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United Hebrew of New Rochelle Concludes 90th Anniversary Year With Interfaith “Celebration of Spirit”

Theme of light and hope brings inspiration to residents of newly opened Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Westchester County

New Rochelle, NY – December 21, 2009 -- [United Hebrew](http://www.uhgc.org), a vibrant senior services organization in New Rochelle, in Westchester, NY, recently held a multi-faith *Celebration of the Spirit*, marking the conclusion of its 90th anniversary year. Prominent Westchester clergy joined more than 85 residents and staff for an afternoon of prayer, music, reflection, and candle-lighting in United Hebrew’s new [nursing home](#), the Lucile and Joseph Skalet Pavilion, located on its gracious 7-acre Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus.

As Master of Ceremonies, Temple Israel of New Rochelle’s Rabbi Emeritus Amiel Wohl set the tone for the afternoon event, which featured inspiring words and songs presented by Rabbi Wohl and his colleagues from many faiths including: Father Martin Biglin of Church of Holy Name of Jesus, Dr. Francis Hayden of New Rochelle’s Baha’i Center, Dr. Allen Paul Weaver of Bethesda Baptist Church, Cantor Susan Alcott, guest singer, Tradonia Baker representing Shiloh Baptist Church and Paul Dewe-Mathews, United Hebrew’s Pastoral Care Coordinator.

“Today we share the light of faith and hope, the light that confronts the darkness, the hope that confronts despair,” Rabbi Wohl said, adding that “the spirit here at United Hebrew is one of care, compassion and courage to embrace life in all its phases.”

“We are so proud of our community’s diversity and compassion,” said United Hebrew’s President and CEO Rita Mabli. “Today’s interfaith celebration reflects the spirit and scope of daily life here, and brings our historic 90th year to a meaningful close.” As a not-for-profit, non-sectarian

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organization for older adults since 1919, United Hebrew offers a rich array of skilled and community-based residences, programs and services that encourages and supports a life of dignity and spirituality and promotes the highest possible quality of life. United Hebrew serves over 600 clients daily in its campus residences -- [Willow Towers Assisted Living](#) residence; a 296-bed [nursing and rehabilitation center](#) staffed with Burke Rehabilitation professionals; the 135-unit [Soundview Apartments](#) for Independent Living; a Long Term Home Health Care Program; and the AZOR Home Health Agency. United Hebrew recently opened its new nursing home, which combines world class care with state-of-the-art features.

United Hebrew resident Matthew Lombardo, selected for his rich baritone to recite the Serenity Prayer, said that he appreciated the celebration because “it is very ecumenical and brings us a real feeling of togetherness.” As the celebration concluded, Rabbi Wohl lit a Hanukah menorah. Following that, the other visiting clergy members led a candle lighting ceremony, accompanied by an uplifting chorus of “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

United Hebrew is located at 391 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, New York 10805. For further information, please contact Linda Forman at 914.632.2804 x1224, e-mail lforman@uhgc.org, or visit www.uhgc.org.



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About United Hebrew

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus

United Hebrew is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multi-service senior living campus serving the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919. United Hebrew offers a rich array of skilled and community-based programs and services that encourages and supports a life of dignity and spirituality and promotes the highest possible quality of life. United Hebrew serves over 600 clients daily in its Harry and Jeanette Weinberg campus facilities

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