



February 5, 2024 (New York, NY) - On Sunday, February 4th, United States Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) and seven additional Members of New York's Downstate Congressional Delegation attended the JCRC-NY 2024 Congressional Breakfast at UJA-Federation of NY in midtown Manhattan. The event was held in cooperation with UJA-Federation of New York and sponsored by Craig Newmark Philanthropies.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Schumer, House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, and U.S. Representatives Adriano Espaillat, Dan Goldman, Mike Lawler, Grace Meng, Jerrold Nadler, and Ritchie Torres addressed 300 plus Jewish, and other faith, ethnic, and political leaders and diplomats on topics ranging from the Israel-Hamas war, the rise in antisemitism, security, and the current status of the U.S.-Israel relationship. Ronen and Orna Neutra, parents of 22-year-old American hostage Omer, spoke on behalf of the hostage families.

"While over 100 Israelis are still being held by Hamas in Gaza, it was important and timely for our elected officials, including Senate Majority Leader Schumer and House Democratic Leader Jeffries, to share our community's deep concern and demonstrate that we are not alone. They stand with us and we appreciate their efforts to ensure that the hostages are brought home immediately and that Jewish communities in the United States, Israel, and all over the world are safe and secure," said **Noam Gilboord, JCRC-NY Interim CEO.**

Along with Mr. Gilboord, the event was chaired by JCRC-NY President, Bennett W. Golub, and Chair of the Board, Cheryl Fishbein. Also participating were Ambassador Tsach Saar, Acting Consul General of Israel in NY, JCRC-NY's incoming CEO, Mark Treyger, UJA-Federation's Hindy Poupko and Dan Rosenthal, Community Security Initiative's Mitchell Silber, and JCRC-NY Board Members Jennifer Falk, Jonathan Greenspun, Karen Kasner, and Brad Korn.

Among those joining us were: New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez; NYS Senators Leroy Comrie, Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Liz Krueger, Shelley Mayer, Steve Rhoads, and Kevin Thomas; NYS Assembly Members Sam Berger, Alex Bores, Kenny Burgos, Brian Cunningham, Jeff Dinowitz, Harvey Epstein, Eddie Gibbs, Andy Hevesi, Alicia Hyndman, Grace Lee, Dana Levenberg, Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Linda Rosenthal, Rebecca Seawright, Jo Ann Simon, Tony Simone, Steve Stern, Al Taylor, and David Weprin; and NYC Council Members Eric Bottcher, Gale Brewer, Eric Dinowitz, and Julie Menin. Diplomats were also present from the following countries: Austria, Argentina, Bulgaria, Germany, Israel, Serbia, Romania, and Ukraine.

You can watch a video of the entire event [here](#) and read our Focus on Communal Priorities [here](#).