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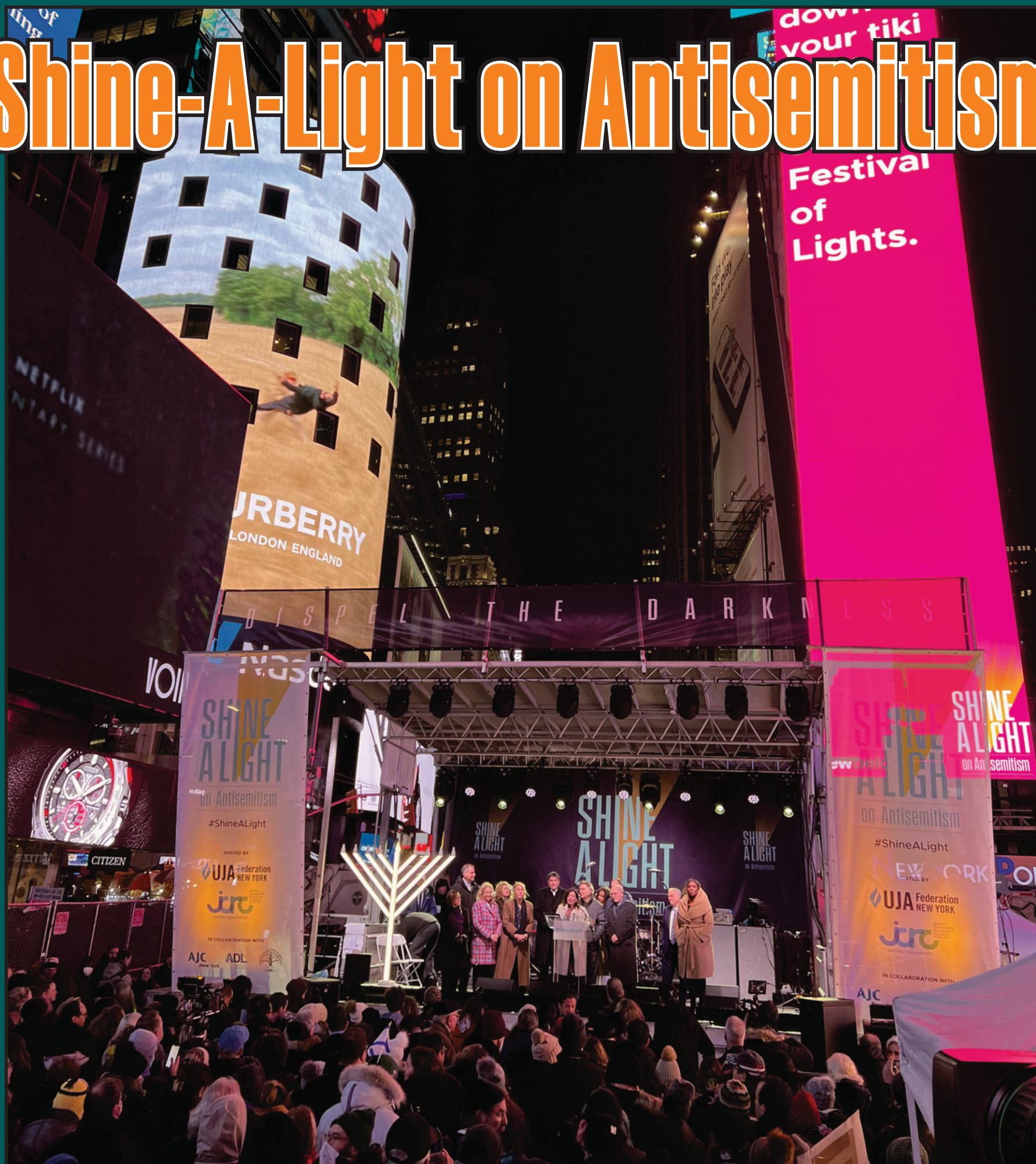
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"On the second night of Chanukah, how appropriate that one candle was lit by a survivor of the Holocaust, and the other candle was lit by the victim of a vicious antisemitic attack mere months ago, just a few blocks from where we are standing," said Gideon Taylor, JCRC-NY CEO and Executive VP. "What greater reminder could there be from these individuals that we must stand up together against hate, here in this iconic location and everywhere, on this symbolic holiday and every day."

"Chanukah is all about the miracle overcoming great odds and pointless hate," said Cheryl Fishbein, JCRC-NY President. "Our society today is being challenged by the forces of hate, and we are so grateful that our elected officials and fellow New Yorkers are standing with us as we together shine our light against hate."

"As the governor of the great state of New York, there is no hate in this state," said NYS Gov. Kathy Hochul. "We will 'Shine A Light' and stamp it out."

"No more hate as long as we stand shoulder to shoulder ... as an African American woman, I stand with the Jewish community now and forever," said NYS Attorney General Letitia James. "Chanukah is about the triumph of light over darkness, and we all have a duty to come together and put an end to the darkness of antisemitism for good."

Lighting one of the candles was Joseph Borgen, a victim of a violent antisemitic attack last May which took place only a few blocks from Times Square, who said, "The attack on me was not isolated incident. From deadly attacks in Pittsburgh to Poway to Jersey City - to Nazi symbolism and vicious anti-Israel hate on campus - antisemitism is increasing to record levels. We're here today - together with tens of thousands of people across the country - to shine a light on antisemitism - and the miracle light of Chanukah, the light that says Jews will not stand by."

Lighting the second candle were Holocaust survivors Jehuda and Leah



**Top:** General view of Shine-A-Light Rally at Times Square in NYC. **2nd row:** NYS Governor, Kathy Hochul, addressing the thousands who gathered at the Square. **3row:** NYS Gov. Kathy Hochul (left) and Congresswoman Caroline Maloney (right) on stage with Holocaust Survivors. **Bottom:** NYS Attorney General, Letitia James, addressing the audience. Photos: Perry Bindelglass.

Evron. Jehuda Evron was born in Iasi, Romania in 1931. In 1941, Iasi's Jewish community suffered through a terrible pogrom, where over 12,000 Jews were murdered, including Jehuda's two uncles and a cousin. The Jews were forced to wear yellow stars and were often beaten by antisemitic boys. Leah Evron's family is from Zywiec, Poland. More than 60 people in her family, including her father and her sister, were murdered during the Holocaust. Today, the Evrons live here in New York and have children and grandchildren.

"Today, Holocaust survivors and a recent victim of antisemitic violence in New York City offered searing proof of why it's so important to speak up and unite against antisemitism and hate," said Eric S. Goldstein, CEO, UJA-Federation of New York. "Particularly during Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrating freedom over hate and oppression, we're reminded of the power of even a small light to raise awareness and help dispel hatred in all its forms."

The event is part of Shine A Light, a national initiative over the Chanukah holiday which will illuminate the dangers of antisemitism through education, community partnerships, workplace engagement, and advocacy. Shine A Light is partnering with over 60 American and Canadian Jewish and non-Jewish organizations and corporations to mount a comprehensive digital, print, broadcast, and out-of-home media campaign and offering educational resources for K-12 and workplace environments. This effort to increase awareness and action against antisemitism is unmatched in recent history.

Shine A Light will light iconic buildings nationwide yellow, the color of candlelight and a symbol of Chanukah, from November 28 to December 6. In New York, buildings will include Silverstein Properties' 3 World Trade Center, 4 World Trade Center and 7 World Trade Center, plus the Oculus.

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## About Shine A Light:

Throughout the eight days of Chanukah, Shine A Light will illuminate modern forms of antisemitism and inspire awareness and action to fight it at every turn across America - in workplaces, schools and campuses, and online. Visit their website at: <http://www.shinealighton.com> for a full slate of events, resources, and tools.

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## About JCRC-NY:

The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY) serves as the primary community relations agency for the Jewish community in the metropolitan New York area. JCRC-NY builds relationships to advance the values, interests, and security of the Jewish community and to create a more interconnected New York for all.