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BLU GREENBERG

Blu Greenberg, founder and first president of JOFA, continues to serve on JOFA's Executive Committee and has been actively involved in Jewish feminism for the past four decades through her writings, lectures and communal activities. She has chaired the NY Federation Jewish Women's Task Force, the AJC Petschek National Jewish Family Center and the Jewish Book Council of America, and has served on several boards including U.S. Israel Women to Women and Hadassah Magazine. Her books include *On Women and Judaism*, *How to Run A Traditional Jewish Household*, and *Black Bread, Poems After the Holocaust*.

I was blessed to grow up in a home that taught me that Judaism is much more than a collection of laws and customs to be practiced. My father and mother, z"l, made clear that Torah and tradition are a way of serving God by living a life of honesty, uprightness and *chesed*. Everyone who knew my parents understood that their commitment to Torah and deep faith enabled them to be this way. When I grew older, I understood this Judaism as a covenant, a partnership between God and humanity, and between the generations, as my parents sought to pass on to their family the values and commitments they had inherited.

I've also had the good fortune to be married to a man for whom covenant is a core of Judaism. *Tzelem elokim* – that every human image of God be treated as equal, unique, and of infinite value – infuses and informs all of his teachings and relationships.

So to me, JOFA has never been just about “expanding [women’s] spiritual, ritual, intellectual and political opportunities ...within halakha”, never just about freeing *agunot* or ordaining women. The purpose of JOFA was nothing less than to join society in moving closer to a just and equitable world; JOFA's focus would be on a very small segment of the world – our own universe of Orthodox women. We understood that in this increasingly egalitarian society, Orthodox Judaism must reach for the biblical paradigm of men and women, created as equals, in the image of God.

How does a covenant between God and humanity work? Covenant involves compromise and forward motion, a process begun at Sinai. The Torah mediated between the ideal of gender equality and realities of society. In 1250 BCE, women could be bought and sold as chattels. The Torah's correction was that henceforth, a man could sell his daughter only to someone who would marry her and treat her as a free wife. [Ex. 21:6]. Another correction was to require a written *get* which protected wives against the impulsive oral divorce that surely terrorized all Mesopotamian women. [Deut. 24]

The process continued – with God counting on human partners in history to keep moving closer to the ideal. That is what Torah *sheh b'al peh* is about, and the function of Rabbis in every generation. Centuries after Sinai, the Rabbis added a *ketubah* with its financial protections. Centuries later, they forbade forcible divorce. In every generation, as women's status improved and conditions in society changed, the Rabbis sought to bring tradition closer to the Torah's ideals.

Each generation under the covenant takes the Torah as far as it can go until someday the messianic world of full equality will be attained. In this sense, we Jewish feminists are part of the *mesorah*, not outside of it, as some would have others believe. We are links in the unbroken and unbreakable chain on the way to redemption. We are transmitters of the *mesorah* to future generations, carrying forward covenant goals and ideals. It is those who hold back progress, hold women in personal limbo or diminish their humanity, who turn the precious chain of tradition into chains of injustice. But the task will not be put down until the covenant dream is realized, until our community is liberated from oppression of *agunot*, from denial of opportunity and leadership, religious experience and expression of its women.

One last word about covenant: We tend to think of 'covenant' in terms of Torah, the generations, Shabbat, marriage... But there is another dimension to covenant that I did not understand until I stepped down as president: that JOFA itself is a profoundly covenantal institution. Yes, gratefully, we've witnessed progress in women's learning, in leadership, *tefillah*, and life cycle ceremonies. Still, given Orthodoxy's naturally slow pace of change, given the resistance of some rabbinic authorities who equate Orthodoxy with no change, the goals carried by JOFA could never be reached in discrete presidential terms. But in true covenantal fashion, the organizational structure enables others to step forward and carry on this sacred work.

I am deeply grateful to my co-honorees, to Carol who moved the organization to greater heights, greatly professionalizing it during her tenure, and to Judy, who took the reins after Carol. I know that both have taken JOFA along with them on vacations and deep into the nights. I am grateful to Zelda, generous Zelda, who has mentored for so many the model of principled giving, which she credits to her mentor, Barbara Dobkin. I feel grateful to the JOFA board – who give time, energy and soul to bring justice and betterment to the lives of others. And I want to remember those who were there from the beginning but are no longer – Esther Farber, Honey Rackman, and Natalie Friedman, z"l. I greatly appreciate the work of Robin and our dedicated staff who are a joy to work with, and I wish Robin well on her next challenge. I feel gratitude to the members of JOFA who walk this history together as a real force, and gratitude to friends present and not present, whose generosity enables our work to go forward. My special thanks to Giti and Jacky, Belda and Marcel, and Barbara and the dinner committee, for producing this wonderful event. And I thank my family, for always, always being the source of unadulterated happiness. I thank God for all these blessings, and for creating me a Jewish woman at this moment in history.

Plenty of work for JOFA remains. Tonight, we declare that we will neither tire nor cease. As Isaiah promised (40:31): "Those who trust in Hashem shall renew their strength; they shall run and not grow weary: they shall march and not grow faint."

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CAROL KAUFMAN NEWMAN

Carol Kaufman Newman has been on the Board of JOFA since its inception in 1997 and served as President from 2003 to 2010. Long a standard-bearer in championing women's rights and education initiatives in Orthodox Judaism, she was the founding president of the Drisha Institute of New York. She was also a founder of the Women's Tefillah Group of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, and was on the board and served as treasurer of the Women's Tefillah Network. Carol Kaufman Newman holds an MA in Museum Education from Bank Street College of Education. For a number of years she ran the education/docent program at The Yeshiva University Museum of New York.

חלום חלמתי ואיני יודע מה הוא
I've dreamt a dream, and I don't know what it means. (*Talmud Brakhot 55b*)

This wasn't my dream; it was Blu Greenberg's I'm talking about. I like to say that I was there at the birth of JOFA—actually I was there at the conception. Blu had a dream, a conference of Orthodox women to talk about expanding their spiritual, ritual and intellectual roles within the framework of halakha. Her wonderful friend, Esther Farber a"h, brought my sister into the mix and my sister corralled me. The conference exceeded expectations. We ran out of chairs. People sat on the floor, hung from the rafters. The highlight: One woman saying to another—I thought I was the only one who felt this way.

חלום חלמתי ואיני יודע מה הוא

The dream: Part Two. Blu brought a group of us together and said we should form an organization devoted to the goals of the conference. And, she said, let's hope that in a few years we will have accomplished all our goals and be out of business.

And one evening, surrounded by a group of like-minded incredible women, our young lawyer, Laura Shaw Frank, read us the articles of incorporation and we voted unanimously to accept them. JOFA was born.

Those early years are a fond memory. Those of us on the executive committee met once a week in Riverdale around the table in Blu's kitchen or dining room. There, I might add, our fabrenta feminist leader served us hot cereal as we debated our future. And what debates! We thought we could bring a systemic solution to the agunah travesty. We

were told by some rabbis that the solutions are there, and we just needed rabbis who would study and use them. We thought, naively, that if we got a group of rabbis together and talked around my dining room table and charged them with the task they would make it happen. We were wrong. Not only were we powerless to make change, but we were unable to get the rabbis to come together to discuss change. We thought that we could promote women in leadership roles. That, too, has been difficult. Some rabbis called us pagans. Others used the argument of tzeniut, modesty. They say it is immodest for women to take on leadership roles. Some of these same rabbis will not allow a yoetzet halakha in their synagogues. It is better to bring the intimate questions of niddah to a male authority. The spokesperson for Agudas Yisrael says women rabbis demean women. I quote: "Whether ordaining Orthodox women violates a specific halakha is unimportant. It's still wrong." Is there a halakha issue with women and leadership? Agudas Yisrael argues that the Shulhan Arukh doesn't say that you can't put a cat in an aron kodesh, but we know it isn't right. If you recall a number of years ago another rabbi was furious that a woman would read a ketubah at a wedding. Well, he said, it's not that it's a halakha prohibition—even a monkey can read a ketubah.

חלום חלמתי ואיני יודע מה הוא... We had a dream and we didn't know what it would bring.... Sadly we are not yet out of business. But we have accomplished a lot. A *simhat bat* ceremony to welcome the birth of a girl is a given now in most communities. And the celebration of a bat mitzvah is catching on even in hareidi homes. JOFA publishes *Shema beKolah*, divrei Torah written and edited by women. The JOFA Journal, each issue covering a specific topic, is read by over 5,000 people and is being used by study groups and as part of school curricula. We have begun a series of halakha source guides on topics relating to women, *Ta Shma*. The first three are "May Women Touch a Torah Scroll," "Women's Obligation in Kiddush of Shabbat," and "A Daughter's Recitation of Mourner's Kaddish" – with others to follow. We published our first book: *Women and Men in Communal Prayer: Halakha Perspectives*.

עת ספורד ועת רקוד – A time to mourn and a time to dance.... (*Kohelet* 3:4)

Today is a celebration, a time to dance. Though many of our dreams have been trampled on and some have been deferred, many have also been realized. Seneca, a Roman philosopher, once said: It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult.

I hope that we at JOFA will continue to dare – and to dream.

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ZELDA R. STERN

Zelda R. Stern is a donor-activist involved in organizations and projects that enhance the status of Jewish women. She speaks nationally and writes about using strategic philanthropy to effect change. A risk taker, role model and mentor, she helps women think outside of the box and use the power their giving affords them. Along with her five siblings, she served on the Board of Directors of the Harry Stern Family Foundation. A member of the founding board of JOFA, she is a trained psychotherapist who received an MSW from Columbia University and a PostMasters Certificate in Advanced Clinical Social Work from Hunter College.

A JOFA JOURNEY

Along with my five siblings I grew up in a Conservative Jewish home but found myself increasingly drawn to Orthodoxy and in my late 20s finally declared myself Orthodox. I was happy with my newfound Orthodoxy. Happy, that is, until some years later when I felt stirrings of discontent which grew louder and which I was increasingly unable to quiet. Along this journey I studied texts on my own, attended many classes and went to shul regularly. And I loved all these opportunities to learn and to pray.

However, in my late 40s I began feeling very uncomfortable as I wondered, for example, why one of the daily prayers men recite thanks G-d for not making them a woman. When the Sefer Torah was held aloft, and we say the words, "This is the Torah which Moses placed before the children of Israel," I became distressed that, in some shuls, I could not see the Torah because the women's section was too far back, or the balcony was too high up, or the *mechitzah* too opaque and tall.

I didn't understand why scholars-in-residence were always men. On tombstones, why was the name of the mother of the deceased not included? Why were the names of the mothers of the bride and groom not written in the ketubah? I even began to wonder why bentschers included images only of men, except for a few which had images of women lighting candles. But most painful of all was my growing awareness of the terrible plight of *agunot*. I began questioning so much of what I had believed in for 20 years. But I still loved Orthodoxy with all its richness and depth of observance.

To whom could I turn for answers? Was it possible for things to be different? And if so, how? And I felt lonely, for who else could possibly have these same questions and yearnings.

In February of 1997 I attended the First Conference on Feminism and Orthodoxy, a two day event that changed my life forever. My confusion, searching and questions were addressed in the numerous seminars and workshops and in the conversations so many

of us had throughout the two days. Still ringing in my ears are the words of the closing plenary's speaker, "Tear down those balconies! Judaism is not a spectator sport." Here I was among a like-minded group of women and men who believed halacha allowed for women to participate more fully in all spheres of religious life.

JOFA was created from this conference in 1997, and I had the great fortune and joy to be asked to join the founding board. My yearning to empower Orthodox Jewish women grew and became an integral part of my life. I came to believe in maximizing the potential of Orthodox women in all areas of life – in their families, shuls, schools, and in Jewish communal organizations – to the full extent possible within halacha. And I believed that through this meaningful participation in Jewish life, the whole of the Jewish world would be enriched and elevated.

It was JOFA that shaped my formerly inchoate ideas and dreams into clear goals.

And then my funding began to flow from these values and this passion and this commitment to JOFA's ideals.

At the same time JOFA was taking shape, my siblings and I were assuming a greater role in the stewardship of our family foundation. And as I took courses in grantmaking and met with my mentor, Barbara Dobkin, and with others so important to the development of my thinking, I began to look closely at the way I did my funding. I began formulating a tzedaka plan aligned with my values and passions.

When I was asked to donate \$18 per letter for a new Sefer Torah, I asked the solicitor if women and girls were going to be allowed to read from this Torah. When the answer was no, I responded that I could not give any money to this project, but that I would be happy to consider future donations for a Torah that would be read by women and girls. When solicited by organizations that did not allow women officers, I responded that since I believed women should be allowed to serve in leadership positions I could not support their organizations. I could not give to a girls' Yeshiva which did not have the study of Talmud included in its curriculum. And I came to love JOFA more and more, and fund it more and more. It became the primary recipient of my tzedaka. For JOFA embodied all that I believed in. JOFA promotes women's leadership, works to influence schools to be more gender sensitive with its personnel and its programming, teaches how to celebrate life cycle events in a more inclusive way, educates us in how to increase women's participation in synagogue life, struggles to ameliorate the problem of *agunot*, shows us how to enrich our spiritual lives. And it urges us to give tzedaka in a thoughtful way – a way that expresses clearly our most deeply held values and beliefs.

Change cannot happen by itself. It requires our ideas, our voices, and our money. JOFA imagines a different future, a changed future, one with limitless possibilities. JOFA educates people as to what this future looks like, inspires us to believe in this different future and advocates for this future. JOFA imagines, inspires, educates and advocates. We all have the power to enrich, elevate, empower and actualize the potential of Jewish women. By so doing we create a just, fair and compassionate world.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am so pleased to welcome you here this evening. It is an opportunity not only to celebrate all that has happened in the last fifteen years in the Orthodox world to further women's involvement and contributions, but also to give credit to our three honorees who have done so much to make those changes a reality. Thank you to all of you who are here with us tonight and to those who could not be here but are showing their support in so many ways.

Much of our reality today was not even imaginable when we held the first conference in February 1997. The growth in women's leadership is unprecedented — scholars, clergy members, school faculty and administration, lay leaders in synagogues and communal organizations. The expansion of opportunities for ritual participation in the home, school, synagogue, and during life cycle events has allowed women's voices to be heard in ways not previously thought to be possible.

The availability of educational options for girls and women has continued to develop and flower. This has been the result of many organizations, individuals, and communities — JOFA is just one piece of the puzzle. And certainly much more needs to be done, as no progress is without its setbacks. But progress it is; progress in building a stronger Orthodoxy, one enriched by the contributions of men and women, and one that enriches all of us in return.

Blu, Carol, and Zelda envisioned what this world could look like and then invested their time and resources to make it happen. Their personal commitment, passion, and hard work has helped create not just JOFA, but also a broader culture of possibility. I salute them as heroes and as inspirations, and I look forward to working side by side with them for many years to come.

Tonight is a celebration of all that has already been accomplished and all that will be accomplished in the future with your help. Thank you for coming and enjoy the evening.

JUDY HEICKLEN

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TO ROBIN BODNER

Who envisioned this dinner... pushed and prodded us to make it happen....and to whose untiring efforts we owe its success.
With love and admiration,

HER COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS

LETTER FROM THE EVENT CHAIRS

It has been a real pleasure to plan this historic dinner – JOFA's first. The theme of "Putting Women Back in the Picture," focuses particularly on the visual domain. Despite the varying degrees of influence that women have exerted throughout our history, they have not always had a place in the visual document that records the presence of leadership. In the Modern Orthodox world, this issue takes on added resonance as we grapple with the notions of "inner-ness," privacy and modesty that have been the traditional precincts of female identity. How can a Modern Orthodox Jewish woman claim – or re-claim – her place in the picture of personal and communal Jewish life? This is a question that absorbs us at JOFA as we work to braid Torah values with the realities of modern life.

Ironically, JOFA's honorees tonight have never had to actually claim their places in the picture that is emerging about Orthodox Feminism. First of all, they would have had to stop their important work long enough to pose, a self-conscious stance inconsistent with the natural diffidence they share. More importantly, without them, there would simply be no picture at all.

When we look, then, through JOFA's historical album, three snapshots emerge with great strength and frequency. Blu Greenberg, JOFA's founder and first president, gazes out at us with clarity and purpose. She surveys the vista before her with respectful determination, envisioning the possible with imagination and resolve.

Carol Newman, founding board member and longtime president of JOFA, looks out at us from another early page. Carol's soft, frank and thoughtful gaze communicates her love of Judaism, her deep engagement with issues she cares about, and the genuineness of the connections she makes in pursuit of her beliefs.

Zelda Stern's animated eyes sparkle with the prospect of all that can be as she contemplates a Jewish landscape she has helped to shape. Her willingness to take risks, and her commitment to making necessary change are evident in her knowing smile and her lively gaze.

Together, these outstanding women create a stunning picture of enlightened leadership. It is our honor to pay tribute to them tonight.

GITI AND JACK BENDHEIM
BELDA AND MARCEL LINDENBAUM
BARBARA DOBKIN

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1997 TO THE PRESENT AND BEYOND

COMMUNITY BUILDING

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(Seven international conferences 1997-2010)



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP



MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Participants talk with Rabba Sara Hurwitz



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THE MISSION

The mission of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance is to expand the spiritual, ritual, intellectual and political opportunities for women within the framework of halakha. We advocate meaningful participation and equality for women in family life, synagogues, houses of learning and Jewish communal organizations to the full extent possible within halakha. Our commitment is rooted in the belief that fulfilling this mission will enrich and uplift individual and communal life for all Jews.



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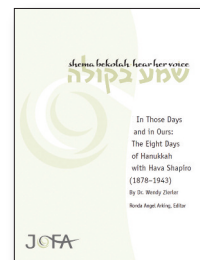


EDUCATION

JOFA JOURNAL: Articles on topical issues in the Orthodox feminist community. Recent issues addressed Jewish Education, Bat Mitzvah and Body Image.



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Torah, Work, Charity. It is to these ideals our honorees have committed themselves. We honor them for it.

BELDA AND MARCEL LINDENBAUM

RIVKA (\$36,000 – \$49,999)

With Love and Admiration for our honoree, Carol Kaufman Newman.

MELVIN NEWMAN, AMANDA AND JOSH,
JOSH AND TALI, DIANA AND ISAAC, AND
MARISA, ERICA, JOE, ELIZABETH,
JESSIE JEAN, ITA, MICKEY AND ELLA

With profound gratitude to Blu and Carol for elevating and enriching Jewish women, and thus the whole world.

ZELDA R. STERN

MIRIAM (\$25,000 – \$35,999)

Zelda: My trusted, devoted friend; strategic philanthropist; a feminist who lives her values. It gives me immense pleasure to honor you tonight.

BARBARA DOBKIN

In honor of our extraordinary Ema and Safta (Blu), with love and admiration,

THE GREENBERG, DAVID AND WEIL FAMILIES

Standing on the shoulders of these three giants we can change the world. כל הכבוד Blu, Carol, Zelda.

JUDY HEICKLEN

Mazel tov and best wishes for a job well done.

DR. MONIQUE C. KATZ

לא עליך המלאכה לגמור...

In recognition of a job well started. The Orthodox Feminist world has forever been changed by your leadership and we have been enriched by your example. Mazal Tov on this well deserved honor.

NATHAN AND SHARI LINDENBAUM
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ABIGAIL AND SHAI TAMBOR

DEVORAH (\$18,000 – 24,999)

*החזירו עטרה ליושנה (יומא סט עמוד ב)
In appreciation for your vision and inspirational leadership in restoring the dignity of Jewish women in Orthodoxy.*

PHYLLIS HAMMER

RUTH (\$10,000 – \$17,999)

In honor of Blu Greenberg, Carl Kaufman Newman, and Zelda R. Stern, three women whose imagination, determination, and hard work, have helped us to envision a world where Orthodoxy and modernity are the constants of a dynamic Jewish life.

GITI AND JACK BENDHEIM

To Carol, selfless leader whose passion carries everyone else along, and who built JOFA into a real organization;

To Zelda, who possesses that rare combination of modesty, generosity and principled focus

*To Giti, Belda, Barbara and committee whose dedication and celebratory natures remind us that serious goals and hard tasks need not be devoid of joy
And to Robin, friend, colleague, editing partner, JOFA lifer, and true supporter of Orthodox women's initiatives everywhere – very best wishes going forward.*

BLU GREENBERG

To honor Blu, Carol and Zelda, visionaries and Robin Bodner, a woman of energy, imagination and heart.

BATYA AND EZRA LEVIN

With much admiration,

BARBARA AND DAVID MESSER

With much gratitude for the leadership and passion of tonight's honorees for creating a more inclusive and vibrant community.

ARIEL AND JOSH WEINER

HULDA (\$7,500 – \$9,999)

With much admiration for three of JOFA's Women of Vision. You continually challenge us to see the world differently. Thank you.

JONATHAN AND LAUREL HECHT

With heartfelt thanks for your amazing leadership. Jewish women everywhere have benefited from your strength and vision.

ANN AND JEREMY PAVA

ABIGAIL AND SHAI TAMBOR

Thank you Blu, Carol and Zelda, our heroes, partners, and friends. Love from

AUDREY AND CHAIM TRACHTMAN

BRURIA (\$5,000 – \$7,499)

For Blu, Carol and Zelda ... for clearing new paths and keeping the waters parted.

ARLENE AGUS,
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Carol, Blu, Zelda — You inspire us to work for a more just community. Love,

ALLIE (ALPEROVICH), YURI (SIMON),
EMMA AND HANNAH

Mazal Tov to Blu, Zelda and Carol — three amazing women who embody and inspire us with JOFA's mission!

CAROLYN HOCHSTADTER DICKER

In Tribute to three courageous leaders: Blu Greenberg, Carol Kaufman Newman and Zelda Stern!

TAMAR AND ERIC GOLDSTEIN

You have made the dream a reality and have inspired us all.

AMY FOX GRIFFEL

To Carol, a dynamic powerhouse who has made an extraordinary difference in Jewish life.

DAVID AND ROCHELLE HIRSCH

In appreciation for BLU – our Special Friend of Three Generations.

THE JESSELSOON FAMILY

Mazal tov to the deserving honorees. They are true visionaries, dedicated to enhancing Jewish life for all.

GAIL KATZ AND MAYER BICK

"When you learn, teach, when you get, give."

– Maya Angelou

To three women who have made this their life's credo. With unending love and respect,

BAT SHEVA MARCUS, ELLIOT SCHWARTZ,
AND THE KIDS

A tribute to our dear friend Blu—a woman whose courageous leadership, extraordinary writing, and brilliant teaching, makes her an incredible role model for so many people.

HAROLD GRINSPOON AND DIANE
TRODERMAN

ESTHER (\$3,600 – \$4,999)

In honor of Blu Greenberg, a true visionary.

JAYNE AND HARVEY BEKER

Kol Ha'kavod and thanks to Carol Kaufman Newman and all the honorees for your extraordinary work!

SIMON AND EVA G. OCHS HABERMAN

With deep gratitude, we honor Blu, Carol and Zelda for the Kiddush HaShem they have brought to our Jewish world.

JUDY AND GARY ROSENBLATT

Kal ha'kavod to Blu from her Rosh Hodesh group

RABBI RACHEL COWAN
RABBI JACQUELINE KOCH ELLENSON
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AMY GOTTLIEB
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YOCHAVED (\$2,500 – \$3,599)

*Blu, Carol, and Zelda – You have raised the banner of Orthodox Feminism and changed the world.
Yashar kohakhem.*

ROSELYN BELL AND ELI LEITER

Mazal Tov Blu, Carol, & Zelda.

Thank You for Making a Difference in Am Yisroel.

HINDA & ARNOLD BRAMNICK, Boca Raton, FL

Mazel Tov to Blu, Carol and Zelda. Your vision and dedication changed the world.

LINDA AND BERNIE WIENER
BARBARA AND MARK WEINBLATT
MICHELLE FRIEDMAN AND BENJAMIN BELFER

Mazel tov to JOFA visionaries Blu, Carol and Zelda on this well deserved honor. You are an inspiration to all of us.

ROBIN AND ALLEN BODNER

You each inspire us with your integrity, passion and leadership. With love and respect,

AARON AND LAURA SHAW FRANK

Blu and Zelda, You have both taught me so much through your words and deeds about Judaism, Feminism, Jewish feminism, how to be a leader, philanthropist, and most of all how to be a good, open, caring person. Thank you.

SALLY GOTTESMAN

With gratitude and respect for tonight's honorees – Blu Greenberg, Carol Kaufman Newman and Zelda R. Stern for their trailblazing work to expand the role of women in Modern Orthodoxy.

JAN AND ANDY GROVEMAN

In honor of Carol and all the strong Kaufman women
VERED AND JEREMY KAUFMAN

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*An honor for us to honor these wonderful individuals!
B'simcha,*

SALLY MENDELSON AND DAVID LOWENFELD

*Dear Blu, May you continue to be a leader amongst
the Jewish people, an inspiration to the Orthodox
feminist movement, the spokesperson for Modern
Orthodox Jewry, and a good friend to all.*

RAQUEL AND ARYEH RUBIN

*Mazel tov to Blu, Carol and Zelda
You influenced so many women with your vision.*

BETHIA STRAUS AND PAUL QUINTAS

HANNAH (\$1,800 – \$2,499)

*In Honor of Robin Bodner, a wonderful daughter
and mother. We are so proud of all that you do
for JOFA and the Jewish community.*

SURIE GOLDMAN, JODI AND DAVID
POLLACK, DEBORAH AND URI LANDESMAN,
AND STACI AND JACK BODNER

In admiration of Blu Greenberg.

LOTTE AND LOU BRAVMAN

*Congratulations to Carol on all of the great work
she has been doing for women's rights and the overall
Jewish community.*

GERALD COHEN AND MARGIE BROOKE

*We salute three women who really make important
things happen! We love you, Carol!!*

SHERRY, NEIL AND BECKIE COHEN

*With great admiration of and respect for Blu,
a lifelong inspiration.*

ADRIENNE COOPER AND ARTHUR ADLER

*Mazel Tov to all the honorees and JOFA. Your work
honors the memory of our mother and grandmother,
Esther Farber.*

THE FARBER FAMILY

*In admiration and gratitude for three game changers
who have improved Jewish life for us, our children,
and grandchildren.*

PHILIP AND SYLVIA BARACK FISHMAN

*With enormous gratitude to Carol, Zelda and Blu –
three dedicated and untiring pioneers.*

PHYLLIS AND STANLEY GETZLER

*To our beloved friend Blu, who teaches us everyday
how to fill the world with love and kindness.*

BARBARA GOCHBERG AND STEVEN
PRETSFELDER

*Blu, Carol and Zelda, we stand on your shoulders.
Thank you for making JOFA and all of this possible.*

IDANA GOLDBERG AND MICHAEL KELLMAN

*Congratulations to three extraordinary trailblazers.
We applaud your leadership and courage.*
PAULA AND JEROME GOTTESMAN

In Honor of Blu Greenberg!
FANYA GOTTESFELD HELLER

*In honor of Carol Kaufman Newman for her leadership
on behalf of Jewish Women. Congratulations!*
PAUL AND MALKA HERMAN

*BLU and CAROL are legends whom we honor.
ZELDA is a sister whom we cherish.*
IKE AND BECKY HERSCHKOPF

*In admiration and respect for my friend, Carol, in
honor of Blu, our first Orthodox feminist role model.*
SUZANNE AND MICHAEL HOCHSTEIN

*Kol Hakavod to these dynamic women who have
advocated, opened doors, and served as stellar role
models for women today.*
MERYL JAFFE AND ADAM HURWICH

*Kol hakavod to the honorees and thanks for all that
they have done for JOFA.*
JOAN AND HENRY KATZ

*"Nothing we do can change the past but everything
we do changes the future." – Ashleigh Brilliant*
JERRY AND JUDY KAUFMAN

We like the new picture!
DINAH AND ANDY MENDES

*In recognition of the leadership and commitment by
Zelda and the other honorees to JOFA.*
ROB AND AMY ROTHMAN

RACHEL T. STEIN AND MICHAEL STEIN
In honor of Carol, Zelda, and Blu
LINDA AND HOWARD STERLING

*In memory of our parents, Martha and Harry Stern,
who taught us all to fight for equality*
SAREVA, ZELDA, JERRY, SHEVA, REBECCA,
CHAYIM

To our sister, Zelda, with admiration and love
SAREVA AND CANTOR URIEL NAOR
JERRY AND MARILYN STERN
DR. SHEVA ADLER
REBECCA AND DR. IKE HERSCHKOPF
CHAYIM AND KAREN STERN

In honor of Blu, Carol and Zelda
ADELE AND RONALD TAUBER

Blu Carol Zelda –
תנו לה מפרי ידיה ויהללה בשערים מעשיה
(משלי לא:לא)
INA AND DAVID TROPPER

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RUTH AND JOSEPH WEILER

The Jewish Women's Literary Annual honors Jewish women writers and readers, without whom — where would we be?

DR. HENNY WENKART

For Carol, a great sister-in-law. Keep up the good work.

WILLIAM NEWMAN

AVIGAIL (\$1,000 – \$1,799)

Mazel Tov to our friend Blu Greenberg, leader and visionary in the modern Orthodox world.

VALERIE ALTMANN AND DANIEL PERLA

To Carol, Belda, Blu, and Zelda, Thank you for creating the bigger JOFA picture for all of us.

ANDI AND DAVID ARNOVITZ

*There is a special place in hell for women who do not help other women. (Madeleine K. Albright)
There must be a special place in heaven for Blu, Carol and Zelda who have opened doors and fought the fight for Jewish women everywhere.
It is an honor to work alongside of each of you.*

JUDY ABEL AND MICHAEL BRILL

With gratitude for Zelda's courage and leadership in strengthening Jewish life by enhancing opportunities for women

SHARON AND TOM BAKER

ILANA BENSON

Our warmest congratulations to Blu, Carol, and Zelda, three wonderful role models for JOFA and for us all.

MARSHALL AND JENNIFER BREGER

*נר לאחד נר למאה (שבת קכב עמוד א)
In appreciation of Blu Greenberg, Carol Kaufman Newman, Zelda R. Stern For their tireless dedication and inspiring leadership. May the warmth and light of your Torah continue to spread into all our communities!*

FRAYDA GONSHOR COHEN AND
RABBI YONATAN COHEN,
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, BERKELEY

Carol –Your visionary leadership will be a guiding light for generations to come. Mazal tov.

NITA AND ALAN CORRÉ

In token of our long friendship and our support for women in Jewish communal life

FRED AND SUZAN EHRLMAN

Kol Hakavod for creating so many positive changes and making them realities.

SUSAN FADER

From strength to strength, heartfelt wishes to Blu, Carol and Zelda, generational transmitters of a unique feminine heroism that derives from faith and vision.

RUTH FEDER

*Our gratitude and best wishes to the honorees,
theoreticians and shock troops in the battle for
Jewish Religious Freedom*

MARIAN E. FRANKSTON, BURTON D.
MORRIS AND ARIELLE FRANKSTON

*What do you get when you add Carol to JOFA?
Judgment, Optimism, Famously energetic and
Admirable. Love You,*

KAREN AND IRA GRONOWITZ
STEVEN, LISA, MELISSA AND ALBERT

*We are proud to be a JOFA community, where
women have meaningful ritual and communal
leadership opportunities.*

FRIENDS AT THE HEBREW INSTITUTE
OF WHITE PLAINS

Mazel Tov to Blu Greenberg on this well deserved honor.
RACHEL AND JAY JUBAS

*In honor of Blu Greenberg and her pioneering work
on behalf of Jewish women.*

DR. NORMAN KAHAN

*Congratulations to these visionary women, whose
commitment and dedication to JOFA's mission is an
inspiration to so many.*

SUSAN KAHNOWITZ

*Mazal tov to the honorees and in recognition of
the leadership and hard work of our dear friend,
Judy Hecklen.*

FAYE AND DAVID LANDES

*We are happy to join in the tribute to our beloved
friends Blu, Carol and Zelda.*

ROSE AND MORTON LANDOWNE

*To Blu, Carol, and Zelda, Kudos to each of you for
your lifetime commitment to women's rights in
Orthodox Judaism. Without your efforts and your
successes, we would still be meandering in the dark
ages of religious observance, and would seek our
successes only in the secular arena. Much continued
success—your fight is not over. March on and
continue to lead the way.*

ALEXANDRA LEICHTER AND
MICHAEL MAROKO

*In tribute to Carol: an energetic, effective and highly
accomplished leader.*

AUDREY AND HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

*Carol, you are an inspiration and a role model!
Mazal Tov to all the honorees.*

TAMAR AND IRWIN MAJOR

*To our dear friends, Carol and Belda, the dynamic
duo. A huge thank you.*

JOAN AND LEON MEYERS

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Blu – Thanks for helping make Minyan Shachar a reality! From some of your friends at the Minyan:

SARAH, RUTH AND JEFF, RONNIE AND MICHAEL, DOV AND SUE, CHAYA AND CHAYIM, MATHEW AND SHARON, BENJY AND MIRIAM, LISA AND LOU, REBECCA AND KEVIN, CHARLES AND MONA, ELLIOT AND BAT SHEVA

Kol Hakavod for your leadership.

JUDITH STERN PECK

Best wishes to Blu and Carol on this well-earned tribute

GABRIELLE PROPP

THE SAR FAMILY joins, with love, in JOFA's tribute to Blu Greenberg, a founder of our school, and a model of passionate and respectful leadership.

Blu, Carol and Zelda: We are so proud to be part of this amazing chance to honor you and all that you have done for Orthodox feminism and for the community as a whole. Women have real access and opportunity for meaningful engagement in Orthodox Judaism thanks to you and your tireless efforts. We are honored to celebrate this evening with you. Thank you for all that you do.

PAM SCHEININGER AND JOE SPRARAGEN

*"Send for the wise women, that they may come."
(Jer.9:16). They are here!*

EVI MUSER SHECHTER

In honor of Blu, Carol, and Zelda, three remarkable women. Congratulations,

MARION, MAURICE AND CAROL SPANBOCK

Congratulations to three extraordinary women.

We stand on the shoulders of giants.

THE WERBER FAMILY

To Blu, Carol, and Zelda - courageous and inspiring visionaries.

Rabbi Avi Weiss, Founder,

Rabbi Dov Linzer, Rosh HaYeshiva

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To Carol, Blu, and Zelda, three courageous women who have blazed the path for others to follow. Yeshivat Maharat thanks you for your continuing support.

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