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SID JACOBSON JCC LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT

The only full-service JCC on Long Island's North Shore celebrates the first night of Chanukah

East Hills, NY — Last night – in partnership with nine local synagogues – Sid Jacobson JCC, the only full-service JCC on Long Island's North Shore hosted "Light up the night: a community Chanukah celebration" with hundreds of families gathering together to commemorate the first night of the Jewish festival of lights.

The partnering synagogues included: Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation; Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore; Schechter School of Long Island; Shelter Rock Jewish Center Shevet Gefen; Temple Beth-El of Great Neck; Temple Beth Israel Port Washington; Temple Beth Sholom; and Temple Beth Torah.

The festival, led by Shevet Gefen Israeli Scouts, included activities, sufganiyot (jelly donuts), latkes (potato pancakes), hot cocoa, gelt, and candle lighting. The JCC, which raised more than \$100,000 for its Community Needs Bank at an event last week, also collected donations of canned food to benefit those in need.

"Chanukah is a time for the Jewish community to come together and celebrate the miracles that have allowed us to thrive for so long," said **Susan Berman, VP Community Engagement**. "We are blessed to have such a wonderful community right here on Long Island with whom we can celebrate the beginning of the holiday and remember those miracles together. In particular, we are thankful for the support of our synagogue partners and all of the member families who came out to join in the festivities."

About Sid Jacobson JCC

[Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center](#), the only full-service JCC on Long Island's North Shore, provides a full range of cutting-edge recreational, health, fitness, educational, cultural arts, and social services programs to East Hills and the surrounding community. Sid Jacobson JCC 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.

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