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**JANE TAUBENFELD COHEN WINS  
PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL EDUCATORS AWARD**

**BOSTON, MASS. (Issued May 2006) -- Jane Taubenfeld Cohen of Sharon (Mass.),** Head of the **South Area Solomon Schechter Day School in Stoughton**, has been named the 2006 recipient of The prestigious **Covenant Foundation Award**, sponsored by the Crown Family Foundation and the Jewish Education Service of North America

The Covenant Foundation honors outstanding Jewish educators and supports creative approaches to programming who have distinguished themselves through their creativity, commitment, and talent. The prize carries a monetary award for the educator and for the institution.

The Covenant Foundation supports early childhood, youth, family, and adult Jewish education, primarily through grants and awards. Among previous Covenant Award winners have been Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Yosef Abramowitz, Joel Lurie Grishaver, Danny Siegel, and Debbie Friedman.

Materials submitted in support of Jane Taubenfeld Cohen's nomination included a portfolio highlighting many of her achievements including: the L'Chaim Holocaust education project; Professional Development: Rounds; Educational Leadership: Coaching; Differentiated Instruction: Diverse Learners, in order that every child and family who wants a Jewish education can have one; and her children's book, Just Like He Did, written in memory of her brother, David Taubenfeld.

In his nomination letter, Combined Jewish Philanthropies President Barry Shrage wrote, "This award represents the highest standards in Jewish education and I believe Jane and the South Area Solomon Schechter Day School are among the purest and best examples of excellence in Jewish education."

In his support letter, Director of Institutional Advancement Harry Bloom wrote, "Jane Taubenfeld Cohen has created a model environment where excellence and inclusion happily co-exist, and where innovation is the culture of the school. Her dedication to Jewish education has brought our school to the forefront of the community and the nation. Jane's spirit infuses and guides the uniquely integrated culture and mission of the school each day as we joyfully celebrate learning, our love of Israel, commitment to *Tzedakah*, and community."

Taubenfeld Cohen will be honored at the Covenant Award event in November in California.

A \$7.5 million capital campaign is underway to fund purchase and renovations of a new campus in Norwood. To date, about 60%, or \$4.5 million, has been raised. *(For information about naming opportunities at the new facility, call 781-341-5033. For K-8 enrollment information for 2006-07, call 781-341-8040)*

-- By Stanley Hurwitz