



*Madison Jewish Center
84th Annual
Journal Dinner Celebration*

Honoring

Leonard Petlakh,

*Executive Director of the Kings Bay Y
Man of the Year*

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Madison Jewish Center

2989 Nostrand Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11229

Congratulations to our Man of the Year

Leonard Petlakh

An honor well deserved

On behalf of

Igor Branovan

The Kings Bay Y Board

And the

American forum of Russian-speaking Jewry

Journal Committee

84 years have passed since Madison Jewish Center opened its doors and because of this we have gathered together to celebrate with a glowing tribute to all. How fitting it is to honor Leonard Petlakh, the Executive Director at the Kings Bay YM-YWHA when so many of our members at MJC are also members of the Y. Leonard's dedication and hard work has helped to keep our community strong.

This event is a culmination of a year of planning and brainstorming. Our gratitude to the members of the journal committee and MJC's office staff who worked so diligently to make this year's journal a success.

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President's Message

Congratulations and thank you to our Journal Committee for putting together another outstanding "Journal". The Journal Dinner Dance is our synagogue's largest annual fundraiser. Organizing and seeing it through is a Herculean task that takes the hard work and cooperation of many Madison Jewish Center members. We are grateful to them all. We also thank our attendees and advertisers without whom there would be no "Journal". You have all contributed the funds which we so desperately need.

Furthermore, you are here to honor an outstanding and very special member of our community. I refer, of course, to Leonard Petlakh, the Executive Director of the Kingsbay YM-YWHA. The "Y" has been an integral part of our Madison, Sheepshead Bay, Marine Park community for close to 40 years. Leonard, during his term in office has been a driving force toward multiculturalism and friendship. He leads an organization that is one of our best hopes for fostering warm relationships among our diverse populations.

We wish you Leonard, many healthy, productive years leading this valuable institution.

Roy Alexander
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The first significant number of twenty three Jewish immigrants came to New York, then the colony of New Amsterdam, as refugees from Recife, Brazil in 1654. Governor Peter Stuyvesant was at first unwilling to accept them, but eventually succumbed to pressure from the Dutch West India Company– itself coerced by Jewish stockholders, with the stipulation that: “they do not become a burden to the company or the community.” One of the first things that this community did was form Congregation Shearith Israel (the Remnant of Israel) often called The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. This Congregation is still in existence today here in New York City, and it is the oldest Jewish Congregation in the United States.

The Jewish Community took heed to the stipulation that: “they do not become a burden to the community”, and ensured a hopeful outlook for all the ensuing Remnants of Israel who would immigrate over the next centuries. This meager but significant original Jewish Community inaugurated, over three hundred and sixty years ago, the infrastructure that paved the way for the establishment of subsequent Synagogues and Jewish social service and communal organizations. This infrastructure allowed the future generations of millions of Jews to seek refuge in the United States of America and become at home in this blessed land. We, here today at Madison Jewish Center’s 84th Annual Journal Celebration, are not that far removed from the hardship of our own families’ immigrant experience, and we are the spiritual descendants and thankful beneficiaries of their herculean efforts on our behalf.

This year’s Journal Honoree, Leonard Petlakh – Executive Director of The Kings Bay YM-YWHA, has taken his own immigrant experience and has successfully added his unique talents to his current and previous positions in the Jewish realm of G’milut Hasadim - civic virtue. In doing so, he follows in a long line of Jewish civic-minded communal leaders. Leonard’s commitment to the American-Jewish Immigrant Dream is an inspiration for us and for all those who have benefited and will benefit in the future from his untiring efforts. Mazal Tov Leonard and continued Hatzlaha in all your worthy endeavors.

Cantor Leslie Rimer

This year Madison Jewish Center honors Leonard Petlakh as Man of the Year.

This is a very prestigious honor that is bestowed each year on one exceptional person. Leonard Petlakh surely fits that criteria.

We recite a prayer every Shabbat, “vechol meh sheh oskiem betzorhay tzibur” (“May Hashem bless those who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the community”). Leonard certainly is a person who devotes himself to the community at large. He is the Executive Director of the Kings Bay YM-YWHA, and has previously served as the Associate Executive Director of the Hebrew Free Loan Society. This Gemilut Chasadim, act of kindness, enabled people in need to receive interest free loans. Among his many activities, Leonard is also an instructor of Jewish history at Hunter College and serves as Vice President of the American Zionist Movement.

Congratulations and Mazal Tov to Leonard on being honored by our beloved Shul.

I would also like to wish a Yasher Koach to the members of the Journal Committee and other volunteers for their diligence and hard work to make this event a great success.

Sisterhood

On behalf of Sisterhood, we congratulate Madison Jewish Center on its 84th anniversary. This year the Journal Committee has chosen Leonard Petlakh as our honoree.

This year's award appropriately reflects the endless hours of service and sincere devotion given by our honoree to the community of which Madison Jewish Center Community is a part.

Mazel Tov!

Harriett Cohen

Shelli Feldman

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Social Club Message

The Social Club congratulates the Journal Committee for putting together a fantastic Journal, and a gala event, with a most deserving honoree.

A thriving affiliate of Madison Jewish Center, the Social Club meets the needs of our community both socially and religiously. Our activities generate funds for Madison while providing friendships and enjoyment for the individuals who are involved.

Leonard Petlakh, the Executive Director of the Kings Bay YM-YWHA, also helps meet the needs of our Madison community. Under Leonard's leadership, the Y has developed and improved a number of programs that fit perfectly into the lives of our members. Whether we are involved in the special Jewish Interest programs (such as the annual Israeli Day celebration), or in the many ongoing activities (pre-school, after school activities, Day Camp, adult gym and athletics programs, swimming, etc.) we have a comfortable Jewish Community Center in which to enjoy them.

The Social Club is looking forward to many more exciting, interesting, and congenial activities, bringing our Madison Jewish Center family together for spiritual as well as social functions. We are also looking forward to many more years of working even more closely with our honoree.

Norman Green
Social Club President

Parents' Association Message

The Parents' Association of Madison Jewish Center would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Leonard Petlakh on being Madison Jewish Center's Journal Dinner Honoree this year. Each year an individual or individuals who are dedicated to Madison or to our community and make a difference in our community are selected as honorees, and this year is no exception!

Leonard Petlakh has been an integral part of the Jewish community here in Brooklyn since becoming the director of the Kingsbay Y in 2006. Mr. Petlakh is the kind of person who represents the Jewish community, who will listen to the concerns of our community, and represents each and every person in our community. He makes certain the staff maintains the pool and exercise equipment at the Kingsbay Y very nicely, as many of our members who are avid swimmers and exercisers would know!

. Congratulations and we thank you for all you have done for the Jewish community.

Melanie Green and the P.A.

Madison Jewish Center

Man of the Year,

Leonard Petlakh

Leonard Petlakh received his B.A. from Hunter College, CUNY and his M.B.A from Baruch College, CUNY.

He has served as the Executive Director of the Kings Bay YM- YWHA in Brooklyn since December, 2006. The Y serves the Sheepshead Bay, Marine Park, Homecrest, Midwood, Bergen Beach and Mill Basin neighborhoods of Brooklyn. The Y has added other branches in Brooklyn: Kings Bay Y at Windsor Terrace, serving the Kensington, South Slope and Windsor Terrace neighborhoods and their newest location in North Williamsburg, serving children and families in North Williamsburg and Greenpoint.

Prior to this position, Leonard served as the Associate Executive Director of the Hebrew Free Loan Society in New York from 1999 to 2006. He is also an instructor of Jewish history at Hunter College. Leonard serves as Vice President of the American Zionist Movement, a national Zionist umbrella organization. He lives with his family in South Merrick, Long Island.

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It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the administration, staff and members of Madison Jewish Center for their outstanding record of service to the Madison area and the community at large.

The services and programs provided by the Madison Jewish Center have had far-reaching effects on the lives of thousands throughout the nation and the world.

I am honored to join them in paying tribute at their 84st Anniversary to Leonard Petlakh who has been the Executive Director of the Kings Bay YM/YMHA in Brooklyn since December 2006. Congratulations to him for this most prestigious and well deserved recognition.

My sincere good wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely yours,

Martin J. Golden

Congratulations to Madison Jewish Center

On 84 years serving our community

And to this year's honoree

Leonard Petlakh

*Whose work at the Kings Bay Y has helped our
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Ellen and Norman Green

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Anne Gruskin

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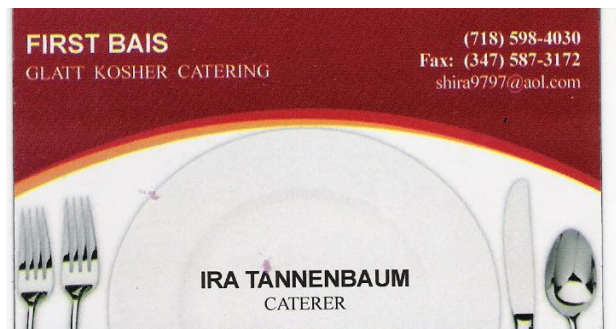
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May we continue to share each other's joy and nachas –

And celebrate Madison's 120th birthday.

Jose Tony Santiago



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Extends best wishes to the members of
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May you see continued success!!!

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