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Israelfest Celebrate Israel Concert to Unite Community in Joyful Expression of Jewish Pride

Long Island's Biggest Celebration of Israel Set for June 8 at Eisenhower Park

East Hills, N.Y. (Jun. 3, 2025) – With widespread participation from more than two dozen Jewish organizations and over 100 synagogues, Israelfest Celebrate Israel Concert is once again poised to be the largest celebration of Israel on Long Island, taking place Sunday, June 8, 4-8pm, at Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre in East Meadow.

This free festival, hosted in collaboration with Jewish Community Relations Council—Long Island, blends Israeli music, culture, and community in a bold affirmation of unity, amid rising antisemitism and global unrest. An increased presence of the Nassau County Police Department will be on-site to help ensure a safe, welcoming experience for all.

“In a world of misinformation, Israelfest is a coming together of families and friends from across the Island who care about truth, who love Israel, and cherish its existence,” said **David Black**, Executive Director of Sid Jacobson JCC. “It is a grand statement that we not only dance again, but that we stand and sing in harmony with our brothers and sisters across the sea.”

Bringing the heart of Israel to the stage, **Noam Buskila**, a celebrated vocalist and IDF reservist, headlines a musical lineup that includes **Rick Recht** and **Hadar & Sheldon Low**. **Congressman Tom Suozzi**, United States Representative for New York's 3rd Congressional District, will be ceremonially honored for his steadfast support of Israel.

Accompanying the live performances, the Israelfest Celebrate Israel Concert offers family-friendly activities, dancing, food for purchase, shopping, and an inviting atmosphere for all ages.

“Israelfest provides the perfect opportunity for us to come together and embrace the spirit, culture, and resilience of Israel,” said **Dagan Cohen**, Director and Senior Shaliach, Randie Waldbaum Malinsky Center for Israel.

“Israelfest is a glowing celebration of unity and community spirit,” added **Lauren Chizner**, Director of Jewish Life + Learning at Sid Jacobson JCC. “As we gather across Long Island to honor Israel, we strengthen our connections, share in our pride, and build a future rooted in shared values and collective joy.”

Israelfest Celebrate Israel Concert is made possible through the generous support of **UJA-Federation of New York** and Nassau County Executive **Bruce A. Blakeman**, and in proud partnership with the **JCC Association of North America**, **The Jewish Agency for Israel**, and **Long Island Jewish Coalition**.

“This event is a message that our murdered brethren and the fallen in Israel will not have died in vain, and the hostages—those still living and those who were murdered—will not be forgotten. We rejoice as we remember. We remember as we rejoice,” Black concluded.

For more information, please visit sijcc.org/israelfest.

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About Sid Jacobson JCC

Sid Jacobson JCC (sijcc.org) in East Hills provides a full range of cutting-edge recreational, health, fitness, educational, cultural arts, and social service programs. SJCC 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. Where life flourishes.

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