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## SID JACOBSON AND GRACE HOST LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

More than 350 people from two different communities come together to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit

**East Hills, NY** — Sid Jacobson JCC (SJJCC), the only full-service JCC on Long Island's North Shore, hosted more than 350 members of the Asian American and Jewish communities on Saturday, January 28th, to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The event was the first coming together of the two communities at a SJJCC-hosted event.

The event had such traditional dances and performances by members of the community, including a lion dance, new year songs, a duhhuang dance, a sogdian dance, a piano solo, the fan dance, Chinese yo-yo performance, K Pop, Zither, a Chinese Qipao jazz dance, and a drum solo. The night was replete with traditional Chinese customs and showcased talented and thoughtful art to commemorate the Year of the Rabbit.

"Our center is open to all," said Lisa Rosenkrantz, Sid Jacobson JCC's VP of Operations. "It was a beautiful experience celebrating the Lunar New Year with GRACE, bringing their rich culture to ours, sharing in the excitement and ambiance, creating unity between our two communities."

"It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the Lunar New Year with Sid Jacobson JCC," said Derek Chan, President of GRACE (Greater Roslyn Association for Chinese Enrichment), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serve and support the Chinese American families in Roslyn. "So many neighborhood Asian families put a lot of time and effort into the performances, and they did a great job. It was a pleasure working with the JCC, and we thank them for their friendship and collaboration to ring in Lunar New Year. Together, we were able to bring so many people of various cultures together to share food, fun, and laughs while learning more about each other. A truly rewarding experience, and we look forward to future collaborations to bring the community together."

Photos from the event are available to download here. Please credit: "Sid Jacobson JCC"

## About GRACE

GRACE (Greater Roslyn Association for Chinese Enrichment) is a non-profit organization dedicated to serve and support the Chinese American families in Roslyn. We strive to promote cultural awareness and improve diversity inclusion within the community. By facilitating our constituent's involvement through education and community service we aim to enhance the lives of Chinese families and the communities around us. The organization serves as a liaison between the township, the school district and Chinese families to assimilate and empower the broader Roslyn community.

## **About Sid Jacobson JCC**

<u>Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center</u>, 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.

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

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