

## 2013-K1184

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andrew Menkes upon the occasion of being named Man of the Year by Madison Jewish Center

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State is greatly enriched by its religious institutions and the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions and individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Andrew Menkes upon the occasion of being named Man of the Year by the Madison Jewish Center; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Madison Jewish Center in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1931, Madison Jewish Center (MJC) is located in the heart of Brooklyn in the Madison neighborhood; for 83 years, it has proudly served the Madison, Marine Park, Sheepshead Bay and Midwood communities; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Anniversary Journal Celebration, MJC proudly honors members in recognition of their enduring and outstanding service to the synagogue; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Menkes has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Menkes was a member of the New York National Guard for 24 years, and also retired from the New York City Police Department with

the rank of Lieutenant Special Assignment; he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from City College and a Master's degree from John Jay College; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man is a member and past president of the NYPD's Shomrim Society; and

WHEREAS, A vital member of the MJC community, Andrew Menkes is co-chair of the MJC Ritual Committee and a member of the Administrative Board; in addition, he serves as Gabbi and is a choir member; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Andrew Menkes has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable man has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andrew Menkes upon the occasion of being named Man of the Year by the Madison Jewish Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Menkes.