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Rabbi Paul Kurland of Nanuet Hebrew Center Honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary with Convocation of an Honorary Doctor of Divinities Degree.

March 2, 2017, New City, NY – Rabbi Paul Kurland of Nanuet Hebrew Center was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinities Degree, by the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), at a convocation held Thursday, March 2nd at the Sutton Place Synagogue in New York City.

Rabbi Kurland was among a group of 55 Rabbis receiving this honor, all members of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), who have served the Jewish Community with distinction for 25 years or more.

Through the degrees conferred, JTS celebrated the achievements of important spiritual leaders and expressed appreciation for their manifold contributions to Jewish life.

The list of rabbis receiving this distinction included congregational rabbis, Jewish communal professionals, educators, and chaplains from across the United States and Canada as well as from Israel and Switzerland.

The 2017 honorees (Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa) are:

- Rabbi David Louis Abramson
- Rabbi Daniel P. Alder
- Rabbi Dov Yarden Bard
- Rabbi David S. Barnett
- Rabbi Barry Richard Baron
- Rabbi Shmuel Birnham
- Rabbi Carolyn Braun
- Rabbi Marcelo Raul Bronstein
- Rabbi Ronnie David Zishe Cahana
- Rabbi Debra Sue Cantor
- Rabbi Steven Lane Conn
- Rabbi Stephanie Ann Dickstein
- Rabbi David H. Ebstein
- Rabbi Joshua S. Finkelstein
- Rabbi Lori Forman-Jacobi
- Rabbi Gabriel Isaias Frydman
- Rabbi Jodie Michelle Futornick
- Rabbi Michael Steven Goldstein
- Rabbi Susan C. Grossman
- Rabbi Joshua Jared Guttoff
- Rabbi Alan Joseph Iser
- Rabbi Elana Cecile Kanter
- Rabbi Robert Simpson Kasman
- Rabbi Shelley Kniaz
- Rabbi Aaron Benjamin Krupnick
- Rabbi Claudio Javier Kupchik
- Rabbi Paul M. Kurland
- Rabbi Jonah Samuel Layman
- Rabbi Allan Lehmann
- Rabbi Naomi Levy
- Rabbi Jacob Malki
- Rabbi Joel S. Mishkin
- Rabbi Sally Olins
- Rabbi Daniel Avram Ornstein
- Rabbi Martin Jay Pasternak
- Rabbi Elliott Neil Perlstein
- Rabbi David Sandor Polnauer
- Rabbi Charles S. Popky
- Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser
- Rabbi Gustavo Alberto Romang

- Rabbi Eliseo D. Rozenwasser
- Rabbi Neal S. Scheindlin
- Rabbi Ethan David Seidel
- Rabbi Stuart A. Seltzer
- Rabbi Howard Martin Shub
- Rabbi Marion Ruth Shulevitz
- Rabbi Ian J. Silverman
- Rabbi David J. Small
- Rabbi Elie Kaplan Spitz
- Rabbi Reuven H. Taff
- Rabbi Stewart L. Vogel
- Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner
- Rabbi Kalman E. Winnick
- Rabbi Alberto Zeilicovich
- Rabbi Mark H. Zimmerman

The ceremony took place with Alan Levine, Esq., chair of the JTS Board of Trustees, presiding. Professor Arnold M. Eisen, chancellor of JTS, conferred the degrees and delivered the convocation address. Rabbi Daniel S. Nevins, Dean of the Division of Religious Leadership and Pearl Resnick, Dean of The Rabbinical School, sponsored the honorees. Rabbi Rachel Ain of Sutton Place Synagogue welcomed the assembled, and Rabbi Debra Newman Kamin, vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, delivered greetings on behalf of the RA. Honoree Rabbi Naomi Levy, the spiritual leader of Nashuva: a community of prayer in action in Los Angeles, gave remarks on behalf of those being honored.

Nanuet Hebrew Center (NHC), located at 411 South Little Tor Road in New City, NY is a multi-generational, egalitarian, Conservative Jewish Center, actively affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Rockland County. NHC is considered a valuable resource to the entire Rockland community. This includes religious services, along with a wide range of educational, social and social action programs for all generations. For more information on Rabbi Kurland and Nanuet Hebrew Center, please visit www.nanuethc.org or www.facebook.com/nanuethc; or contact NHC at office@nanuethc.org or (845) 708-9181.

The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), located at 3080 Broadway in New York City is a preeminent institution of Jewish higher education that integrates rigorous academic scholarship and teaching with a commitment to strengthening Jewish tradition, Jewish lives, and Jewish communities. JTS serves North American Jewry by educating intellectual and spiritual leaders for Conservative Judaism and the vital religious center, training rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, communal professionals, and lay activists who are inspired by our vision of Torah and dedicated to assisting in its realization. For more information on Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), please visit www.jtsa.edu or www.facebook.com/JewishTheologicalSeminary ; or contact JTS at communications@jtsa.edu or (212) 678-8000

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