

May 14, 2019

The Jewish Educational Center 330 Elmora Avenue Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the 2019 Jewish Educational Center's (JEC) Annual Testimonial Dinner. We gather to celebrate 78 years of excellence to the community. 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 a deep commitment to Israel and to Jewish communities throughout the state of New Jersey.

I would also like to celebrate tonight's honorees. Rabbi Nathan Zemel is tonight's Guest of Honor. Rabbi Zemel, a well-known Torah scholar, mentor, businessman, and philanthropist, devoted his efforts to assist the Elizabeth community and the JEC. His tremendous leadership and unwavering dedication have been truly invaluable to the entire JEC community. Rabbi Snow is receiving the JEC's Lifetime Educational Achievement Award for 50 years teaching at the JEC. He has impacted the lives of countless students. Finally, I would like to congratulate Meir and Chana Lunchins, who are receiving tonight's "JEC's Family of the Year." Once again, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Robert Menendez

United States Senator