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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BOLLWAGE

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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on this special occasion to the Jewish Educational Center (JEC) as they celebrate 76 years of academic achievements and service throughout the community. Providing an outstanding foundation for success, the JEC implements a challenging curriculum that facilitates as well as enhances personal and professional growth.

Tonight Dr. Aryeh and Myra Pirak are being honored as *Grandparents of the Year*. Dr. Pirak is an alumnu s of the JEC and together with his wife, they continue to lead by example and support the promotion of excellence in education. Upholding academic traditions, their five children are all graduates of the school and six of their grandchildren are current students. They remain active participants, committed to broadening horizons and providing assistance where needed.

Recognized as *Parents of the Year* are David and Sarah Goldstein, who have demonstrated their commitment to providing a strong, scholastic base for their daughters at the JEC's Bruriah High School for Girls. Appreciating and acknowledging the value of quality instruction in preparing students to become future leaders, their guidance as well as community contributions have had a positive impact and are recognized through this distinction.

Continuing to make a difference in the lives of others are David and Debra Schiff, who are also recipients of the *Family Legacy Award*. Increasing opportunities and improving the quality of life for all, their efforts, involvement and generosity are inspirational. As parents of two graduates and a current student at the JEC Bruriah High School, they have dedicated their time to raising awareness, giving back and transforming lives with impressive results.

Tonight, as we acknowledge our honorees, we celebrate the Jewish Educational Center for its history and dedication to the children of the City of Elizabeth. With more than eight hundred thirty students enrolled through the twelfth grade, the Jewish Educational Center remains committed to education in both secular and religious studies.

Best wishes and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Christian Bollwage", is written over a horizontal line.

J. Christian Bollwage
Mayor