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Hillel Looks to The Future

At the May 21 Renaissance Award dinner held by Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, Hillel chairman **Julian Sandler** said, "This is not the Hillel of 20 years ago, or even two years ago." The event honored **Leslie Wexner**, chairman and CEO of Limited Brands. Sandler noted: "Hillel, which has a global reach of 500 campuses, is the future of the Jewish community. Eighty-five percent of all Jews go to college, and this is a pivotal time to engage them so they may enrich the Jewish community and the world." Addressing the 600 black-tie guests in the Waldorf-Astoria



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Leading Ladies: Jackie Teplitzky (left) and actress Ellyn Burstyn attended the Pajama Program's award luncheon.

ballroom, **E. Gordon Gee**, president of The Ohio State University and friend of the honoree (and principal benefactor of the Wexner Jewish Student Center, built at the university in 1996), joshed: "I'm a bow-tie-wearing Mormon academic from Ohio. My daughter and son-in-law are physicians; that makes me a member of the tribe. When I think of this, I get *farklemt*. You are great *mentschn* and have filled my life with *nachas* and *simkha*." After a pause, he said, "I had Yiddish lessons from an African American federal judge who was *kvelling*."

"Few organizations celebrate 100 years of doing good," said, Bnai Zion Foundation's national president, **George Schaeffer**, at the foundation's May 18 Centennial Celebration awards dinner, held at the Roosevelt Hotel. "We don't care who is in Israel's Knesset, we are interested in helping the sick, physically challenged and needy." Upon receiving Bnai Zion's Ohav Shalom award, honoree **Tovah Feldshuh** announced that she will be taking her one-woman show, "Golda's Balcony," to London and to some countries not so friendly to us." Her portrayal of Golda Meir in the 2003-

04 record-breaking Broadway show earned her a Drama Desk Award and a Tony nomination.

Bnai Zion is one of the oldest Jewish Zionist humanitarian organizations in America that is dedicated to helping those in need in Israel, the United States and around the world.

"I grew up in a low-income, middle-class area in [Santiago] Chile," said Manhattan real estate maven **Jacky Teplitzky**, recipient of the Sweet Dreams Award at the Pajama Program's May 2 luncheon, held at the Pierre Hotel. Her family moved to Israel, where Teplitzky served in the army. The family then immigrated to New York, where Teplitzky and her team at Prudential Douglas Elliman have sold more than \$500 million in Manhattan real estate. "I promised to give back," said Teplitzky, a Pajama Program advisory board member. "I wanted my kids to know about philanthropy." Founded seven years ago by **Genevieve Piturro**, the organization distributes pajamas to the needy throughout the United States, Europe and Israel.

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