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Honoring

Dr. Irving Cutler

Recipient of the L'dor V'dor Award

Sherwin Pomerantz

Recipient of the Rambam Award

Guest Speaker Panel with
Alex Garel-Frantzen and Dr. Irving Cutler
moderated by Sherwin Pomerantz

DoubleTree Hotel
Skokie, IL

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Heartiest Congratulations to dear friend Sherwin Pomerantz, recipient of the Rambam Award!!!

*Best wishes to the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago on its 100th
Anniversary Celebratory Event on April 30th in Skokie, Illinois*

We consider ourselves fortunate to be born in this century when this 'once-in-a-hundred year' event is taking place and our friend receiving this award!

"We may become powerful by knowledge, but we attain fullness by sympathy. The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all its existence",
Rabindranath Tagore, a polymath, philosopher, social reformer, poet, writer, playwright, composer, painter, and Nobel Laureate



Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore



The Purpose of Education

Sadhguru speaks about the true purpose of education and its role in uplifting people and expanding their horizons. Here are excerpts:

"Educating yourself fundamentally means to broaden your horizons that brings in enormous sense of inclusion and living in harmony. From being in limitedness you want to enlarge yourself. Unfortunately, the form of education that is imparted to people today, despite broadening their information capabilities, makes them very narrow in terms of their perception and inclusion of life around them.

Right now, the whole education process is just about survival. Education should not be about survival. It should be about broadening your horizons. Because people have become so mad about their economic status, we have twisted education into a way of milking money from the world. This has to change. If one keeps his intelligence uncluttered, wherever you put him he will survive. We want to produce not just loving, wonderful adults, but very resilient adults. Even if you put him in hell, he should slowly convert it into heaven."

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Yogi, Mystic and Visionary, Founder of Isha Foundation.

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Reception

Hors D'oeuvres, Desserts and Drinks

Welcome

Judy Jury

Past President, BJE Chicago

Invocation

President's Message

Michael R. Halpern, MD

President, BJE Chicago

Presentation to Our Honorees

L'Dor V'dor Award

Dr. Irving Cutler

Presented by

Joab Silverblade

Rambam Award

Sherwin Pomerantz

Presented by

Debi Pomerantz

**Guest Speaker Panel with
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moderated by Sherwin Pomerantz**

Closing Words

Judy Jury

Past President, BJE Chicago

ABOUT OUR HONOREES



DR. IRVING CUTLER, Renowned Author

Dr. Irving Cutler, after serving as a U.S. naval officer in World War II, went on to receive a Masters Degree in Social Science at the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in Urban Geography at Northwestern University. He served on the faculty of Chicago State University for 24 years, 10 years as Chairman of the Geography Department. He also taught at DePaul University. He has been a consultant to a number of government agencies and is author of numerous articles and nine books including the award winning Chicago: Metropolis of the Mid-Continent; now in its 4th edition, the award winning The Jews of Chicago: From Shtetl to Suburb, and also Jewish Chicago: A Pictorial History. His latest book is Chicago's Jewish West Side. Dr. Cutler has participated in a number of radio and television programs, and has given many bus and boat tours and talks on various aspects of Chicago, including Jewish Chicago. He has also been a curator of two major Jewish exhibits in the city and is a founding member of the Chicago Jewish Historical Society and is on its Board of Directors. He has also served as president of the Geographic Society of Chicago. edition, the award winning The Jews of Chicago: From Shtetl to Suburb; and also Jewish Chicago: A Pictorial History. His latest book is Chicago's Jewish West Side. Dr. Cutler has participated in a number of radio and television programs, and has given many bus and boat tours and talks on various aspects of Chicago, including historical Jewish Chicago. He has also been a curator of two major Jewish exhibits in the city and is a founding member of the Chicago Jewish Historical Society where he serves on its Board of Directors. He has also served as president of the Geographic Society of Chicago.



SHERWIN POMERANTZ, President, Atid EDI Ltd.

Sherwin Pomerantz, a 39-year resident of Israel, is founding director and President of Atid EDI Ltd., a Jerusalem based economic development consulting group operating regional overseas trade offices on behalf of several state and regional governments worldwide, including the Illinois Dept. of Commerce. Formerly Jerusalem Regional Chairperson and National President of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, he is a founding director and now Chairperson of the American State Offices Association, representing the 13 US state trade offices in Israel. He is also President of Jerusalem's Congregation Ohel Nehama, a board member of the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), immediate past Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jerusalem's Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies and former Director of the Israel Life Sciences Industries Association. During his 20 years in Chicago prior to Aliyah, he was President of the BJE; Regional President, National Vice President and Chair of the Council of Regional Presidents of the United Synagogue of America; President of Maine Township Jewish Congregation-Shaare Emet; and Chair of the Allied Jewish School Board. His op-eds are published regularly in the Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem Report, Times of Israel and numerous Anglo-Jewish publications in the U.S. Sherwin is married to Shoni and between them they have three children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.



ALEX GAREL-FRANTZEN, Author

Al Capone. The Untouchables. The Valentine's Day massacre. You may think you know everything about the Roaring Twenties in the Windy City, but in the early twentieth century, the harsh environment of the Maxwell Street ghetto gave way to a proliferation of Jewish gangsters involved in everything from labor racketeering to white slavery. In Gangsters & Organized Crime in Jewish Chicago, Alex Garel-Frantzen explores crime in the Chicago Jewish community and the way in which the criminal activity shaped the Jewish community and sparked conversation, rifts, and tensions among its members, and how the crime shaped the way others perceived the Jewish community in the City. Alex has since traded his pen for an environmental legal practice at a law firm in Chicago, but he holds dear his time studying history and writing Gangsters at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

BJE Chicago is proud to continue the tradition of honoring individuals who exemplify our mission to nurture the continuity and quality of Jewish education.

BJE Chicago Past Honorees

Rambam Award

The Rambam Award recognizes exceptional individuals for leadership, vision and immeasurable contributions to the quality of Jewish education in Metropolitan Chicago.

- 2003 Janice Cohn, Betty Marshall Hamilton, James L. Hamilton, Sara Shapiro
- 2004 Phyllis & Melvin H. Lieberman, Ivan Himmel, Dr. Gerald Teller
- 2005 Stephen L. Schwartz, Francine A. & James L. Schwartz, Dr. Betsy Dolgin Katz
- 2006 Caryn G. Zelinger
- 2007 Dr. Shana Erenberg, Judith Loseff Lavin
- 2008 Beatrice Cummings Mayer, Rabbi Michael Siegel
- 2009 Marilyn "Toddy" Richman, Charlotte Glass
- 2011 Rolly S. Cohen, Judy Mars Kupchan, Jane Shapiro
- 2012 Sherrie & Al Weiss, Sharon Morton
- 2013 Donald E. Rattner, Rabbi Michael Balinsky
- 2014 Larry Stein, Richard Becker
- 2015 Fran & Bernie Alpert
- 2017 Nancy Manewith
- 2019 Anne Lidsky, Rabbi Marianne Novak
- 2022 Maxine Handleman, Janet Sear

L'dor V'dor Award

The L'dor V'dor Award recognizes Jewish community members who help ensure the continuity of the Jewish people by instilling and reinforcing their Jewish values within their family and community.

- 2011 Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Emanuel
- 2015 Roger Wolf
- 2019 Dr. Michael & Toby Halpern
- 2022 Ramona Choos

BJE Young Pioneers

- 2006 Eric William Feinberg, Jessica Laurel Martin
- 2007 Eileen Friend
- 2009 Rebecca Turner, Melissa Zelinger

Other Honorees

- 2016 Current and past Board members
- 2018 Randi Fischer Feder & Rob Feder, Iris & David Jacobson, JUF Education Committee



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Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago
3320 Dundee Road
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Dear BJE Board, Staff and Distinguished Honorees,

Congratulations on this landmark anniversary celebrating 100 years of BJE's leadership in Jewish education. Your advancement of life-long learning, and advocacy of those participating at all levels, is a commitment to the Jewish people of profound significance.

Warmest congratulations to this year's esteemed honorees. Special acknowledgement for Dr. Irving Cutler on the august occasion of his 100th birthday. His life-long dedication to the stewardship of our collective memories, keeping Jewish history alive for so many, is the embodiment of l'dor, v'dor. Sheldon Pomerantz's work with BJE and the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies are just two examples that distinguish him as a leader in Jewish education both locally and internationally.

May the important work you do sustain you as you move into your next 100 years of service.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Gabel".

Robyn Gabel

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April 30, 2023

Dr. Michael Halpern, President
Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago
3320 Dundee Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Dr. Halpern:

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations to the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago on celebrating 100 years. I am grateful for your steadfast work and commitment to enhancing the Jewish community and Jewish education throughout Chicagoland. I also want to congratulate Irving Cutler on receiving the well deserved L'Dor V'Dor award, as well as Sherwin Pomerantz, on the Rambam Award.

For 100 years, BJE has been a leader in ensuring the implementation and continuation of high caliber Jewish education throughout Chicagoland. BJE has worked tirelessly to increase enrollment in Jewish education at all levels, while Inspiring, instructing and involving learners of all ages. BJE inspires the Jewish community to participate in Jewish life, pursue Jewish education as a positive life-long activity and develop the capability to contribute to the Jewish community and the Jewish people. They do all of this while remaining responsive to the changing needs of the community.

As a member of the Jewish community and the Jewish Legislative Caucus, I am especially proud of the work that BJE does and look forward to our continued partnership in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz".

Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz
State Representative, 17th District

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April 20, 2023

Danielle Hornick
Event Chair
Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago
3320 Dundee Road
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Dear Danielle,

I wish I could be with you tonight as you honor Irving Cutler and Sherwin Pomerantz on their respective awards from the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago. Please extend my congratulations and thanks to both Irving and Sherwin on all they have done to support Jewish education and the Jewish community. Their efforts are appreciated and do not go unnoticed by our wider community.

I am proud to represent a district with exceptional people like Irving and Sherwin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Morrison".

Julie Morrison
State Senator, 29th District

Mazal tov to my wonderful husband,

Sherwin Pomerantz

**On receiving the BJE's Rambam Award
which is both well-deserved and
brings honor to our entire family.**

**I am so proud of you and look forward
to many more years together in good
health celebrating smachot together.**

With all my love and admiration,

Shoni

Mazel Tov!

We are so proud of you!

**You have always been our very
own “Rambam Award” recipient.**

**The time you have invested in building
relationships with your children and
grandchildren, all while also giving
so much of yourself to community
service, inspires us daily.**

**We are so lucky we get to
call you “Dad” and “Zadie”**

We love you!

Debi and Mike

Bailey, Coby, Anya and Zane

Happy 100th Birthday to Dr. Irving Cutler!

A true Jewish Chicago Treasure!
Thank you for being a great teacher,
a wonderful father and grandfather,
and an inspiration and example to us all.
And thank you for opening our eyes
to the world of our ancestors
through your amazing and
enlightening tours and books.

L'dor v'dor

We love you very much.

Your children and grandchildren,
Susie, Joab, Sam, Rahm,
Danny, Carl, and Vicky

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AND IN HONOR OF SHERWIN POMERANTZ,**

Two men whose relationship spans six decades as well as the globe.

**No time or distance could ever separate their true friendship
or admiration for each other. Sherwin put one of the last
smiles on my dad's face and for that we are eternally grateful.**

**When my father was honored with the BJE's prestigious
Rambam award many years ago, Sherwin was there.**

Tonight, my father returns the honor.

With Love,
**The Rattner Family,
Irene, Jeff, Beth, Mitch, Kim, Alana, Sam and Max**



**Looking forward to
the next 100 years!**

The Himmel Foundation



Our dear friend

Sherwin Pomerantz

Chairperson of Congregation Ohel Nechama,

Brachot to you as you receive the Rambam Award.

Your work in Chicago left a legacy of Jewish communal building
that continues in Jerusalem.

Because of you, our community has grown and flourished.

We thank you from the depths of our hearts,
and wish you and Shoni many more years of continued success
in our dear community and for the Jewish world.

With love and gratitude,
Ohel Nechama Community
here in

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Mazel tov to

Rambam honoree
Sherwin Pomerantz

and

BJE Chicago on our 100th
anniversary

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In Honor of

Dr. Irving Cutler, L'dor V'dor Honoree

Sherwin Pomerantz, Rambam Honoree

...and

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Kol Hakavod

to

Dr. Irving Cutler

*Recipient of the L'dor V'dor Award
and on his 100th Birthday*

Sherwin Pomerantz

Recipient of the Rambam Award

and

Honoring our Board Life Members

Rachel Greenbaum

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Sherwin Pomerantz

With Gratitude to the current Board of Directors

Michael and Toby Halpern



Chicago's BJE Turns 100

By Sherwin Pomerantz

The Midwest in the early 1900s was a spiritual wasteland with a nominal Jewish presence at best. If the fledgling community was to stand a chance of survival, it was clear that there was a great deal of organizing required to make it viable.

A little known related story concerns the arrival in 1922 of the Zidichover Rebbe, Rav Yehoshua Heschel Eichenstein, z"l, who, with his wife, arrived in Chicago determined to lay the foundation for a viable Jewish future there. They would spend the rest of their lives establishing a viable framework in which Jewish life could grow and be nurtured. Their efforts presaged the establishment in 1929 of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago, which became, and continues to function, as the central educational agency for the Orthodox religious school system.

At the same time, but from a different Jewish perspective, Dr. Alexander Dushkin, with a newly minted PhD from Columbia University's Teacher's College, arrived in Chicago and, in 1923, established the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE), which he headed for 12 years until he moved to (then) Palestine to organize the Department of Education of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. While in Chicago, he also founded the College of Jewish Studies, the precursor of Spertus College (now the Spertus Institute of Jewish Learning and Leadership).

The BJE took responsibility for developing curricula and overseeing the religious instruction in the city, primarily in non-Orthodox educational institutions. Over the years, the BJE has fulfilled its purpose by creating summer camps, early childhood education centers, teacher-training programs, and many Jewish learning opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Today, as it approaches its 100th anniversary, the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago continues to offer many opportunities for Jewish education through its early childhood education centers and its ground breaking *JTeach.org* program. The BJE's success and longevity is testimony to its importance in the life of the Jewish community.

Of course, Jewish education has changed over these last 100 years along with the perceived needs of the Jewish community, the increased mobility of our people and the arrival of the digital age. As a result, the BJE has had to change as well and its *JTeach.org* program is emblematic of its ability to pivot in line with current needs and digital opportunities.

JTeach.org capitalizes on technologies available today that were unknown just a few years ago. The program encourages and enhances vibrant contemporary Jewish living through original and innovative pedagogic connections to thousands of years of Jewish wisdom. It does this by providing content-rich activities used both by experienced and new educators alike.

In an effort to reach as broad an audience as possible, *JTeach.org* encourages learners from a wide variety of backgrounds to make connections to their own lives by placing the focus of activities on Jewish wisdom. To that end, the staff at *JTeach.org* includes educators from a variety of religious backgrounds who collaborate to present materials in ways accessible to everyone.

For example, *JTeach.org* addresses the multi-access learner by providing activities that educators can implement in both traditional classrooms and nontraditional environments. Concomitantly, it provides professional development opportunities to educators everywhere in America, so that location is not a limiting factor. These opportunities connect educators with pedagogic experts who give the practitioners tools to provide wider educational experiences for their students.

The result? Educators download 1,500-2,000 activities each week with over 3,000 downloads weekly during holiday periods. Most importantly, the programs are pan-generational and pan-professional, providing teachers, parents, grandparents, and family educators the tools to teach their students, children and grandchildren.

To achieve this, the BJE has reached out to professionals in different disciplines as well as people outside the Chicago metro area. Chicago native Dr. Alissa Zuchman, the BJE's Director, has tapped experts nationwide to meet the demanding needs of the program. Curriculum Specialist Dr. Alicia Gejman is based in Cambridge, MA; Curriculum Director and Pardes Institute alumnus Rabbi Eric Zaff, lives in Skokie and received ordination from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in New York; Program Coordinator Renee Kaplan splits her time between Deerfield, IL and Michigan; and Creative Director Bruce Duhan, lives in Chicago. Their dedication is critical to making the program as successful as it is.

As a former President of the BJE, having served for the three years prior to my Aliyah in 1984, I take pride in the achievements of the organization, its long term commitment and dedication to the educational growth of Chicagoland's Jewish community, and the amazing dedication of its professional staff. Chicago can be rightly proud of the BJE's achievements. May it go from strength to strength.

Sherwin Pomerantz has lived in Jerusalem for 38 years, is a former President of the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago, former Chairperson of the Board of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, is President of Jerusalem's Congregation Ohel Nechama, and CEO of Atid EDI Ltd., a Jerusalem-based international business development consultancy.

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dear cousin, Sherwin, with gratitude for
all he has done for Jewish education.**

**With love,
Helen Pomerantz Pudlin and David Pudlin**

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Heartiest Congratulations

to our dear friend

Sherwin Pomerantz

on being honored as recipient of the Rambam Award

We are proud of you and happy to see other communities
recognizing your great and blessed activities.

We wish you and Shoni many more years
of good health and strength to continue your work with us for
Ohel Nechama and all Klal Yisroel

“From here in Jerusalem”

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In honor of
Sherwin Pomerantz
Rambam Award Recipient
for his exemplary leadership as
President of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago
1980-1983 and his continued involvement

Sherwin, along with your wife Shoni, who is always by your side,
you work towards the betterment of the Jewish People

Mazel Tov

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Dearest Sherwin,

Congratulations on this most well-deserved honor.

Your contribution to Jewish education and Jewish family values has not only guided our family over the years, but has guided the greater Chicago community as well. We are so proud and inspired.

Thank you for the personal example you have set for us over the years.

Love,

Baruch and Sara
Ephraim and Hadassa, Leah and Yissachar, Rivka,
Asher, Aharon, Yehuda and Yocheved

The Chicago Jewish Historical Society congratulates

Dr. Irving Cutler

**Esteemed founding member, board member, historian,
author, tour guide, teacher and Chicago Jewish treasure**



**Congratulations to the
Board of Jewish Education
in its 100th year!**

From the Choos Family

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In memory of Warren M. Choos

**Mazal tov to my friend
Sherwin Pomerantz on this
well deserved honor!**

**The Jewish community is enriched
by your wisdom and leadership.**

Deborah Shapira

Mazal Tov to
Sherwin Pomerantz
on this well deserved
honor. Thank you for
your commitment to our
community.
Laurie and Bernard Hasten

We congratulate and thank
Sherwin Pomerantz
for his leadership of Israeli and
American Jewish organizations;
but especially for his
stewardship of our congregation
Ohel Nechama.
Sherwin and Rina Isenberg
Los Angeles and Yerushlayim

Wishing congratulations
to BJE Chicago upon
its Centennial & to
Rambam honoree,
Sherwin Pomerantz!
-Jeremy Poock

Dear Sherwin,

There aren't many people I know
about whom I can say the word
"mensch" that expresses everything
he is. A decent and honest man,
a truth-teller, an exemplary
businessman, and a friend.

As a former Israel representative
of the State of Utah International
Business Development Office,
I can say that he has been a great
inspiration.

Wishing you good health up to 120.

Ilana and Dov Raviv

Sherwin,

While some of us benefited from your leadership in Chicago and some only in Jerusalem, we all share a tremendous admiration for your inspiring efforts in support of Jewish education, the Chicago Jewish community, Pardes and Israel more broadly. Thank you for your friendship and for all that you do to make the world better.

Jonathan Polin
and Rachel Goldberg
Richard and Meira Demb
Eli Kazhdan and Tamar Pearlstein

CONGRATULATIONS

Sherwin
Pomerantz

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Sherwin,

An incredible honor for an outstanding honoree. May you go from “Chayil to Chayil” and always stay as selfless and humble as you are.

Love and Hugs!
Zenia and Jeffrey Cohen

Thank you Sherwin, for
all you have done and
continue to do for the
Jewish people!

Autumn and Bob Schuckit

Mazel Tov on this
special occasion

May you continue your
efforts for 120 years!

Louise & Harvey Wolinetz

Thank You to the BJE for
100 years of service to the
Jewish community.

Eileen and Roger Wolf



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of Jewish education across your
decades of service. Your selfless
devotion to the Jewish community is
an inspiration and guiding light to
us all. May your family, friends, and
the entire community follow in your
footsteps to help perpetuate the
great work of Jewish educators and
talmidim.**

**Mazal tov from your loving family,
Jenny, Aari, Minnie, Lulu,
Lottie, and Archie**

**In honor of
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and the outstanding
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דובכה לכ Sherwin

Diana and Paul Schwartz
Jerusalem

Sherwin,
A well deserved honor
to someone who has
educated many of us.
Alan Parter

We salute our dear friend
Sherwin Pomerantz
Wisely chosen as the BJE's honoree

The Rambam would be pleased
with Sherwin receiving this coveted award

Rabbi Jay & Ruby Karzen
Jerusalem, Israel

Mazel Tov Sherwin
from your neighbour
Helen Simpson

Mazel Tov Sherwin!

with love,
The Cytrons and Cytron-Walkers

We are proud to honor
Dr. Irving Cutler and
Sherwin Pomerantz as we
celebrate 100 years of excellence
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It is an honor to join in this
well-deserved salute to our dear friend

Sherwin Pomerantz

There is truly no one like him

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Rabbi Zalman and Ellen Stein

Best Wishes to Sherwin and Shoni!

-Meir and Bonnie Chasan

Mazal Tov! Sherwin, my extraordinary
friend and Fraternity Brother!

Your accomplishments in the Jewish
worlds of Chicago and Israel are legendary.

PhilipH. Cohen
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Mazel Tov BJE
on 100 years strong!

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Todah Rabah and Mazal Tov to the
BJE on 100 years of dedication and
service to our community.
Wishing you continued
success in the future.

Nancy and Lenny Manewith

In honor of Sherwin

-Moshe and Libby

Yasher Koach

Sherwin

Mel F. Seidenberg

In honor of our Sister-in-law,
Danielle Hornick

Mazel Tov!

Love-
Marsha and Steve
Mickey and Joe

**Sherwin--
Warm congratulations**

**--from
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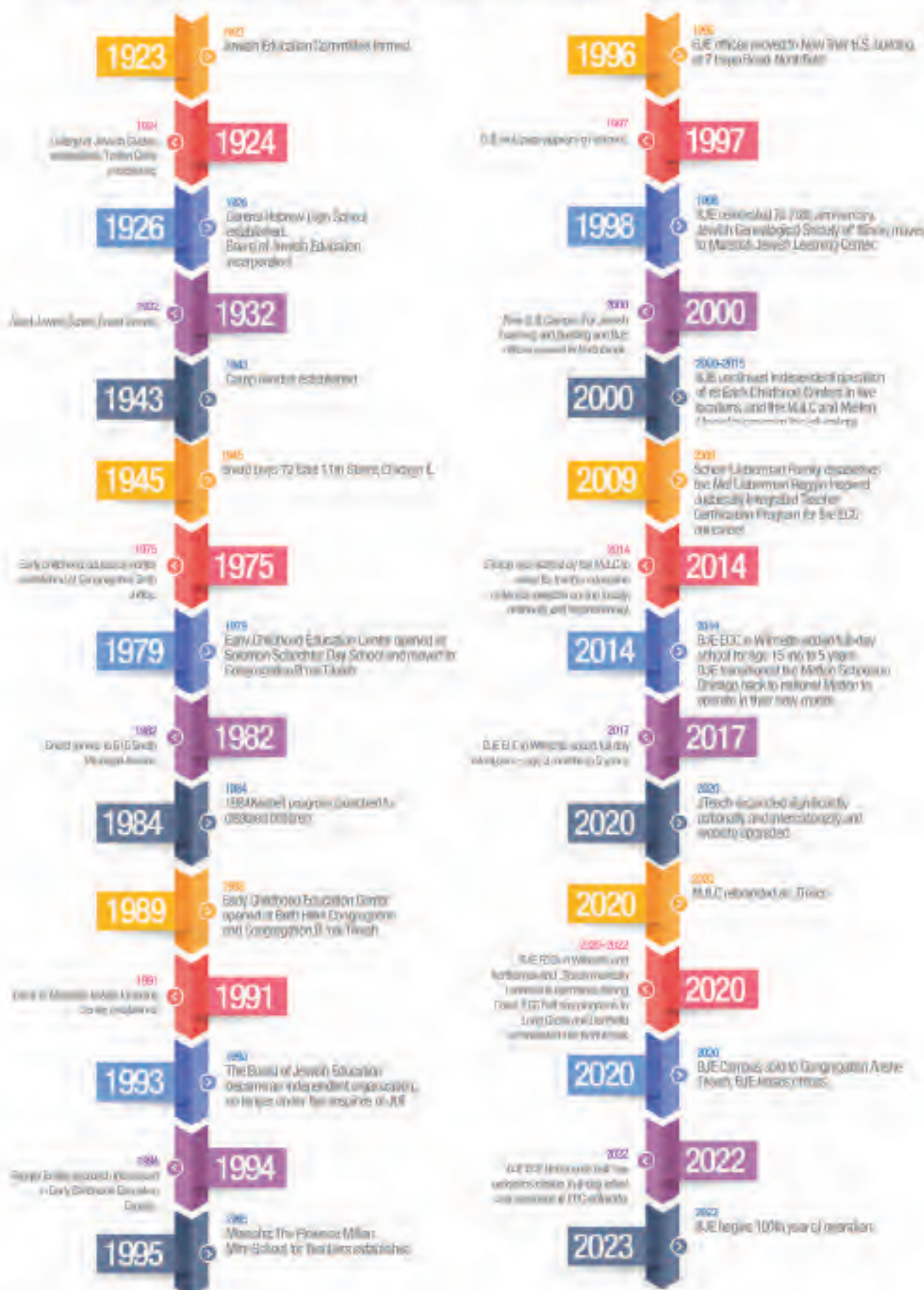
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