

Out & About

... at the UJO of Williamsburg 5th Annual Legislative Breakfast

The United Jewish Organizations (UJO) of Williamsburg held its 5th Annual Legislative Breakfast on March 29 at the Continental Ballroom in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

The Annual Legislative Breakfast brings together a distinguished array of communal, religious, political, government and civic leaders to express support for the thriving

(Right): New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli (left) accepts the UJO State Leadership Award from (l-r): Rabbi David Niederman, president, UJO; Assemblyman Vito Lopez, Brooklyn Democratic Chairman; and Yeshaya Schwartz, board member, UJO.

(Below): Speaking at the UJO Breakfast are (clockwise): DiNapoli; New York City Comptroller William C. Thompson Jr.; Joel I. Klein, chancellor, NYC Department of Education; and William E. Rapfogel, CEO, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.



Dr. David Menche, president and CEO, Therapy Care, Legislative Breakfast sponsor.



Williamsburg, which provides physical and occupational therapy in the Williamsburg community under the leadership of Dr. David Menche, president and CEO, Therapy Care. The Friedlander Group coordinated the Breakfast.

The UJO was established in 1966 to serve as an umbrella organization that provides and coordinates a vast range of social, educational, health and housing services for the rapidly growing Hasidic community of Greater Williamsburg. The UJO also serves as the unified voice of the various community-based organizations. Over the past 40 years, since its founding, and throughout the last 20 years under the leadership of Rabbi David Niederman, UJO has earned the respect of both the residents of Williamsburg and its elected officials for representing the community on quality-of-life

issues and helping the community obtain vitally needed government assistance.

UJO works closely with some 150 organizations and civic associations by connecting those they represent with the information and services these institutions provide, such as health insurance, career training, crisis care, legal assistance, Head Start programs and numerous other vital programs.

UJO also formulates a consensus on policy matters pertaining to neighborhood concerns and has been at the forefront advocating for the rights of the Williamsburg community in its interaction with the local, city, state and federal governments.



well-being of the UJO's culturally diverse communities; Waste Management, which is dedicated to the Williamsburg community; and Therapy Care of



Williamsburg community and, specifically, the crucial role UJO has played in facilitating this growth and success.

The Williamsburg New York City Housing Authority Tenants Associations was honored with the Hakoras HaTov Appreciation Award; New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli received the State Leadership Award; Dennis P. Whalen, director of state operations for Gov. David A. Paterson, was honored with the Community Appreciation Award; Hon. Joel I. Klein, chancellor, New York City Department of Education, was the recipient of the Public Service Award; Edward Skyler, deputy

mayor for operations, received the City Leadership Award; Vincent V. Abate, chair, Community Board #1, received the Community Tribute Award; and Gerald A. Esposito, district manager, Community Board #1, was awarded the Community Tribute Award.

William Rapfogel, CEO of Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, served as the event's chairman. U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer delivered the keynote address.

Legislative Breakfast sponsors included: Health Plus, an innovative not-for-profit healthcare plan committed to quality healthcare and the health and

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