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Bernard Fryshman, Director
Accreditation Commission
Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools
11 Broadway, Suite 405
New York, New York 10004

Dear Dr. Fryshman:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission (AARTS). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I grant AARTS renewed federal recognition for a period of five years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to AARTS for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Correspondent" and "Candidate") within the United States of advanced rabbinical and Talmudic schools to include Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters, Doctorate, and First Rabbinic and First Talmudic degrees programs

Please convey my best wishes to the members of the AARTS. We appreciate their work to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Auer Jones".

Diane Auer Jones
Principal Deputy Under Secretary
Delegated to Perform the Duties of Under Secretary
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