

# High praise for Betsy

## Senior Center hosts outgoing public advocate

Government officials, community leaders and local residents packed the Surf Solomon Senior Center in Coney Island to pay tribute to Hon. Betsy Gotbaum, outgoing public advocate of New York City, for her eight years of service to New Yorkers in need of assistance with problems related to city government.

Throughout the ceremony, jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI) and Shorefront Jewish Community Council (SJCC), Gotbaum was praised, and presented with a proclamation from the Office of Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, which extolled her for her many years of service.

Several members of the JCCGCI's senior centers — including Haber House, Marlboro, Surf Solomon, Jay-Harama and Ocean Parkway — along with Center Director Grace Brandi, presented Gotbaum with a bouquet of flowers to express their appreciation for the concern she displayed for the city's senior population. A group of pre-school children from the Roberta Bright Day Care Center also performed two songs in her honor.

Rabbi Moshe Wiener, executive director, JCCGCI and SJCC, bestowed the



Izabella Vais, senior special assistant to Borough President Marty Markowitz (center), presents Betsy Gotbaum with a proclamation as Rabbi Moshe Wiener, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, looks on.



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honoree with a plaque of recognition for her years of service on behalf of all New

Yorkers, especially women, children and the frail elderly.