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## SENATOR KLEIN CELEBRATES JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN RIVERDALE

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*Jewish American Community Leaders and Hundreds of Bronxites Gather to Celebrate Jewish Heritage Month at Riverdale YM-YWHA*

**BRONX, NY** – State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester) hosted his 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jewish Heritage Celebration on Sunday at The Riverdale YM-YWHA, honoring local community leaders and honoring the over 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American society and culture.

“Each year, I am proud to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month and recognize the valuable contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our communities. Our nation was built by hardworking individuals whose perseverance and dedication to seeing a brighter future for all will never be forgotten. Thank you for joining me today to salute those who have made a positive difference in our communities and improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens,” **said Senator Klein.**

Joined by hundreds of community members, Senator Klein highlighted the contributions of outstanding Jewish Americans including: Sylvia Lask, community leader; Richard Romanoff, founder, president, and CEO of Nebraskaland; Robert Rubenstein, Esq., board member of Riverdale Senior Services; and Andy Wolf, publisher and editor of The Riverdale Review and Bronx Press Review.

“I am thrilled to be honored by Senator Klein. This is a great honor particularly during Jewish heritage month,” **said Robert Rubenstein, Esq., board member of Riverdale Senior Services.**

“I am very proud that Senator Klein has recognized me for this special award during Jewish heritage month. It is important to celebrate our culture. As Theodore Herzl says, ‘If you will it, it is no dream,’” **stated Sylvia Lask, community leader.**

"Being a Bronx native this is a very special recognition on behalf of all the other Jewish business entrepreneurs. Thanks for recognizing us all," **added Richard Romanoff, founder, president, and C.E.O. of Nebraskaland.**

“I am proud to have been selected by Senator Klein and look forward to continuing my work for a strong Jewish community in Riverdale with Senator Klein,” **said Andy Wolf, editor and publisher of The Riverdale Review and The Bronx Press Review.**

Rabbi Ari Hart Weiss of Hebrew Institute of Riverdale performed the invocation, and guests enjoyed a complimentary lunch and Jewish cultural music.