

Out & About

At the Chabad of Great Neck 20th Anniversary Dinner

The Chabad of Great Neck celebrated its 20th anniversary, together with the Silverstein Hebrew Academy (SHA), at a gala Annual Dinner, held at Temple Israel of Great Neck.

Chabad and the SHA honored individuals whose dedication and commitment have helped the two institutions grow over the years.

The evening's honorees were: Raine and Stanley Silverstein, recipients of the Silverstein Hebrew Academy Founders Award; Caroline and Igal Namdar, Tree of Life Award; Mira and Nathan Cohen, Pillar of Light Award; Robin Muss Abada, Eishet Chayil Award; Elana and Dr. Daniel Roshan, Chesed Award; and Pia and Michael Shlomo, Young Leadership Award.

Entertainment included the SHA Children's Choir and the Maccabeats, who sang a medley of their Jewish-themed lyrics to popular tunes. The choir members sat on the floor in front of the performers and were thrilled to sing along with the Maccabeats.

Among the many dignitaries at

the dinner was New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, who presented the Silversteins with a proclamation. DiNapoli said that the Silversteins are "great community leaders, great New Yorkers and, most importantly to me, great friends. Through the Silverstein Hebrew Academy, they've shown us how much good two dedicated, caring people can accomplish."

Rabbi Joseph Geisinsky, spiritual leader of the Chabad of Great Neck and dean of the SHA, recently announced that the new SHA Middle School, which is opening in September, will be located at Temple Beth El of Great Neck.

"We negotiated with the president of Beth El and members of the board to rent an entire floor for our school. They couldn't have been more gracious and welcoming and we appreciate that," said Geisinsky, who also announced that the middle school would utilize the gym at the Young Israel of Great Neck for its physical education needs.

Rabbi David Leibtag, who has just joined SHA as its education-

al director and who is creating the new middle school, says the middle school will "focus on the integration of technology. Every classroom will have a smart-board and each student will receive an I-Pad, which will eventually hold all their textbooks."

The SHA Middle School had a successful open house on Aug. 7 and will host a second open house this Sunday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m.-noon, at Temple Beth El, 5 Old Mill Road, Great Neck. For additional information, contact SHA at 516.466.8522 or visit www.SilversteinHebrewAcademy.com.



(Above): The Maccabeats dazzled dinner guests with their Jewish-themed lyrics to popular songs. (Below): New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli (rear) presented a proclamation to Stanley and Raine Silverstein, recipients of the Silverstein Hebrew Academy Founders Award.

The children in the Silverstein Hebrew Academy Choir were thrilled to sing along with the Maccabeats.



(Left): Rabbi Yosef Geisinsky, spiritual leader of Chabad of Great Neck and dean of SHA (front, left) and Joel Herszkowitz (center, left), president, Chabad of Great Neck, dancing at the Chabad dinner. (Right): Dr. Daniel and Elana Roshan, recipients of the Chesed Award, with Rabbi Geisinsky (left). (Below): Comptroller DiNapoli presents a proclamation to Rabbi Geisinsky.



(Left): Pia and Michael Shlomo (center) accepting the Young Leadership Award from Rabbi Geisinsky (right) and Joel Herszkowitz (left). (Right): Honorees Nathan and Mira Cohen with their Pillar of Light Award.



(Left): Robin Muss Abada accepting award from Rabbi Ezagil (far left); Rabbi Geisinsky (left) and Joel Herszkowitz (right). (Right): Caroline and Igal Namdar receiving award from Rabbi Geisinsky (left) and Joel Herszkowitz (right).

