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Jewish American Community Leaders and Dozens of Bronxites Gather to Celebrate Jewish Heritage Month at Bronx House

Bronx, NY - Senator Jeff Klein, in partnership with **Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj**, held his 3rd annual Jewish American Heritage Month Celebration at The Bronx House on Sunday, honoring local Jewish American leaders and their many accomplishments and contributions to our community.

"I'm always proud to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, where we honor the countless contributions Jewish Americans have made throughout our nation's storied history. Right here in The Bronx, we have local Jewish American leaders who lead by example and improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens. I'm pleased to recognize and salute not just our local honorees, but all Jewish Americans across the country," **said Senator Jeff Klein.**

"This month we celebrate and recognize the numerous contributions Jewish Americans have put forth to better the community. All of our honorees go above and beyond to boost our local economy, beautify our neighborhoods, and help to ensure residents receive the services they need. The work they do is invaluable and I thank them for their dedicated service," **said Assemblymember Mark Gjonaj.**

Joined by dozens of community members, Senator Klein highlighted the contributions of outstanding Jewish Americans including: Kay Cardona, member of Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association; Marcy Gross, board member of Bronx Community Board #11; and Paul Klein, President of Temple Beth El of City Island.

"I was so surprised and humbled when I got the call saying the hardest working senator feels you deserve to be honored. I'm thrilled to receive this award and to stand among the other outstanding Jewish American community members on this memorable day," **said Kay Cardona, member of Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association.**

"Jewish American Heritage Month is such an important time of year, where we recognize the hard work that Jewish Americans have done to enrich our communities. I'm grateful for this honor and want to thank Senator Klein for organizing such a meaningful event," **said Marcy Gross, board member of Bronx Community Board #11.**

Following the awards ceremony, students from P.S. 105 recited poetry of Jewish faith and culture, entertaining the crowd. Guests then enjoyed a complimentary lunch before the

closing prayer. Senator Jeff Klein will also host another Jewish Heritage Celebration on Sunday, May 21 at the Riverdale YM - YMHA.