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## **Sid Jacobson JCC's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual *Eat. Bid. Laugh!* Offers Epicurean Tastings from Top Long Island Restaurants**

**East Hills, NY, February 11, 2020** – [Sid Jacobson JCC's](#) 25<sup>th</sup> annual *Eat. Bid. Laugh! An Auction & Epicurean Event* will feature an impressive variety of savory and sweet epicurean tastings from Long Island's top restaurants, a performance by comedian Iliza Shlesinger, and extensive silent auction prizes. Tickets to the event are now on sale and can be purchased at [eatbidlaugh.org](http://eatbidlaugh.org).

The event will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 6:30pm at Fresh Meadow Country Club in Lake Success. Last year, the premier fundraising event raised more than \$1.6 million to help enhance the lives of those who rely on the JCC's quality social service programs. In addition, money raised each year at *Eat. Bid. Laugh! An Auction & Epicurean Event* benefits the Sheldon A. Sinett BASICS Fund. Maintained as an incubator fund, BASICS has the goal of funding Sid Jacobson JCC's social service programs. Impacting thousands in the community, BASICS has funded more than 70 new programs within the last 14 years. These programs serve all individuals and populations, regardless of their religious affiliation, some of which include those experiencing food insecurity in Nassau County, the first of its kind young-onset Alzheimer's program, and special needs programs including vocational training.

Small Batch, which recently opened in Garden City, will be a first-time Epicurean vendor at this year's event serving its locally sourced, rustic American dishes.

"Small Batch was created as a dining destination for Long Islanders who have an interest in enjoying good food and supporting food systems that serve the community. To provide this for our community - we must know and support those around us," says Kurt Brown, General Manager, Small Batch. "This year, we are proud to lend our culinary talents to the *Eat. Bid. Laugh!* benefit event in support of our like-minded neighbors at Sid Jacobson JCC – who offer support and good systems to those in our community who need it most."

In addition to Small Batch, recently opened restaurants making their *Eat. Bid. Laugh!* debut at this year's event include Dirty Taco & Tequila and Osteria Morini. Dirty Taco & Tequila, which opened its second location in Rockville Centre in 2019, has been made popular thanks to its menu boasting a collection of 15 tacos and 15 tequilas. Osteria Morini, a new restaurant addition to Roosevelt Field, has quickly become known for its appetizers and pasta dishes. Long-time favorites such as Cipollini, Toku, Pearl East, Nisen Sushi, La Bussola, and La Ginestra will again offer delicious cuisines.

The current list of participating restaurants include\*:

- 388 Italian Restaurant & Catering
- Centro Cucina
- Chris & Tony's Restaurant & Lounge
- Cipollini
- Dirty Taco & Tequila
- Fresh Meadow Country Club
- Gatsby's Landing
- Kingfish Oyster Bar & Restaurant
- Kyma
- La Bussola
- La Ginestra
- Limani
- Nisen Sushi
- Osteria Morini
- Pearl East
- Prime 1024
- Sangria 71
- Small Batch
- Stresa Ristorante
- Tocolo Cantina
- Toku
- Trattoria DiMeo
- W. Kosher Events

\*List in formation

For the most up to date list of Long Island's finest restaurants that will be serving up a mouthwatering assortment of gourmet cuisine, cocktails, and indulgent desserts at this year's event, visit [eatbidlaugh.org](http://eatbidlaugh.org).

For more information about *Eat. Bid. Laugh! An Auction & Epicurean Event* or to purchase tickets, visit [eatbidlaugh.org](http://eatbidlaugh.org) or contact Bridgette Troisi, Assistant Director of Development at 516.484.1545 ext. 141 or [btroisi@sjcc.org](mailto:btroisi@sjcc.org).

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### **About *Eat. Bid. Laugh! An Auction & Epicurean Event***

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year, Sid Jacobson JCC's annual *Eat. Bid. Laugh! An Auction & Epicurean Event* raises funds to benefit the Sheldon A. Sinett BASICS Fund. BASICS (Building and Supporting Initial Community Social Services) is maintained as an incubator fund for new and innovative social service programs at SJJCC. Impacting thousands in the community, the BASICS Fund has subsidized more than 70 crucial programs over the last 14 years thanks to the more than \$15 million dollars raised at the annual event. Some programs funded by BASICS include Camp Kehilla, Vocational Training & Employment Center (VTEC), Nancy Marx Cancer Wellness Center, Special Needs Overnight Adventures, Gems 1 Early Stage Memory Loss Program, and most recently, Sid Jacobson JCC's Food Bank and the ACT Program. Learn more at [eatbidlaugh.org](http://eatbidlaugh.org).

### **About Sid Jacobson JCC**

Sid Jacobson JCC ([sjcc.org](http://sjcc.org)) in East Hills provides a full range of cutting-edge recreational, health, fitness, educational, cultural arts and social service programs. SJJCC promotes Jewish identity and provides a comprehensive program based on Jewish values, traditions, heritage, and culture, and is committed to enriching the lives of all individuals and families in its community. SJJCC embraces all individuals and families and values diversity. See community differently, "Like" the JCC on Facebook ([facebook.com/sidjacobsonjcc](https://facebook.com/sidjacobsonjcc)).

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