Dear Friends,

Apparent to anyone who has even casually reviewed a page of Talmud, the quip “two Jews, three opinions” must be very old indeed. Equally apparent, though, is the notion that all those opinions belong on the same page.

For sixty years, the Academy for Jewish Religion has championed the notion that rabbis and cantors should not only study the broad diversity of Jewish thinking on any subject, they should live with that diversity as well. The object of such an education is the acquisition of a wisdom that comes through grappling with the profound differences that necessarily arise among a people as inquiring and opinionated as we are. In addition to the host of skills – both ancient and modern – that one expects of a Jewish religious leader, AJR students learn to cherish these differences and develop them into a source of community strength and intellectual vibrancy.

I am honored to serve on a board of dedicated women and men who are themselves committed to the pluralism AJR champions. And we are happy to be honoring some of those who, in their time, saw our school’s work as a sacred trust to be nurtured, and who have since entrusted that work to us.

On their behalf, I want to welcome you to this 60th anniversary celebration of an institution that has, from its first day, been committed to serving Klal Yisrael – the entirety of the Jewish people. I trust this evening will prove pleasant and enlightening, and that it will deepen the ties between us and our wonderful school.

B’shalom,

Rabbi Bruce Alpert
Chair, Board of Trustees
Academy for Jewish Religion
Brukhim Habaim,

What a privilege it is to welcome you here today to celebrate a true milestone in AJR’s history. Our beloved institution is a composite of many groups. We are students who are committed to helping the Jewish People. Whether in our twenties or in our seventies we come together to study, to grow, and to learn to serve. We are alumni, rabbis, cantors, and Jewish leaders, who work in congregations, as chaplains, teachers, organizational leaders, and as entrepreneurial clergy helping individuals and communities live spiritually meaningful and Jewishly engaged lives. We are board members who believe in AJR’s mission and work tirelessly to support this critical community. We are faculty members who lovingly and professionally nurture students to become the rabbis and cantors they knew they could be. We are administration and staff who work to make sure that everything not only runs smoothly, but that each person is treated as a unique individual. As importantly, we are the Jewish community, looking for a Jewish life that cherishes difference, appreciates genuine conversation with those with whom we disagree, and desires a Jewish future without partisan infighting and mutual suspicion.

AJR is all of us. The need for expansive Jewish unity has never been greater. To those of you who are new to us, we urge you to get to know us better and to join us in our holy work. To those of you who are already committed to our community, tonight is a celebration for all of us.

Mazal tov to all our honorees. Everything we are is the result of your hard work and support. Thank you for your devotion to AJR and your continuing efforts on our behalf.

May we continue to work to bring about a Jewish community that binds all of us together in the whole-hearted service of God, Torah, and the People Israel.

Dr. Ora Horn Prouser
Executive Vice President and Academic Dean
Academy for Jewish Religion
Dear 60th Anniversary Dinner Attendees,

I still remember the first time I came to the Academy for Jewish Religion, when it was still housed in the Society for the Advancement of Judaism on 86th Street. I had just turned 40. Raised in a secular Jewish family, I shared with the famous Rabbi Akiva the fact that my serious study of Judaism was beginning at this age, which according to rabbinic tradition is when we are sufficiently ripe in wisdom and experience to fully engage in advanced study.

Well, who am I to argue with Rabbi Akiva? As I discovered that day in New York City, however, AJR turned out to be a home for wise people of all ages. We came from all over the country (and a few from overseas), converged on this little oasis for all kinds of different reasons, and approached Judaism from across the spectrum of belief and practice. We studied with some of the best teachers and sages of our time, hand-picked from the four corners of the Jewish world. But we all shared one common hope: To achieve the dream of becoming rabbis and cantors, leaders of the communities we loved.

It is because of this dream that we gather here today to celebrate AJR’s 60th anniversary. Propelled by an unquenchable desire to serve the Jewish community, we of AJR – the students, alumni, faculty and staff – have overcome massive changes in the Jewish world, several catastrophic recessions, and personal obstacles of all descriptions. Today we emerge stronger than ever as part of an institution that, uniquely in the Jewish world, not only crosses but extends boundaries. When we say we are “Just Jewish,” we open our collective arms to spiritual seekers in our colorful, sometimes stiff-necked, enduring and creative people.

I hope you enjoy hearing more about what we are today and where we have come from. Join us as partners as we move forward – challenging, motivating, and innovating as we shape Jewish leaders in our changing world.

B’shalom,

Cantor Dorothy Goldberg ’05
Chair, 60th Anniversary Celebration
Academy for Jewish Religion
Welcome to the AJR 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration!

We are so glad you are able to share this event with us tonight!

We’ve heard it said that AJR has been one of the best kept secrets in the Jewish world, but this is no longer true. The secret is out and the world is catching on (catching up!) to what we have been teaching since our inception in 1956 - concepts like pluralism and egalitarianism.

We are proud of our trailblazing heritage, and deeply grateful for the visionary leadership of Rabbi Judith Edelstein, Rabbi Manuel Gold, Cantor Dorothy Goldberg, Mr. Neil Kuttner, Rabbi Charles Lightner, Rabbi Eric Milgrim and Mr. Michael Reinitz. They have dedicated time and energy to bringing AJR to where it is now, and are all well deserving of the honor we bestow on them tonight.

We hope you enjoy the evening in this beautiful space at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Please take some time to look at our exhibits, learn about our history, our students and our alumni. But most important, please talk to people and continue to spread the word about AJR.

B’shalom,

Rabbi Laurie Levy and Rabbi Steven Altarescu
Dinner Chairs, 60th Anniversary Gala
Academy for Jewish Religion
Brukhim Habaim,

On behalf of the Association of Rabbis and Cantors (ARC) it is an honor to welcome you this evening, as we celebrate AJR’s sixty years of preparing exceptional rabbis and cantors to take their place throughout the Jewish community.

ARC is the only joint rabbinical and cantorial professional organization in America. Our members, graduates of AJR, come from diverse backgrounds and levels of observance. We pride ourselves on our commitment to learning from one another and growing together as spiritual leaders of the 21st century’s Jewish community. Our members can be found serving congregations, teaching and holding administrative positions, performing chaplaincy work, directing social justice organizations, and more; all of which require the unique skills that define ARC clergy.

We are committed to creating and building holy communities of learning, growth and spirit; these are and continue to be the hallmark of AJR’s pluralistic approach to providing dynamic and engaging educational and spiritual opportunities for its students, alumni, and the larger Jewish community.

In celebration of AJR’s 60th Anniversary, this year we will inaugurate ARC’s first Yom iyun – Day of Learning. We will gather to discuss how to move toward greater understanding and tikkun as we navigate today’s cultural and social challenges. Rabbis and cantors sitting and learning together… the AJR model we have come to know and appreciate so well!

We are committed to supporting the ongoing work of AJR. Financial contributions assist with student scholarships, programming, and placement. We also offer mentoring and tutorial assistance to current AJR students.

The ARC is proud to welcome you to this evening’s Gala celebration. Mazal Tov to the Honorees and Yasher Koach to the Dinner Chairs, Campaign Cabinet, and Alumni Council, along with AJR’s amazing Staff, who worked tirelessly to bring us this glorious evening’s celebration.

Together, may we continue to go from strength to strength,

Rabbi Enid C. Lader, ’10
President

The Association of Rabbis and Cantors
Welcome!

On behalf of the rabbinical, cantorial, and graduate students at AJR, I want to welcome you to this gala celebrating the first sixty years of our school’s history.

Sixty years, while an important milestone, is but the start of this great religious institution’s being. Its mission is vital to the continuance and advancement of Am Yisrael, the People of Israel, in Israel, the United States and throughout the world.

**Just Jewish** is the pluralistic mindset for us all. We are committed to the study of the sacred texts, music, history and philosophy of all Jews. AJR is one community, one devoted to mutual respect and advancement for all.

Our great sage, Hillel the Elder, said in Pirkei Avot (2:5) “Do not say, ‘When I am free I will study, for perhaps you never will be free.’ “ All of our students have made that commitment to study and to learn. That is the paramount value in Jewish life.

We thank you for being here tonight, for caring about the Academy for Jewish Religion and its student body, and for celebrating the first sixty years. May we all go from strength to strength into the second sixty years and beyond.

Sincerely,

Gerry L. Ginsburg
President, Student Association
Academy for Jewish Religion
September 18, 2016

Dear Friends:

As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Academy for Jewish Religion on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary.

The City of Yonkers has long been home to a vibrant Jewish community. Since 2012, the Academy for Jewish Religion has been an integral part of the life of our City and has been involved in all aspects of our community.

Since its founding in 1956 as a Rabbinical School, the Academy for Jewish Religion has been at the forefront of pluralistic rabbinic and cantorial training, serving all ages and Jewish denominations.

Mazel Tov to all those who are responsible for the success of this organization and for the success of the 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. On behalf of the residents of our City, I wish to express my warmest wishes for many more years of rewarding service.

Sincerely,

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
September 18, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to welcome each of you to the Academy for Jewish Religion 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration. Since 1956, this important institution has ordained rabbis and trained Jewish leaders to become spiritual servants to the community.

In recognizing the many contributions of this evening’s honorees, I extend my gratitude and congratulations to the past chairs of the AJR Board of Trustees: Rabbi Judith Edelstein, Rabbi Manuel Gold, Cantor Dorothy Goldberg, Mr. Neil Kuttner, Rabbi Charles Lightner, Rabbi Eric Milgrim, and Mr. Michael Reinitz.

This Gala would not have been possible without your support, so I appreciate you for being here this evening. The Academy for Jewish Religion is well served by your involvement, and I thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

Best Wishes,

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

New York State Senator, 35th District
Senate Democratic Leader
Academy for Jewish Religion
28 Wells Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10701

To the Guests of Academy for Jewish Religion:

I am honored to send greetings to everyone gathered for Academy for Jewish Religion’s (AJR) 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration. For sixty years, AJR has been committed to comprehensive, intergenerational, pluralistic rabbinic and cantorial training, and I am thrilled that for the past four years you have made a home in Yonkers.

Today, you pay tribute to past chairs of the AJR Board of Trustees, and I offer my special congratulations to your honorees.

Rabbi Judith Edelstein is an AJR alumna who has led support groups or given talks on bereavement and spirituality, Rabbi Edelstein approaches Judaism pluralistically and inclusively to work with young and old on their Jewish spiritual journey. I congratulate her on her good work and on being honored this evening.

Rabbi Manuel Gold has served as a congregational rabbi and as an educator to rabbis, teachers, community leaders and people of all ages. He has worked tirelessly to reimagine Judaism for contemporary life. Congratulations to Rabbi Gold for his commitment and for being an honoree tonight.

Cantor Dorothy Goldberg is an AJR alumna with particular expertise and interest in end of life care. She has served as a pastoral counselor where she has counseled and comforted patients and their families. Congratulations to Cantor Goldberg on her work and the recognition she is receiving tonight.

Mr. Neil Kuttner, a CPA by training, has spent the bulk of his career in the investment management field. Neil has been active in the Jewish community for over 30 years, where he served for many years on the board of the Academy for Jewish Religion, as well as on synagogue boards. I thank him for his commitment and congratulate him on this honor.

Rabbi Charles Lightner is an AJR alumnus and past chair of the Board whose spiritual journey has involved teaching adult education courses at several synagogues and, performing lifecycle ceremonies. In all his work and journey, Rabbi Lightner demonstrates AJR’s values and mission. Thank you for your service and congratulations on your award.

Rabbi Eric Milgrim was ordained from AJR in 1974 and was the founding Rabbi of Temple B’nai Shalom of East Brunswick, NJ, where he began his tenure there in 1973 and remained until his retirement in 2013. Congratulations on your long history with AJR, and best wishes on your honor.

Mr. Michael Reinitz served as chair of the Board of AJR where he instituted changes in the AJR administration and established larger scale fund raising events, which brought AJR to a new level of fiscal responsibility. Thank you for your commitment to AJR, and congratulations on your honor.

With warmest and best wishes,

Shelley B. Mayer
Our Guests of Honor tonight are a very special group. As board chairs each one saw to AJR’s continued health and growth. Each led us through a critical period of our rich history. Each attended to our financial well-being, helped find suitable space for our institution to flourish, and took care of our institutional needs, enabling us to grow and serve the Jewish community. Each did so with love for AJR, care for our community, and concern for the future of the Jewish People.

In gratitude for all that they have done and with appreciation for their continued role in the AJR community, it is our privilege to pay tribute to tonight’s honorees.
Rabbi Judith Edelstein earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees in English and Creative Writing from the City College of New York (CUNY). She taught English in the New York City public schools and at Malcolm-King College in Harlem, where she created and directed a remedial writing program. She also taught at NYU and Baruch College.

Judith’s career veered toward small business administration and the Jewish non-profit world, which ultimately led her to rabbinical school. Drawn to pluralism, she attended the Academy for Jewish Religion. Following her ordination in 1997, she became the spiritual leader of Temple Hatikvah, in Flanders, NJ, and then assumed the position of Director of Religious Life at the Jewish Home in New York City. While there, she earned a Doctor of Ministry in Counseling from Hebrew Union College, followed by Chaplaincy Certification from Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC). She later served as High Holiday Rabbi in Nantucket, MA.

Through the years Judith has facilitated support groups and has given talks on bereavement and on spirituality. She teaches regularly at the JCC in Manhattan and has an independent spiritual counseling and pluralistic conversion practice. She has studied Mussar through The Mussar Institute (TMI) and facilitated her own Mussar groups, including those specifically geared for rabbis and cantors. She also organized and taught at the first and second annual Practice Retreats and has been a Mussar Scholar-in-Residence at synagogues throughout the New York metropolitan area.

Judith lives with her husband, James Meier, on the Upper West Side. They have two adult children and one grandson.
Rabbi Manuel Gold’s distinguished career has encompassed work as a congregational rabbi, author and in Jewish higher education. A graduate of Yeshiva College, Rabbi Gold was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and has led both Conservative and Reconstructionist congregations in metropolitan New York and Elkins Park, PA. He has taught rabbinical, cantorial and education students at both AJR and HUC-JIR, where he also served as Academic Coordinator of the Schools of Education and Sacred Music. He has taught for NATE and JEA (associations of Reform and Conservative principals), United Synagogue of America, St. Bartholomew’s Church – Center for Religious Inquiry, and at many CAJE (Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education) conferences – including in August 2008, where he was a keynote presenter.

For many years Rabbi Gold served as Supervisor of Congregational Schools in the Greater New York area for the Board of Jewish Education. He was also National Director of Principal and Teacher Education for the UAHC (now URJ, the Union for Reform Judaism), and was a long-time member of the Editorial Board of Reform Judaism Magazine. He’s been Scholar-in-Residence in communities throughout North America and for the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues.

Rabbi Gold has authored many articles that have revisited and reconsidered how we view the received wisdom of Judaism, providing new insights into biblical and rabbinic sources, and into Jewish holidays and practices. In his writings and teachings he has sought to propose an approach to an understanding of Judaism that will be appropriate for the context of the 21st century.
Cantor Dorothy Goldberg was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion in 2005 and served as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2007-2011. She also chairs this year's 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Dorothy has served congregations in Connecticut [Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison and Kol Ami in Cheshire], New Jersey [Glen Rock Jewish Center] and Puerto Rico [Temple Beth Shalom in San Juan]. She has a special interest in end of life issues and has served as a Pastoral Counselor for the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) Healthcare Hospice Program of Central Connecticut.

Dorothy started training in voice as a high school student at the Manhattan School of Music Preparatory Division. After earning a B.A. at Bryn Mawr College and an M.A. in Journalism and Public Affairs at The American University in Washington, DC, she moved to England and completed a postgraduate diploma (Dip. Mus.) at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. When she and her husband, Dr. David Ross Russell, returned to the United States, they eventually settled in Connecticut, where they raised their two children.

Dorothy worked in the communications/public relations field for 20 years before attending AJR. She also enjoys singing with the Connecticut-based jazz/swing trio MOXIE.
Neil Kuttner, a CPA by training, has spent the bulk of his career in the investment management field. He spent 18 years at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., Inc. where he served as a principal and Chief Financial Officer. In 2002 Neil co-founded Cross Shore Capital Management, a boutique firm specializing in funds of hedge funds, where he currently serves as managing partner.

Neil has been active in the Jewish community for over 30 years. He served for many years on the board of the Academy for Jewish Religion, including terms as Treasurer and Board Chair. A regular synagogue attendee, Neil has served on synagogue boards and is a past president of Park Slope Jewish Center. Most recently Neil served on the board of the Foundation for Jewish Camp as its Treasurer.

A New York native, Neil is a graduate of City College (BA) and The Wharton School (MBA). Neil and Jane have two grown sons, both active in the Jewish community.
Chuck Lightner was born and grew up in Florida, attending Catholic grammar and high schools. He graduated from the University of North Florida with a degree in Finance.

A lifelong interest in philosophy, spirituality and religion led to his meeting Sharon Gutman at a gathering of meditators in 1991. That meeting resulted in two courtships: one of Sharon, herself, and one of the Judaism that was so much a part of her life and the history of her family. Both efforts were successful. The courtship of Sharon ended in their marriage in 1993 and the pursuit of Jewish studies ended in Chuck’s conversion to Judaism.

Chuck was drawn to continue his studies and after several years in a relatively unstructured pursuit of Jewish learning, a 2001 conversation with Rabbi Shohama Weiner, then the President of AJR, led to Chuck’s enrolling as a rabbinic student.

Even as a non-Jewish young adult Chuck developed a strong attraction for the State of Israel and his relationship with Sharon, whose mother’s family was a part of the first aliyah, settling in Zichron Ya’akov in the 1880’s, allowed that attraction to be fully explored and expressed. Chuck made aliyah in 2002 and he and Sharon now have four Israeli grandchildren!

Since his ordination in 2008, Chuck has continued to be active in business pursuits. His long career in the investment field has taken an unexpected turn and he is now involved in software development and transportation logistics. But his involvement in Jewish learning, in rabbinic activities and in the life of AJR has continued.

Chuck remained active on the AJR Board for several years after ordination. He has taught adult education courses at several synagogues; is active in the leadership of a Shabbat minyan; and, performs lifecycle ceremonies.

“Whether my rabbinic activities continue to be part-time or perhaps one day become full-time, the training I received at AJR and the influence of the people I learned with and from there, will always inform my approach to Judaism and to the Jewish people” says Chuck. “AJR’s influence in the Jewish world is real and it is important, even to those who have never heard of it. Sixty years of AJR-trained rabbis and cantors are a light within the light.”
Rabbi Eric Milgrim was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion in 1974. The founding Rabbi of Temple B’nai Shalom of East Brunswick, New Jersey, Rabbi Milgrim’s forty year tenure on the pulpit ran from April 1973 through June 2013, when he retired to become Rabbi Emeritus.

Rabbi Milgrim was also a founding member of the East Brunswick Area Clergy Association and the Human Relations Committee of East Brunswick. He served on the Youth Services Council of East Brunswick and the East Brunswick Board of Ethics, and for over 16 years he served as Chaplain to the East Brunswick Police Department. Rabbi Milgrim was a member of the Board of Trustees and served as Chairman of the Board of the Academy for Jewish Religion for many years. He is currently on the Board of Trustees of the Home Owner’s Association of Enchantment at Hightstown, New Jersey.

Rabbi Eric Milgrim and his wife Susan were married in 1972. They are blessed with 3 children and 10 grandchildren: Tzipora married to Maor Rakedzon; Miriam married to Mark Aronowitz; and Joshua married to Robin (Milgrim). Their 10 grandchildren are: Noam, Nadav and Yoav Rakedzon; Emma, Ava and Lila Aronowitz; and Emily, Lucas, Elizabeth and Benjamin Milgrim.
Michael Reinitz saw his mission as AJR Board Chair as stabilizing the organization through a period of institutional change, and broadening the scope and magnitude of its fundraising. Of this work he says, “Our Board was devoted to bringing AJR to a new level of fiscal responsibility. We worked hard and I believe our efforts paved the way for the AJR of today.”

A model of inclusivity for and in the Jewish world, he feels that “Training rabbis and cantors in this pluralistic model is invaluable to the future of Judaism for it provides clergy with the background and tools to be impactful throughout the full spectrum of Jewish life.”

On this 60th Anniversary of AJR, Michael and his wife, Rabbi Joyce Reinitz, say kol hakavod to Ora and all the current and past Board Members and administrators who have worked so hard to maintain the message and blessing of AJR. “May you go from strength to strength – miChayil l’Chayil.”

They send a hearty Mazel Tov from Bainbridge Island, Washington. “Come visit us!”
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARTNERS IN MAKING THIS 60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR A SUCCESS:

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We humbly stand on your shoulders

Rabbi Steve Altarescu (14)
and Rabbi Laurie Levy (15)
Yasher Koach to AJR on its 60th Anniversary

We are thankful to the current professional staff

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and to all those who created, nurtured and served AJR as faculty and staff for the last 60 years

The education we received from you has prepared us to serve the diverse Jewish communities of our modern world

**AJR**

Pluralistic–Egalitarian–Creative–Spiritual–Intellectual

Just Jewish

*Rabbi Laurie Levy (15)*

*and Rabbi Steven Altarescu (14)*
We give thanks to the Source of Life and the conduits of holiness who gave us life, imbued us with fortitude, and led us to this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Einhorn
Rabbi Hayley, Aaron, and Maxwell Siegel
Joyfully, Gratefully, and Excitedly Celebrate 60 years of AJR’s impact on the Jewish community.
May AJR continue to raise up and inspire future leaders, innovators, and pioneers within the Jewish community!
Kol Hakavod to the

ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RELIGION

for 60 years of educating and inspiring Jewish leaders, and expanding the boundaries of Jewish thought and practice.

May we go from strength to strength during the next 60 years and beyond.

Congratulations to my fellow honorees:

RABBI JUDITH EDELSTEIN
RABBI MANUEL GOLD
MR. NEIL KUTTNER
RABBI CHARLES LIGHTNER
RABBI ERIC MILGRIM
MR. MICHAEL REINITZ

We owe you a debt of gratitude for your important work.

Thank you also to

RABBIS LAURIE LEVY AND STEVE ALTAORESCU

for their tireless efforts to make this dinner a success.

Chazak, chazak, v’nitchazeik!

Cantor Dorothy Goldberg
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THEY GO FROM
STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Congratulations to
ORA AND THE ENTIRE TEAM
working tirelessly
in the service of the Jewish people

The Kuttner Family
To all those who have worked so hard to make this evening a success

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You have all been so generous in every way imaginable and I am deeply appreciative

Bruce Alpert
CONGRATULATIONS TO AJR

on reaching 60

and looking forward to participating in the

progressive changes now in process.

Allan & Claire Shumofsky
WE THANK OUR PLATINUM DONORS
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In honor and appreciation of the hard work and years of dedication to AJR by our honorees

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You have set a high standard for those who are privileged to follow you.

Bruce Alpert
THE ASSOCIATION OF RABBIS AND CANTORS

congratulates

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in honor of its 60th Anniversary of

Preparing Rabbis and Cantors

in their service to Klal Yisrael.

AJR’s devotion to identifying

and meeting the needs of our

pluralistic, contemporary

Jewish community

continues to inspire us all

חזק, חזק, ונתاخזק!

Hazak, Hazak, v’Nithazek!

Be strong, be strong, and let us strengthen each other!
Todah Rabbah!

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thanks all those whose generous contributions continue to support the work of the ARC and AJR

We also celebrate our honorees,
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Your leadership continues to inspire us!

Yasher Koach!
Thanks to all those g’dol’im
whose vision,
SIXTY YEARS AGO,
made AJR possible
and to those
VISIONARIES OF TODAY
whose support will keep it strong
for the next sixty years.

Steve Axinn
I’ve read many a quote from many a sage
To try to fill this golden page
But nothing spoke from any age
That captures what you are.

I’ve sifted through books and kept alert
And strained my eyes until they hurt
And may have found my just desert
In records from afar.

Through archive folders I have pored
And minutes of our every board
And found a thing that left me floored:
Two birthdays, AJR.

‘Twas in November, ‘55
When Louis Newman was alive
And wanted Liberal Jews to thrive:
That is one, so far!

When ALJ closed up its door,
David Neiman wanted more
With Felix Levy he was sure
They had a lucky star.

The starting date in ‘56
Sought a pluralistic mix
That’s our nature and it sticks
It’s what we always are.

However young, however old
So many stories yet untold
For many years still to unfold
We’ll cherish AJR.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY,
Rabbi Peg & Aaron Kershenbaum
Sixty years ago, a group of visionary rabbis and scholars planted the seeds for the Academy for Jewish Religion when they sought to make what they termed a “modest contribution to the revitalization of Jewish religious life in America.”

Their idea was to “approach Judaism in its totality”, rather than “through a single line of historical development [and] to be inclusive with respect to varying viewpoints in Jewish belief and practice.”

For the past sixty years, the Academy for Jewish Religion has held true to the ideals of its founders and from those seeds have grown rabbis, cantors and scholars, who have served, and continue to serve, in all walks of Jewish life.

May those seeds continue to produce offspring who will “thrive like a cedar in Lebanon [and] flourish in the courts of our God.” (Ps. 92)

חזק חזק ונת TOK

Rabbi Michael G. Kohn, AJR 2009
Vice Chair and Secretary,
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To each of those honored here tonight,
And to all of those whose efforts have sustained AJR through its first 60 years:
Whether as organizers and administrators,
As teachers and as students,
As supportive family members,
As congregants,
As providers of financial and other critical resources and talents,
and
As AJR-trained rabbis and cantors throughout the Jewish community, each transmitting in some unique way the influence of AJR to those whom they serve,

We offer thanks and congratulations on this very special occasion!

Chuck Lightner and Sharon Gutman
We are proud to applaud the Academy for Jewish Religion, its honored Board Chairs, and 60 years of excellence, warm and welcoming community, and intellectual curiosity and achievement.

Dr. Ora Horn Prouser & Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Our warmest congratulations to AJR
This unique House of Torah Study
Which inspires and ordains Rabbis and Cantors.
May you continue to carry the torch of leadership, illuminating the path for generations to come.
May you go from strength to strength!

TO THE PAST CHAIRS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Mr. Michael Reinitz

Thank you for planting the seeds of success that brought forth beautiful fruit.

Mazal Tov!

Rabbi Ziona and Dr. Ron Zelazo
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Each member of this group devoted countless hours to bring different gifts and talents to our dinner and other events of this year. You made this process not only a success, but also a joy.

FOR THE AJR VIDEO:

Rabbi Daniel Price for generously giving of his time to create the concept and rough cut, and for leading us to Leah Price, who produced and edited the video into its final version.

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Deep gratitude to Cantor Meredith Greenberg and her wife Leora Perlman for their breathtaking concert in June, “Love Has Many Faces,” hosted in Montclair by Shoshana Bass and Yoel Borgenicht, and accompanied by Rohan deSilva. Your music delighted your audience and also supported AJR during this anniversary year.

And finally – and perhaps most importantly

THANK YOU TO THE AJR FACULTY AND STAFF, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support all our efforts:

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Cantor Dorothy Goldberg, Chair, 60th Anniversary Year and Campaign Cabinet
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“Single out Joshua ben Nun, an inspired man” Bamidbar 27:18

“a man who will have the capacity to stand up to the spirit of each and every one” Sifre Zuta

R. Eleazar said: Any leader who guides a community gently will merit guiding it in the world to come. BT Sanhedrin 92a

In gratitude to and in honor of the leaders of the AJR community, exemplars of tenacity and kindness

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on your leadership
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Yishar Koach to AJR

on its

60TH

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With appreciation for the
knowledge, spirit, community
and dedication you impart

Rabbi Jill Hackell & Shimmy Cohen
Rabbi Judith Hauptman (’03) and Prof. Milton Adesnik congratulate AJR on 60 years of excellent service to the American Jewish community.

May all AJR wishes for the future of the institution and the community be fulfilled for good.
From our past generations
to our future generations . . .

חָיִל-אֶל מֵחַיִל, יֵלָכוּ
~Psalm 84:8

May AJR ~ its teachers, its alumni, its students ~ continue to go from strength to strength.
Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart,

Celebrating the pluralism of

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On its 60th Anniversary

With gratitude to all those

Who made this day possible

With blessings and love,

Shohama and Alan
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We will build on the successes of the first sixty years toward a dynamic second sixty years!

Dr. Frances and Gerry L. Ginsburg
פיר ידבר חכמות ולשונך ירחיש רננות
May your mouth speak wisdom
and your tongue utter song!
-Babylonian Talmud, Berakhot 17a

We are happy to honor
the past chairs of the AJR Board of Trustees
who, for 60 years, have enabled
AJR-trained rabbis, cantors, and Jewish leaders
to inspire and enhance our Jewish communities
with wisdom and song.

May our shared vision
of pluralistic Judaism
continue to inspire wisdom and song
for many years to come!

בברכה,

Rabbi Jeff and Laurie Hoffman, CCH
כמ لتפלת יחיד צריכים שנים

Even private prayer needs two

Yehuda Amichai, from Gods Change, Prayers Remain Forever

Kol Hakavod to our Founders, Teachers, Students, and Alumni...

To all in our chain of transmission who recognize the gifts that flow from the understanding that permanence and change are partners.

Yishar Koach to

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Who have guided the Academy so ably and with deep wisdom.

And a special Mazal Tov to

RABBIS LAURIE LEVY AND STEVE ALTARESCU
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All beginnings are hard; our journeys increase the sweetness.

Congratulations to AJR and its Devoted Partners!!
Shiv’im panim la-Torah – The Torah has seventy faces.  
Numbers Rabbah 13:15-16

Mazel Tov to

THE ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RELIGION

on sixty years of bringing the many faces of Torah
to the many faces of our Jewish communities.

May you continue to go from strength to strength!

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מל הכסדים

From

Rabbi Joyce
and Former Chair
Michael Reinitz
"Rav Shimon ben Elazar said:
Act while you can, while you have the chance,
the means, and the strength.”

[Talmud Bavli Shabbat 151b]

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Mazel Tov to my Dear Colleagues.
May you go from Strength to Strength.

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THE PAST CHAIRS OF THE AJR BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Your hard work and dedication have been instrumental in keeping our precious institution so vital for the past six decades.

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you shine in everything you do.

And to my dear friend and colleague

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It is your dedication and vision shaped by your love of Torah that guides us on our journey

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a finer gentleman and friend would be hard to find.

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The Family of

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is overjoyed to honor our father and grandfather and
to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of AJR at this special event.
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

With love and shalom from your children,

Miriam and Mark Aronowitz
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and your grandchildren,

Ava, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Emily, Emma,
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**KOL HAKAVOD**

To all the special people who create the magic of AJR.

With respect, admiration and deep affection.

*Arlene Duker*
To our two favorite Rabbis

**RABBI ERIC MILGRIM**  
**AND RABBI PEG KERSHENBAUM**

How lucky we have been to benefit from your leadership along with your spiritual and moral guidance over these many years

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*yesh Adonai bamakom hazeh*

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The only language that seems to be compatible with the wonder and mystery of being is the language of music.

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who recently officiated at the wedding of my daughter Rebecca Mohr, to Travis Riddle.

Andrew Mohr

Ad meah v’esrim and then some!

MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi Jaymee Alpert

על שלשה דבריים עולםعمד,
על התורה על העם ועל גמילות חסד:

The world rests on three things - on Torah, on service to God, on deeds of love.

To AJR, its faculty, staff, alumni and students who have lived this for the last 60 years.

May you continue for the next 60 years.

From

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