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Jewish Educational Center 330 Elmora Avenue Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings as you gather to celebrate your annual gala. I am especially delighted to congratulate Herman and Rosa Engel, Jonathan and Yael Pittinsky, and Bryan Fox on being honored for their steadfast commitment to the Jewish Educational Center.

Since 1941, the Jewish Educational Center of Elizabeth has provided quality education rooted in the tenets of Torah. The school's success and its many distinguished alumni are a testament to the Jewish Educational Center's longstanding commitment to excellence.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." For 77 years, the Jewish Educational Center has exemplified this ideal and has helped to shape our next generation of civic-minded leaders.

Again, congratulations. Please accept my very best wishes for a memorable gala.

Sincerely,

Cory A. Booker United States Senator