



Our Mission

The Rudlin Torah Academy (RTA) provides the highest quality Jewish and General Education to children in grades K-8. Open to Jewish youth of all backgrounds, RTA prepares its students to meet the challenges of modern society by promoting educational excellence, instilling an appreciation and love of Judaism and Torah, and imbuing respect for all humanity. Our graduates are responsible community servants, role models, future leaders, and lifelong learners. RTA is an integral and integrated part of the Richmond Jewish Community. In providing excellent Jewish and General Education, RTA:

- Creates an environment where all of our students and families feel welcome, engaged, and respected;
- Inspires our students ethically, morally, and spiritually;
- Promotes a love of and sense of responsibility for the people and state of Israel;
- Provides instruction and learning opportunities that challenge our students to reach their maximum level of language proficiency in modern Hebrew;

- Implements state of the art technology and environmentally responsible practices;
- Develops enriching extracurricular, after school, and arts programming;
- Emphasizes community service to foster a strong sense of social and civic responsibility; and
- Strengthens relationships with local Jewish organizations through creative and innovative programs and activities.

RTA's mission is best achieved by an active partnership involving students, parents, administrators, teachers, staff, and the community. Open lines of communication, straightforward assessments of challenges and opportunities, and thoughtful, transparent decision-making and planning are vital for the continued success of our program, our students, and the Richmond Jewish community.





Graduating Class of 2017

President's Message **Bob Weisberger**



- Talmud Kiddushin "He who teaches a child is as if he had created it."

"Whoever teaches his son teaches not only his son but also his son's son and so on to the end of generations."

This year's Chesed dinner marks the end of my two-year term as RTA president. The first few days, weeks, and months were often a challenge – as my father always told me, kol hascholo kosho, every beginning is difficult - but now that my designated time is over I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity to serve. My time as RTA president has been the most rewarding job I have

Love, kindness and caring permeate RTA. It starts with our ABCD honoree, Lin Hardy, who greets every child every day with a hug and a smile. Lin has been with RTA for 18 years (perfect!) and we could not imagine RTA without her. Lin's partner in the front office, Robin Odom, always adds her own smile and, like Lin, Robin never says no and will do anything, anytime, to help RTA. We have

remarkable and remarkably dedicated teachers who demonstrate love and caring for each of their students.

- Talmud Sanhedrin

Rabbi Bart, our Principal, is never off duty, spends all day, every day, providing leadership to the staff, addressing problems great and small and making sure RTA continues to thrive. He has become a partner and friend over the past two years. Thank you Rabbi! We have dedicated volunteers who can always be relied upon, a hard-working, devoted board of directors, a wonderful PVA, and caring parents whose character is mirrored in their children.

But of course and most importantly, we have our students. The Talmud says "The world exists only because of the innocent breath of children" and "One does not keep children from school even to build the Temple." Education and learning

are central to who we are and the reason. RTA exists. We have an obligation to provide the opportunity for a Jewish education for each of our children, and we have an obligation to keep our school strong for generations to come.

RTA thoughtfully and lovingly educates each child, which is by itself a great achievement, but, and even more importantly, it is the single most significant thing we can do to maintain Jewish culture and continuity. And that is why the Talmud also says, "A village without a school should be abolished."

Richmond would not disappear if there were no RTA, but our Jewish community would not be what it is today. So thank you to everyone who makes RTA possible.

Officers and Board 2017-2018

President

ever had.

Vice President, Administration

Vice President, Ways and Means

Vice President, Finance

Secretary

Treasurer

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Past President

Mrs. Rebecca Kalman-Winston

Mrs. Meggie Hirsch

Mr. Eric Shoenfeld

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Rabbi Elliot Plotnick

Dr. Bob Weisberger

Mr. Brian Greene

BOARD MEMBERS

(One year remaining)

Mr. Elliott Bender

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BOARD MEMBERS

(To be elected to a two-year term)

Rabbi Michael Aronowitz

Mr. Avi Gunzburg

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Mr. David Hecht

Mrs. Robyn Galpern

BOARD MEMBERS

(To be elected to a one year term)

Dr. Tino Habib

Principal's Message Rabbi Yosef Bart



Last year we celebrated RTA's Golden Anniversary. And throughout we said – "the best is yet to come." And we meant it.

We are concluding Year 51 – and in many ways, it was one of our most successful ever.

Great success stories don't happen by themselves. It takes an amazing staff, a devoted lay leadership and supportive parents to create the outstanding institution that is RTA.

And it takes the support of a community.

Our Chesed Honoree this year is The Jewish Community Federation of Richmond. JCFR is the go-to address for issues that affect the entire Jewish community, and their leadership and staff work tirelessly to support Jewish agencies locally and Jewish needs worldwide.

But even more than that, numerous studies and statistics have proven that Jewish day school education is vital to the growth, and even the survival, of any Jewish community. It is so encouraging that our Federation **gets it**, and doesn't just pay lip service to the

priority of Jewish day school education – they truly stand behind our school, and support us in every way.

To our ABCD honoree, Lin Hardy: Are there enough words to describe what a difference you make to our school, staff, and most of all – our students?! Your smile and warmth greet them every day when they walk into school, and they come to you throughout the day for a million and one different reasons. They all love you – because you love them. And whenever a staff member or parent needs a listening ear, assistance, or maybe just a little sympathy – you are always there for us.

Your grace under pressure, humility & compassion, and genuine spirituality make you so much more than a great staff member. You are a superior human being.

Our heartfelt thanks go to this evening's honorees, and to all of you, for being part of the magic that is RTA.



IT'S BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR

- After School Clubs soccer, art, boys basketball & girls basketball, chess club, Mishmar
- School and classroom visitors, including Dr. Allen Cohen, Rabbi Adam Lessin, Dr Leslie Cohen and more
- Midor I'dor program, including a dozen visits with seniors at JCC & Beth Sholom
- Students performing at the Food Festival, JCC pre-school, Marywood, Beth Sholom Home

- Intergenerational Model Seder
- TLC Teens Learning with Children (STOR/KG)
- Kindergarten Tashlich
- PVA Sukkot Dinner
- Scholastic Bookfair
- Middle School Shabbaton
- Parent Child Learning
- Spelling Bee
- Chanukah Happening
- Chanukah Carnival

- PEP Parallel Education for Parents
- Mishloach Manot
- Iron Blue Lions vs Dads game
- KG Trip to Israel
- Yom Ha'atzmaut Program
- School Fair
- Grandparents Day
- Run-A-Latke
- Field Day/Colorwar
- Yom Yerushalayim Program
- Siddur Party

Chesed Honoree Jewish Community Federation



It's difficult to imagine what the Richmond Jewish community would be like without the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

It would be far more difficult for the community to pool its resources and support local institutions. The Jewish community would not speak with a unified voice. Many organizations, such as the Weinstein JCC, might be smaller and less well-funded. Others, such as Rudlin Torah Academy, might not even exist.

As someone said to the organization's CEO, Samuel Asher, "If we didn't have the Federation, we'd have to invent the Federation!"

"Through Federation, we act on the Jewish values of compassion, Tzedakah and generosity to improve the quality of life for people in our community, in Israel and in over 70 countries every day," Asher said. "Through our commitments to the Federation we make a difference in someone's life."

The Federation began in 1935 as the Richmond Jewish Community Council, organized to coordinate charitable efforts and be the voice of the Jewish community across Richmond.

Over the years, the Federation has grown into a pillar of the Richmond Jewish community. Its central fundraising efforts support education, outreach and engagement. Under the leadership of Sam Asher and

President Nannette Shor, it brings together the community's leaders and helps train the next generation of leaders.

Naming all the Federation's contributions to the community would require more space than is available here. Some of its major program areas and initiatives include:

- * Four major beneficiary agencies

 the Weinstein JCC, Beth Sholom
 Lifecare Community, Jewish Family
 Services and Rudlin Torah Academy.
 The Virginia Holocaust Museum is
 an affiliate agency.
- * The Impact Grants program, now in its third year, is designed to target specific priorities for the community. In 2016-2017, it provided \$111,000 to engage interfaith families in Jewish activities, improve the lives of Jewish seniors, and provide opportunities for young people to strengthen their Jewish identities.
- * A sister city in the Ukraine, Zaporozhye, a five-year commitment spearheaded by the Federation's Zaporozhye Committee, chaired by Clare & Zach Sisisky.
- * Helping to direct community support to Israel, which represented about one-third of the Federation's distributions in 2017-18.
- * Organizing the Annual Campaign, which raised over \$3 million in 2017 from 1,401 donors.

* Publishing the community newspaper, the Reflector, which goes to 3,800 households.

To learn more about the current state of the Richmond Jewish community and gather information for strategic decisions about the future, the Federation is about to launch a Community Research Study in 2017. (Take the survey at www.jewish-survey.com)

As these ongoing programs and projects demonstrate, Jewish life in Richmond would not be the same without the Federation.

"Our Federation has been the single most important factor in supporting the Jewish community of Richmond for more than 80 years," said RTA President Bob Weisberger.

"The money the Federation raises is critical for the support of our most vital agencies, including RTA, but perhaps as important is the cohesion the Federation provides. It reminds all of us that we are in one boat and keeps us pulling at the same oar, to keep progressing together at our essential tasks. We could not be what we are without it."

Rudlin Torah Academy is proud to recognize the Federation, its embodiment of chesed, and its critical role in the prosperity of our community.

ABCD Honoree Lin Hardy



Lin Hardy, the recipient of RTA's 2017 ABCD (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) Award, exemplifies the spirit of the award. The school's administrative assistant, Mrs. Linda Hardy – known to everyone as Lin – joined the RTA staff in 1999, and has been its anchor for almost 20 years.

"Mrs. Hardy truly exemplifies Chesed – loving kindness – and we are very grateful for everything she does for RTA," said RTA President Bob Weisberger. "In addition to helping keep the school running efficiently, managing everything from child illness to correspondence to substitutes to scheduling, every student and parent at RTA knows that Mrs. Hardy is the person they can go to for just about anything they need."

Probably about a thousand times a day, someone calls "Lin!" or "Mrs. Hardy?" because she knows the answer to every question and the solution to most problems. She is the anchor of RTA's office staff, whether working alongside other administrative assistants or staffing the office single-handedly.

Prior to joining the RTA staff, Mrs. Hardy earned her degree in liberal arts from Averett College. She then worked in Henrico County public schools as a nurse and substitute teacher for three years, followed by 14 years as a business administrator and office manager.

Mrs. Hardy is the proud mother of two and the doting grandmother of four.

PAST ABCD (ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY) AWARD HONOREES

1999 – Mary Shuman

2000 – Rabbi & Mrs. Hal Klestzick

2001 - Joan & Stuart Cantor

2002 – Nannette & Nathan Shor

2003 - Avery Lynn

2004 - Sandra Shull

2005 – Diane & Rich Goldberg

2006 - Orly & Doug Lewis

2007 - Rene & Michael Gold

2008 - Mary Lee Cantor

2009 – Ellen Renée Adams

2010 – Rabbi & Mrs. Yosef Bart

2011 – Gail Moskowitz

2012 – Heather Dinkin

2013 – S. Todd Weinberg

2014 - Rich & Amy Beth Lehman

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2015 - Rebecca Kalman-Winston

Featured Speaker **Shira Lanyi**



Shira Lanyi, featured speaker at the 2017 Chesed Awards Dinner, is one of Rudlin Torah Academy's most accomplished and distinguished alumni. Ms. Lanyi is a professional ballet dancer, now retired, who earned critical acclaim in multiple starring roles on regional and international stages.

A native of Richmond, Ms. Lanyi began her formal ballet training with the School of Richmond Ballet at the age of eight, and also trained during the summer with Virginia School of the Arts, Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, San Francisco Ballet, and the Boston Ballet.

Yet she said it was her nine years at RTA which she feels most shaped her.

"From the very first day, it really felt like home," she said. "I just felt like I belonged there. They created an interest, a wonder, not just in the ideals of Judaism, but in the practice of creating a community and a family around it."

She graduated from RTA in 2001

and was awarded the national training scholarship from New York City's American Ballet Theatre for 2002-2003. Shira subsequently attended Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, graduating in 2005.

She joined the Richmond Ballet apprentice program in 2005 and became a professional company member in 2007. Among some of her favorite roles have been Juliet, Odette/Odile, and Giselle. Shira has been privileged to have toured to the Joyce Theatre in New York, the Royal Opera House Linbury Theatre in London, Brooklyn College, as well as the Chicago Dancing Festival in Chicago, Illinois. Shira was chosen to take part in the National Choreographers Initiative in July 2013 as well as July 2014.

Shira made aliyah in August of 2014 and danced as a principal soloist with the Israel Ballet for one season. In March of 2015, she returned to the Richmond Ballet to perform with the company on its tour of China. Shira retired from her professional ballet career on the stage of the Shanghai Grand

Theatre in Shanghai, China, in June of 2015.

She then returned to Richmond and enrolled at VCU, where she is studying biology and chemistry in preparation for applying to medical school. Shira is now a senior and has been the recipient of the Weinberg Scholarship, the University Wayne C. Hall Scholarship, and recognized for her achievements in the College of Humanities in Sciences with a Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship. In her free time, Shira enjoys volunteering with Sportable, teaching ballet, and playing an active role with lewish VCU.

"RTA instilled that in me," she said.
"I carry that identity within me
wherever I go."

"We are so proud to have Shira Lanyi as our guest speaker," said Bob Weisberger, president of RTA. "She has accomplished so much on the world's stages – literally – while being an ambassador for RTA and the benefits of a Jewish education."

Past Chesed Award Honorees

1981

*Morris Freedlander

*Mildred & *Leonard Polevov

*Eli Feldman

Guests of Honor

Willa & *Malcolm Kalman

1982

Rabbi Edward & Meira Davis

*Arline Sidenberg Isaac

*George Grandis

*Edward & *Rose Spanier

Guests of Honor

Eve & *Ruben Freedlander

1983

Elaine & *Barry Ackman

*Israel Ipson

*Hannah Kittenplan

*Freeda Savage

Todah Award

Keneseth Beth Israel Synagogue

1984

*Selma G. Brown

*William A. Rothenberg

*Irvin Schapiro

Beverley A. Soble

Guests of Honor

Milton & Eleanor Marder

1985

*Murray Shull

*Gladys Lehman

Guests of Honor

*Harriet & *George Rochkind

1986

Carolyn Belgrad

Mary Cantor

Guests of Honor

Helen & Hal Horwitz

1987

Dorothy M. Wizer

*Aleck Mollen

Guests of Honor

Hedy & *Eddie Lapkin

1988

Dr. Leatrice Kaplan Rabbi Charles Lipshitz

Neil November

1990

Beatrice Fine

*Albert Katz

*Martele & *Albert Wasserman

1992

25th anniversary honorees Included all past presidents

1993

Joan & *Harris Griff

*Murray Janus

Dr. Walter Rabhan

1994

Nancy and Rob Hyman

1995

Judy & Charles "Chick" Becker

1996

Susan & Mark Sisisky

1997

*Sheila & *Marvin Weger Richard Arenstein

1998

Jay Ipson

1999

*Abe & *Juliet Dere Susan & Steven Meyers

2000

Richard November

Amy & *Nathanial Krumbein

2001

Bobbi & Dr. Jeffrey Levin

*Larry Sterling

2002

Sandy & Stewart Kasen

2003

*Jerome Gumenick Marsha Hurwitz

2004

Stuart C. Siegel *Hortense Wolf

2005

Judith & Dr. Ike Koziol Abby Moore

2006

Diana & Hon. Eric Cantor

2007

Rick Gary

Edith & *Eugene Glock

2008

Tommy P. Baer

Deane & Daniel Dubansky

2009

Michael Z. Blumberg

*Vivian & Richard Murad

2010

Susan Adolf

Bob Weisberger

2011

Debra Gardner

Nannette & Nathan Shor

2012

Anne Eisenberg

Dr. Neil Sonenklar & Anne Woods

2013

Inge and Harold Horowitz Simon Sibelman

2014

James L. "Jim" Weinberg

2015

Ellen Renée Adams

2016 – 50th Anniversary All Past Chesed Honorees and Past Presidents

^{*}denotes of blessed memory

Faculty Biographies

ADMINISTRATIVE

Rabbi Yosef Bart

Principal

Yeshiva University - BS, Accounting Azrieli Institute of Jewish Education-MA

Mrs. Cathy Klosenberg

Assistant Principal
3rd-8th grade mathematics
University of Miami - BA, Finance & Accounting
Nova University-MS, Mathematical Education

Mrs. Robin Odom

Business Manager, MBA, CPA VCU

Mr. Eric Miller

Director of Marketing
Touro University - BA, Business Marketing

Mrs. Lin Hardy

Administrative Assistant Averett College

Mrs. "Boo" Robertson

Custodian

TEACHING FACULTY

Rabbi Baruch Sherman

Head Teacher – Mashgiach 3rd, 6th-8th grade Judaics University of Cincinnati-BA, Political Science & Psychology Shor Yoshuv Rabbinic Institute

Mrs. Devorah Aronowitz

2nd grade Judaics, 4th-6th grade Hebrew language Thomas Edison State College-BA 2 teaching degrees

Mrs. Joan Cantor

1st grade Judaics Oberlin College- BA, Music Brovender's Women's Seminary

Mrs. Judy Lessin

4th grade General Studies, 5th-6th grade History Bachelors of Science in Marketing from University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Mr. Dabney Lewis

5th-8th grade English, 7th-8th grade Economics Lynchburg College, BA, History University of Virginia-MS, Education and Supervision

Mrs. Sorah Plotnick

2nd grade General Studies & Guidance Counselor Queens College -BAs in Psychology & Education New York State Teacher's Certification

Mrs. Jane Samora

Art, Kindergarten co-teacher Art Institute of Boston

Mrs. Susan Schaefer

5th-8th grade Math and Science University of Richmond-Dual BAs, Biology & Art VCU-MS Marine Biology

Mrs. Arielle Sherman

7th-8th grade Judaics Yeshiva University-Stern College BA, Biology Azrieli Institute of Jewish Education,-MA

Rabbi Menachem Sherman

5th, 7th-8th grade Judaics Yeshiva Derech Hatalmud Bachelors Talmudic Law & Semicha YVA College of Jewish Studies

Mrs. Perel Sherman

Kindergarten, 3rd grade Judaics Brooklyn College BA Psychology, Art minor Shapell College for Women in Jerusalem Ayelet achar Women's Seminary in New York

Rabbi Yosef Skaist

4th grade Judaics Queens College-BA, Accounting Rabbinical Seminary of America (Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim)

Mrs. Kim Stansell

1st grade General Studies, PE & K-8 Resource Longwood College –BA, Education Longwood College-MS, Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Jennifer Williams

Kindergarten, 3rd grade General Studies University of Richmond-BA, Education Averett University-ME, Curriculum & Instruction

Alumni Spotlights

Jenna Stern '16

Hermitage High School Center for the Humanities '20

Julia Dinkin '15

Appomattox Regional Governor's School '19

Samantha Greene '15

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School '19

Faith Minor '15

Hermitage High School Center for the Humanities '19

Moshe Ackman '13

Center for Engineering Highland Springs Engineering Center '17 University of Maryland '21

Amy Ariel '13

Math & Science Center Godwin High School & Hi-Tech Academy Pre-engineering Program '17 VCU '20

Campbell Wharton '13

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School '17 Juniata College '21

Elinor Dinkin '12

Maggie Walker Governor's School '16 University of Virginia '20

Annie Weinberg '11

Center for Education & Human Development Glen Allen High School , '15 University of Virginia, '19

Asher Ackman '10

Center for Leadership, Government, and Global Economics Freeman High School '14 George Mason University '18

Shoshana Bart '10

Shaarei Torah of Richmond '14 Touro College Honors Program '18 Major: Finance Internships at Cantor Fitzgerald & JP Morgan Chase

Max Nachman '10

Center for Leadership, Government, and Global Economics Freeman High School '14 Radford University '18

Michelle Press '10

Center for Leadership, Government, and Global Economics Freeman High School '14 University of Hartford '18

Taryn Kowal '10

French Immersion Program J.R. Tucker High School Longwood University

Samantha Winkelmann '08

French Immersion Program '12 J.R. Tucker High School University of Pittsburgh '16 3 time Scholar Athlete 3 time Varsity letterman Swim and Dive 3 time Academic All American Sinai Scholar

Callum Weinberg '08

Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology Mills E. Godwin High School, '12 University of Virginia '16 SEAS (School of Engineering and Applied Science) Systems Engineering

Juliana Moskowitz '08

Spanish Immersion Program
JR Tucker High School, Class of 2012
2011-2012 Martin Luther King Light of Hope Award
George Mason University '16
Bio-Medical Engineering/Pre-Med

Joel McCauley '06

Owner, Freedom Fit Gym

Shlomo Skaist '06

Queens College '14 University of Virginia Law '17 Attorney, Hirschler Fleischer

Alumni Spotlights

Mickey Polevoy '05

Israel Defense Forces

Rachel Shor '05

Godwin High School class of '09 Gap year in Israel 09-10 University of Tampa '13, Direct sales rep, St. Louis Cardinals.

Aliza Grossman '04

National Planning Corp., Hollywood, FL

Jennifer Adams '03

University of Georgia '11 Sociology Honors Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, special events Birthright Trip Leader

Marla Shor '03

College of Charleston, '11 Cum Laude, Accounting Major and Dance Minor University of Virginia, '12 MS Accounting CPA, Audit Staff at Deloitte & Touche in Washington DC

Yonatan Cantor '02

Yeshiva of Virginia '06 Yeshiva University Honors Program '11 VP, Financial Operations, Straight Path Communications

Nechama Finer-Lurie '02

Yad Ezra, Berkley, MI

Rabbi Mo Sherman '00

Yeshivas Bais Yisroel '07 Bachelors of Talmudic Letters Loyola University, '10 ME, Administration and Supervision University of Richmond School of Law '16 Attorney, Stone, Cardwell & Dinkin, PLC

David Samora '99

Virginia Commonwealth University '08 Israel Defense Forces

Loren Hoffman '94

CalTech '02 BS Physics Harvard '07 PhD Physics Research at Hebrew University

Sarah Gold Pritzker '95

Boston University, B.A. English and Philosophy, 2003 Boston University, M.A. Editorial Studies, 2004 Founder & CEO Pritzker Editorial (content management company)

Dr. Sarah Kranz-Ciment, PT, DPT '95

Touro College Physical Therapy graduate class of 2007 Pediatric physical therapist and director of Friendship Circle of VA

Ben Gold '92

Israel Defense Forces

Aaron Solomon '88

Yeshiva University, Sy Syms School of Business '97 NYU Business School, MBA, '03 Vice President, Goldman Sachs

Joanna (Singh) Miller '88

VCU, BFA Communication Arts & Design Creative Director at Gott Mit Miller

David Dewees '88

Princeton University University of Virginia Law Patent Attorney

Sharon Ellis '76

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College '84 Digital Specialist, Richmond Times-Dispatch

Rebecca Kalman-Winston '75

Douglas F. Freeman High School '79 Brandeis University '83 Incoming President of RTA Community Tax Law Project

Tuition Tax Credit



The Virginia Educational Improvement Scholarship Tax Credits Program offers a wonderful new opportunity for RTA donors and families. Donors can, at little personal expense, make a major contribution to the ongoing financial well being of RTA, as well as providing qualifying students access to the unique opportunity RTA provides. Through the generosity of the Richmond community, RTA has been at the forefront in taking advantage of the program's benefits.

RTA: Education-Community-Family

























Thank you to the

Jewish Federation of Richmond

for their commitment to quality

Jewish education.

Thank you Lin for your dedication to RTA. You are always our "go to" lady! Thank you for taking care of everyone – every day!

Judy and Chuck Lessin • Ilana and Akiva Lessin

Mazel Tov To

Jewish Community Federation of Richmond Recipient of the 2017 Chesed Award

As RTA Honors Your
Commitment To Quality
Jewish Education In Richmond

And to

Lin Hardy

Recipient of the ABCD Award

In Honor of your Tireless Dedication to the Students, Faculty and Friends of RTA



Susan and Mark Sisisky Joy, Jonathan, Alexandra & Emmy Clare, Zach, Eva & Tsaiah



The RTA family - children, parents, teachers, staff and supporters - thanks

Bill and Gail Moskowitz

for the kindness and generosity they have demonstrated in creating a generous endowment for our school.

May they go from strength to strength!



for the benefit of RTA Richmond Hebrew Day School

RTA Richmond Hebrew Day School is proud to announce the formation of the Moskowitz Family Legacy Fund. Gail and Bill Moskowitz have very generously created a matching fund to be managed by the Richmond Jewish Foundation to benefit RTA. All contributions to the fund, up to \$25,000, will be matched and will serve to maintain and strengthen RTA for years to come.

Please contact **Robert Nomberg** at the Richmond Jewish Foundation to make your matching contributions.



804-545-8656



robert@rjfoundation.org





Personally, I'd like to recognize

Bea and Fack Fine

for setting wonderful examples

of both a loving Jewish home and Tzedakah.

Karin Fine

*Of Blessed Memory

Thank You Mrs. Hardy

Dear Mrs. Hardy,

We love you and we want to thank you for everything that you do for us. When we have a boo boo, or when we are not feeling well we know we can walk into your office and you always have that smile on your face that makes us feel better.

Every morning you are always there, greeting each child as they walk in even on a rainy day.

Everywhere we go we will always remember your warm smile.

We love you, Sincerely, The Gunzburg Children Tziporah, Daniel, Basya, Yehoshua, and Noa

Rudlin Torah Academy

Thanks for making my job so easy.

RTA Seniors

I'll miss you!!



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Tove your gorgeous smiling faces

For Any Moment Worth Remembering

ADRIENNE L. WINKELMANN 804-539-9335

Congratulations to all Chesed Honorees

Jewish Community Federation of Richmond

Chesed Honoree

&

Mrs. Lin Hardy

ABCD Award

Lin -

What would RTA do without you?

You are a mom to all the students; nurse on call; daily greeter of children, parents and visitors; and office administrator extraordinaire. It is simply not possible to list all the "hats" you wear. Most remarkably, you do all these things with a genuine and cheerful disposition time and again. RTA is truly blessed to have you as part of its family.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

Fondly,
The Press Family
Susan, Mark, David, Michelle and Ariela

Mazel Tov to all the Distinguished Honorees this year

Thank you for your commitment and contribution to the community

Terry and Avery Lynn



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Mazel Tov and thank you

to the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond!

Richmond is a community that cannot survive without volunteerism and community-wide effort.

Your organization has been integral to our ability to blossom into the beautiful community we are today.

The financial aid and support you provide are essential to our continued existence. May we all continue to work together towards the future of Jewish Richmond and may we all continue to go from strength to strength!

With the greatest admiration, Let's Give RVA Mazel Tov to the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond, we are so grateful for your continued commitment to furthering Jewish education.

To our dear Mrs. Hardy -Mazel Tov on this welldeserved honor. We love you!

Fine, Griffin and Chumbris Mishpacha

A good Jew is one who tries to live according to Jewish ethics and morals and one who is a good citizen. He is also a person who helps those who are in need and lives in peace with his fellowmen. There is one way for a person to attain such a goal and that is to attend religious schools, to receive Jewish training when he is young and to see tradition put into practice in his home. Some people say that their children go to Sunday School and there learn Jewish Tradition and Lore. In the Sunday School, a child does learn a good deal but it is not enough. When the child attends Hebrew School, he begins to learn the Jewish religion and all about it. He learns to read and to write. The child also learns something about the Torah, the Talmud, Tradition, the customs and other things that make a good Jew and a good citizen. In learning Hebrew, we learn the language of our forefathers, a language that has been spoken for thousands of years, a language in which our Torah is written and our prayers recited. It is only through learning that light will be kept burning, the light that burns eternally.

- Jack Fine (Bar Mitzvah speech, 1936)
Past President of JCFR 1965-1966





The Benjamin & Lillian Rochkind Yeshiva of Virginia and Shaarei Torah of Richmond express their warmest wishes of *mazel tov* to RTA and to all who have done so much for our children.

To the RTA staff members who are the absolute best anywhere and who have dedicated their lives to pass along the shalsheles hatorah to the next generation and to give the very best experience to our precious children, ... HKB"H yeshalaim s'charam...

To Mrs. Lin Hardy - you manage the nerve center of the institution and carry the burdens of all around you with grace and benevolence. For years you were at the heart of the Yeshiva and Shaarei Torah - we are grateful and you are missed.

Benjamin & Lillian Rochkind Yeshiva of Virginia Shaarei Torah of Richmond

"teaching the mind...
...touching the heart"

Dur Honorees

Willa Kalman

11- Aniversary Cheed Award Gala Rudlin Torch Avadreny

Best wishes to the Honorees and to RTA for another wonderful year.



Abby Moore

Congratulations to the students, teachers, staff and board of directors for another great year at RTA.

Thank you to the
Jewish Community Federation of Richmond
for over 80 years of dedicated service
to our community and Israel.

And thank you to Lin Hardy for her selfless devotion to the RTA family.

Bob Weisberger

Mazel Toy

Mazel Tov to our honorees

The Richmond Jewish Federation for the Chesed Award

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to this year's honorees and to RTA's wonderful teachers and staff

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Mrs. Lin Hardy
Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award

Though shalt teach them diligently unto thy children. (Deuteronomy 6:7)

A quality Jewish education for the youth of today is our best hope for a vibrant Jewish future. RJF is committed to working to ensure that the financial resources necessary to sustain Rudlin Torah Academy and all Jewish communal agencies and organizations are always available.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Lin Hardy and all the honorees. Well deserved honors!!

WITH MUCH RESPECT AND LOVE,

The Roth Family Julia and Daniel, Jeffrey, Jacob and Racheli, Sarah, Joseph, and Tehila.

Mazel Tov

Jewish Community Federation of Richmond
Lin Hardy – we would not be as great
as we are without you!!

David S. Winston and Rebecca Kalman-Winston

IN HONOR OF ALL THE YEARS OF THE DAY SCHOOL DELIVERING THE MERCHANDISE.

Cynthia Becker

Congratulations and thank you

to RTA for another successful year of educating the children of the Richmond Jewish Community. And Mazel Tov to the Chesed Award winners.

Sincerely, Emily Sterling and Josh Bilder

We would like to express our gratitude to the wonderful Kindergarten and 2nd Grade teachers –

Morah Devorah Aronowitz Mrs. Sorah Plotnick Mrs. Iulia Roth

MORAH JANE SAMORA MORAH PEREL SHERMAN MRS. JENNY WILLIAMS

who have made our daughters' Elina and Leah Habib's year yet another successful and happy one at RTA.



In loving memory of Victor Ben Raphael Azria

Dr. Amos (Tino) and Yuliya Habib

The Federation and Lin deserve the honor you are bestowing on them. I am happy for them.

Richard M.

To the Federation, a strong unifying voice for the Richmond Jewish community

And to Lin Hardy — you keep the gears moving!

Thank you, Bob Weisberger, for your wise and strong leadership

Tony, Raren and Campbell Wharton

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Mazel Tov – The Salomonsky Family

If you wish to know how much preferable wisdom is to gold, then observe: if you change gold you get silver for it, but your gold is gone; but if you exchange one sort of wisdom for another, you obtain fresh knowledge, and at the same time keep what you possessed before.

- The Talmud

Thank you and congratulations to the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and RTA For all that you do for our community

Best wishes from the Samet Family Jessica, Richard, Phoebe, Jake

Mazel Tov

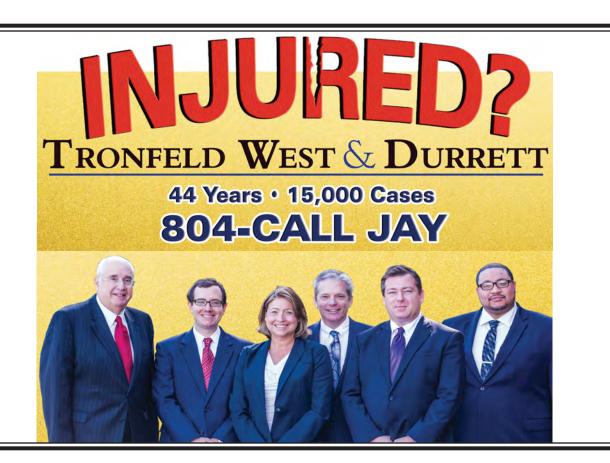
to the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond Thank you for all you do to help support RTA's mission to educate the children of our community.

Mazel Tov

to Mrs. Hardy who has done so much to support RTA on a daily basis.

May you all be blessed for your efforts in helping our children for many years to come.

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Helen Horwitz

Congratulations

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The Jewish
Community
Federation of
Richmond

and

Mrs. Lin Hardy

David and Debra Gardner

Thank you to the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond

for your many years of support to our wonderful day school.

Thank you to Lin Hardy

for all your wonderful years of dedication to our school.

Ben & Sharyl Freedlander

MAZEL TOV

TO RTA, THE JCFR and LIN HARDY—

YOU ALL MAKE OUR

COMMUNITY BETTER!

Nannette and Nathan Shor

MRS. HARDY,

FOR SEVEN YEARS

WE HAVE, WITH MUCH AWE

AND GRATITUDE, SEEN YOU

WEAR MANY HATS AT RTA.

ADMINISTRATOR, NURSE,

LOVING FRIEND, HUGGER,

CHOCOLATE DISPENSER, RTA

POINT PERSON, AND SO

MUCH MORE.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

YOU DESERVE THIS HONOR.

- Wendy, Lily & Reuven Lusk

Mazel Tou

to the Board and staff of the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

May they go from Strength to Strength

Miriam and Dan Davidow

With heartfelt gratitude...

To Mrs. Stansell and Morah Joan ~ thank you for providing an outstanding first grade year for our son/grandson.

So many memories!

A special thank you to Mrs. Hardy for caring for our son/grandson the way you do (that early morning hug!).

Mazel tov to JCFR and Mrs. Hardy!

Karen & Roben Farzad Gail & Jim Plotkin

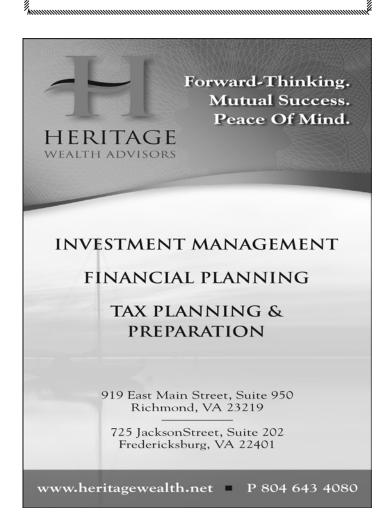
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Richmond and the
outstanding work of

Lin Hardy

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Mazel Tou

to our Esther on her graduation.



We are so stinkin' proud of you.

Daddy, Mommy, and your loving siblings (Mordechai and Tovah)

Mazel Tou

to RTA for completing another outstanding year.

Thank you Lin for greeting Xayla and all the RTA students like family.

May we all continue to have health, happiness & success.

The Galpern Family

THANK YOU

TO THE AMAZING
TEACHERS AND STAFF OF
RTA.

MAZEL TOV ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

CONGRATULATIONS
LIN HARDY ON A WELLDESERVED HONOR!

The Hirsch Family

Congratulations to RTA, the JCFR and Lin Hardy.

May you go from strength to strength.



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Liam and Aiden — we are so proud of all your hard work and achievements this year! Love,

Imma & Abba

Congratulations Mrs. Hardy!
You truly wear a spectrum of hats
at RTA!

To the amazing teachers of 2nd & 4th grades – we appreciate how you make our kids' school experience so positive! And to the entire school staff –thank you for everything you do for our kids!

Yael & Scott Sheldon

MAZEL TOV

TO

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

FEDERATION OF RICHMOND

AND

MRS. LIN HARDY

Judith and Ike Koziol

Thank You

Rabbi and Rivka Bart,
Tony and Karen Wharton,
Eric and Joanna Miller,
Heather Dinkin, Aliza Asher,
Amy Beth Lehman and
Wendy Rosen for doing such a
wonderful job creating this
year's dinner and journal.

Bob Weisberger



CONGRATULATES

JEWISH COMMUNITY
FEDERATION OF RICHMOND

FOR RECEIVING THE

CHESED AWARD

AND FOR ALL THEIR WORK
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
RICHMOND JEWISH COMMUNITY.

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THANK YOU

TO THIS YEAR'S HONOREES,

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

FEDERATION OF RICHMOND

AND LIN HARDY,

FOR EVERYTHING THEY HAVE

DONE FOR RTA.

Russ Jennings

"What we have loved, others will love, and we will show them how." (William Wordsworth)

Thank you to RTA for teaching mesorah (Jewish tradition) to our children with love.

Mazel tov and best wishes to the RTA staff and administration and to all who support RTA.

To Mrs. Lin Hardy, we are very grateful for all that you do.

Joan and Stuart Cantor and Family

Yasher Koach

to the leadership and staff of the JCFR

Your support of Jewish Education is admirable, and working with you is a real pleasure.

Lin – you are just the greatest!!

Rivka & Yosef Bart

Thanks to our outstanding
Ad Team, led by **Wendy Rosen**,
who worked so hard to sell the ads
which our wonderful friends purchased
to support our great school!

Dana Crow

KAREN FARZAD

SARAH RAKOFSKY

AMIT CAHANA

Thank you!



Mazel Tov

to the Honorees from Peck Properties.



MAZEL TOV TO THE HONOREES!

Doreen and Dave Lowitz



Congratulations to RTA on another stellar year, and to honoree JCFR

Edith S. Glock and Inge W. Horowitz

Best of luck!

Deane & Dan Dubansky

BEST WISHES TO RTA AND JCFR

Susan & Ronnie Adolf

Mazel Tov to all the honorees

From Neil Sonenklar, Anne Woods and alumni – Molly, Daniel and Lydia Sonenklar

MAZEL TOV ON YOUR GRADUATION, WILLIAM MINOR CLASS OF 2017

LOVE, MOM, DAD, & FAITH Congratulations to the Federation and the other honorees

Tommy and Betty Baer

Congratulations!

Susan, Lee, Iris, and Nathan Krumbein The Dinkin Family applauds two great pillars of the RTA Community.

The Federation for years of financial guidance and support.

and

Lin Hardy for her love, dedication, generosity and unfailing good humor.

The school is enormously enriched by both.

Lín,

Congratulations for an award so well-deserved. I loved working with you, and remember all our good (and sometimes stressful!) times together.

I miss you.

Rene

Mazel Tov to RTA and all the honorees

The Mayers

Thank you Mrs. Hardy for your dedication to RTA & its students. Thank you to the JCFR for helping Jewish life thrive in RVA.

We love RTA & RVA!

The Rakofsky Family



In honor of all the Honorees

Dr. Jeff & Bobbi Levin

Best Wishes

The Howard Family

Mazel Tov to all the graduates

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You have been a nurse, a friend,
a gentle hand.
The hug provider and our
personal one-man band.
You've dried our tears and
made us smile.
Still doing RTA work all the while.
ABCD for each of the Bender four.
We love you, Lin – forever more!

Congratulations to RTA and the JCFR for everything they do for the Richmond Jewish Community. Thank you to Lin Hardy for being such a devoted and loving presence at RTA.

James Weinberg and Rosann Bocciarelli

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The Falik Family

Best Wishes
Margaret and Fred Weinberg

Lin, you're amazing!
Alvin and Weene

Mazel Tov to everyone!
Yael and Yisroel Fletcher

Gala Tov

Ellie and Milt Marder

Mazel Tov, honorees!

Dovid and Aliza Asher

Mazel Tov
Esther and Meir Binshtok

In honor of the eighth grade
Sheila Selznick

Mazel Tov
From the NY Rosens

Mazel Tov
Franklin and Gini Blostein-Wolf

Congrats on a phenomenal year!

Eric and Elizabeth Shoenfeld

Mazel Tov, honorees!
Brian and Ruth Greene

Thank you RTA for a great year!

Bari and Jack Cohen

With gratitude to our teachers!
Yehoshua and Hallie Weinstein







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for the benefit of RTA Richmond Hebrew Day School

RTA Richmond Hebrew Day School is proud to announce the formation of the Moskowitz Family Legacy Fund. Gail and Bill Moskowitz have very generously created a matching fund to be managed by the Richmond Jewish Foundation to benefit RTA. All contributions to the fund, up to \$25,000, will be matched and will serve to maintain and strengthen RTA for years to come.

Please contact Robert Nomberg at the Richmond Jewish Foundation to make your matching contributions.





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