

# JCRC's Winter Benefit

## "Uniting and Securing Communities"

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New York, NY, November 20, 2020 - The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY) welcomed guests to its 2020 Virtual Winter Benefit under the theme, "Uniting and Securing Communities," honoring (pictured top to bottom) "The Admiral," David M. Robinson, Co-Founder, Admiral Capital Group,

NBA Hall of Famer and Olympian, and Daniel M. Bassichis, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Admiral Capital Group, with the Bridge to Justice Award, and Samuel I. Schwartz, P.E., Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants, and his son, David J. Schwartz, Co-Founder and Principal, SLATE Property Group, with the Generation Award.

The evening also

celebrated the launch of the new Community Security Initiative (CSI), a joint program of UJA-Federation of New York and JCRC-NY, premiering a short film about its mission and work to substantially improve the safety and security of Jewish communal institutions across the greater New York area. The powerful film featured such experts as Mitchell Silber, CSI Executive Director, David Pollock, JCRC-NY Associate Executive Director, and Director of Public Policy & Security, NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea and former Commissioner Ray Kelly, along with Jewish community leaders.

"I want to express my personal gratitude to our honorees, The Admiral, David Robinson, Daniel Bassichis, and Sam and David Schwartz, and their

presenters Justin Tuck and Jeff Levine, our incomparable President Cheryl Fishbein, our dedicated Officers and Board of Directors, our Benefit Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Co-Chairs, all our Sponsors and guests, and our staff, consultants and volunteers," said Michael Miller, Executive Vice President and CEO of JCRC-NY.

Cheryl Fishbein said, "When I took over the reigns as JCRC-NY President from my predecessor Charlie Temel more than a year ago, I could never have imagined the issues we would face, as Jews, as New Yorkers and as Americans. I could not be more proud of our lay leadership and professional staff led by CEO Michael Miller for how expertly they have navigated the challenges our New York and Jewish communities

have encountered these last few months. From anti-Semitic attacks, to the pandemic, to social injustice, we have risen to each occasion, providing invaluable resources, support, guidance and advice."

"If you couldn't tell, I'm kvelling now to receive this award with my son, David. I thank you JCRC-NY, and thank you to everyone who has joined the benefit today," said Generation to Generation Award recipient Sam Schwartz, aka 'Gridlock Sam.'

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Cheryl Wills, author and NY1 News Anchor, served as the event host and was

also honored with an award for her steadfast support of JCRC-NY over many years.

New York Giants legend and two-time Super Bowl Champion Justin Tuck presented the Bridge to Justice Awards, and JCRC-NY Board Member Jeff Levine, a Virtual Winter Benefit Co-Chair and Chairman of Douglaston Development LLC, Levine Builders, and Clinton Management LLC, presented the Generation to Generation Awards.

Acting Consul General of Israel in New York Israel Nitzan and UJA-Federation of New York President Amy A. B. Bressman delivered special greetings.

The awards program ended with a touching musical tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of James Taylor's "Shed a Little Light," in a special music video that was dramatically

taped in front of both the Lincoln Memorial and the King Memorial, featuring a capella group Naturally 7 and, The Maccabeats.

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### ABOUT JCRC-NY

*The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY) serves as the central coordinating body and resource organization for the Jewish Community in the metropolitan New York area and as an advocate for a strong and secure State of Israel. An active force in New York civic and communal life, JCRC-NY protects, secures, and enhances the New York Jewish community and builds working relationships within the Jewish community, with other ethnic and faith communities, and with public officials.*  
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**David M. Robinson, NBA Hall of Famer and Olympian, Co-Founder of Admiral Capital Group (left), with Daniel M. Bassichis, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Admiral Capital Group.**  
Photo: Admiral Capital Group's website.



**Samuel I. Schwartz, P.E., Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants (left) and his son, David J. Schwartz, Co-Founder and Principal, SLATE Property Group.**  
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