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Giti and Jack Bendheim

The background of the slide is an abstract composition of organic, flowing shapes in various shades of blue and white. The shapes are soft and painterly, with some areas showing darker, more saturated blue tones and others being very light, almost white. The overall effect is a textured, watercolor-like aesthetic.

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Jan & Andy Groveman

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Mazal tov to our amazing friends, colleagues, chevrutot, teachers, care providers, leaders, guides, wise souls and just general all around superstars. The rabbinate is blessed to have y'all join the ranks!

Rabbanit Tamar Green Eisenstst and Abe Eisenstat

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Rabbi Dan Smokler

The background of the slide features abstract, watercolor-like washes in shades of light blue and white. The washes are soft and blended, creating a sense of depth and movement. The colors transition from a pale, almost white light blue on the left to a more vibrant, medium blue on the right. The overall effect is clean, modern, and artistic.

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Rebecca Kobrin

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Abigail & Shai Tambor

The background of the slide features abstract, watercolor-like washes in shades of light blue and white. The colors are soft and blended, creating a textured, artistic effect. The blue washes are more prominent on the right side, while the white areas are more on the left and top.

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The background of the slide is an abstract composition of light blue and white. It features several large, overlapping, organic shapes that resemble watercolor washes or ink blots. The colors transition from a pale, almost white blue to a more vibrant, medium blue, with some darker, teal-like tones on the right side. The overall effect is soft and fluid, with a sense of movement and depth.

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The background of the slide is an abstract composition of light blue and white. It features several large, overlapping, organic shapes that resemble liquid or smoke. The colors transition from a pale, almost white blue on the left to a more vibrant, medium blue on the right. The edges of these shapes are soft and irregular, creating a sense of movement and depth. There are some darker, more saturated blue areas towards the bottom right corner, suggesting a gradient or a focal point of color.

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Elena & Jay Lefkowitz

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The background of the slide is an abstract composition of organic, flowing shapes in various shades of teal and light blue, set against a white background. The shapes resemble liquid paint or ink that has been poured and allowed to flow and blend together, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and artistic.

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*Mazal Tov to all the awesome Musmakhot!
We are inspired by your vision and commitment to Am Israel.*

חזק חזק ונתחזק

Esther Altmann and Richard Cantor

CHAMPION

Faye Koschitsky

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Shari & Nathan Lindenbaum

The background of the slide is an abstract composition of teal and white. It features several large, overlapping, organic shapes that resemble watercolor washes or ink blots. The teal color transitions from a light, almost white hue to a deeper, more saturated blue-green. The overall effect is soft and artistic, with a focus on fluid, natural-looking forms.

CHAMPION

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Rabbi Marianne Novak and Dr. Noam Stadlan

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PATRON

Mazal tov Rabbanit Dr. Meira Wolkenfeld With gratitude for the Torah you live, teach, & exemplify May you go from strength to strength

Congregation Beth Israel, Berkeley, CA

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Ethan & Gretchen Davidson

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חזק חזק ונתחזק

Be strong, hold fast, and let us strengthen one another.

Leah Krakinowski & Andy Silberstein

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Mazal Tov to the musmachot!

Rabbi Lila Kagedan

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In honor of all the 2024 graduates and Board Chair, Erica Schwartz

Abby and Joshua Kaufthal

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Allan Stillerman

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Rabba Aliza Libman Baronofsky and Ari Baronofsky

Barbara Dobkin

The background of the slide is an abstract composition of teal and white. It features large, organic, flowing shapes that resemble liquid or smoke, creating a sense of movement and depth. The teal color transitions from a light, airy shade to a more saturated, vibrant hue, particularly on the right side of the image. The overall effect is clean, modern, and visually appealing.

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Cecily Marbach and Eli Oberstein

Diane Sandoval

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Continued success to all.

Dorothy Fox

Drs. Ailene and Noel Nusbacher

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Linda and Bernard Weiner

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Sharon Koren and Matthew Cohen

Mazal tov to Talia and all the graduates!

We're so proud of you!

Love,

Leslie, Alan, Noah, Tyler and Aline

The Crane Family

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In honor of our teacher, Rabba Sara: "the teacher is the text the students never forget"

***UJA Women's Judaic Studies Group,
Larchmont/Mamaroneck***

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Congratulations to all the musmakhots on your accomplishment!

Adele and Alan Farber

Amy Zwas and Yoram Bitton

Mazel tov Rabbi Naima, we love you! Love the Beis (Yael, Hart, R Tanya, Sarah Allen, Marissa, Shimmy, Nathaniel, Maia, Shalhevet)

Beis Community

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Deborah & Jonathan David

Jack and Lauren Gorman

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Jen Zukerman

ASSOCIATE

Mazal tov, Adina!

We are thrilled to celebrate you at this milestone.

The world is so lucky to have you in this role!

We love you!

Julie Sissman and Phil Richter

Karen Heilig

Congratulations to all the musmakhots on your accomplishment!

Laurie and Milt Wakschlag

ASSOCIATE

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Melanie and Mervyn Hurwitz

Ms. Devora Steinmetz and Rabbi David Silber

Mazal tov to Klal Yisrael on the semikha of my compassionate and erudite classmates!

Naima Hirsch Gelman

ASSOCIATE

We are so inspired by what you have accomplished and so excited for the wonderful transformative work that you will do!

Rabba Wendy Amsellem and Rabbi Mike Moskowitz

R' Leah, R' Naima, R' Miriam, R' Tamar, R' Adina, R' Talia, R' Rivka, R' Meytal, R' Yedidah, R' Dena, R' Meira - HUGE MAZAL TOV!

Rabba Yaffa Epstein (Kollel 2015) and Shimmy Feintuch

Mazel tov!!!!

We are so proud of the newest rabbinic leaders in Klal Yisrael. Mazel tov!!!!

***Rabbanit Devorah Zlochower
Rabbi Dov Linzer***

ASSOCIATE

*Mazal tov to all of you! It was such a zechut to learn with you and from you
and to be part of your Maharat journey!*

Rabbanit Liz Shayne (and family)

*Mazal Tov to Miriam Lorie, her family,
and the entire Kehillat Nashira!
Mazal Tov to all the musmakhot and to their communities!*

Rabbis Dina & Naftali Brawer

*Mazal tov to the newest musmakhot!
How lucky we are to have you serving the Jewish people.
We're so proud of you.*

Rachel Rosenthal, Yair Rosenberg, and Eva

ASSOCIATE

Mazal tov Naima! We are so proud of you!
Love, Samuel, Mom, Abba, Beth, Scott, Kopl, Yakir, and Melissa

Samuel Gelman

*Mazal tov Meytal, Yedidah, Dena, Meira, Rivka, Talia, Leah, Adina, Tamar,
Miriam, Naima, and Rabba Sara! So proud of you!!!*

Sarit and Jonathan Gribetz

*Mazel Tov to Miriam and all her colleagues
on this wonderful achievement!*
Sending all best wishes

Shelly and Michael Kassen

ASSOCIATE

Mazal tov to Naima, Leah and Dena and all the musmachot with special appreciation for Rabba Sara and Rav Jeff's leadership!

Shira Billet & Steven Exler

מזל טוב וכל הכבוד למיטל בלומנטל גורדון
יחד עם כל המוסמכות שתלכו מחיל אל חיל

Sue and Sid Gordon and family

Yocheved & Nathan Lindenbaum

FRIEND

Adina and Farryl Roth

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Agnes and Alan Leshner

Amy and Marty Melman

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Mazal Tov to all the musmachot, and to Yeshivat Maharat. We pray for the chatufim, the chayalim, and the Akurim.

Anat Sharbat

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Carol & Jim Cunradi

*Mazel Tov Rabbanit Dr. Meira Wolkenfeld.
The Jewish Community is so lucky to have you!*

Chana & Ari Greenspan & Family

David Malach

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Diane and James Savitz

Mazal tov to Rabbi Naima Hirsch, Rabba Sara, Rav Jeff, Dr. Lisa and the entire graduating Semikha class.

Dina Najman and James Licht

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Dodi and Jonathan Spielman and family

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Dr. Sarah Stemp

Mazal tov to Leah and all the graduates

Elaine Machleder

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Esther Sperber

Live long and prosper!

Freda Birnbaum

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Gail & Len Pogach

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*Mazal Tov to all the graduates and
especially our long-time colleague
at Hadar - Dena Weiss!*

Hadar Institute

*Dear Talia,
Mazel Tov on your outstanding accomplishment.
We love you,
Grammy and Papa*

Harriet & Stuart Sherman

Congratulations to all the musmakhots on your accomplishment!

Hilton and Helen Lorie

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Holly and Howard Sragow Foundation

*Your wisdom and compassion
will be a boon to your community.
Your warm heart and deep understanding of others
will enlighten their lives.
Aunt Muriel and Dad*

Howard Bierman

*Miriam might be the most impressive person
I've ever met, and I'm so delighted for her.
Congratulations to you all.*

Iain Mobbs

FRIEND

מזל טוב

*We are so proud of your many accomplishments Meytal
Excited for what the future holds
Garber/Gordon clan*

Josie & Ian Harris

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Judith & Daniel Ottensoser

*Mazal tov Miriam Lorie and all the musmakhots on their inspiring
achievements!*

Lauren and Neil Hamburger

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Lydia and Kenneth Polonsky

Congratulations to all the musmakhots on your accomplishment!

Margot Mann

*Dear Rabbanit Meira,
We could not be more happy and proud.
With much love,
Mom & Dad*

Morissa & Andy Rubin

FRIEND

Ms. Judy Weiss Jackson & Mr. Michael Jackson

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Nancy and Dov Lerea

Mazal tov to Adina Roth and all the musmachot. Kol haKavod.

Nicky Segerman

FRIEND

Pamela Gelman

Adina, we have so much love and admiration for you! Mazel tov to you and all the women at Maharat!

Polonsky-Vaang family

We are delighted and honored to have Dr. Meira Wolkenfeld as a leader in our community.

Preston and Anya Grant

FRIEND

Mazel tov Meira on your semikha!! Love, Quarantine Mamas (Yael, Yael, Rachel, Amanda, Nava, Esty, Tamar, Gilana)

Quarantine Mamas

*Mazel Tov to everyone at Yeshiva Maharat and
Yasher Kochachot to all the musmakhot.
May you go mechayil el chayil!*

Rabbi Jason Herman, Executive Director, International Rabbinic Fellowship

Rabbi Moshe Edelman

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Rella Feldman

Richard Marvin

Roberta and Fred Gelman



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Rori & Sandy Srulowitz

Congratulations to all the musmakhots on your accomplishment!

Ruth Licht

*Mazal Tov to the Musmakhots and the Emerging Scholars Cohort! Thank you
Maharat for all you do for Klal Yisrael!*

Sagee and Dahlia Zohar and family

FRIEND

Mazal tov, Adina!

No doubt your spiritual guidance and wisdom will infuse many neshamot with a love of Judaism.

Samantha Kur and Evan Hochberg

Congratulations to all the musmakhots on your accomplishment!

Sara Kantor

*Mazel tov to Naima,
a wonderful chevruta and friend-חברותא או מיתותא.
And mazel tov to all the musmachot!*

Sarah & Elliot Kaufman

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Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Selwyn and Laura Oskowitz

Sheldon Lutz

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Shira Gordon

FRIEND

Mazal tov to everyone at Yeshivat Maharat!

Stephen and Carol Silberstein

*מזל טוב וברכות, תלמידות חכמים מרבות שלום בעולם ללאה אהובתינו ולכל המוסמכות
לכן ולכל בית ישראל-מרובות*

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Steven and Koby Fine

*Talia, you give me so much nachas.
Mazel tov on this momentous achievement!
You inspire everyone around you.*

Susan Weisberg

FRIEND

Congratulations to all the musmakhot on your accomplishment!

Tamar Rabinowitz

*With admiration for and gratitude to Rabba Sara, Ariel Weiner, and Rabbi
Jeff Fox!*

The Lopatins

*Mazal tov to Dena and Meytal and to all of the
musmachot on this amazing achievement!
Love, Josh & Tiferet*

Tiferet Zussman & Josh Cohn

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