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## JCCGCI Enables 1,041 Area Seniors to Celebrate Thanksgiving

1,041 local area seniors – most of whom are low-income and frail – were served traditional Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings this year by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island's (JCCGCI), it was announced by Rabbi Moshe Wiener, JCCGCI's Executive Director.

The meals were provided at four of JCCGCI's senior center sites: Haber House Senior Center, Surf Solomon Senior Center, Jay-Harama Senior Center and Ocean Parkway Senior Center. Some of the meals were home-delivered to homebound clients.

In addition to the festive meals, a full program of entertainment was featured as part of the program at each of these JCCGCI senior center sites. Public officials who visited these Thanksgiving celebrations and offered greetings included Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny, Councilman Domenic M. Recchia, Jr., Councilman Lewis A. Fidler and NYC Comptroller John C. Liu.

Thirty one (31) JCCGCI staff members and fifty nine (59) outside volunteers sacrificed part of their own Thanksgiving holiday so that those less fortunate could enjoy Thanksgiving.

In a letter to these dedicated staff, Rabbi Wiener wrote:

“When the staff of an organization not only perform their required duties well, but also demonstrate sincere caring for its client population and unique dedication to the organization's mission -- such performance is remarkable and is deserving of special recognition and praise. The fact that you sacrificed part of your own Thanksgiving holiday to enable our elderly clients to enjoy the holiday is very sincerely appreciated by the management and Board of Directors of Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island. The positive impact of the Thanksgiving celebration that you enable will fondly remain with our clients throughout the year and will be eagerly anticipated by them in years to come. May the knowledge that your personal sacrifice made so many seniors so happy in such a significant manner continue to brighten your life and that of your dear family for the year and years to come.”

Besides the above, also our Marlboro Senior Center sponsored a Thanksgiving celebration on 11/22 at which an additional 148 seniors participated, assisted by Marlboro staff and volunteering Police Officers from the 60th Precinct.

For further information regarding JCCGCI's various senior center sites and programming, please contact Grace Brandi, JCCGCI's Supervising Senior Center Director, at 718-449-5000 ext. 2353 or at [g.brandi@jccgci.org](mailto:g.brandi@jccgci.org).

JCCGCI's Senior Centers are funded by the NYC Department for the Aging and rely on critical funding enhancements from NYC Council, Borough President Marty Markowitz and various private foundation and philanthropic donations.

JCCGCI is a community-based social service agency with a citywide scope, offering a wide range of senior citizen, vocational and educational services to all segments of the low-income population. JCCGCI also helps nonprofits in all five boroughs with capacity building technical assistance through its NonProfit HelpDesk division ([www.nphd.org](http://www.nphd.org)).

For photos of some of these Thanksgiving celebrations, please see:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jewish-Community-Council-of-Greater-Coney-Island-JCCGCI/213113548725916?sk=photos>