



SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ
UNITED STATES SENATE
NEW JERSEY

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the 2018 Jewish Educational Center's (JEC) Annual Gala. This year the JEC celebrates 77 years of excellence. JEC, which educates over 800 students every year from pre-K to 12th grade, serves to integrate Jewish values with secular studies. As a hub for Jewish education and a center for spiritual, intellectual, and communal Jewish growth, JEC shares with me a deep commitment to Israel and to Jewish communities throughout the state of New Jersey.

I would also like to celebrate tonight's honorees, Herman and Rosa Engel, the Grandparents of the Year who have been a part of the Elizabeth Community for 44 years. Jonathan and Yael Pittinsky will be receiving the honor of Parents of the Year. Finally, I commend Bryan Fox, the Executive Vice President of the YM-YWHA of Union County, for earning the Community Service Award. His 32 years of service have deeply impacted the local community.

As New Jersey's Senior United States Senator, I am devoted to improving the lives of New Jersey residents and applaud those that do the same. I praise the Jewish Educational Center and its honorees for their commitment to the Jewish community and all those in need. Again, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Robert Menendez
United States Senator