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משלי לא:כו

Lynn,

This pasuk captures so beautifully what we are privileged to see every day. You truly open your mouth with wisdom, guiding your students with thoughtfulness, clarity, and depth.

Chazal teach in the Gemara- what is the meaning of תורת חסד?

איכא דאמרי: תורה ללמדה — זו היא תורה של חסד
(גמרא סוכה מט.)

Torah that is learned in order to teach others is called Torah of kindness. Through the care, dedication, and generosity you bring to teaching your students every day, you embody this idea so beautifully.

Your wisdom, warmth, and deep commitment to your students uplift not only those you teach, but also all of us who have the privilege to work alongside you.

We feel incredibly fortunate to be your colleagues and are so grateful to learn from you every day.

Mazel Tov on this well-deserved honor.

With admiration and appreciation,
Your grateful ICJA colleagues

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In recognition of **Rabbi Raizman** for his devoted leadership in strengthening Jewish education throughout Chicago, and for his tireless commitment to the success of every talmid and every school.

Rabbi Raizman's vision, wisdom, and integrity have elevated Torah education across our community. His influence and impact will continue to be felt for generations to come. May he continue to lead with strength for many years to come. With heartfelt appreciation,

Joe Wolf

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Lichvod our awesome CEO Phil!

Avrum and Dvora Weinfield

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Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

For all of your years of leadership

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Landes

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miretzky

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Guardians of the Torch Awardees

Mrs. Lynn Kraft

Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg

Mrs. Rachel Teitcher

2026 Hartman Family Foundation Educator of the Year Awardees

Yasher koach to each of you on being honored and recognized by the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago. Thank you for all you do for the ATT, our children and the entire Jewish community.

Alison & Alan Molotsky and Family

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Mazel Tov to all the honorees

Special thanks to **Rabbi Raizman** for everything
you did to help the ATT and REACH!

Bryna and Allan Towb

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Yasher Koach to all of the well deserving honorees

Suri & Joey Stern

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In Honor of **Rabbi Raizman**

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Raizman on this well-deserved recognition.

Both Gail z"l and I had the privilege of knowing Rabbi Raizman even before his years at ATT. We saw firsthand his commitment to Torah, community, and the growth of Jewish education.

His leadership at ATT strengthened day schools across Chicago and impacted generations of students and families.

We also congratulate the other honorees, including Gail's uncle, **Stephen Landes**, whose dedicated service as President helped guide ATT through years of meaningful growth.

Jewish education has always been deeply important to our family, and we are grateful to those who devote themselves to its success.

The Darlow Family

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A proud second-generation ATT devoted team member, **Sandy** continues a remarkable legacy of dedication to the Chicago Jewish community. Her mother, Selma (ZTL), devoted decades of service, and Sandy has faithfully followed in her footsteps, contributing more than 25 years of tireless work and unwavering commitment.

Her endless devotion reflects her truly selfless nature always giving to others with a warm smile and never a complaint. She embodies kindness, generosity, and quiet strength in everything she does.

May she be blessed by the Throne of the Creator with long life, true simcha, abundant nachas, and endless love. May she be repaid many times over for the countless hours and heart she has given to the community.

We respect you, we love you, and we adore you.

With all our hearts,

Ely & Aolani, Bassie & Adam, Mayer & Sheva and Family

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In Honor of all “**The Guardians of the Torch**”

For decades, these extraordinary leaders have carried the responsibility of our community on their shoulders.

They did not simply hold titles — they carried missions.
They did not seek recognition — they accepted responsibility.

Through their stewardship of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago, and through countless other roles in service of the Orthodox Jewish community, they strengthened Torah education, safeguarded our institutions, and ensured that future generations would continue to grow in Yiddishkeit.

Their leadership was marked by integrity, humility,
and unwavering commitment.

Chicago’s Orthodox community is stronger because of them.

With deep respect and gratitude,
Yishai & Bluma Broner

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In Honor of **Rabbi Mordechai Raizman**

For his devoted leadership in strengthening Jewish education throughout Chicago
and for his tireless commitment to the success of every
talmid and every school.

Rabbi Raizman's vision, wisdom, and integrity have elevated Torah education
across our community. His impact will be felt for generations.

On a personal level, we are deeply grateful for his close friendship to our family —
for his guidance, his warmth, and for encouraging and deepening our involvement
in Tzarchai Tzibbur.

May he continue to lead with strength
and siyata d'Shmaya for many years to come.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Yishai & Bluma Broner

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rabbi Menahem B. and Rebbetzin Hanna Sacks

Founders of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago

Our Schools, Faculty and Students
Are Their Enduring Legacy

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Mazel Tov to all of the Honorees and Educators of the Year on being recognized by the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago. Your dedication to Torah education and to the children of our community helps ensure a strong and vibrant Jewish future. Thank you for everything you do for the ATT, our schools, and the Chicago Jewish community.

A special Mazel Tov to our dear friend Elise Glatz, Director of Professional Development at the ATT. It has been wonderful to see you grow in this role. You bring wisdom, warmth, and dedication to your work, and the support you provide to educators across the ATT network has a meaningful impact. Your commitment to strengthening teachers and advancing Torah education is truly appreciated.

We are grateful to call you a friend and appreciate all that you do for our community. The ATT and its educators are fortunate to benefit from your leadership.

David & Shira Berkowitz

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Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Mordechai Raizman**
on being honored with the Torch of Leadership Award
by the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago.

This well-deserved recognition reflects your many years of extraordinary leadership, vision, and dedication to Torah education and to the children and families of our community. Through your wisdom, guidance, and tireless commitment, you have helped strengthen schools, inspire educators, and shape generations of תלמידים who will carry the values of Torah and yiras Shamayim into the future.

We are deeply grateful for the profound impact you have had on the Chicago Jewish community and for the countless lives you have influenced along the way.

May you continue to go m'chayil el chayil with good health, bracha, and continued success.

The Laporte Family

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With appreciation for all that ATT, its past and current leaders, volunteers and professionals, have and continue doing to educate and strengthen our community. We value our partnership and are grateful for the services you provide.

Jewish United Fund
Lonnie Nasatir, President
Wendy Abrams, Chair of the Board

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Mazel Tov to our incredible mother and wife, Rachel Teitcher, on being named a Hartman Family Foundation Educator of the Year!

We are privileged to witness, day after day, your unwavering devotion to your students. From the late nights spent preparing thoughtful lessons, to the intentional care you invest in every child, and the countless conversations and collaborations with families and colleagues — you give your whole heart to your work.

Your students — past, present, and future — are profoundly lucky to have you as their teacher and advocate. You are truly deserving of this honor as a beautiful reflection of the impact you make every single day.

We are endlessly proud of you!

Love,
Miriam, Gavi, Orly, and Josh

GOLD

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Mordechai Raizman upon receiving the Torch of Leadership Award from the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago.

Rabbi Raizman exemplifies true leadership in Torah education. His devotion to Torah, to chinuch, and to the growth of his students and Jewish education has left a lasting impact on all who have had the privilege to learn from and work alongside him.

This honor is especially meaningful to our family, as it reflects the legacy of our father, Rabbi Jack Rajchenbach ז"ל, whose passion for Jewish education helped shape the direction of the ATT. He recognized Rabbi Raizman's extraordinary leadership and played a key role in bringing him to the ATT.

Mazel Tov, Rabbi Raizman, on this well-deserved honor.

The Rajchenbach Family

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Hearty Mazel Tov to our very dear friends
Lennie & Jessica Weiss, Steve & Malka Miretzky
and all other honorees on this wonderful and much deserved honor!
We wish you much continued joy and success..

We also wish Mazel Tov to our dear friend **Mrs. Lynn Kraft** on receiving the Hartman Educator Award, a well-deserved recognition of her hard work and dedication teaching our children. We are so happy to celebrate each of you!

Warmly,
Harry & Sherry Friedman, Jeff & Lori Friedman and Renan & Roz Sugarman

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To **Steven and Malka Miretzky:**

As Chazal teach,

“Kol ha’osek b’tzorkei tzibbur b’emunah – HaKadosh Baruch Hu meshalem secharam.”

To an extraordinary couple –
devoted partners in chinuch and pillars of our community.

Through countless hours of selfless dedication, steady leadership offered with humility, and a shared commitment to Torah and klal Yisrael, you have modeled what it means to be true baalei chessed and baalei chinuch.

Your impact is felt in your family, in schools, and in the broader community you so faithfully serve.

Mazel Tov! We love you!
Love your kids and grandkids

SILVER

Mazel Tov to the Honorees and Educators of the Year
We congratulate the distinguished honorees and the 2026 Hartman Family
Foundation Educators of the Year on this well-deserved recognition.

Torch of Leadership
Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

Guardians of the Torch
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Hartman Family Foundation Educators of the Year
Mrs. Lynn Kraft – Ida Crown Jewish Academy
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg – Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi
Mrs. Rachel Teitcher – Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School

Thank you for your dedication to Jewish education and for the impact you
have on your students and our community.

Fred and Lynne Brody

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Mazel Tov to **Lennie and Jessica Weiss** on being deserving honorees. Your dedication and commitment to the ATT is deeply appreciated.

Mazel Tov to **Lynn Kraft** on being named the Hartman Educator of the Year. Your love of teaching to both your students at ICJA as well as to the community at large is inspiring.

May you all continue to have koach and hatzlacha in your avodas hakodesh.

Schuyler and Sarah Abrams

SILVER

Yasher koach and continued hatzlacha to the Associated Talmud Torahs.

Mazel Tov to the honorees for their well deserved recognition.

Kol hakavod to the teacher awardees for all that they do each day for our students.

Jaime & Larry Leonard & family

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To the leaders of the ATT,
Both past and present,
Thank you for making working here,
So awesome and so very pleasant.
The schools under the ATT “umbrella”,
Get “showered” with many kinds of assistance,
Our ever increasing programs, awards and contests,
Give new meaning to the ATT’s existence.



May we continue elevating Jewish education for many more years to come.

Sandy Cohen



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Mazel Tov to

Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

For all of your years of leadership

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Landes

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miretzky

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Guardians of the Torch Awardees

on being honored and recognized by the
Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago.
Thank you for all you do for the ATT, our children
and the entire Jewish community.

Tomer & Jennifer Bitton

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Mazel Tov to all the well deserved honorees.
Thank you for all you have done to advance chinuch in Chicago.

Sruly and Malka Bogopulsky

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We join the ATT in saluting and thanking the Honorees for their many years of service to our community.

They have used their talents to enhance Jewish education in Chicago.
We also join in recognizing **Mrs. Lynn Kraft**,
the 2026 Hartman Family Foundation Educator of the year awardee.

May Hashem reward them for their selfless devotion
and grant them health and happiness ad meah v'esrim.

David and Ronna Friedman

BRONZE



Orchard Wellness is proud to join in honoring Rabbi Mordechai Raizman, whose leadership and dedication have helped uplift Torah education throughout our community.

BRONZE

Mazel Tov to the Honorees and Educators of the Year

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Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

Guardians of the Torch

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Hartman Family Foundation Educators of the Year

Mrs. Lynn Kraft

Ida Crown Jewish Academy

In memory of Mrs. Gayle Anne Herwitz z"l

Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg

Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi

Mrs. Rachel Teitcher

Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School

Thank you for your dedication to Torah education and for the impact you have on your students, schools, and the broader community.

May you continue to go from strength to strength.

Shabsai & Debby Wolfe

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In honor of
Joseph and Elka Abramchik
Stephen J. and Elizabeth Landes
Steven and Malka Miretzky
Leonard and Jessica Weiss

In grateful recognition of your outstanding leadership
over the past 15 years

The ATT has been truly fortunate to have you
at its helm, guiding its growth, shaping its future,
and steering it toward continued success.

Sam and Judy Biber

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In honor of **Rabbi Mordechai Raizman**

A true visionary whose unwavering commitment to ensuring that every Jewish child receives a Jewish education has deeply strengthened and enriched our community's educational system.

May Hashem grant you continued strength and energy
to keep doing what you do best,
wherever you are.

Thank you for a wonderful 15 years!

Judy and Sam Biber

Mazel Tov to all the well deserving honorees,
we would not be here without your efforts

David and Gayle Aronin

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In Tribute to Our Honorees

With profound gratitude and admiration, we join together to honor **Joey & Elka, Steve & Malka, Lenny & Jessica, and Stephen & Elizabeth** for their tireless dedication and extraordinary leadership on behalf of the **Associated Talmud Torahs**.

Throughout their years of service, they have modeled what true leadership looks like—leadership rooted in **humility**, driven by **service**, and guided by **vision**. Their steadfast commitment strengthened our community, elevated our institutions, and set a shining example for all who follow.

As they pass the torch to a new generation, they do so having paved a clear and inspiring path: one built on responsibility, collaboration, and an unwavering devotion to Jewish education. Their impact will continue to echo through every classroom, every child, and every future leader shaped by their efforts.

We also extend heartfelt appreciation to **Rabbi Mordechai Raizman** for his many years of dedicated service at the helm. His steady guidance, warmth, and selfless devotion have been a cornerstone of the ATT's success.

Together, their collective commitment has set the standard for communal leadership—one defined by integrity, compassion, and a deep love for Torah and Klal Yisrael.

With gratitude, respect, and admiration, we honor them all.

Elisha & Miriam Prero

Mazel Tov to the Honorees and Educators of the Year
We extend our congratulations to the individuals being honored at this year's
Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago Annual Gala for their dedication to strengthening
Jewish education in our community.

Torch of Leadership
Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

Guardians of the Torch
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Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss

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Mrs. Lynn Kraft
Ida Crown Jewish Academy
In memory of Mrs. Gayle Anne Herwitz, z"l
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg
Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi
Mrs. Rachel Teitcher
Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School

Thank you for your dedication to your students, your schools, and to Jewish education
in our community.

Ephraim & Aviva Vilenski

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Mazel Tov **Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Teitcher, Rabbi Raizman,**
and all of the other honorees.

Your contributions to our children's lives, and the lives of so many others
around our community does not go unnoticed.

Thank you!

May Hashem continue to give you the strength to inspire and lead!

Yehudit & Aaron Gavant

With sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Rabbi Raizman** for all his years of dedication and commitment to leading the ATT into its next chapter.

To our friend **Mrs. Rachel Teitcher** on her well deserved Educator of the Year award- Mazel Tov!

With gratitude

The Kaz Family



Mazel Tov to this evening's distinguished honorees who have and continue to dedicate themselves to strengthen Jewish education in our community

Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss
Mrs. Lynn Kraft
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg

With particular pride,
we congratulate our very own
Mrs. Rachel Teitcher
Hillel Torah graduate and current parent
On receiving this year's
Hartman Educator of the Year Award
You are a model of our school's mission and we are so proud of you!

May you continue to go me'chayil el chayil, with continued success and nachat, as you uplift and inspire Klal Yisrael for many years to come.

Rabbi Menachem Linzer
Principal

Yehudit Gavant
President Board of Directors

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To My Dear Friend and Colleague,

Rabbi Mordechai Raizman

It was an honor and pleasure to share the holy work of the ATT and its schools. You are always inspiring and passionate about the right things. Your vision and hard work created a brighter future for our community's children. I will cherish the time we spent together and I look forward to many more years of friendship.

Sincerely,

Avrohom Shimon Moller

To Tonight's Honorees:
Joseph Abramchik
Stephan Landes
Steven Miretzky
Lennie Weiss

Your leadership took us to new heights, your belief in the future kindled great achievements, your integrity brought great honor to the ATT and REACH's work.

I salute you and thank you all for all of the hard work and wisdom you provided to the ATT.

ישלם ד' פעלכם ותהא משכורתכם שלמה מעם ד' אלקי ישראל

Avrohom Shimon Moller

Walder Education, Walder Science, and Kehillah Fund are proud to collaborate with the ATT to inspire and equip our schools and teachers with training and tools for success.

Mazel Tov to **Mrs. Lynn Kraft, Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg, and Mrs. Rachel Teitcher** for their exceptional teaching and dedication to our students!

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi and Mrs. Raizman, Mr. and Mrs. Abramchik, Mr. & Mrs. Landes, Mr. and Mrs. Miretzky, and Mr. and Mrs. Weiss!**
Thank you for your service to our schools and community.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Walder, Chair
The Leadership Teams of Walder Education,
Walder Science, and Kehillah Fund**

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Ida Crown Jewish Academy
salutes all our extraordinary educators, and especially

Mrs. Lynn Kraft
Associated Talmud Torahs'
Hartman Educator of the Year

ICJA is honored to have Mrs. Kraft on our team and is deeply appreciative of her exceptional talent, professionalism, creativity, and the enduring impact she has had on our students and our school.

May she be blessed with many more years of nachat from her family and her students, and may she continue to inspire our Bnei and Bnot Torah to thrive in the modern world!

B'virkat HaTorah

Mrs. Jennie Rothner, President
Rabbi Leonard A. Matanky, Dean
Mrs. Alise Gold, Assistant Dean for Student Life
Mrs. Chavee Gottlieb, Assistant Dean for Learning and Instruction

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Mazel Tov **Steve** on this well deserved honor.
May you continue to be blessed with all that the Torah
promises to those committed to helping the tzibbur.

Levi and Aliza Israel

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With hakoras hatov to the ATT and the Hartman Family Foundation for choosing such deserving honorees,

Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman
Torch of Leadership Award

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss
Guardians of the Torch Award

May Mrs. Lynn Kraft of Ida Crown Jewish Academy, Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg of YTT, and Mrs. Rachel Teitcher of Hillel Torah go *m'chayil el chayil* in their *avodas hakodesh* of educating the future leaders of Klal Yisroel.

Yasher koach to **Rabbi Phil and Rachie Karesh** as they lead their organizations in educating and preparing our children for their futures. May Hashem grant them continued koach as they raise their beautiful family.

Steve and Cheryl Karesh



Chicago Community Kollel
joins with ATT
in paying tribute to our distinguished alumnus,

Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

who served with great distinction as CEO
of the ATT for many years.

We also recognize our very dear friends,
The Guardians of the Torch:
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik,
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes,
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretsky
and Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss.

Their dedicated leadership greatly helped to
advance Torah education in our city.

We also recognize
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg
of Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi

upon receiving the
Hartman Family Foundation
Educator of the Year Award.

We are privileged to have him as a regular mispallel at the Kollel.

Rabbi Dovid Zucker
Rosh Kollel

Rabbi Moshe Franci
Rosh Kollel

Rabbi Yehoshua Goldstein
Rosh Chaburah

Rabbi Moshe Sterman
Director

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Hebrew Theological College
is proud to salute the
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on the occasion of their
Gala - Passing the Torch

Mazel tov to the honorees
Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman
Torch of Leadership

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss
Guardians of the Torch

We also proudly recognize the
2026 Hartman Family Foundation
Educators of the Year Awardees

Mrs. Lynn Kraft
Ida Crown Jewish Academy
In memory of **Mrs. Gayle Anne Herwitz**
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg
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Arie Crown Hebrew Day School
Joins the ATT in paying tribute
to this year's most deserving honorees

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weiss

May you have success in all that
you continue to do for the community.

Rabbi Eli Samber
Head of School

Mark Hartman
Presidium

Sam Medow
Executive Director

Doni Garden
Presidium





Mazel Tov to tonight's distinguished honorees!

Torch of Leadership
Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

Guardians of the Torch
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Educators of the Year:
Mrs. Lynn Kraft
Mrs. Rachel Teitcher
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg

Thank you for all you do for our community!
May Hashem continue to grant you the strength to thrive, the ability to
achieve, and nachas for your dedication to the klal.

Rabbi Reuven Brand, Rosh Kollel
and the YU Torah Mitzion Kollel of Chicago

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Honoring **Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Raizman**

Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Raizman have long been active and devoted members of the community, their shared commitment to Jewish education and communal life has strengthened countless individuals and institutions.

For more than fifteen years, Rabbi Raizman has been a steadfast supporter of REACH and a valued partner in its growth. From the earliest days of REACH's founding, he believed in our mission to build the internal capacity of Jewish day schools to meet the educational needs of struggling students, including those with diverse learning styles, abilities, and challenges.

As head of the Associated Talmud Torahs (ATT), Rabbi Raizman worked closely with me to help build strong relationships between REACH and school and lay leaders across the community. He worked tirelessly to help cultivate support for REACH by connecting donors to the importance and impact of our mission. His wisdom, partnership, and thoughtful leadership helped ensure that REACH could grow and remain strong. I am grateful for Rabbi Raizman's support and guidance.

Rabbi Raizman's leadership has left a lasting impact on REACH and on the many educators and students who benefit from its work.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Julie Gordon
Executive Director
REACH

With Appreciation for the Leadership of the ATT

As Executive Director of REACH, I would like to express deep gratitude for the longstanding partnership and support of the Associated Talmud Torahs and its dedicated leadership.

I would like to thank the current CEO of the ATT, Rabbi Phil Karesh, who has been a valuable partner in continuing the work of his predecessor. Through his thoughtful leadership, collaborative spirit, and strong commitment to the success of our schools, Rabbi Karesh continues to strengthen the partnership between the ATT and REACH and advance our shared goal of helping every student succeed.

As Superintendent of the ATT Rabbi Avrohom Shimon Moller worked closely with Rabbi Mordechai Raizman in leading the ATT and helping to champion REACH's mission to build the capacity of Jewish day schools to meet the needs of students with diverse learning styles, abilities, and challenges and he continues to be a trusted partner, advisor, and guide.

Since REACH's founding, the support of the ATT Board and its presidents has played an important role in advancing REACH's mission.

I am especially grateful to the ATT past president honorees whose leadership and commitment over the years have helped guide and support this work:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Their dedication to Jewish education and their partnership have helped ensure that REACH can continue supporting schools, educators, and students across our community.

With appreciation,
Julie Gordon
Executive Director
REACH

In honor of **Mrs Julie Gordon, Mrs Rusi Sukenik,**
and the entire amazing **REACH team!**

And in honor of Rabbi Karesh and Rabbi Moller for
their dedication to each and every child.

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In Tribute to Our Honorees

With profound gratitude and admiration, we join together to honor Joey & Elka, Steve & Malka, Lenny & Jessica, and Stephen & Elizabeth for their tireless dedication and extraordinary leadership on behalf of the Associated Talmud Torahs.

Throughout their years of service, they have modeled what true leadership looks like— leadership rooted in humility, driven by service, and guided by vision. Their steadfast commitment strengthened our community, elevated our institutions, and set a shining example for all who follow.

As they pass the torch to a new generation, they do so having paved a clear and inspiring path: one built on responsibility, collaboration, and an unwavering devotion to Jewish education. Their impact will continue to echo through every classroom, every child, and every future leader shaped by their efforts.

We also extend heartfelt appreciation to Rabbi Mordechai Raizman for his many years of dedicated service at the helm. His steady guidance, warmth, and selfless devotion have been a cornerstone of the ATT's success.

Together, their collective commitment has set the standard for communal leadership— one defined by integrity, compassion, and a deep love for Torah and Klal Yisrael.

With gratitude, respect, and admiration, we honor them all.

Elisha & Miriam Prero

With deep respect and admiration, Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Mordechai Raizman** upon receiving the **Torch of Leadership Award**.

Through his 15 years of leadership at the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago, Rabbi Raizman guided and built this organization with vision, dedication, and a deep commitment to Torah education. His work on behalf of our schools and educators has helped shape the educational landscape of our community and has left a lasting impact on countless students and families. Rabbi Raizman's vision continues to guide the work of the ATT as we embark on our Next Chapter and support our educators, partner with our schools, and help our students grow into the next generation of committed Jewish leaders.

B'virchos HaTorah,
Rabbi Phil Karesh

The Rambam writes that the future of Torah rests not only on those who teach it, but also on those who strengthen the institutions that allow Torah learning to flourish.

It is therefore a privilege to recognize this year's **Guardians of the Torch Honorees:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Through their leadership, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to Jewish education, they helped ensure that our schools and educators have the fortitude to nurture the next generation. Their dedication helps sustain the flame of Torah in our community.

Your years of service have permanently elevated Jewish education in Chicago.

Thank you,
Rabbi Phil Karesh

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“B’makom she’ein anashim, hishtadel lihyos ish,” when responsibility calls, true leaders step forward.

The work of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago depends on individuals who are willing to give their time, thought, and energy to the future of Torah education in our community.

I extend my sincere appreciation to **Stan Gertz, Richard Silverman**, and the **ATT Board of Directors** for their leadership and dedication. Through their guidance and partnership, the ATT continues to support our schools, invest in our educators, and help create opportunities for our students to grow, learn, and thrive.

Their commitment reflects a deep understanding that the future of our community begins in our classrooms today. Their leadership will continue to guide our work as we write the Next Chapter of the ATT together.

Thank you for your vision, commitment and investment in the ATT.

Rabbi Phil Karesh

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Chazal teach that one who teaches a child is considered as if they have given that child life. The work of a teacher is therefore among the most sacred responsibilities in our community. Teachers shape not only what students know, but who they become.

It is a privilege to recognize the **2026 Hartman Family Foundation Educators of the Year**, outstanding educators whose dedication, care, and commitment elevate their students and their schools each and every day.

Mrs. Lynn Kraft

Ida Crown Jewish Academy

In memory of Mrs. Gayle Anne Herwitz, z"l

Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg

Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi

Mrs. Rachel Teitcher

Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School

Across our schools, educators like these help bring learning to life. A thoughtful question, a moment of encouragement, a lesson that suddenly clicks. These are the moments that build confidence, spark curiosity, and shape the trajectory of a student's growth.

Through their dedication and care, these educators help nurture the minds and character of their students every day. It is an honor to recognize their remarkable contributions to their schools and to the future of our community.

Rabbi Phil Karesh

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With Appreciation to the ATT Team

Our schools are filled with dedicated educators and leaders who guide our students each day in their learning and growth. Supporting that mission requires thoughtful partnership, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the success of every classroom.

The team at the **Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago** approaches this responsibility with care, professionalism, and a deep sense of purpose. Through their efforts, our schools and educators receive the guidance, resources, and partnership that help them continue to nurture the growth of their students.

Much of what they do takes place quietly and behind the scenes, yet its impact is felt across our community in the opportunities created for both teachers and students.

I am deeply grateful to the ATT team for their dedication and commitment. Their efforts help ensure that our schools and educators are supported as they continue their vital role in shaping the next generation, and they will remain an important part of the ATT as we write our Next Chapter together.

Rabbi Phil Karesh

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To the Hartman Family Foundation Educator of the Year Awardees

Mrs. Lynn Kraft
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg
Mrs. Rachel Teitcher

you are all great role models to represent your profession.
Continued Hatzlacha in inspiring future generations.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To all the **Rabbeim, Moros, and Educators**

May Hashem grant you the koach to be the flame
that continues to ignite our youth every day.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To **Rabbi Moller** - my yedid nefesh

Your wisdom, humility, and genuine care to improve education for the benefit of our community was and still is an inspiration to me.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To **Julie Gordon** - Director of REACH,

I am amazed at what has been accomplished.
Always pushing to do more for the teachers and students with a growth
mindset. It isn't about special education but Good Education.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

To Chani Friedman,

Your ATTention to detail in maximizing every dollar
for your students as you often said was on another level.
Thank you for always giving it your all.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To **Judy Biber**,

For all the gentle reminders keeping me focused and on task.
And yes some Angels always showed up in between.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To **Richard** and **Stan**,

How many years has it been? What started as one or two,
you both keep on going for the benefit of the Klal.

May Hakosoh Boruch Hu repay you as you have cared
for the children of the Chicago community to
merit much nachas from your own children and families.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

To Joey and Elka,

You are a special couple devoted to a community
without having any children or grandchildren
in the day schools at the time of your leadership.

You served the tzibbur Lishma and a great mentor
for myself in my journey at the ATT.

Thanks for all the timeless wisdom that you shared with me.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

To **Stephen J. and Elizabeth,**

It was in your blood to take the ATT leadership,
a thoughtful and patient approach in dealing with the klal,
a mentor and a spokesman for the children
of our community that enabled the ATT to soar.
Thank you for your guidance and listening ear.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To **Steve and Malka,**

I am amazed at how many positions of leadership you have been involved in. Your tireless dedication to the klal is something very special. You lead with sincerity and a true ahavas yisroel.

Thank you for sharing some of that time and klal wisdom with me at the ATT.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To **Lennie and Jessica,**

Thank you for being a calm and steady hand in helping the ATT plan ahead.
The strategic plan was a gift to help us refocus and as I am seeing now in
phase two helping the future of the ATT grow and shine
for all parts of our community.

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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To the **ATT staff and Reach Team Members,**

I was so blessed to have worked with such amazing people.
Thank you all for your daily dedication to the
educators and students of the Chicago community!

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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Dear **Rabbi Karesh,**

The Torch has passed and I am confident that the flame
will be burning bright for many years to come.

Wishing you much Hatzlacha in taking ATT to the next level!

Rabbi Mordechai & Mrs. Chani Raizman

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WOW!

This evening is such a beautiful tribute to all the honorees who know that educating our children is a TOP PRIORITY.

Their efforts have helped to build the amazing educational system that all of our children enjoy!!!

A special shout out to my friends
Joey and Elka and Steve and Malka!!!
Yasher Koach!!

May the ATT continue to go מחיל אל חיל!

Harriet Margolies
Lifetime Educator

In Honor of my friend & Partner
Mr. Lennie Weiss.
Working together for 28 years.

Always getting involved in the Chicago
community needs - and Phoenix & Florida.

All the best & congrats on
this honor - WELL DESERVED!!!

Jonah Bruck

Mazel Tov to
Rabbi Mordechai and Mrs. Chani Raizman
on this well deserved honor.
Your vision and support have
strengthened our community and helped
countless children. We are also personally
grateful for your daily daf yomi shiur that
has strengthened our family.
May you continue to help the klal.

David and Mindi Zissman

Wishing **Lennie & Jessica** all the best and continued success in all holy endeavors.

Shimon & Helen Ray

Wishing the **Miretsky's** all the best and continued success in holy endeavors.

Shimon & Helen Ray

To the **Mr. and Mrs. Abramchik, Mr. and Mrs. Landes, Mr. and Mrs. Miretzky, and Mr. and Mrs. Weiss**: Thank you for all you do for tzarchoi tzibur publicly and behind the scenes. Your leadership has served as an anchor and model for our schools and community.

Rabbi Noach & Alexis Goldstein

Mazel Tov to **Mrs. Lynn Kraft, Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg, and Mrs. Rachel Teitcher** on your excellent, passionate teaching. Thank you for nurturing and inspiring the children of our community.

Rabbi Noach & Alexis Goldstein

Mazel Tov to the talented educators who are the recipients of this year's awards. May Hashem Yisborach continue to give you the wherewithal to continue your avodas hakodesh.

Dr. Shmuel and Mrs. Sara Roth

In honor of **Rabbi & Mrs. Raizman and Mr. & Mrs. Lenny Weiss** - True friends and true leaders!

Sincerely,

Eric Fisher

Mazel Tov to all of the honorees on this well-deserved recognition.

A special Mazel Tov to **Steve Miretzky** - thank you for your leadership and dedication to our community.

With admiration and appreciation,

Sarah and Avi Matanky

"Our community would not be the same without your dedication. Wishing everyone well, and peace in Eretz Yisrael."

He will be coming, not his wife

Then the following half page ad -

“עשה לך רב וקנה לך חבר”

In honor of our lifelong friendship and in appreciation of our dear friends

Steve and Malka Miretzky

on this much deserved recognition for their years of dedication to the ATT and the greater Chicago Jewish community.

Through your kindness, integrity, and loyalty, you both embody a genuine friendship and אהבת הבריות which has greatly enriched our lives.

May you continue to go חיל אל חיל in good health.

Elliot and Leah Allswang
Efraim and Marina Davidson
Marshall Meyers
Ira Perlman
David and Sondra Rube

(aka The Good Ole Boys)

To **Lennie and Jessica Weiss,**

You are guardians not only of the Torah,
but of every community that is fortunate
to have you in their kehillah.

We wish you good health, hatzlacha, and
continued nachas from your family!

Steve and Miriam Jakubowski



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Mazel Tov to **Stephen Landes and Steve Miretzky** upon receiving the Guardians of the Torch Award in recognition of your dedication, leadership, and steadfast commitment to strengthening our community.

As it says in Tehillim: “טוב שם משמן טוב”, your good name, integrity, and devotion to meaningful causes truly embodies the spirit of this honor.

May you continue to go מחיל אל חיל, inspiring others through your example and illuminating the path for future generations.

Reuven & Raanana Stein

Mazel Tov to all of tonight's honorees. You are an exceptional group of talented people that always put the community first. Thank you all.

Evey and Mike Margolies

Mazel Tov to
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
and
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Miretzky
on this well-deserved honor.

Thank you for your leadership,
dedication, and commitment to
strengthening Jewish education and our
community.

Oren & Noemy Skidelsky

In recognition of

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miretzky
and
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik

Thank you for showing the way, and
inspiring us through your
leadership and example.

With gratitude and appreciation

Efrayim and Brittany Prero

Mazel Tov to the wonderful honorees.
Your dedication has uplifted Jewish
education in so many ways.

Thank you to **Rabbi Raizman** for bringing
me into the ATT, to be a part of this
wonderful and vital organization.

Sharon Schwartz

Mazel Tov to all the wonderful honorees

Melanie and Dov Shandalov

Mazel Tov to our dear parents,
Lennie and Jessica Weiss,
on being recognized for their tireless
commitment and dedication to the ATT
and community at large.
We are proud to be your children and we
admire all you do, always in a quiet and
humble way. We love you!

Racheli and Jacob Roth
Chani and Nechemia Gershman
Nina and Moshe Silver
And all of the grandkids

Mazel Tov and yasher koach to all the
past and present leaders of the ATT.

Mitchell Rose

Mazel Tov to **Mordechai and Channa, Joey and Elka, Steve and Malka** and all the honorees tonight for all you have done and continue to do for our community. May you go מחיל לחיל.

Beruria and Eddy Loew

Mazel Tov to the Raizman's for all of your years of service and to all of the honorees and the ATT staff for your dedication to our community.

Robin Loeb

PASSION. PATIENCE. DEDICATION.
That's you.

Rachel, congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Your commitment to and caring for each student makes you an outstanding educator.
What an awesome achievement!

All our love,

אמא & אבא
Ben & Shana, Jonah & Alison

It was an honor to work with Rabbi Raizman, the ATT Board, senior staff, and community members on ATT's strategic plans in 2018 and 2023, and it is a continued honor to work with Rabbi Karesh on "the next chapter". Wishing the ATT and affiliated schools many years of success!

Debra Natenshon

Mazel Tov

Rabbi Raizman and to **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Landes, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miretzky, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weiss.**

It has been an honor and privilege to work under your leadership and guidance. May you continue to see fruits of your labor in both your communal and personal roles.

Rusi Sukenik, REACH

Mazel Tov to our dear daughter, wife & mother **Lynn Kraft** on this special honor. We are so very proud of you and your many accomplishments.

With much love,

Mommy, Daddy,
Aaron, Adira, Tani, Eli, Avi & Akiva

In honor of **Rabbi Mordechai Raizman**, for your exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to our community. Your vision, warmth, and commitment to every child's growth have made a lasting impact on countless families.

Uri & Tsiona Adler

In honor of **Rabbi and Mrs. Raizman's** contributions to our community and to Klal Yisrael, and in appreciation for the wonderful work of the ATT.

Rafael and Shira Wiesenberg

Mazel Tov to Rachel Teitcher on being recognized as Educator of the Year! Your students are so lucky to have you! We couldn't be prouder and may you continue to grow and be a source of nachas to your students, family, and Klal Yisroel!

Love,

Mom and Dad,
Michael, Ayala, Raanan, Yair, and Moriah,
and
Adam, Jenny, Reia, Hallie, Darren, and Zeke

Mazel Tov **Rachel** on your incredible achievement! To many more years of inspiring and enlightening students.

The Douek's

In honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik.
Thank you for all you do for our
community.

Binyamin and Chaya Garden

We join the Associated Talmud Torahs in
honoring all our awardees as we focus on
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Malkie and Norman Goldberg

Mazel Tov to
Steve Miretzky on this special honor!

Brittany and Efrayim Prero

Raizmans!!!
Thank you for including us in your
extended family as you served our
Chicago community so completely.
Now, back to chasing grandchildren.
And, basketball.

With love,
Judy & David Rubovits

In honor of our neighbors the **Raizmans**
whom we miss tremendously!
May you continue to spread
your light in New Jersey.

Shlomo and Estie Stern

Congratulations to all the Honorees, with
special recognition to
Rabbi Mordechai Raizman - thank you
for all you have done for the ATT
Steve Miretzky - for all your hard work
for our day schools and your friendship
over the years
and **Lynn Kraft** - an excellent teacher not
only at ICJA, but in the community and
with NILI

Jenny and David Nadoff

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Raizman

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Landes

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miretzky

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weiss

Thank you for your dedication to the ATT and
Chicago community.

Yochanan and Chani Friedman

Mazel Tov Rabbi and Mrs. Raizman!

Chaim & Zahava Suss

In Honor of revered teachers, community
supporters, and tireless lay leaders.

I am in awe of your leadership and
dedication.

Elliot Cohen

Lynn-

Mazel Tov on the most well deserved honor. You
are a true role model to your students and to
me. Thank you for everything you have taught
me since I joined the team at ICJA.

Looking forward to many more years of working
together as Mechanchot, teachers, Kallah
teachers and of course BEST FRIENDS!

Alise

Mazel Tov to the Honorees

Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Raizman
Leadership of the Torch

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abramchik
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Landes
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miretzky
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weiss
Guardians of the Torch

Mrs. Lynn Kraft – Ida Crown Jewish Academy
Rabbi Yaakov Steinberg – Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi
Mrs. Rachel Teitcher – Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School
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Thank you for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to
Jewish education and our community.
Your efforts inspire our students and strengthen the future of
Torah learning.

Ashy & Avi Levinson

Wishing our best wishes to
**Rabbi Raizman, Steve Miretsky, Stephen
Landes, and Joey Abramchik.**

May they go מְחַיֵּל אֶל חַיֵּי לְבָבוֹ - With gratitude
for your years of service to our
community,

**The Stern Family
and Buckingham Pavilion**

In Honor of
Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Raizman
and
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miretzky

With appreciation for your dedication
and support of our community.
May you continue to go from strength to
strength.

Chaim and Esti Ben-Porat

Malka and Steve,

Your humble leadership is a model for the
entire community!

May you continue to get nachas not only
for you own children and grandchildren
but from all of those children whose lives
you continue to impact!

Mazel Tov!

Wendy and Sruly Rothwachs

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