

Out & About

... at the Nachas Health & Family Network Legislative Breakfast

At the inaugural legislative breakfast, hosted by the Nachas Health & Family Network, hundreds of religious leaders, community philanthropists and elected officials gathered to recognize the significant role Nachas carries out in ensuring that every child, family and senior receives access to quality healthcare and social services.

Nachas Health & Family Network is a not-for-profit community-based organization, founded in 1990 by Rabbi Pinchus D. Horowitz, to address the health services needs of immigrant and Jewish communities in Brooklyn. Nachas helps its clients attain physical and psychological wellness in a dignified manner.

The program opened with William E. Rapfogel, CEO,



award presentations to elected officials and community leaders whose staunch support allows Nachas to fulfill its mission.

The breakfast, which was held

viding crucial support to Nachas.

Hikind presented Douglas Jablon with the Community Hakoras HaTov Award, and praised him as a true *ba'al*

Helping Those In Need.

(Left): Assemblyman Dov Hikind (right) presents the Nachas Community Hakoras HaTov Award to Douglas H. Jablon, special assistant to the president and vice president, Patient Relations & Volunteer Services, Maimonides Medical Center.

(Below): William E. Rapfogel (left), CEO, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, presents the State Leadership Award to New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.



(Above): Councilman Bill de Blasio (center) presents a proclamation to Jonathan Zalisky, community relations associate, Health Plus (left), and the Nachas Community Health Partner Award to Douglas Heimowitz, director of medicare, Health Plus.

(Below): Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz (left) presents the Nachas City Leadership Award to New York City Comptroller William C. Thompson Jr.

(Bottom): Assemblyman Dov Hikind introduces Senate Democratic Leader Malcolm Smith (left).



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Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, who served as the morning's master of ceremonies and introduced Rabbi Horowitz. The rabbi's remarks were followed by

at the Renaissance Ballroom in Brooklyn, was coordinated by The Friedlander Group and chaired by Assemblyman Dov Hikind, who is credited with pro-

chesed (one who does acts of kindness) for all his efforts as vice president of Patient Relations & Volunteer Services at Maimonides Medical Center. Congressman Jerry Nadler presented the Community Tribute Award to Joseph Lazar, The Lazar Consulting Group, in appreciation for facilitating important programs to assist Holocaust survivors.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz presented New York City Comptroller Bill Thompson Jr. with the City Leadership Award, while the State Leadership Award was presented to New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli by Rapfogel. Councilman Bill de Blasio honored Douglas Heimowitz, director of medicare, Health Plus, with the Community Health Partner Award.

The impressive roster of honorees was matched by an equally impressive line up of speakers that included Congressman Ed Towns, State Senator Diane Savino and Assemblyman Rory Lancman.

The highlight of the program was Hikind's introduction of Senate Democratic Leader Malcolm Smith as a true mensch who has committed himself to supporting community initiatives. In return, Smith praised Nachas for serving the public, and pledged to do all he can to help.

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