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## Senator Klein hosts 3rd Annual Riverdale Jewish American Heritage Month Celebration

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**Bronx, NY - Senator Jeff Klein** hosted his 3rd annual Riverdale Jewish American Heritage Month Celebration on Sunday afternoon at the Riverdale YM-YWHA. During the event, Senator Klein honored local Jewish American leaders for their many accomplishments and contributions to the community.

“Jewish American Heritage Month is an important time of the year where we honor the countless contributions Jewish Americans have made throughout our nation’s storied history. Right here in Riverdale, we have many local Jewish American leaders who lead by example and improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens. I’m proud to recognize and salute not just our local honorees, but all Jewish Americans across the country,” **said Senator Klein.**

Joined by over one hundred community members, Senator Klein celebrated and honored local Jewish Americans including: Judith Sonnett, community activist; Hector Goldman, World War II Veteran; Michael Heller, Bronx Community Board #8 District Manager; Ken and Cochava Dubin, Owners of The Corner Cafe.

“I want to thank Senator Klein. I have been part of this community for 30 years or longer. I love the community. I love being Jewish. I love being a New Yorker. I love being an American and I will continue to work as hard as I can,” **said Judith Sonett, community activist.**

“We really appreciate this recognition. My wife and I made a conscious decision 28 years ago when we opened Corner Cafe to settle in Riverdale, and to open our business and serve the community,” **said Ken Dubin, Owner of The Corner Cafe.**

“Thank you, Senator Klein. I came to this country and a year later I was back in Europe fighting the Germans. I am very proud of that,” **said Hector Goldman, World War II Veteran.**

“Senator Klein, thank you so much for this honor, it’s really wonderful. I usually fly below the radar, so this is a very special thing for me,” **said Michael Heller, Bronx Community Board #8 District Manager.**

Following the awards ceremony, attendees enjoyed a complimentary lunch while listening to Klezmer music, which was performed by members of Shlomo Haviv Music.