



OUR HONOREE: RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel is a long time supporter of Akiba-Schechter. He believes in the principles of our mission and has played an integral role in the growth of our beloved school. Rabbi Gertel has contributed to our school in public roles, as well as behind the scenes to help ensure the best educational experience for our children.

From participating in the Yachad Capital Campaign, to tutoring b'nai mitzvah, Rabbi Gertel's support of Akiba-Schechter is driven by his belief in the importance of the fine education our children receive. He has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Rodfei Zedek since 1988, and for all this time, he has worked tirelessly

to strengthen the relationship between Akiba-Schechter and Rodfei Zedek, as he sees this as a critical connection within the Jewish community and with the Hyde Park community in general.

As a scholar with multiple degrees, Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel has provided significant contributions to Jewish education. He has been a contributing editor for *Conservative Judaism* and *Jewish Spectator* Magazines; he has contributed many essays and reviews to popular and scholarly publications in the fields of Jewish thought, Jewish literature, and American Jewish history. His recent books include *What Jews Know About Salvation*, *Over the Top Judaism*, and an anthology, *Jewish Belief and Practice in Nineteenth Century America*. Rabbi Gertel has also served as chair of the Broadcast Commission of the Jewish Federation/Chicago Board of Rabbis and as president (twice) of the Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council.

We are proud to honor Rabbi Gertel this year and extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jerry & Sherry Glick and Harriet Koehler for underwriting tonight's event in his honor.

At Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School it is our privilege to Inspire, Challenge, and Nurture children from wide-eyed 2 year olds to inquisitive 14 year-olds, and everybody in between. We believe that youth is precious and that growth cannot be rushed. Since 1949, we have served Hyde Park and the Chicago Metropolitan community.

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“and you shall teach your children...”



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. ANNA SIEGLER,
co-author of *The Balancing Act*

The Balancing Act from Generation to Generation

Anna Sieglar is a long time resident of Hyde Park and member of the Akiba-Schechter community. Anna first came to Hyde Park to study at the University of Chicago, where she earned her B.A. in 1966. Balancing raising her growing family and her graduate studies, Anna received her Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago in 1980. Anna is an enthusiastic parent (and now grandparent) of Akiba-Schechter students. She also taught English and social studies at the school in 1980 and 1981.

Anna co-authored *The Balancing Act* with four other Chicago women. Published in 1976, the book discussed the particular challenges each author faced in juggling family and careers. The authors felt they were breaking new ground back then, but the issues they addressed and the struggles they described remain current for every generation of women.

Anna and her husband Dr. Mark Sieglar are thrilled that their three daughters, Dillan, Alison and Jessica, now make their homes in Chicago. Their son Richard works in Rwanda, where he mentors and teaches highly qualified high school students to help them win scholarships and attend U.S. colleges and universities.

AKIBA-SCHECHTER JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

invites you to celebrate at our
ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER
& SILENT AUCTION

Honoring

RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

of Congregation Rodfei Zedek

AND PAYING SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR TEACHERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012

The Palmer House

VIP Reception: 4:30 p.m.
Reception and Silent Auction: 5:00 p.m.

CO-CHAIRS: DAWN AND HARVEY LOEB

OUR TEACHERS

Mazal Amster | Elisa Aranoff | Rabbi Noah Baron | Rhea Basa | Hannah Bloom | Baila Brackman | Mary Bradford | Jetaun Breaux | Susan Carton | Elliot Cohen | Bill Coleman | Susan Dickman | Joe Esse | Alise Gold | Carla Goldberg | Sara Goshen | Shari Granat | Kristine Greiber | Carole Groover | Kelli Harris | Lexie Harris | Dara Henning | Rabbi Jeffrey Holman | Havah Hope | Rivka Kahana | Miriam Kass | Jessica Kaz Hoffman | Mara Franken | Rebecca Kirstein | Jill Kohl | Debbie Lekousis | Angela Moore | Sara Price | Jackie Rapp | Michelle Rotfeld | Becky Rubin | Scott Salk | Danielle Sandler | Miriam Schiller | Matty Schinasi | Emily Schoenberg | Barbara Simon | Arundhati Srimani | Caryn Stern-Alpert | Adi Tubi | Mary Beth Uretz | Sharon Vadeboncoeur | Brianna Weyers | Melissa Zimmerman

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