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Sid Jacobson JCC's Curb Your Mitzvah Event Hosted By Community Bank Teen Ambassadors Collects Over 2,500 Pounds of Food for the Food Insecure

East Hills, NY, April 28, 2021 – On Sunday, April 18, Community Bank Teen Ambassadors, Eliza Liebowitz and Benjy Rubin hosted [Sid Jacobson JCC's Community Needs Bank](#)'s Curb Your Mitzvah event as a mitzvah project. Together, the teens raised funds and brought in over 2,500 pounds of food and other product to benefit the Community Needs Bank. New York State Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti volunteered at the event and presented the teens with citations for their community service. Other local officials in attendance included Village of East Hills Mayor Michael Koblenz, Town of North Hempstead Councilman Peter J. Zuckerman, North Hempstead Town Clerk Wayne Wink, and Village of East Hills Trustee Brian Meyerson.

"We are so proud that Eliza and Benjy chose to support Sid Jacobson JCC for their mitzvah project," said Susan Berman, Director of the Center for Community Engagement, Sid Jacobson JCC. "Their hard work has stocked the shelves of our Community Needs Bank so we can provide food and supplies to the food insecure."

Sid Jacobson JCC's Community Needs Bank, a Redistribution Organization of Island Harvest Food Bank, serves the needs of the food insecure in Nassau County. The Bank serves as a collection site and distribution center of non-perishable shelf-stable food, personal care, and household items for small local food pantries in Nassau County. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Bank expanded its model of service to directly serve the individuals and families faced with food insecurity through safe home delivery by volunteer drivers. To date, the Community Needs Bank has donated tens of thousands of pounds of food, household items, and personal protective equipment to the most vulnerable right in our backyard.

The next Curb Your Mitzvah event will be held on Sunday, May 16, 10am-12pm at Sid Jacobson JCC's Annex located at 200 Forest Drive, Suite 11, East Hills, NY. In addition to collecting food and non-perishable goods to stock the shelves of the Community Needs Bank, baby diapers, wipes, and formula will be collected to support pregnant and parenting moms.

To learn more about upcoming Curb Your Mitzvah events, Sid Jacobson JCC's Community Needs Bank and how you can donate, please visit sjcc.org/communityneedsbank or contact Susan Berman, Director of the Center for Community Engagement at sberman@sjcc.org or 516.484.1545 ext. 202.

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About Sid Jacobson JCC

Sid Jacobson JCC (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).

Sid Jacobson JCC is a beneficiary agency of the UJA Federation of New York.

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