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330 Elmora Avenue  
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Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the 2016 Jewish Educational Center's (JEC) Annual Testimonial Dinner. This year's theme is "Celebrating our past; Embracing our future." JEC, which educates over 800 students every year from pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, serves to integrate Jewish values with secular studies. As a hub for Jewish education and a center for spiritual, intellectual, and communal Jewish growth, JEC shares with me a deep commitment to Israel and to Jewish communities throughout the state of New Jersey.

I would also like to celebrate tonight's honorees. Dr. Steven Singfer is tonight's Guest of Honor. Dr. Singfer, who graduated from JEC in 1973, has served as Trustee, Vice President, and now as President of the JEC. His tremendous leadership and unwavering dedication has been truly invaluable to the entire JEC community. Lisa Bond, the Early Childhood Department Coordinator, is receiving the Special Services Award for her commitment to JEC, to child development, and to her students. Every day of every week, Ms. Bond demonstrates a love for learning that touches each and every one of her students. Finally, I would like to congratulate Edward and Cecile Mosberg, who are receiving tonight's "Lev Tov Award." The Mosbergs are courageous Holocaust survivors, who have been committed to saving and donating Torahs that were rescued during the Shoah. Their contribution to the Jewish community is nothing short of heroic.

As New Jersey's Senior United States Senator, I am devoted to improving the lives of all New Jersey residents. I applaud the Jewish Educational Center and its honorees for their commitment to the Jewish community and all those in need. Once again, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Robert Menendez

United States Senator