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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all those gathered for the Jewish Educational Center's annual Gala.

For more than seven decades, the JEC has been extremely successful in their commitment to educating Jewish youth by promoting a value-oriented learning environment that encourages students to develop to their fullest potential as individuals. By integrating both secular and religious studies into their curriculum, the Center has continued to provide graduates with the skills needed for professional life in the 21st century, as well as impart a moral framework consistent with their values. I applaud the JEC and all others who are involved for their hard work and investment in the betterment of their community.

Special recognition is also in order for tonight's honorees: the late and beloved Rabbi Nathan Zemel receiving the *Keter Torah*, Rabbi Moshe Snow receiving the *Lifetime Educational Achievement* award, and JEC's *Family of the Year*, Meir and Chana Luchins and their five children. I join with your family, friends, and neighbors in congratulating you for your countless and lasting contributions to both the Jewish Educational Center, as well as surrounding areas.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Murphy".

Philip D. Murphy
Governor