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Mazal Tov to each Maharat graduate of 2025! You are impacting our Jewish world so positively with your leadership. And Mazal Tov to Rabba Sara and Maharat on reaching this exceptional milestone of 100 graduates.

*Best wishes,
Rella Feldman*

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Mazal tov to all of the musmakhot and to the exceptional Yeshivat Maharat leaders, administrators, faculty, and staff.

Chani,

Thank you for always being an exceptional teacher, friend, role model, and Ima. We are so grateful for all that you do and are so proud of this accomplishment. Mazal Tov!

We love you,

Nate, Aliza, Liana, Eitan & Nitzan Lesser

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Mazal Tov to an amazing group of musmakhot-y'all are amazing and inspiring- Many thanks to all the outstanding teachers, staff, leadership and board of YM for making the magic happen year after year... Higher and higher my friends!!!

Rabbanit Tamar Green Eisenstat and Abe Eisenstat

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Mazal Tov to all the musmachot! Mazal tov on reaching 100 graduates! Mazal tov to Rabba Sara, Rabbi Avi, Rav Jeff, Liz , Jennifer and the incredible Maharat faculty.

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Mazal Tov to Sarah Kaufman and all the Musmakhot.

A tent cannot be held up without pegs and cords, and Israel cannot stand without scholars." ~ Seder Eliyahu Rabba, ch. 30

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Mazal Tov to all the awesome Musmakhot! May your Torah continue to inspire and sustain Klal Yisrael and the world.

Esther Altmann and Richard Cantor

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To our dearest Alieza, No words can capture how proud we are of you today....and always. Not only for being an accomplished and earnest student - but for your gentle and caring ways, your sense of purpose and fairness, and your commitment to your קהילה Your גמילות חסד and love of Torah Learning set a stupendous example for your family and everyone who knows you. A pair of parents could not be more delighted than we are today on this momentous occasion. Your entire family celebrates you happily.

LOVE,

Ema & Aba, Aharon, Ori & Navit. Chanan and Livia

Rachelle and Sheldon Salzberg

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We join in celebrating Maharat's remarkable achievements. We honor Rabbi Avi Weiss and Rabba Sara Hurwitz, whose professional partnership has changed the course of Jewish history. Their example of selfless, mission-driven cooperation has increased the knowledge of Torah and the practice of its values throughout the world. Their model inspires everyone who works to advance Torah and the Jewish people everywhere.

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Mazal tov to the musmakhot -- thank you for illuminating the world with the light of your Torah! Kol ha kavod to Rabba Sara Hurwitz and the leadership of Yeshivat Maharat.

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Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

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*In honor of our dear friend, Daphne Lazar Price, tireless worker,
creative thinker, inspiring model, and now, religious leader.*

Mazal tov!

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Rabbi Dr. Susan Marcovitz Hornstein, Daddy was so looking forward to this day, and your mother would be thrilled. יישר כוחך!

We're so proud of you! Love, Bubbie

Allyn Marcovitz

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Amy Zwas and Yoram Bitton

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Mazal Tov to Core Semicha class of 2025! Congratulations on all of your hard work, deep learning, and spiritual expansion.

Upwards and Onwards!

Ben, Yali, Zoey, Eliezer, and Leia Weiss

Hinda & Arnold Bramnick

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Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!
Deborah & Steven Berkowitz

To all faculty and staff who make these accomplishments possible.

Diane Sandoval

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Dorothy Fox

In honor of Susan and Tali, who are both dear friends and are destined to be great leaders of Klal Israel. From strength to strength! Mazal tov!

Dr. Reza Green and Rabbi Moshe Silver

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Dear Chani, Mazel tov May your love of learning, commitment to justice & devotion to family, guide you through this new chapter of your life Love, Ima & Abba
Elaine & Artie Bloom

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*Bravo Evelyne! Ma Rabbah préférée Xxx Baba
Elisabeth de Rothschild*

*Mazal Tov to the outstanding Musmakhot, faculty, leaders,
alumni and Emerging Scholars! Thank you for bringing forth
Torah to Klal Yisrael and all the world.
Esther Sperber & Bruce Goldberger*

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Dear Neesa! We wish you deep satisfaction and joy in using your knowledge, wisdom, and beautiful spirit. Love, Tamar, Deena, and the extended Feldman family.

Extended Feldman Family

Neesa: Your unique Torah will reach far and impact lives in Israel and across the globe. Cheering for you always,
Frankston-Morris/Gasner/Blaustein Family

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Laurie and Milton Wakschlag

*Mazal Tov, Yedida. We are so proud of you and everything you
have achieved
with love from*

*Abba & Ima; Jerry, Grace, Mike & Kelley
Jo & Julie; Phil, Gabi, Sadie, Jed, Charlie & Argos*

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Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!
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*Mazal tov to the musmachot and to Maharat! We are "מֵאָה מְטִיעוֹת
בְּחֻזְתֶּם אֲתָד" with distinct and impactful rabbinates now and in the
future.*

Rabba Aliza Libman Baronofsky and Ari Baronofsky

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Mazel Tov Neesa the entire "Framily" is so proud of you! Abba's watching from heaven, beaming with pride. Wishing you joy, fulfillment & success

Rochelle and Philip Goldschmiedt

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Mazal Tov to all the musmakhot- we need your leadership now more than ever. Stay brutally realistic and relentlessly optimistic!

Maya Bernstein & Noam Silverman

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Mazal tov to Yali Szulanski Weiss on this tremendous accomplishment. May you continue to serve as an inspiration to all of us.

Adina Shrage & Shani Gold

Mazal Tov to Chani, Yedida, Kate & all of the musmachot!

Aliza Levine & Eric Brown

Mazal tov, Yedida and Kate! Sending love and nachas from Shepherd Park!

Dafna and Matt Sherman

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Mazal tov! We love you,

Abba, Mom, Eliyahu & Zohara

David Freudenstein and Dr. Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein

Congratulations to all the musmakhon on your accomplishment!

David Silber and Devora Steinmetz

Mazal Tov Daphne / Eemee - We are so proud of you. Love, David, Eyden,

Ayden, Sarina and Fisher

David, Eyden, Ayden, Sarina, Fisher Price

ASSOCIATE

*Mazel tov to the whole Yeshivat Maharat cohort, with heartfelt love for
Evelyne & Hannah - inspiring women of strength & light!*

Deborah Elalouf-Lewiner

*Mazal Tov Jamie! We are so proud of you! If you lend a girl a sefer Torah for
her bat mitzvah, someday you may sign her claf.*

Ellen and Mark Schwartz

*To Susan, Sofia, Neesa, and all the musmachot: May you continue to enrich
the Jewish people with your Torah.*

Ellen Hertzmark and Miriam Gedwiser

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Zelda & Elkan Gamzu

In honor of Yali Szulanski Weiss for her dedication to the children of our community, especially to ours! We're so proud of you!!

Joel and Ruthie Simon

Mazal Tov Rabbi Dr. Susan Hornstein! I am so proud of all of your accomplishments in learning.

Kenny Wintman

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Mazal tov to Arielle Krule! Thank you for bringing your deep love of Torah to the students at Luria Academy of Brooklyn.

Luria Academy of Brooklyn

Mazal tov, Rabbi Elisha! Your rabbinic wisdom, soulful presence, and relational warmth are gifts to all of us. We love you!

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Mazal tov Yali! So proud of your strength, wisdom & heart. You inspire us all.

With love, Mami, Papi & Duni.

Odeya & Gabriel Szulanski

ASSOCIATE

Ohev Sholom is filled with pride as three members of our community graduate today. Mazal Tov to you, your families and classmates!

Ohev Sholom Congregation

Mazal tov! I am so thrilled to be your friend and colleague. May the Torah always delight you and those you love.

Rabbanit Liz Shayne

*Mazel tov to ALL the talented, wise, soulful, brilliant Musmachot of 5785
ברכות עד בלי די! Honored to be your colleague/chavrusa!*

Rabbanit Tanya Farber

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Mazel tov to our dear students, colleagues and friends.
Rabbi Dov Linzer & Rabbanit Devorah Zlochower

Mazel tov to all of the graduating musmachot! We need your Torah more than ever. Thank you for teaching us!

Rabbis Naima and Samuel Hirsch Gelman

To these amazing new rabbis, we are so proud to have known you on your journeys. How lucky are the Jewish people to have you!
Rachel Rosenthal and Yair, Eva, and Rafi Rosenberg

ASSOCIATE

Mazal tov and yishar kochech to you, Yali, on this latest milestone in a life of compassion and illumination. Love, Becky and Joe.

Rebecca Cooper Nadis and Joseph Nadis

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Ruth Jarmul and Irvin Rosenthal

Mazal Tov, Chani! We are so excited to celebrate this amazing and inspiring achievement with you. We love you!

Sally, Stuart, Max, and Shayna Lesser

ASSOCIATE

Elisha, you are a rock star and an inspiration in all ways - may you continue m'chayil l'chayil. Mazal Tov to all the graduates!

Shifra Landowne and Matthew Schneider

Mazal tov to all of the amazing graduates! Special shout out to our fabulous Neesa from the Drishels & Spouses!

Shimmy Feintuch and Rabba Yaffa Epstein

Mazal tov, Kate! We are so proud of you!

Tamar & Adam, Elana & David, Aunt Jill & Uncle Jim, Papaw & Tutu, Grammy Barbara & Grandpa Norman Bubbe & Grandpa Hillel

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*Rav Jamie! In honor of your leadership, impact & empowering us at BWT to
literally and figuratively lift and be uplifted by Torah!
The Beis Community (Beis Women*s Tefillah)*

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MAZAL TOV, YALI! What an incredible milestone!
Alana and Adam Gelnick

Toda! I've learned from the commitment of your leadership!
Ann Cohen

Ann-Sheryl & Steven White and Barbara Kritz

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Helen Arditi

You have always been such a role model, Maharat Jamie!

Arwen Kuttner

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Mazal tov, Arielle! -The Septimus Family
Becky Porath & Daniel Septimus

Mazel Tov Neesa, Abba z"l would be so proud!
Peace & Love,
Berezin-Bahr, Azoulay-Berezinbahr, Kase-Berezinbahr, Okanin-Berezinbahr and Meskin-Berezinbahr Families

Beth and David Braunstein

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Women of Valor! Mazal tov! And we love you, Tali!

Bronwen Mullin and Nicole Fix

In honor of Rabba Rachel Kohl Finegold. Mazal Tov to all the graduates!

Chaye Kohl

Kol hakavod, Kate! I have learned so much from you!

Dara Horn

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David and Sarah Gross

Mazal Tov Susan Hornstein and the other Maharat graduates!

Debbie Rogal

Mazal tov, brilliant Sara Tova! Eric, Neil, Noah & Hattie

Eric Braverman and Neil Brown

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Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Fran Kritz

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Gaby Schoenfeld & Avi Mermelstein

Mazal Tov on your continually inspiring work, Rabbanit Sarah
Hirsch-Coyle Family

Elisha, mazal tov on your accomplishment! So proud of you!
Honeymoon Israel

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Hornstein Children and Grandchildren

*Thank you Hannah for sharing your knowledge
and bringing joy*
Ingrid Kemoun

Mazel tov to Sarah and Sofia - we love you!!!
Jacob and Shira Lipkin

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In honor of the admin team that makes it happen!

Jacquie Burmester

Mazal Tov to Elisha Gechter from the entire JCDS community

JCDS Boston

With tremendous awe and gratitude for Yali. Mazel tov!

Jenna, Aaron, Annie, Max, Robbie & Gideon Harris

FRIEND

Congratulations on your accomplishment. Mazal Tov!

John and Nina Winer

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Joseph and Leslie Varon

Dear Chana, We're very proud of you. Love, Ima and Abba

Judy and David Marwick

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Julie Lieber and Eric Shafran and Family

May you go from Strength to Strength. Love You!
Justin M Hornstein

Scott and Erica Kaplan

FRIEND

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Kevin & Dannielle Swart

With admiration and joy-mazel tov! We love you, Sarah!

Kristen, Kevin, Sam, and Shane Carley

To the best נשׂח in the world: I love you!

Lev Moshe Kaufman

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Moshe Levison

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Lisa Licht Hirsch and Danny Hirsch

So proud that you always make the world a better place.

Marilyn & Benjamin Horen

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Mindy & Chester Panzer

Mazal tov wonderful colleagues! So good for Am Yisrael!

Miriam & Harris Lorie

Mazal Tov!

Miriam Schacter

FRIEND

Welcome to the sisterhood, new musmakhot!

Miriam Udel & AZ Newton

Nancy and Milton Honig

Can't wait to B"H continue learning from you, Mazal Tov!

Nehama Malin

FRIEND

Mindy & Chester Panzer

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Paul Rosenberg

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Rabba Amalia and Dr. Adam Haas

FRIEND

Mazel Tov to all of the graduates!

Rabba Daniella Pressner & Rabbi Saul Strosberg

A remarkable achievement - ordaining 100 amazing women!

Rabba Dr. Carmella Abraham, Rabbanit Bracha Jaffe

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Rabbanit Alissa Thomas-Newborn and Akiva Newborn

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Rabbanit Miriam Gonczarska-Shapiro

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Rabbi James Prosnit*

Mazel Tov to Yeshivat Maharat and all the new Musmachot!

Rabbi Jason Herman and Yael Merkin

Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum

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Elles ont osé, donc elles ont réussi! Mazal Tov Evelyne & Hannah!

(עיניך יאירו במאור תורה) (ברכות יז) - Mazal Tov Luz!

Rabbis Dina & Naftali Brawer

Mazal tov to Tali Aronsky and all the musmakhot!

Rachel & Joshua Steiner

Celebrating you Arielle! Mazel Tov! We love you!

Rosana & Candace Braude

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Mazal tov to the woman who is already _our_ Rabbi.

Sam, Zoe, and Erez Gechter

Rabbanit Mama, we are so proud of you!

כל הכבוד והאהבה!

Samuel and Boaz (and Jeremy) Rozansky

Sara Labaton and Gavy Posner

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Mazal Tov Susan!
Ben Schimmel

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Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!
Sharon Freundel

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Shira, Elana, Lauren, Andrea, Annie, Michelle, Daniella & Rachel

In honor of the incredible & inspirational Yali Szulanski!

Shoshana Dachs

*Stephanie Hague (Hagowitz), Dr. Aryeh Pelcovits, Adelaide, Reuben
& Amichai*

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The 5th Grade Team

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To our cherished friend and colleague, we are so proud!
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William Plevan

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Dear Yali, As our Youth Director, you've led with a gentle strength-your calm, steady presence and deep respect for every child have made a lasting impact. Now, as you receive semikha, we are so excited to see how your Torah, your voice, and your vision will continue to inspire-in the Bayit, across our community and beyond. May you go from strength to strength, continuing to guide with wisdom, warmth, and heart. With deep gratitude and love,

The Bayit Team