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#### **About Denver Jewish Day School**

Denver Jewish Day School offers Jewish families looking for a K-12 independent school experience an unparalleled community of faculty, staff, and families committed to excellence through the seamless integration of rigorous teachings. Through an integrated inquiry and project-based learning approach, we prepare our students to be competitive and forward-thinking leaders now and in the future. Our welcoming, inclusive environment meets students wherever they are on their Jewish journey and prepares them to think critically and act purposefully in the world.

#### **Our Mission**

Our pluralistic Jewish community day school prepares and inspires Jewish students through an extraordinary secular and Judaic education to live purposefully, act ethically, and thrive in the world.



#### **Prayer for Denver Jewish Day School**

*Ribbono Shel Olam,* Master of the Universe, bring blessings upon this assembly of your people.

Bless our teachers with *chochma* (wisdom), that they craft lessons that challenge and inspire our students' minds, and that they take their students' words and thoughts to heart in making a school that grows and innovates each day.

Bless our students with da'at (knowledge), to act purposefully and ethically in the world — ever close to our traditions but with the understanding to innovate boldly and create lives of meaning.

Bless those who support our school with *bina* (discernment), to guide our school down the path of excellence in Torah knowledge and worldly affairs, that it widely commit to sustaining, supporting, and growing excellent Jewish education in Colorado.

Thank you, G-d, for the generosity of communal leaders like **Brian** and Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz who make possible the creation of new generations of Jewish leaders and thinkers by helping us to grow as individuals, as citizens of the world, and as a community.

May we all be blessed with Moses' patience, Abraham's kindness, Solomon's fairness, the Ba'al Shem Tov's soulfulness, Maimonides' work ethic, Rashi's intellect, and Devorah's commitment to the Jewish people.

May we be blessed as **Brian and Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz** have blessed us. אדוני שומע תפילה
Blessed are you, G-d, who hears prayer.

#### Honorees: Brian & Dana Friedman

Brian and Dana Friedman believe their children will better navigate our diverse world if they first know their own heritage. They want their kids to understand that Jewish civilization is a treasure trove of cultural, wealth, and wisdom.

"We chose to send our three kids to Denver Jewish Day School because as parents, we felt it was a top priority for our kids to know who they are," says Dana. "Knowing our Jewish



culture, history, and language is fundamental to that."

Dana, who emigrated from Israel with her family when she was 8, still has family ties and strong connections to Israel. She feels strongly that her children should be able to speak and understand the ancient language. Brian, a Denver native who also lived in Israel and returns frequently, agrees.

"We both believe that understanding Hebrew facilitates a close connection to the Israeli people and the modern state of Israel," says Brian. "Hebrew is also the key to unlocking deeper levels of understanding in our religion and culture."

Dana is the daughter of Hazel and Dr. Herzl Melmed, and Brian is the son of Robyn and the late Ben Friedman.

The Friedmans' three children have been students at Denver JDS since kindergarten. Their oldest, Samuel, is a Denver JDS graduate and currently attends Lehigh University. Their son David is a Denver JDS senior, and daughter Maya is a Denver JDS eighth grader.

As members of the Denver JDS school community for the past 15 years, Brian and Dana have connected with families in ways that have created lifelong friendships for not only them, but their children

as well. Dana's involvement with the school began with PTO where she initiated the "welcome back coffees" after school breaks. She also served on the Finance Committee, the Helping Hands Committee, and has been a room parent for her kids' grades. The school community has become such a big part of their lives that Dana even started teaching an honors psychology class to 12th graders in 2013.

Brian and Dana also are involved with AIPAC, JEWISHcolorado, American Friends of Tel Aviv University, American Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority, the World Trade Center, the National Association of Business Economics, and the JCC Mizel Arts & Culture Center.

Brian is president of GHP Investment Advisors, an organization specializing in wealth management, and is the portfolio manager of the Israel Investment Fund, L.P. Brian received his bachelor's in economics from George Washington University and his MBA from the University of Chicago.

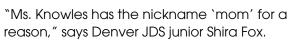
In addition to teaching at Denver JDS, Dana provides training for a variety of companies focused on management skills, including team building, customer service, and coaching. She received her bachelor's in psychology from CU Boulder and her master's in education from CU Denver.



From left to right: Maya (Class of 2023), Dana, Brian, Sam (Class of 2017), and David Friedman (Class of 2019).

#### Honoree: Melanie Knowles

Ask anyone who has worked with Melanie Knowles and they'll tell you the same thing: she's one of the most dedicated teachers around. She is often the last one to leave at night and can be seen working on Sundays. Over the years she has garnered respect from not only her fellow teachers, but from her students as well.



"She is always willing to listen, and she can solve any problem."

Melanie first began teaching at Denver Jewish Day School's Upper Division (then Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy – RMHA) as a science teacher in 1984-85. In August 1990, she came on full time in the science department; in fact, she *was* the entire science department. Since then she has taught biology, chemistry, physical science, physics, and *tzedek* track ethics courses. She is currently the Upper Division's STEM coordinator, chairing both the math and science departments.

"She'll be there as late as she needs to be and she'll make herself available at any time," says former Upper Division Principal Bryan Hay. "She is among a handful of the brightest and most committed teachers I have ever known, and has a special ability to help support and inspire students for whom learning does not come easily."

During faculty meetings, Melanie would often knit. It took Bryan Hay some time to realize that the more she would knit, the better focused she would be during the meetings. Over the years, she's even passed on her passion for knitting to some of her students.

Just because Melanie teaches science doesn't mean she doesn't connect that learning to other subjects. In her lessons, she continually creates interdisciplinary learning with the confluence of science and Judaic studies — so much so that since December of 2004 she has helped chaperone every year of the school's Hebrew Immersion Program (HIP) in Israel for 10th graders. Each year she gives of herself beyond the walls of the classroom, giving up her own winter break to spend time in Israel keeping the 10th graders

safe and happy. Volunteering for this role for 14 years, she has developed a keen understanding for how to navigate the interpersonal relationships of high schoolers.

"It's the interaction with the kids, and specifically our kids, that makes this such a great place to have a career," says Melanie.

Melanie has coordinated the school science fair and mentored middle and high school students. Her students have been nominated to compete as finalists at the Colorado State Science and Engineering Fair 23 out of the last 25 years. In the winter of 2005, she attended the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) with two of her students (Libby Boscoe, Class of 2007, and Shane Kleinstein, Class of 2007) who had studied head and neck cancer lines in a laboratory at the University of Colorado.

Often, even after her students graduate, they come back for college help in science classes or to simply check in and say hello. She says that Facebook has been an invaluable tool in helping with lab reports and final exam questions during the wee hours of the morning.

"One of my greatest joys as an educator is seeing kids learn and, in particular, introducing them to a scientific understanding of our world."

Melanie received her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and is a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan. She moved to Colorado for graduate study, switching from chemistry to education after one year. She was recognized

for her 18 years of service to the school in May 2007 and for her 25 years of service to the school in May 2014. When she's not teaching, helping her students, or supervising a class trip to Israel (or Durango, or Santa Fe, or Seattle), Melanie can be found reading, knitting, and playing mah jongg.



Melanie Knowles working with three middle school students during Intensives Week.

#### Honoree: Shelley Krovitz

"Nothing in life just happens. It isn't enough to believe in something, you have to have the stamina to meet obstacles and overcome them." That quote from Golda Meir is one of Shelley Krovitz's favorites and a guiding principle. A Denver native, Shelley had a successful career as a teacher and lawyer, and has a long and robust history of volunteerism in the Jewish and general communities.



"I started volunteering in high school as president of my BBYO group and vice chair of the regional board," says Shelley. "Since then, volunteering for the many organizations that I have supported has added great richness and satisfaction to my life. My volunteer activities are carefully chosen and fall into several categories, primarily the advancement of women, the Jewish community, and strategic planning with organizations I believe in."

Shelley was an engaged member of the Denver Jewish Day School Board of Trustees from 2012 through 2018. She has served on the Development Committee, the Executive Committee, and was chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, working to professionalize the management, maintenance, and visual impact of the school's property. While serving on the board, she says she was inspired by her fellow board members who have top leadership skills, enthusiasm, and continuous energy, and work to ensure a bright future for the students at Denver JDS. She adds that the professionalism and dedication of the school staff have also been inspiring.

"Denver JDS works tirelessly to improve educational quality while including values education," says Shelley.

With a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Colorado and a master's in language pathology from Northwestern University, Shelley began her career in special education working in both public and private schools. But she says her true calling was law.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer and thanks to legal changes, women were allowed into professions like law," she says. "With three young children and a very supportive husband, I went back to school and earned a law degree, with honors, from the University of Denver."

Shelley joined Isaacson, Rosenbaum, P.C. and later became a shareholder in the practice, working in commercial real estate, commercial leasing, and commercial mediation. Later, she began her own firm, The Krovitz Law Firm, P.C., and practiced there until her retirement in 2011. In 2009, she was chosen by her peers as a "Super Lawyer."

Over years of volunteering, some notable achievements include receiving the JEWISHcolorado Moses M. Katz Young Leadership Award and the Golda Meir Award, the annual award to one woman who exemplifies extraordinary leadership, involvement, and inspiration to others. Additionally, Shelley was the first chair of the Women in the Law Committee of the Colorado Bar Association.

Shelley has had leadership roles in a number of other organizations including the Colorado Bar Association, the Colorado Women's Bar Association, the Colorado Women's Bar Association Foundation, Allied Jewish Apartments (now Kavod), CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women), Chenango Homeowner's Association, the JCC, Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Jewish Women's Fund of Colorado, and Women's Foundation of Colorado.

Shelley was chosen by the Governor of Colorado to be a member of (and currently sits on) the Board of Directors of the Colorado State Division of Private Occupational Schools, and is also on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Defamation League.

Shelley still feels her most important legacy is attending to her family — swim meets and soccer matches, back to school nights and graduations, and making sure sunscreen and snacks are in the bag.

Shelley is married to Robert (Buzz) Krovitz and has three grown children: David Krovitz (Dr. Lauren Hyman), Gail Krovitz, Ph.D.

(Jeff Greenstein), and Matthew Krovitz (Hilary Bloom, J.D.). Shelley is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren: Sarine and Rhett Krovitz, Russell and Dara Greenstein (both of whom attend Denver JDS), and Ruby and Henry Krovitz.



Left to right: David, Shelley, Buzz, Gail, and Matt Krovitz

#### Alumni Speaker: Sam Kaufman, Class of 2010

Sam Kaufman experienced the wonder of Denver Jewish Day School from kindergarten through 12th grade, giving him a solid Jewish foundation and a reason to stay connected to Judaism. And while his education has certainly taken him far, he says he was most impacted by the lifelong friendships he made at Denver JDS.



"My Denver JDS friends gave me an additional family, pushed me to be

my best self, and constantly inspired me," says the Class of 2010 graduate. "I know very few people who have the types of bonds with their friends that I am lucky enough to have from my time at Denver JDS."

His education at Denver JDS gave him the confidence to pursue leadership roles in his community and find ways to connect with Judaism. He's currently a resident at Moishe House\* Silver Lake where he, along with Denver JDS alumni Joel Lowinger and Ben Tillis, arrange five to six programs a month to foster Jewish community in the east side of Los Angeles. He also is a OneTable coach, where he helps coordinate weekly Shabbat dinners for those ages 21 to 39 who are beyond college and without kids. In addition, Sam is a Kahn Fellow, allowing him to continue connecting with those with whom he traveled on Birthright Israel.

Sam conceptualized Human Fountains, a comedy group that puts on human fountain shows, and which originated as a lip sync act in the school's Color War week in 2010, along with fellow Denver JDS alumni Elan Leftin, Joel Lowinger, and Ben Tillis. It was an immediate hit with students and teachers but the group could never have predicted its resurgence in 2018. After the original video

went viral overnight at the beginning of last year, the group was contacted by NBC's *America's Got Talent* and asked to audition.

"We got to perform on the biggest stage in the world with our best friends," says Sam. "It was incredible to have such a big platform to attempt to get the audience to smile and laugh."

Sam is a graduate of Emory University's Goizueta Business School where he completed a bachelor's in business administration with a concentration in marketing and film/media management. He is the founder and CEO of DigiHear, a digital advertising agency which works with a variety of brands including retail, nonprofits, and startups, to help promote their online presence through digital strategy, social media marketing, and email marketing.

"Denver Jewish Day School gave me endless opportunities to try different activities that I never would have participated in at a larger school," says Sam.

Sam is the son of David and Nancy Kaufman.

A Moishe House is a place where young adults in their 20s come together and create vibrant Jewish communities. There are more than 100 communities in over 25 countries around the world. Each Moishe House community is uniquely shaped by a group of residents who live together and host programs for their peers.



There were over 50 alumni at the 2018 Annual Denver JDS Thanksgiving Alumni Reunion hosted by David & Nancy Kaufman. Be on the lookout for details regarding the 2019 Thanksgiving Alumni Reunion.

#### Alumni Speaker: Elan Leftin, Class of 2012

Elan Leffin credits Denver Jewish Day School for many happy memories from his childhood. From book fairs to Shabbatons to Color War and teachers, he reflects fondly on the Jewishness of Denver JDS and his 13 years of being part of its unique community.

"Denver JDS instilled in me a deep appreciation for a Jewish education and a strong Jewish community," says Elan, Class of 2012. "I remember all the



great teachers that not only taught me how to grow as a student, but also as a person."

Aside from a great education and life-long friends, Elan says Denver JDS provided him with a strong Jewish identity, an appreciation of being part of a close-knit community, and the definition of having a strong moral fiber. "After growing up in the Denver JDS community, I've continued to live a life of aiming to be a good person, pursuing my passions to the fullest, and never taking for granted having good friends and a loving family."

Being a part of Human Fountains, a water spitting/fountain routine, began as a quirky idea for the school's Color War lip-sync competition eight years ago with fellow Denver JDS alumni Sam Kaufman, Joel Lowinger, and Ben Tillis. It was an immediate hit with students and teachers but the group could never have predicted its resurgence in 2018. After the original video went viral overnight at the beginning of last year, the group was contacted by NBC's America's Got Talent and was asked to audition.

"We didn't have the highest expectations, seeing as we were a group of choreographed water-spitters competing against a bunch of lifelong dancers and singers, but we were ecstatic when

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we not only brought the crowd to their feet but moved on to the next round," says Elan. The group has since performed its act at international venues.

"We got to go out there and make millions of Americans laugh (or cringe)," says Elan. "Most importantly we did it all with great, lifelong friends."

Elan is a graduate of the University of Virginia where he double-majored in economics and philosophy. He currently works in real estate in New York and hopes to attend law school next year. When he's not working, he volunteers with Holocaust survivors in the local community and runs road races with the New York Road Runner organization, including this year's TCS New York City Marathon.

Flan is the son of Sol and Patti Leftin.

## Did you know that 14% of our parent body are alumni?

#### Alumni Speaker: Joel Lowinger, Class of 2010

Two words describe Joel Lowinger's experience as a student at Denver Jewish Day School: unbreakable bonds. As a K-12 student, Joel created a plethora of memories and built friendships that have lasted throughout his life.

"The people that I met at Denver JDS are still my very best friends in the world," says Joel. "Whether it's something that occurred in a classroom, hallway, basketball court,



or outside of school, we still speak about our time at school."

Joel is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and also completed a semester abroad at Tel Aviv University. He graduated with a bachelor's in advertising, an International Businesses Foundations Certificate, and a minor in Hebrew. Since 2015 he has been the co-founder and chief creative officer of a digital ad agency, Digital Stairway. In his free time Joel enjoys running long distances, seeing live music, and being an uncle.

"Denver JDS instilled strong Jewish values that I have carried with me for my entire life," says Joel. "Going there for 13 years helped me create a strong Jewish identity and the school helped instill a confidence in myself that has allowed me to trust my gut and be comfortable any place that I go."

One of those places was NBC's America's Got Talent (AGT). In Joel's senior year of high school he, along with fellow Denver JDS alumni Sam Kaufman, Elan Leftin, and Ben Tillis, created Human Fountains, a water spitting/fountain show for the school's Color War week. Years later, the group recreated the act with a well-shot video. The video resurfaced in January 2018, becoming

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popular online and attracting the attention of AGT where the group made it to the Quarterfinals. The group has since performed its act at international venues.

"AGT was one of the most incredible and memorable experiences of my life," says Joel. "I had the opportunity to perform in front of millions of people, doing something that made people laugh, with my lifelong friends. It doesn't get any better than that!"

Joel currently lives in a Moishe House\* with Sam and Ben, allowing him and his friends to plan and host events such as Shabbat dinners, learning programs and holiday celebrations for young Jewish adults.

Joel is the son of Michael and Ceci Lowinger.

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### 4 alumni currently serve on our Board of Trustees:

Dr. Haidi Demain (K-9 alum), Jared Kleinstein (Class of 2005), Lisa W. Perlmutter (Class of 1989), Jonathan Sar (Class of 2000).

#### Alumni Speaker: Ben Tillis, Class of 2012

Whether as a student at Denver Jewish Day School (then Herzl/RMHA) or as an adult in Los Angeles, community — especially a Jewish community — has become a central focus for Ben Tillis.

The son of Marlene and the late Barry
Tillis, Ben attended Denver JDS from
kindergarten through 12th grade. He says
the tight-knit school community and the



ability to simply be himself gave him the skills he needed as an adult to bridge social barriers.

"Denver JDS gives you plenty of opportunities to lead and speak up," says Ben, Class of 2012. "Even if you're not dying to have your voice heard, you're kind of forced to — and that means in front of older grades. It makes you unafraid and confident."

A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Ben has a bachelor's in finance and a minor in accounting. He was an active member of the Jewish fraternity Sigma Alpha Mu and served as its vice president.

A former financial analyst for an investment bank, he recently started his own business selling phone accessories, giving him the flexibility he needs to follow his Human Fountains journey.

Human Fountains was an act that originated as part of Denver JDS's Color War week with fellow Denver JDS alumni Sam Kaufman, Elan Leffin, and Joel Lowinger. The water spitting/ fountain show became an instant hit with family and friends and the group later recreated the act with a well-shot video. The video resurfaced in January 2018, becoming popular online and attracting the attention of the NBC television show *America's Got Talent* and making it to the show's Quarterfinals. The group has since performed its act at international venues.

"It's been crazy to see so many people respond to our act, one we thought would never go anywhere," says Ben. "It absolutely makes me believe that truly anything is possible."

Ever cognizant of his desire to be a part of a Jewish community no matter where he lived, as a college student Ben would often attend Hillel and Chabad. Now, as a resident of Los Angeles, Ben lives in a Moishe House\* with Sam and Joel, allowing him and his friends to host events aimed at young Jews in the area.

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### 4 alumni currently work at Denver JDS:

Jodie Applebaum (Class of 2003), Matan Halzel (Class of 2012), Channa Schweid (Class of 2008), Marty Zimmerman (Herzl alum).

# To our honorees, Brian & Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz

It is with great pride that we honor you this evening. Your dedication and commitment to our school and to Jewish education in general are an inspiration. We are proud to honor you tonight.

You are true role models for our children, grandchildren, and our community as a whole. Your tireless efforts on behalf of Jewish education have enriched us all.

**THANK YOU** for allowing us to bestow this honor upon you and for your contributions toward extraordinary education, timless traditions, and inspired lives.

The students, parents, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees of Denver Jewish Day School



#### **Celebrating Denver Jewish Day School**

Since its founding in 1975, Denver Jewish Day School has educated more than 2,500 students. Our 2019 honorees have made an immeasurable impact on the Denver JDS school community, and we are so proud to honor them.

The annual dinner is Denver JDS's largest fundraiser of the year, bringing in more than \$350,000 (or nearly ¼ of the funds needed to meet the school's annual fundraising budget). With the generosity of community members like you, we can ensure that the progressive and integrated college preparatory education rooted in Jewish tradition, ethics, and beliefs that we provide our students will continue to innovate and meet the changing needs of this community for years to come.

#### **Neshamah Yeteirah and Star of David Awards**

Neshamah Yeteirah translates to "an additional soul" and is achieved by Judaic observance for oneself and for making Jewish education possible for others. This year's award is being presented to Denver JDS educator **Melanie Knowles** for her devotion to Jewish education and learning.

The Star of David, comprised of two triangles superimposed on each other to form a six-pointed star, is one of the most commonly recognized symbols of Judaism. It is included in the center of the flag of Israel and, in many ways, has become a symbol of unity. Tonight we honor **Brian and Dana Friedman and Shelley Krovitz** with the Star of David award. This award pays tribute to both Brian and Dana's invaluable contributions to Denver JDS as dedicated supporters, and parents; and to past Board Member Shelley Krovitz.

#### From our Head of School

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and administration at Denver Jewish Day School, I would like to welcome you to our 2019 Annual Dinner. We are so pleased to have you join us this evening as we celebrate our exceptional school.

Our celebration tonight reflects the pride and joy we all feel for this great institution, its incredible past, and its promising future. I am



so thankful for the passion with which supporters of Denver JDS have helped us pass on Jewish tradition to our students as we impact their lives in extraordinary ways. We are here tonight to support and sustain our treasured Jewish community day school. I can think of no more important task or greater *mitzvah*.

Tonight we honor **Brian and Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz**. We also welcome Human Fountains whose famous act all started at Color War 2010. We pay tribute to Brian and Dana's contributions to Denver JDS as dedicated leaders, supporters, and parents; to Melanie Knowles, devoted and beloved educator; and to Shelley Krovitz for her invaluable guidance, support, and dedication to our school. Our honorees have all served with great passion, and our school would not be where it is today without them.

Excellence and innovation make up the cornerstone of Jewish day school education in America today, and Denver JDS is the only pluralistic day school in our region to offer a high-quality secular education steeped in Jewish values within such a pluralistic context. At the core of our school's philosophy is the belief that the Jewish community has much more to gain by living and working together than by doing so apart.

Thank you for attending our annual dinner tonight to help support and strengthen Denver Jewish Day School.

Sincerely,
Dr. Avi Halzel
Head of School/CEO

#### From our Board Chair

Welcome to Denver Jewish Day School's 2019 Annual Dinner: Celebrating Our Fountains of Youth. Thank you for joining us as we honor Brian and Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz, all of whom have made a significant impact on our students, our school, and our community.



Our honorees exemplify dedication to our school. **Brian and Dana Friedman** have

entrusted their three children to be educated at Denver JDS and have been ardent supporters. In addition, Dana has been a member of the faculty since 2013. **Shelley Krovitz**, a Denver JDS grandparent, recently completed an active tenure as a board member. As chair of our Building and Grounds Committee she helped organize, standardize, and find efficiencies in running our 18-acre campus. **Melanie Knowles** has given beyond the walls of the classroom not only as a dedicated Upper Division science teacher, but also as an incredible mentor for so many students.

We are excited to have such a tight-knit group of alumni speakers here this evening, including **Sam Kaufman** (Class of 2010), **Elan Leftin** (Class of 2012), **Joel Lowinger** (Class of 2010), and **Ben Tillis** (Class of 2012) — four young men who have kept friendships that began in elementary school and flourished into adulthood.

Our hard working faculty and staff make sure our students are part of a community that is based on Jewish values and traditions, one that challenges our students and helps them develop into fascinating individuals who are ready to become leaders when they step out into the world.

Our school's success depends on the support and investment of our whole community. I especially want to thank our Board of Trustees, a group of dedicated leaders who continually help guide the organization toward its educational, fiscal, and development goals.

Thanks to our school families, parents, and grandparents who support the school financially, with many hours of volunteer work, and as positive ambassadors around Denver. And to the members of our community at large, thank you for your financial support, for being here tonight, and for making this school a vibrant institution — the jewel in the crown of our Jewish community.

Irit Waldbaum Board Chair

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is most appreciative of and thanks those board members who will complete their service as of June 30, 2019.

#### Lisa W. Perlmutter, Kim Schneider Malek, and Phil Weiser

These dedicated board members have made a tremendous impact on bettering our school and helping to position Denver JDS for future growth and sustainability.

Thank you from your admirers,

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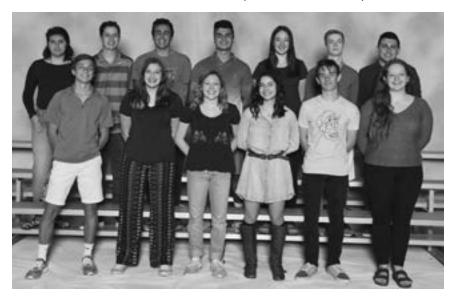
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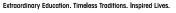
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#### In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of these individuals, beloved members of the Denver JDS community.

#### 2018-19

May their memory be for a blessing.

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Thank you for your dedication to Jewish education, our school, and our school community.

We are grateful for the time, energy, and talent that you have given to Denver JDS, helping to ensure its continued success and growth.

#### Mazel tov!



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Special mazel tov to the Human Fountains.

Never in the history of Denver JDS

has so much been accomplished

by so little talent.

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Thank you for your dedication to and support of Denver Jewish Day School.

May God bless you and your families!

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## Mazel tov to all the honorees!



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Mazel tov to our well-deserving honorees, Brian & Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz, and our alumni speakers, the Human Fountains.

And to our Denver JDS Fountains of Youth: Sam (Class of 2010), Simon (Class of 2012), and Alana (Class of 2015).

You always make us proud and we are blessed to be your parents. Thanks for keeping us forever young.

> We love you. Nancy & David Kaufman



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Dana & Brian, Melanie, and Shelley: Thank you for your dedication to Jewish education and for the impact you have had on our children's lives and so many students over the years.







Joel, Sam, Ben, and Elan:
We are proud of your hard work,
strong values, and commitment to
the Jewish community.

"Life is tough, darling. Life is hard. And we better laugh at everything; otherwise, we're going down the tube."– Joan Rivers.

Thanks for making us laugh guys.

We love you,
Mom & Dad/Ceci & Michael







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Congratulations to this year's honorees, all of whom have made a positive and lasting impact on the school.



Congratulations to all the deserving honorees:



Brian & Dana Friedman

Melanie Knowles

Shelley Krovitz



Joel, Ben, Elan, and Sam, congratulations on being this year's alumni speakers; we are proud of your many accomplishments.

Wishing Denver Jewish Day School continued success!

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Mazel tov to
Melanie Knowles, Shelley Krovitz,
and Brian & Dana Friedman
on their well-deserved honor
from Denver Jewish Day School.

Our community is fortunate to have these outstanding individuals as leaders.

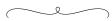
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Congratulations to
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Ben Tillis, and Joel Lowinger,
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In honor of our children

Samantha (Class of 2009)

and

Kyle (Class of 2012)



We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Scott & Debra Primack





#### » Brian & Dana «

Thank you for your continued support of Denver JDS. Dana, yes one teacher does make a difference, thank you for piquing Hannah's interest in studying psychology.

### » Shelley «

Thank you for your unending dedication and professionalism to the Denver JDS Board of Trustees. Under your Building & Grounds leadership we made great strides in so many areas.

#### » Melanie «

Thank you for being an active and engaged teacher to our girls and all our students.

#### » Human Fountains «

Thank you for providing humor and lightness always. We are definitely groupies!

Mazel tov to all the honorees and thank you to the Board, Administration and Faculty at Denver JDS.

The Sidell Family





# Congratulations and thank you Brian & Dana Friedman Melanie Knowles Shelley Krovitz

For your support, leadership, and commitment to our community.

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Brian, Dana, Melanie, and Shelley:

Thank you for all you do for our kids and our community. May you go from strength to strength.

Mazel tov on tonight's honor!

With love, The Tillis Family Marlene, Jess, Diane, Josh, Dayna, and Ben



Mazel Tov to Dana & Brian Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz, all of whom I respect very much. You are most deserving and thank you for all you have done for our school and our community.

Now on to the Human Fountains:

Sam Kaufman – cousin Elan Leffin – cousin Joel Lowinger – cousin Ben Tills – very fond of

Did you ever imagine that one evening at Color War would turn into an appearance on America's Got Talent, extravagant travel, and our entertainment for the 2019 Annual Dinner? Let's raise our glasses and toast to you – our students that once sat at our kindergarten desks and now run their own businesses and are talented in many different ways.

Amy Toltz-Miller Max & Yael Miller Jake Miller



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### Mazel tov to our honorees.

We thank you for your dedication to excellent education and our community.



Thank you to our staff and administration for making Denver JDS a school that values its students, their dreams and potential, and challenges them to be the best they can.



Irit & Art Waldbaum





"Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen." - Brené Brown

We applaud all of you who are here tonight to support Denver Jewish Day School.

We thank the many people who invest their energy, intelligence, and resources to ensure our community has this wonderful institution.

We are honored to be recognized tonight for doing our small part, and join a long list of great people who have been honored before us.

Our congratulations, as well, to our wonderful fellow honorees, Shelley Krovitz and Melanie Knowles. Thank you for all you do!

We are delighted to share this evening with the fabulous, Human Fountains – who sprang their first fountain at Denver JDS Color War.

"There is no power in the world that can stand against us when we feel a part of our history, part of our people and part of this historic struggle."

- Natan Sharansky

We are inspired by the great leaders of our people, our rich Jewish tradition, and YOU – our community, friends, and family.

With love to our children, Samuel (Class of 2017), David (Class of 2019), Maya (Class of 2023) and our beloved parents who gave us our foundation so we can continue our link I'dor v'dor.

#### Brian & Dana Friedman



#### Honoree

### Congratulations to my fellow honorees

I am unbelievably grateful for the **community** I have found with my colleagues and students, for the **curiosity** I've shared with them and the **kindness** they've shown me.

The **integrity** of the work we do continues to enhance the **purpose** and multiply the blessings of my life.

Melanie Knowles



### **Dvrei Chaim**

(Words to Live By)

**TON** | Chesed | Kindness

ושר | Yosher | Integrity

סקרנות | Sakranut | Curiosity

ן קהילה | Kehillah | Community

תכלית | Tachlit | Purpose

#### Honoree



Mom/Shelley,

Mazel tov, we are so proud of your accomplishments!

Thank you for setting such a positive example of philanthropy and community service, in addition to succeeding in business and raising a family of such wonderful, talented, humble children.

Love, David, Gail, and Matt





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# Congratulations to tonight's honorees,

Brian & Dana Friedman,

Melanie Knowles,

and Shelley Krovitz



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Congratulations to
Brian & Dana Friedman.
You make us proud,
you're our heroes.

Congratulations to
Melanie and Shelley
for all the years of hard work
and service you've provided.

We truly appreciate you all.
Stuart, Jill, and Ellie Bombel





### Kol HaKavod to the Denver JDS honorees, Brian & Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz!!!

We very much appreciate all your efforts for Denver Jewish Day School and our community!!!



Melanie, thanks for being a great mentor and excellent teacher to our kids and all your students over all these years!!!!

May you and the school go from strength to strength!



Thank you to the administration and staff for all that you are doing to ensure our Jewish future!!!



#### Yasher Koach and Todah Rabah!!!

Peter & Gabriela, David & Shoshana, Yael & Adam, and Yoni Gottlieb



# Congratulations to the honorees,

Brian & Dana Friedman

Melanie Knowles

Shelley Krovitz

# You have honored us with your generosity.



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# Yasher Koach to all deserving honorees who dedicate themselves to "Building Our Jewish Future."



The Grynberg Family



# To Shelley, Melanie, Dana & Brian,

What a very special group of honorees!

We thank each of you for your
devotion to our campus.

May you go from strength to strength.

And of course a big shout out to our Human Fountains!!

With gratitude and love, Ruth, Michael, Alyse, and Lauren Gold -

Silver -



# Mazel tov to Brian & Dana Friedman Melanie Knowles Shelley Krovitz

Your commitment and dedication to Jewish education mean so much.



Jane E. & Stanton Rosenbaum





# Mazel tov to all the honorees!!

Claudia & Marc Braunstein





# Congratulations to all of the honorees who all are so deserving of this honor.

#### Brian & Dana:

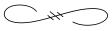
Thanks for your leadership, and for partnering on many different levels.

### Shelley and Melanie:

Thank you for your love and commitment to the school, and the longevity of your work which has not gone unnoticed.

### Mazel tov!!!

Jason & Ronit Williamson and the Partners at JW Water Holdings





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#### Dvrei Chaim

(Words to Live By)

#### **TON** Chesed | Kindness

We demonstrate compassion through our thoughts, words, and actions, seeking that which is morally upright and good.

#### יושר Yosher | Integrity

We adhere to a code of honor and responsibility, acting with consideration for others and our world and recognizing that we are created in God's image.

#### Sakranut | Curiosity

We approach the world with wonder and awe, eager to engage in the processes of inquiry and learning.

### אהילה Kehillah | Community

We are all part of one community, and we unite in our respect for each other and our responsibility to each member of that community.

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We appreciate your efforts that benefit so many and we are pleased to honor you here tonight.

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# Congratulations to Denver JDS, the honorees, and Human Fountains!

Special shout out to
Joel Lowinger,
the best spitter of them all!



With love from,

Jimmy, Wendy,
Rachel, Matt, Alyssa, and Ethan





We are all so proud of you
Dana & Brian for your contributions
to Denver Jewish Day School
and the Jewish community.

We also appreciate the contributions of Shelley and Melanie.

With love,

Samuel, David, and Maya Hazel & Herzl Melmed

Jacki Cooper Melmed, Ari, Gabriel, and Daniel Melmed Keri Melmed, Josh, Zach, and Ethan Teplitzky Judi Melmed

Andrea, Alan, Hannah, and Emma Fey
Paul, Bella, and Sebastian Kahn
Ruth, Jed, Oscar, Marlowe, and Estee Sonnenshein



### Mazel tov to the honorees!

Brian & Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz

Thank you for your support, leadership, and commitment to Denver JDS and our community.

Marla & David Brown Gillian, Margo, Liana, and Melanie





# Mazel tov to all the honorees and the Human Fountains

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Laurie, Louis, Michael, Shane, and Ethan Morris



# Congratulations to this year's honorees:

Brian & Dana Friedman, Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz

Thank you for all of your support here at Denver JDS!

With great appreciation,

Leah Schweid (Class of 2010) Nathan Schweid (Class of 2012)



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To Brian & Dana: We thank you for giving of your humanity and special talents to Denver JDS and other organizations and communities.



Your loving families, Friedman, Fisher, Kaplan, and Winograd





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The providers at The Women's Health Group congratulate this year's honorees and recognize the teachers and staff of Denver Jewish Day School for the outstanding job they do every day to nurture and prepare our students for a successful future.



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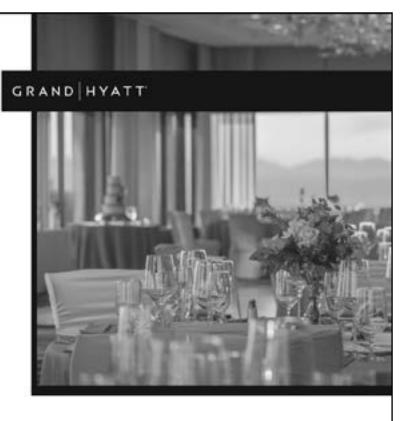


# Mazel tov to Brian & Dana Friedman, Melanie, and Shelley

Thank you Lisa Engbar and Nancy Kaufman for chairing the dinner and all your hard work to help make Denver JDS strong and vibrant.

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And thank you to
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for another amazing
Denver JDS event.

Rana & Andy Kark





We miss you and think of you often.

Tanya Alpert and Family



# Congratulations to all of our honorees!

Thank you to each of you for what you do for our school and our community.



Dana & Brian, let's get our Cocktail Attire Snap in tonight!

### Mazel tov!!

Lisa, Vern, Malka, and Levi Engbar





Congratulations to all the honorees and the Class of 2019.

May you go from strength to strength.

Susan, Ben, Louis, and Ethan Stein





# **MAZEL TOV**

to Denver JDS and all of tonight's honorees!

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Brian & Dana Friedman Melanie Knowles Shelley Krovitz

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Thank you for all you do.

Henny Kaufmann



# Mazel tov Dana & Brian, Shelley, and Melanie!

Thank your for your many contributions to Denver JDS.

Lisa, Rich, and Avi Cohn

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Mazel tov to all of the honorees. Thank you for your dedication to Denver Jewish Day School.

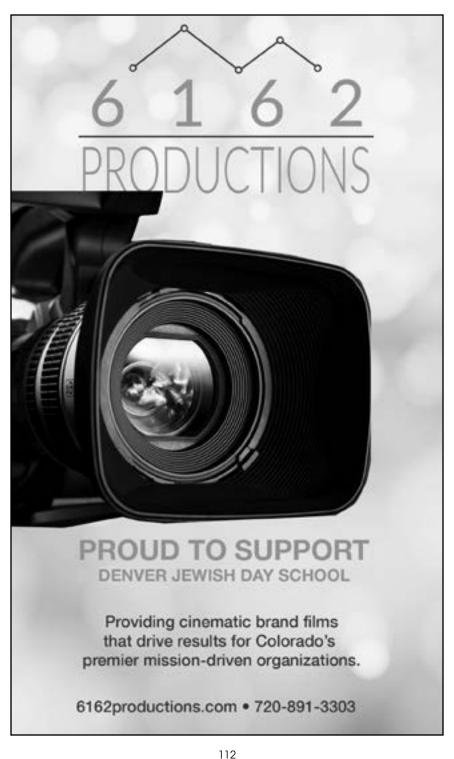
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Mazel tov to
Brian & Dana Friedman!
Your commitment to
Denver JDS is truly inspiring!

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Michelle, Randy, Ben (Class of 2023), and Ella (Class of 2025) Brunschwig







# Thank you Lisa Farber Miller and Vicki Dansky

for your dedication to
Rose Community Foundation
and all you have done for
Denver Jewish Day School

Best of luck on your future endeavors

The Board of Trustees and Administration



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Mazel tov and best wishes to all of the honorees Brian & Dana Friedman Melanie Knowles Shelley Krovitz

Thank you for your dedication to Jewish education and Denver Jewish Day School

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Mazel toy to all Denver JDS honorees. Thanks to all of the faculty and staff at Denver JDS for giving me the confidence and tools to start my first company.



Joel Lowinger K-12 Class of 2010 Founder & CCO Digital Stairway





## Mazel toy to three outstanding recipients:

Dana & Brian Friedman, for your tireless efforts at Denver JDS throughout the years, both professionally and as volunteers.

**Shelley Krovitz,** for your extraordinary efforts on the Denver JDS Board, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Melanie Knowles, I do have yearbook pictures of you dating back...a long time! Thank you for your work teaching our children and during their trips to Israel with HIP. Your efforts and care are so appreciated!

Fellow alumni, **Human Fountains**, thanks for making us laugh.

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# Hearty mazel tov to Brian & Dana Friedman!

Thank you for all you have done for Denver JDS!

12th Grade Families





# To the amazing honorees of the 2019 Annual Dinner.

Thank you, **Melanie (Ms. Knowles)** for your dedication to the school and the teaching of our children.

Shelley – thank you for your time on the board and leading the Building & Grounds Committee. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Brian and Dana – knowing you and your family has been a great treat. Thank you for all you have done to support Denver JDS, educate our son, Sam, in your first class and lend the school your three best assets.

Denver JDS is a better and stronger institution because of our honorees.

### Thank you!

Krista, Mark, Libby (Class of 2007), and Sam Boscoe (Class of 2014)

### Yasher Koach to the honorees!

Melanie Knowles, Shelley Krovitz, Dana & Brian Friedman

We are grateful for your commitment to Jewish education and Denver Jewish Day School

Melanie Knowles Upper Division Science Teacher and good friend

Your fellow faculty and staff members over the last 30 years have enjoyed working with you as you have been an inspiration to our students.



# Mazel tov

Upper Division Faculty and Staff

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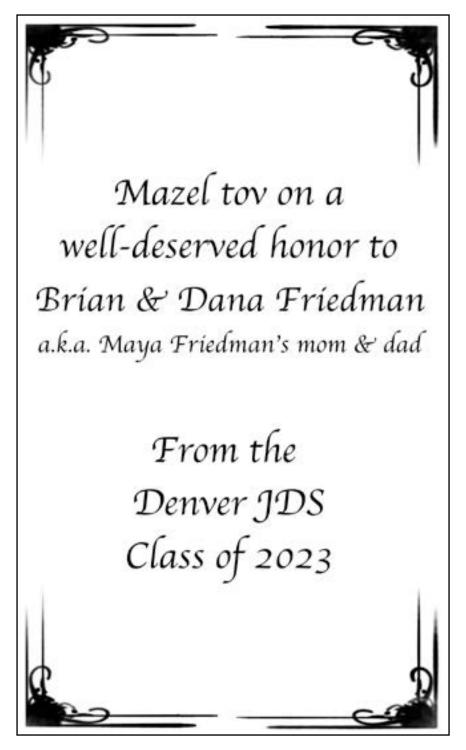


Melanie, we are so proud of you for receiving this well-deserved honor.

## Mazel tov!

With love,

Holly, Karen, Janet, Clea, Mary, Shayna, Sue, Barbara, and Elizabeth





# **Congratulations to all the honorees.**

We appreciate your dedication and support of the school.



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Thank you for all you do for our children and our community.

Mike, Leora, Avi, Rachel, and Emmett







Dana & Brian – We are luckier with you than a full house. You have been a tremendous asset to our school and our community.



Mazel tov to all the honorees and the famous Human Fountains.



All bets are on the wonderful chairs Lisa and Nancy for a beautiful night.



Love, the Poker Ladies



# Mazel tov and best wishes to all the honorees.

May you continue to be an inspiration to the entire community.

Scott Robinson Ellen Robinson

Josh and Brooke Robinson





Our heartfelt thanks to the Administration, Faculty, and Students of Denver JDS for making our daughter, Ellie, feel so welcome.

Chaim & Bara Loewenthal



Shelley,

Thank you for all you do for our community and family. Mazel tov on a well-deserved honor.

Love,

Mike, Harriet, and Allison Greenstein





Mazel tov to all the honorees, and special wishes to my former science teacher, Ms Knowles! Thank you for all you do for Denver JDS.

We are grateful to be part of such an amazing community.

Mark, Sarah, Max, Ava, Julia, and Emma Raphaely



Brian & Dana,
Congratulations on your honor.

Ms. Knowles, Thank you for being a great teacher.

Tanya, Eloise, Claire, and Sawyer





Thank you to Walli Richardson for her superb event planning!
It was wonderful working on this event with you.



Lisa, Nancy, and Brandi

### Jeff Greenstein,

Thank you for your help with our sound system during school events.



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Congratulations to Nancy & David Kaufman and the Naiman Family.

Renee Gross



Ms. Knowles, you are an institution. You've been here longer than "here" has meant Denver JDS, and (although we can only speak for the time we've known you) we're certain that you have been the school's right hand (and left hand, and at least 20% of a foot) for far longer than that. Your presence allows this place to function – who else could simultaneously chair two departments, even while essentially reintegrating one of them into the larger system?

Thank you for everything you've done – for the approximately three million letters of recommendation and twice as many hours spent re-teaching material in various ways to spacey students, for the consistent good advice and the eternal promise of any help within the range of human capability. We are so grateful to have you as a teacher. (Of course, we are most grateful for your periodic science puns.)

Jonas, Shira, Eli, and Isaiah

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#### Congratulations, Ms. Knowles, on 30 years!

It has been wonderful to see you influence so many students and be equally touched by Denver JDS in return.

> It is an honor to be one of those students and celebrate your success with you.

You have made the Denver JDS Community nerdier and we all thank you for it.

Garrett & Elke Barter

### Best wishes to **Denver Jewish Day School** and its honorees

Eric ('07), Angel & David Drucker, M.D.

Congratulations Melanie Knowles on this well-deserved honor and your extraordinary dedication over the many years.

Everything I know about Chemistry, actually, the only things I know about Chemistry I learned from you!!!!!

Jason Rosen, RMHA '91 💸





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Mazel tov Dana, Brian, Melanie, and Shelley, so well-deserved!

Thank you for your dedication to teaching our kids and the Denver JDS community, truly inspiring!

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Mazel toy and best wishes to all of the honorees.

We admire your dedication to ensuring the success of Denver JDS.

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Congratulations to the honorees on this well-deserved honor.
Thank you to Denver JDS for giving our grandchildren
Emmie Cohen, Sylvie, Molly, and Isaac Nieder a wonderful education.

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Congratulations to tonight's Dinner Chair Nancy Kaufman!



Suzanne & Ivan Naiman



### Congratulations and best wishes to Brian & Dana Friedman Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz

for your tireless efforts on behalf of the many children served by Denver's premier Jewish Day School.



With much admiration, Andy & Leslie Heins



Congratulations to
Brian & Dana Friedman,
Melanie Knowles, and Shelley Krovitz.
Your help with Denver JDS is a mitzvah.

Howard & Susan Licht

A special mazel tov to tonight's honorees.

In memory of Walter Goldberg, father and grandfather, and a true believer in Jewish education.

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Anne (Goldberg) and Mel Wernimont Raphael and Naphtali Julie Goldberg and David Goldberg



Congratulations to Denver Jewish Day School and our daughter, Elana Kastler Shapiro.

From Mom & Dad



Our many thanks for all the great education and match making (Sam & Sam) that Denver JDS provides.

Kathy & Jerry Berenstein



Congratulations to the honorees and our talented nephew, Sam Kaufman, who inspires us with his creativity, humor, and joy.



Rob, Robyn, Nikki, and Noah

# Guess what Ms. Knowles? I'm a chem major.

Deepest thanks,



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# In honor of Josh Lake. Congratulations to tonight's honorees!

Morey & Evie Cohen



### Mazel tov to a most exceptional and deserving group of honorees!

Vicki Trachten-Schwartz & Rob Schwartz

### Congratulations Brian & Dana. Thank you for all of your exceptional contributions to this great school and our community.

Daniel Hettleman & Avelet Talmi Phil Weiser & Heidi Wald Art & Amy Schinagel



Dear Liat, Maytal, and Eyal,

Your mommy and doda walked the Herzl halls so many years ago. You are following in their steps. Way too fast, life's never slow.

Maytal and Liat, you soon will cross a bridge, oh my have you both grown! You'll navigate the upper school, up, up - away you go!

And down below in the kindergarten, warm within the lower school walls, smaller feet will join the ranks - the youngest Segev, named Eyal!

You three have made us very proud. We're kvelling all day and night! We wish you happiness and lots of fun. Success, love, and a life full of delight!

Love, Booboo and Popsie



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### Honoring Shelley Krovitz

For the many years of service and devotion on the Board of Denver JDS. Her eclectic background of being a Denverite, in education and legal matters is the foundation of her clear and thought out advice for the beneficial operation of the school.

Dr. Gratia Meyer and David Solomon

Thanks for spewing the way for us.

We're so proud of you!

We love you,

Simon and Alana



Dear Ms. Knowles,

Thank you for inspiring the girls at Denver JDS to love science. We love and appreciate everything you do.

Love,



Ilana and Kiki



Mazel tov to Dana & Brian Friedman for your service to Denver Jewish Day School.

- Susan & Jon Tandler

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Ms. Knowles,

Mazel tov on this much deserved honor. Thank you for your years of dedication to the students and the Denver JDS community.

Aaron Segall

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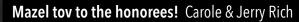
Mazel tov, Ms. Knowles, on this well-deserved honor! Here's to many more years of science experiments, color wars, and student mentorship. Wish I could be there to raise a glass in your honor, but know that I am toasting you from California!

All my best,



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Ms. Knowles,

I am a scientist today because you believed in me. You inspired my scientific curiosity and pushed me to pursue my goals. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement.

⇒ Becca Flitter, PhD MPH

Helena & Allan Striker congratulate the honorees, the amazing school, staff, and teachers, the Board Chair, Irit Waldbaum, and the Board for another wonderful year.

### Mazel Toy!

### Congratulations and a big mazel tov to all of the honorees!

From the Kindergarten Teachers

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Mazel tov and best wishes to the honorees
Dana & Brian Friedman
Melanie Knowles
Shelley Krovitz

Sheryl, Ken, Melyssa, and Jake Feiler

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We congratulate all of the honorees on this well-deserved recognition.

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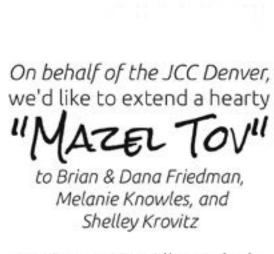
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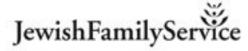
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### Mazel tov to Denver Jewish Day School and the well-deserving honorees.

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Mazel tov to Denver JDS and the 2019 honorees
Brian & Dana Friedman,
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May you go from strength to strength!

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May Hashem bless the efforts of the teachers and staff at Denver JDS in continuing to inspire Jewish youth to take pride in and commit to their sacred heritage.

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"Higdil Adonai la-a-sot im eileh." Higdil Adonai la-asot imanu, hayinu s'meichim. Shuva Adonai et sh'viteinu ka-afikim banegev. שוכה יי את־שכתנו כאפיקים בנגב. הגדיל יי לעשלת עם אלה" הגדיל יי לעשלת עקנו. היינו שמחים

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Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with song. Then was it said among the nations. "God rejoiced. Bring us from exile, God, as the streams return to the Neger, those who sow in tears shall map in joy, ing seebs, shall return with joy, bearing their phonens.

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Hodu Ladonai ki tov, ki l'olam chasdo. הנהלה יי יודבר פי. ויקבון כל בעור שם קרשו לעולם וער האנינט גבנד יה מנקה ועד עולם. כוללינה הודרו ליהדה כי טוב. כי סי יפולי גבורות ידור. יקסיע כל הנקותו. לעוקם מסרו.

Va-anachmu n'vareich ya mei-ata v'ad olam hal'luya.

Mi y 'maleif g'vurot Adonai, yashmi-a kol t'hilato.

I's holy name for all time. As for us, we will bless God from now on and forever more. Praise God! Give thanks sting! Who can describe the mighty deeds of God, or utter all God's praise? example Chaveirai n'vareich. let my mouth declare praise for God, and let the whole human race bless God's holy. to God who is good, whose kindness is everlasting! If

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eatien and the Blessed is God whose food we have let us thank God whose food we have eaten. Bassed is God and Blessed is God's name. Let us thank God. Beased is the name of God now and forever. With your permassion whose goodness we live.

בְּחָפְר וְבְרָחֲפִים. היא נוֹחָן לְחָם לְכְּל־בְּקָר. כִּי לְעֹלְם חָפִּוּר. וְבְּטִוּבוֹ הַגַּרְלְ הַפְיר לֹא חָפֵר לֵנִי וְאֵלְ יְחָפִר־לָנִי מְיוֹין לִשׁלִם וְעָר. בעבור שְעֵי הַגַּוּדְל. כִּי הוֹא אֵל זו וִמְפְּרָנִים לְכֵּל. וּמְטִיב לִכֹּל וִמְבִין ברוך אקוו יי. אל כיני כלו העלם כון את העלם כלו במוכל

Ba-avur sh'mo hagadol, ki hu Eil zan um-fameis lakol, u-meitiv lakol u-meichin Bansch atah Adonai, Eloheimu melech ha-olam, hazan et ha-olam kulo b'tuv o b'ehein uv-tuvo hagadol tamid lo chasar lanu v'al yechsar lanu mazon l'olam va-ed. b'chesed uv-rachamim, hu notein Jechem l'chol-basar, ki l'olam chasdo,

こうなり TR 1 に この Sovereign of the universe, who sustains the entire world with poodness, kindness and mercy. God gives food to all creatures, for God's mercy is everlating boogh God's Sovereign of the universe, who sustains the entire world with poodness, kindness and mercy. God gives food to all creatures, for God's great name. God sustains all, does good to all and provides food a bundless we have not induce creatures, and may we not able sustains former. So the sale of God's great name. God sustains all, does good to all and provides food for all.

מיניה לף יי אליניני על שהממלט לאבותיני ושל בריחד שמממס בבשנני. ושל חונתר שלפרטני. ושל חקיך שהירטטני. ושל תרים. חן ותפר שחונוטני. ושל אכילת פוון שאטר זו תפרנס אכיו מטנה טוקה ורמקה, רצי 'שהוצאמנו אל הינו מארה מצרים ומדימנו מבית צבדים 2

chava., v'al she-hotzeitanu Adonai Eloheinu mei-eretz mitzrayim uf-ditanu mibeit Nodeh l'cha Adonai Elobeinu al she-hinchalta la-avoteinu eretz chenda tovah urva-chesed she-chorantanu, v'al achilat mazon she-ata zan um-farmeis otanu tamid, b'chol-yom uv'chol-eit uv'chol-sha'ah. she-limad-tanu, v'al chukecha she-hodaranu, v'al chayim, chein avadim, v'al brit'cha she-chatamta biv-sarcinu, v'al torat-cha

We thank The Lord our God for having given a lovely and spacious land to our fathers and mothers, for thening iberated us from the land of Egypt and freed us from the house of bondage, for the covernant which God has sealed in our fest, for the Torsh which God has taught us, for the laws which God has made known to us, for the life, grace and loving kindness which God has been and maintains us continually, in every season, every day, even every hour.

אלקנו קמיד. בכל-יום ובכל-עת ובכל-שנת

ועל פבל יי אל כינו אַנחָנו מוֹדִים לֵוּ וְטְבְּרְכִים אותה יחברה שבה בפי בליתי תמיד לעולם וער בְּבְּחַבְ: "וְאֲבְלְהַ וְשְׁבְּצְהַ וְבְּבְבָהַ אָת יינות: אֵלְהַיִּייְ אֵל הָאָרִו הַטוֹבְה אֲשָׁר וְחֵן לְה." בְּרַוּן אָתָה יי. אֶל הַאָרַוּן וְאֵל הַמְּוּדְיְ בְּבְּחַן אַתְה יי. אֶל הַאָרַין וְאֵל הַמְּוּדְ בְּבְּחַבְיוּ אֵלְהְינִי אֶל ישׁנְיְאָ מושה bod not and main we against all means because the pool of the property of the pool o 9

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V'al hakol Adonai Eloheinu anachnu modim lach um-varchim kakatuv: "V achalta v savata uveirachta et-Adonai Elohecha otach yitharach shimcha b'fi chol chai tamid l'olam va-ed, al ha-aretz hatova asher natan lach.

ned by every loing being forever, as it is written. When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to The Lord is given you." Sessed is God for the land and its produce.

Racherim Adonai Elicherinu all Yisrael ameechs. Baruch Atah Adonai, al ha-aretz v'al hamazon.

לא לידי ממנה בער ונם ולא לידי מלואום. בי אם לידו ממלאה מפתוחה מהרישה ומקובה זיננו. פרנפני וכלכלנו ונונייתני. שֶּלְא נְבֵּוֹשׁ וְלֵא נְבָּלָם לְעּוֹלָם וַעָּדִ. 1 קל פלכות בית צור משיקף. ועל בבית בנדול הקרוש שנקנא שכנו צליו. אלימינו אנינוי. רענו הנוחילנו. יהיה אלהינו. מהנה מגל יצרוחינו ינא אל מצריכנו יהוה אלטינו. ירושלים עירך. וצל ציון משבן כבורך.

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v harvach-lanu, Adonai Eloheinu, m'heira mikol-tzaroteinu v harvicheinu,

V'na al tatz-richeinu, Adonai Eloheinu,

ki im l'yad'cha ham'lei-a hap'tucha hak-dosha v'har'chava, lo lidei matnat basar vadam v'lo lidei hal-va-atam, shelo neivosh v'lo nikaleim l'olam va-ed.

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lanu Adorai Eloheinu shelo t'hei tzara v'yagon va-anacha b'yom m'nuchateinu. V'har-einu Adonai Eloheinu b'nechamat Tzion irecha,uv'vinyan v'hakadosh hazeh. Ki yom zeh gadol v'kadosh hu l'fanecha, lishbot-bo v'lanuach bo b'ahavah k'mitzvat r'tzonecha. U-virtzon'cha hanach R'tzei v'hachalitzeinu Adonai Eloheinu b'mitzvotecha, uv-mitzvat yom hash'vi'i haShabbat hagadol

I the severalth day, this great and holy Sabbath, for today is great and holy before God-a day on which to resi relief from all care, sorrow and grief on our day of rest, and may God enable us to see Zion comforted, and For it is God who is the master of salvation and comfort. V'rushalayim ir kodshecha,ki atah hu ba-al ha-y'shuot u-va-al hanechamot. ירוקקינים עירי קרוקי, כי אקת הוא בעל הלשעות ובקל הנקמות. May it be God's will to strengthen us in God's communicants, especially reparding the and repose in love, according to God's command. May it be God's will to grant as relies. Jensualem, the hoy city, rebuit. For CIT'n 11'O 111'd 120'01 11'NO 111'd 120'01 11'NO 111'd 120'01.

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 Baruch atah Adonai, bonch v'rachamav Y'rushalayim. Amein, in our lifetime. Biessed is God, who restores Jerusalem with mency. Amen. Uv-nei Y"rushatayim ir hakodesh bimheira v"yameinu. ובנה יריקלים עיר מענים ממהרה בנסינה. ברוך אַהַה יי. בוֹנָה בְּרָחֲמָיי יִרוֹשְלֵים. אַמַּוּ. way God retuid Jenusalem, me yoo you geodiy.

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Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheimu melech ha-olam, ha-Eil avinu Malkeinu adireinu bor'einu go-aleinu yotz'reinu k'dosheinu k'dosh Ya'akov, ro-einu ro-ei Yisrael, hamelech hatov v'hameitiv lakol, sheb'chol-yom vayom hu heitiv,

ברוך אחה יי, אלימינו פולך מעולם. מאל אבינו פולבנו אדיכנו בוראנו נואלנו יוצנט קרושנו

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ul-revach, hatzala v'hatzlacha b'racha vi-shua nechama, pamasa v'chalkala v'rachamim v'chayim v'shalom v'chol-tov, hu meitiv, hu yeitiv lanu. Hu g'malanu hu gomleinu hu yig-m'leinu la-ad l'chein ul-chesed ul-rachamim

גומלני הוא יגמלני לער למן ולתפר ולתקטים

U-mikol tuv l'olam al y'chastroinu. Soverege, ou Mghty One our Chastor, our Redeemer, our Maker, the Holy One of Jacob, the Shaph undress continue offering goodness to us, As God has ever bestowed favors upon us, may God contin plos, consolation, sustemance, and mercy, a site of peace and all goodness. May God never withhold goodness from us. 

Harachaman, hu yimloch aleinu l'olam va-ed. הכחמו. היא ימלו עלינו לעולם וער.

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Harachaman, hu yitburach bashamayim u-va-aretz. May the Merciful One reign over us forever and ever מכספו. היא יהבכך בשפים יבאכיו

May the Merciful One be extolled in heaven and on earth

התקנו. היא ישתבח לדור דורים. ויתפאר בנו לעד ולנצח גצחים. ויהפדר בנו לעד ולעולטי עולסים

Harachaman, hu yishtabach l'dor dorim, v'yitpa-ar banu la-ad u-l'neitzach n'tzachim, v'yit-hadar banu la-ad ul-olmei olamim.

way so gu be glorified through us to all eternity, and be honored am May the Merciful One be praised in all ger

Harachaman, hu y far-n' seinu b'chaved הנשקו. היא יפרנפנו בקבור.

May the Mercful One grant us an honorable livel

Harachaman, hu yishbor uleinu mei-al tzavareinu v'hu yolicheinu kom'miyut l'artzeinu. הנסקו. הוא ישבור עלנו מעל צואנט והוא יוליכנו קוממיות לארצנו.

May the Merchul One break the yoke of our appression and lead us in dignity to our ancient homeland

12	יום אין אפלים קרקית קונו ועל אין
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5	May the Marchill One been all who are gathered here and all their barrilles, as well as all dear to us.  (ማርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር የመርርር የመርርር መርርር መርር መርርር መርር መርርር መርር መርርር መርር መርርር መርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርርር መርር መርርር
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16	אניים איני איני קוני ליוקה ליוקה באפרוני. אינים איני איני היה ליוקה ליוקה ליוקה איניקלן דוא יחודש איני איני היה ליוקה ליוקה ולקוקה. May the Merchal One great us this new month for good and bensame.
11	אלקט היאינים היאינים האלקט היאינים אינים אינים האלקט היאינים אינים אינים האלקט היאינים היאינים היאינים היאינים היאינים האלקט היאינים האלקט היאינים האלקט היאינים האלקט היאינים האלקט הי
18	בווי אינין איניין אינין אינין אינין אינין אינין אינין אינין איין אי
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20	מחסומ אורה קברן את "עמר בעלום." Adonai oz l'amo yitein Adonai y'vareich et amo vashalom.

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