaron Starr
Caleb and Ayal
THANK YOU TO OUR
2018-2019 SPONSORS

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Bruce and Mindy Ruben
plum market
Mazel Tov 2019 Dream Maker Award Honorees
Joy and Allan Nachman
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal z’t. Award Honorees
Renee and Craig Erlich
Honorary Alumni Award Recipient
Steve Freedman
Your support of Hillel Day School and the Holocaust Memorial Center makes our community stronger. By working together, we will ensure the next generation learns about our heritage and our responsibility to stand up to hatred, antisemitism, and genocide.
YASHER KOACH

Joy and Allan Nachman

Thank you for your leadership, guidance, wisdom and devotion to the entire Jewish community!

Mazel Tov!

Reneé and Craig Erlich
Steve Freedman

With love,
Your Tamarack Camps’ Family

“Freedom begins with what we teach our children. That is why Jews became a people whose passion is education, whose heroes are teachers and whose citadels are schools.”

Jonathan Sacks

Mazel Tov Steve Freedman
with much appreciation for your passion and dedication to Hillel Day School.

Congratulations

Joy and Allan Nachman
and

Reneé and Craig Erlich

Jodi and Rob Goodman
Congratulations to Joy and Allan Nachman on this well-deserved honor and thank you for all you have done for our community.

Donna and Bob Slatkin

Mazel Tov to Joy and Allan Nachman on this well-deserved Honor.

Margo and Doug Woll
Mazel Tov to our beautiful granddaughter Mia on your graduation from Hillel Day School.

Our very best wishes for Hillel’s continued success.

Nancy and Dr. Joseph Jacobson

Mazel Tov to
Joy & Allan
Reneé & Craig

for all they do for Hillel Day School and for our wonderful Jewish community.

Linda & Tom Klein
Mazel Tov
Reneé & Craig ... 
True leaders, visionaries, and friends – how lucky our community is!
With much love,
Wendy & Jeff Eisenshtadt

Dear Joan and Steve,

Thank you for the past sixteen years in which you have served Hillel Day School with all your heart, mind, and soul.

You have helped to turn so much into gold.

You have built such wonderful relationships with the team – not just colleagues but friends.

It is with a heavy heart that we bid you farewell.

We celebrate your new journey with you and your family and we know you will make a huge impact in your new community.

With love and gratitude,
The Board of Trustees

Ellen, Eric, Amy, Gabe, Josh, David, Monica, Ilana, Jason, Lisa, Ilana, Howie, Mark, Sheri, Jason, and Amy
RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH
JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN

MAZEL TOV
ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED HONORS!
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION
AND COMMITMENT TO HILLEL DAY SCHOOL
AND OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

STEVE FREEDMAN
YASHER KOACH FOR YOUR 16 YEARS OF
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HILLEL.

GARRY KAPPY
IRVIN, BARBARA, BRANDON, AND MICHELLE KAPPY

MAZEL TOV TO OUR FRIENDS,
RENEÉ AND CRAIG ON RECEIVING
THE RABBI JACOB E. SEGAL (″z″) AWARD
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
AND SUPPORT OF OUR JEWISH
COMMUNITY, YOUR FRIENDSHIP,
AND FOR ALWAYS BEING “ALL IN”!
STACY AND RONNIE
"To be a leader, you do not need a crown or robes of office. All you need to do is to write your chapter in the story, do deeds that heal some of the pain of this world, and act so that others become a little better for having known you."

— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Lessons in Leadership: A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible

To our fearless leader

**Steve Freedman**

We are all incredibly grateful to have co-authored the Hillel chapter of your story and are all MUCH better for knowing you. Thank you for sharing your passion and dedication with all of us.

We will miss you.

Your Team

Amy, Barbara, Brian, David, Melissa, Jen, Robin, and Scott
mazel tov

to our wonderful “Mishpacha” Joy & Allan
Thank you for touching all of our lives and for bringing the community, and our families, so much “Joy” (and Allan). Looking forward to many more adventures together!

Love,
The Altermans, Eisenbergs, Feldbergs, Jr and Sr Hoobermans, Kramers, Michaelsons, Schlussels, Starrs, Winkelmans, and Zaltzes

Reneé and Craig,
We are so lucky to have you in our community!

Much love,
Carolyn & Jim Bellinson
Honoring those who enrich our community

Mazel Tov to
Reneé and Craig Erlich and
Joy and Allan Nachman
Mazel Tov for all you have accomplished over the past 16 years at HDS! You have shared your passion for education and Judaism not only with the Hillel Community, but with us as well and we thank you for that. The Tri-State area is getting a rockstar (and two of your children are getting their parents nearby)!

Love,
Eytan, Andie, Elana, Yoni, Naomi, Talia, Corey & Noah
WHAT A WELL-DESERVED HONOR FOR OUR CONSCIENTIOUS AND CLOSE FRIENDS

JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN

WHO SUPPORT SO MANY WONDERFUL INSTITUTIONS LIKE HILLEL DAY SCHOOL TO PERPETUATE JEWISH CONTINUITY.

WITH OUR LOVE,
SHELLEY AND JOEL TAUBER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS,

CRAIG & RENÉÉ ERLICH

YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND DEDICATION TO FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY ARE AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL!

JOEY & HAILEY AGREE
PETE & JILL DAVIS
DAVID & NADINE FARBMAN
PAUL & ANDREA GLOMSKI
GREG & LESLIE LEHMKUHL
CHUCK & TERI MOORE
BILL & DIANA PULTE
Joy and Allan,
Wishing you continued success for another wonderful year.
SuSu Sosnick

We're wild about Grammy and Zadie!
Love, Juniper, Bowie, & Ford Nachman
RENEÉ AND CRAIG,
MAZEL TOV ON RECEIVING THIS
WELL-DESERVED HONOR.
YOU ARE EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE WHO
DEEPLY TOUCH EVERYONE FORTUNATE
ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU.
WE LOVE YOU.
JACKIE AND JASON PELTZ

TO THE 2019
HILLEL DAY SCHOOL
HONOREES

QUALITY KOSHER
catering
The Dell and Vieder Families Congratulate
our
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for their ongoing commitment to
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Dear Joan and Steve,
Your commitment to the community
and those close to you is a true blessing.
Wishing you all the best in this exciting new
chapter in your life. You will be missed by many.

Yasher Koach to Joy and Allan
for their continued devotion to Jewish education.

Mazel Tov to Reneé and Craig
on this well-deserved honor.
May you continue from strength to strength.

Miriam and Fred Ferber
M'Dor L'Dor
From Generation to Generation

In Loving Memory of
our dear parents,
Debbie & Jules Altman
and their Legacy of
Hillel Graduates

Ben Gould, 2014
Carter Altman, 2012
Hannah Gould, 2010
Sawyer Altman, 2009
Brenna Gildenberg, 2009
Aidan Altman, 2007
Mitchell Gildenberg, 2007
Melissa Gildenberg, 2004
Karen Saretsky, 1981
David Altman, 1978
Suzanne Gildenberg, 1976

Congratulations!
To our inspired, passionate
and dedicated friends
Reneé and Craig Erlich
&
Mazel Tov!
Joy and Allan Nachman
On your well-deserved and
distinguished honors
+
A special thank you to
Steve Freedman
for his visionary leadership and dedication
to Hillel over the past 16 years.
Karen & Gary Saretsky, Hannah & Ben Gould
Yasher koach to Joy and Allan for their dedication and outstanding leadership in the Jewish community.

With admiration and respect,
Barbra and Peter Alter
Mazel Tov!!

Joy and Allan Nachman
Dream Maker Award Honorees

Renée and Craig Erlich
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal 5747 Award Honorees

Steve Freedman
Honorary Alumni Award Recipient

Your contributions to our community are greatly appreciated!

The Officers, Board of Directors and Staff of Yad Ezra

Honoring Joan and Steve Freedman for their years of service and dedication to Hillel Day School.
From your B’nai Israel Synagogue Family

Mazel Tov to
Joy and Allan Nachman and Renée and Craig Erlich on helping to enrich our Jewish community.
The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Congratulate

Joy and Allan Nachman
On Receiving Hillel Day School’s Dream Maker Award
We admire your commitment and devotion to Jewish education, the students and the community.

We Also Congratulate

Reneé and Craig Erlich
On Receiving the Rabbi Jacob E. Segal (ירא) Award and
Steve Freedman (Head of School)
On Receiving the Honorary Alumni Award

Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov!
Mazal Tov to

Joy and Allan Nachman
Dream Maker Award Honorees

Reneé and Craig Erlich
Rabbi Jacob E. Segal "z”l Award

Steve Freedman
Head of School and Honorary Alumnus of Hillel Day School

We thank you for your commitment and dedication to Hillel Day School and our Jewish community.

Adat Shalom Synagogue
Mazel Tov Hillel Day School
On All You Do For Our Future
And Thank You
JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN
For All You Do For Our Community

Perry Ohren, Jewish Family Service

Mazal tov to HILLEL DAY SCHOOL AND ITS HONOREES

Thank you to:
JOY & ALLAN NACHMAN for gifting FJA students with Jewish inspiration that will last generations,
RENEÉ & CRAIG ERLICH for supporting FJA and providing lasting leadership,
STEVE FREEDMAN for being an incredible partner in Jewish education.

FRANKEL JEWISH ACADEMY
CONGRATULATIONS

JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN
DREAM MAKER AWARD HONOREES

RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH
RABBI JACOB E. SEGAL (v'l) AWARD HONOREES

STEVE FREEDMAN
HONORARY ALUMNI RECIPIENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND VISION
MAXINE AND BYRON CANVASSER

MAZEL TOV TO

Reneé and Craig and all of the
distinguished honorees

Your ongoing commitment to Jewish education strengthens our community.

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Reneé and Craig,

Congratulations on your well-deserved honor.
You are both amazing, impactful leaders in our community.
You are also two wonderful cousins. We love you!

Mazel tov to Joy & Allan Nachman and Steve Freedman.

The Cherrins,
Marni, Dan, Emma, Brie, and Spencer

MAZEL TOV TO

Reneé and Craig Erlich

for your continued leadership and support of Hillel Day School
and the Jewish community.

With love and appreciation,
Hadas and Dennis Bernard
Congratulations to
Joy and Allan
Reneé and Craig
Steve
All well-deserving of these honors.
May you have continued success.
Paula and Lou Glazier

JOY AND ALLAN,
THANK YOU for everything you do for our community!
Marla & Mark Canvasser
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To Joy and Allan, Reneé and Craig, and Steve,
Thank you for all the great work you do for our community.

Love,
The Saulson Family

To an unthinkably amazing couple.

Reneé & Craig Erlich,
We love you.

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Mazal Tov to the Hillel Honorees!

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Joy and Allan Nachman
and Reneé and Craig Erlich
Mazel Tov!
Anita & Robert H. Naftaly

Mazel Tov to
JOY & ALLAN NACHMAN
RENEÉ & CRAIG ERLICH
STEVE FREEDMAN
The Jacobsons
Andrea and David
Danielle, Jenna, Lillian, & Jack

In support of
Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit
And with much admiration and appreciation for
Joy and Allan Nachman
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Steve Freedman
We are so proud of all Hillel Day School students.
Yale and Anna Levin
Tony, Karen, Bradley, and Jodi Levin
Steve, Jennifer, Jason, and Melanie Teper
Congratulations to all of the distinguished honorees and to Hillel, a spectacular school, for honoring these individuals for their contributions to our community!

Lynda and Conrad Giles

Harper Sollish
you are Marvel-ous!
Keep climbing towards your dreams and goals.
So Proud of You!

Love You Lots,
Mommy, Remy, Bubbie & Grandpa XOX
Cameron

History has its eye on you.

We are so proud of your accomplishments and the truly wonderful person you are. There are a million things you haven’t done... yet. Just you wait.

Mazel Tov on Your Graduation!

Love, Mom, Dad, Brady & Chewie

Thank you Hillel Day School for helping our family to impart the traditions and values of Judaism, Education, Community and Zionism.

Allison Jane Feldman

you make us proud today and every day. From the very first day in kindergarten as a little girl to the self assured, confident 8th grader, your friendships, love of learning, strength of morals and sense of self has flourished in the most beautiful of ways. We know this is just the beginning of an amazing future! May your smile and your spirit always shine as bright as it does today!

We Love You,

Mummy, Emily, Robin, Mike, Avery, Addyson, Zayda, Sally, Nana, Grump, Auntie Amy, Uncle Sethy, Matthew, Anna, Uncle Danny, Auntie Stacy, Ari, Jess, Rebecca, Adam, Heather, Charlie & Rocky

Mira and Dr. Leo Eisenberg

למורים, לzionים ולתלמידים של בית הספר הלל
דרד תלמה בכל אשר ה폰

Mira and Dr. Leo Eisenberg
Mazel tov to

Joy and Allan Nachman

on receiving the Dream Maker Award
and for your vision and leadership throughout our community.
You both always hit the right notes!

Judy and David Karp

Best Wishes to Hillel Day School
and Congratulations to

Joy and Allan Nachman
and Reneé and Craig Erlich

Susie and Norm Pappas

The Elephants in
the Back Room
enjoy having
Allan Nachman
IN OUR HERD

Ronald B. Charfoos    Neal F. Zalenko

In Honor of my good friends
Joy and Allan Nachman
and Mazel Tov to
Reneé and Craig Erlich
and
Steve Freedman

Bob Aronson
Thank you to Steve Freedman for your hard work, leadership and vision in making Hillel the vibrant school that it is today.

You will be dearly missed.

Suzanne and Stuart Gildenberg and family

Congratulations Reneé and Craig
on being recognized for your exceptional kindness and numerous contributions within the Jewish community.

Lindsay and Ryan Dembs

Mazel Tov!
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Your devotion and commitment to Hillel is an inspiration
Suzanne and Stuart Gildenberg and family

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You will be dearly missed.

Suzanne and Stuart Gildenberg and family

MAX and ALLI
Mazel Tov on your Hillel Day School graduation.
We are so, so proud of you and love you very much!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Bubbie, Ma, Papa, Z, Emmy, Talia, Robbie and Maggie xoxoxo
Congratulations to
Joy and Allan Nachman
Renée and Craig Erlich
and Steve Freedman
on their well-deserved honors

Love,
Elyse and Brian Kolender

Our community’s most important work is providing a Jewish education.
Kol HaKavod to the honorees!

Anne and Eugene Greenstein

CONGRATULATIONS
ON WONDERFUL SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY

JO ELYN AND GEORGE NYMAN

Congratulations

to all the Honorees
and to Hillel Day School

Joni & Neil Satovsky
CONGRATULATIONS TO
RENEÉ
& CRAIG
THE CARROLLS

Mazel tov and thank you for your dedication to Hillel Day School!
The Tigays

Mazel Tov Renée and Craig on this most deserving honor.

You are an inspiration to all of us.
With much admiration,
Your family at George P. Johnson

We love you Sabah and Savtah! Thank you for all that you do!
Love,
Noa & Liv
Congratulations to
Joy & Allan
This honor is richly deserved!
Loree & Rod

Mazal Tov
to
Reneé & Craig Erlich and
Joy & Allan Nachman
on this honor.
We are so proud of you for being such wonderful leaders of Hillel Day School and our community.
Yasher Koach!
Mitch & Diane Mondry

Congratulations
on being chosen as this year’s honorees!
Lynn and Harvey Rubin

Mazel Tov to
Reneé and Craig!
Beth and Sandy Timen

Mazel Tov
Reneé and Craig
B’hatzlacha, Steve
May you all go from strength to strength!
With love & admiration,
Jen & Eric Rosenberg

Steve,
Thank you for sharing your vision of Hillel Day School with so many of us who joined you on your journey on your first day. Our lives are enriched by that vision! We wish you the very best in your next adventure!
Mazel Tov!
Kenneth and Kim Levin
Emily (class of 2012) and Daniel (class of 2013)

Ellen,
We appreciate your hard work & effort to make Hillel Day School great.
Steve, Reneé & Craig,
Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Mazel Tov!
To all the Teachers, thank you for giving our kids a great education.
Thank you Hillel.
Tammi and Scott Cooper & Family

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on being chosen as this year’s honorees!
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Mazel Tov!
Kenneth and Kim Levin
Emily (class of 2012) and Daniel (class of 2013)
Congratulations
Reneé and Craig Erlich
Marcy and Ian Burnstein

Congratulations to our dear friends
Joy and Allan
on being honored as the Dream Makers you are!
Mazel Tov
Reneé and Craig Erlich
for your good work.
Nanci and Mitch Kantor
Jean and Howard Dubin

Reneé & Craig,
Your dedication to our community, your love of Judaism, and your pride in Hillel Day School is an inspiration to all who know you!
Mazel Tov and congratulations on receiving the Rabbi Jacob E. Segal Award!
Love,
Lisa and Jay Fisher

Much gratitude to the outstanding staff of dedicated and talented teachers and their students at Hillel Day School.
Sandra and Earle Endelman
Maazel ToV

to

JOY AND ALLAN NACHMAN

AND

RENEÉ AND CRAIG ERLICH!

LOVE,

MARIANNE (’83) AND ROB BLOOMBERG
ALLISON (’13) AND WILL (’16)

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Mazel Lur

to the

2019 Honorees

Amy and Dan

Sapeika

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IN HONOUR OF ALL
OF OUR DAY SCHOOL
GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations

Reneé and Craig!

We’re thrilled to see you both continuing to do great things in the community.
Keep up the good work!

Josh and Beth

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Congratulations

Honorees

RENEÉ AND CRAIG, LOVE PRIDE JOY
MOM AND DAD

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RENEÉ AND CRAIG
Mazel Tov and Thank You for being an inspiration for the community.

With love from Bruce Israel and Lisa Pernick

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Congratulations

Joy and Allan Nachman

Diane Klein and Jeffrey Maisels

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Mazel tov to Reneé, Craig, Joy, Allan, and Steve

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED HONORS.

Dottie and Don Wagner

Mazel tov to Reneé and Craig Erlich, Steve Freedman, and Joy and Allan Nachman.

We thank you for your commitment to Hillel Day School and Jewish Day School education.

Amy & Jack Folbe
Aaron ’07 Elana ’07
Jonah ’09 Aidan ’11

Joy & Allan
Thanks for everything you do for our community.

Barbara & Jerry Cook

To outstanding Generational Leaders
Joy & Allan
and
Reneé and Craig
To a great Educator, Steve Freedman
Congratulations.
Rosie and Mark Schlussel

Your vision and dedication has influenced the lives of many children.
Congratulations Steve!
Margie and Bob Mellen

Mazel tov to Reneé & Craig

ON THIS VERY DESERVING AWARD AND FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE COMMUNITY.
Love,
Cara and Ira Schlussel

Mazel tov on this well-deserved honor. The Dream Maker Award epitomizes all you do!
Gayle and Richard Burstein

We are proud to recognize our dear friends Joy and Allan for the transformational differences they have made at Hillel and throughout the community. In the true spirit of tzedakah, they have led by example and given generously to affect change.

Gayle and Richard Buehler
Mazel Tov
Reneé & Craig
on this well-deserved honor!

Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to All the Honorees

May you continue to be an inspiration to the entire community.

Laurie and Robert Kimmel

Merrick and Sydney
You never cease to amaze us!

We love you, Grandma Jackie and Grandpa

Reneé & Craig
So proud of your contributions to the Jewish community and love for family!

Love,
Aunt Karen, Uncle Ricky, David, Michael, Kelly, Casandra, and Lara

We honor past, present and future leaders.

Pnina and Elie Basse

Honoring Reneé and Craig
In their devotion to Hillel Day School and the surrounding Jewish community.

With love,
Aunt Sue, Uncle Shel
Lissa & Steven Kalt and family
Rebecca & Jason Erlich and Family

Mazel Tov to all the Honorees.
To All the Honorees,

Congratulations and thank you for your support.

Brenda and Ira Jaffe

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE HONOREES

Congratulations Joy & Allan! Love, Wendy & Craig Ruskin
Rabbi David Curiel, Ms. Amberly Polidor and Dafna congratulate Uncle Allan and Aunt Joy. Chazak u'varuch!
Nanci & Mitch Kantor
Joy and Allan, to a dynamic duo, what a well-deserved honor.
Andrea and Bart Dickson
Aviva and Dean Friedman
We are so proud of our Aunt Joy and Uncle Allan!
Love, Emily & Jason Jacob and Ryan & Heidi Orley
Marilyn Goldberg
Kathleen Roessner Benning and Kyle Benning
Reneé and Craig, Mazel Tov to sincerely committed, caring, and generous community supporters.
Mazal Tov to Craig and Reneé for all that you do for Hillel Day School and the community.
Love, Sternberg Family

We’ll always have Simchas Torah. Happy Anniversary. The Guy in the Corner
A gentle, generous and kind man who truly believed that “Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” — Plato
Who is wise? One who learns from every human...

Pirke A inot

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