

November 28, 2017 | 10 Kislev 5778

Honorable Thomas Suozzi 478A Park Avenue Huntington, NY 11743

Dear Congressman Suozzi,

I hope you will take a few moments to read about our upcoming event and decide to participate by writing a letter of congratulations to our Honorees and our school. The Schechter School of Long Island is a young, progressive Jewish day school with an excellent reputation for providing an outstanding education to students enrolled in the K-12 programs.

On March 8, 2018, we will host our Annual Gala at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation. This year our honorees are: Janet & Albert Hakim, Ida & Eric Kalimian, and Phyllis Simon & Meyer Steinberg.

Our theme for the evening is inspired from the Gregorian calendar year of 2018 and the Hebrew word *Chai* which means life. In Hebrew, *Chai* is comprised of the letters *Chet* and *Yud* – a word that reflects the importance of life in Judaism. According to Jewish mystical tradition that assigns a numerological value to Hebrew letters, the *Chet* has a value of 8 and the *Yud* has a value of 10, adding up to the number 18; thus "2018 Chai – The Life of Schechter".

"Life" at Schechter is more than top-notch academics. Students have the opportunity to be engaged in the creative process through a variety of disciplines, fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of literature and fine and performing arts.

We were thrilled to have record attendance last year and once again expect approximately 500 guests to attend. Our Annual Gala attracted a room filled to capacity comprised of parents, grandparents and outside donors from all over Long Island, and the metro New York area.

Your letter would recognize the vision of our honorees, celebrate the relationship between you and the school, and show our community how much you care. Beyond the tremendous good it does for Schechter LI and the honor it would be for us to have you participate, your letter would be shared both online and in print, reaching a broad and diverse audience.

Please email me at ebohrer@schechterli.org if you need additional information, or call 516.935.1441 extension 1131 at any time. Thank you in advance for considering our request and for supporting the Schechter School of Long Island.

Very truly yours,

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