

126th Commencement

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Welcome

Leslie Ginsparg Klein, Ph.D.
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Invocation

Alissa Thomas-Newborn, BCC
Director of Spiritual Care Studies

Opening Remarks

Zev Eleff, Ph.D., *President*
David B. Brawer, *Chairman, Board of Governors*

Alumni Speaker

Joshua Bergerson, Ed.D.

Doctoral Hooding by Faculty

Degree Conferral

Zev Eleff, Ph.D.
Leslie Ginsparg Klein, Ph.D.

Student Speaker

Leah Dukes, Ph.D.

Closing Remarks

Naomi Housman, Ed.M.
Director of Institutional Advancement

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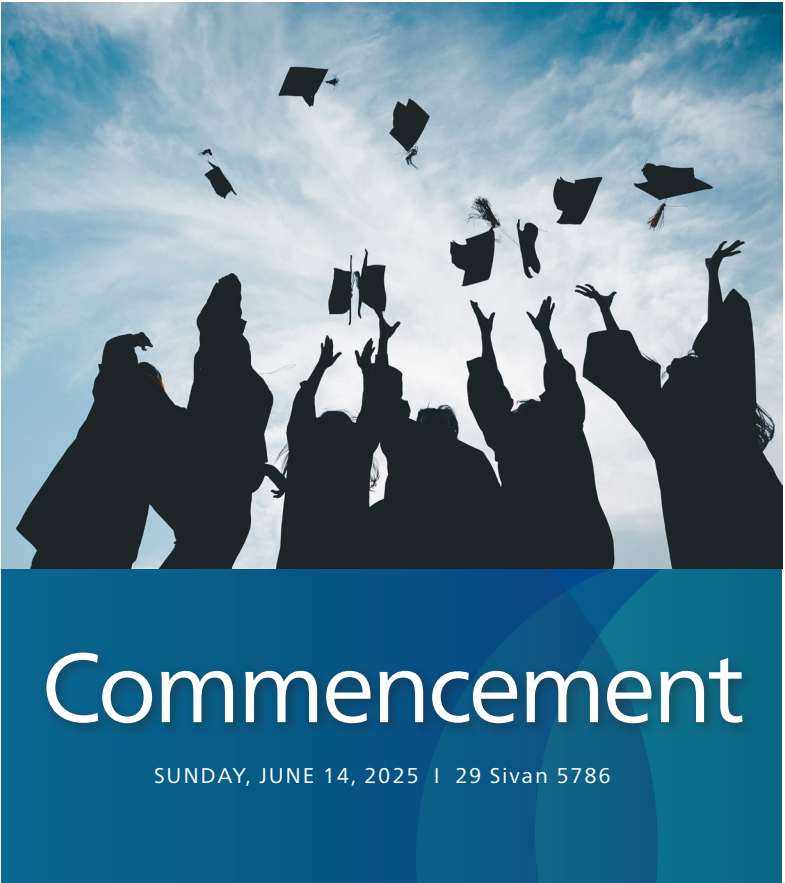
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Greenberg Prize for Commitment to Social Justice and Holocaust Studies

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