

THE BRANDEIS ASSOCIATION INC. NEWSLETTER

WINTER/SPRING 2009

ANNUAL INSTALLATION

On September 15, 2008, more than 250 members and guests attended the annual installation of officers at the Hillcrest Jewish Center, in Fresh Meadows, New York. The Hon. Jeremy S. Weinstein served as the master of ceremonies. The program commenced with Jay Abrahams leading the singing of the National Anthem and HaTikva. Rabbi Manes Kogan, the spiritual leader of Hillcrest Jewish Center, gave a short dvar Torah, and blessings for the New Year.

The Hon. Judith S. Kaye administered the oath of office to President Susan L. Beberfall and Chairperson of the Board, the Hon. Bernice D. Siegal. Judge Kaye also installed Vice Presidents Morgan Lancman, Lawrence Litwack, the Hon. Ira Margulis, and Bernard Visnick; Recording Secretary Warren Hecht; Corresponding Secretary Marian Morris; Treasurer and Financial Officer Martin Olesh; and Sergeant at Arms, the Hon. David Weprin.

Judge Kaye last attended a Brandeis event 10 years ago. She delivered an inspiring speech, highlighting her years on the Court of Appeals, and her future plans. The Brandeis Association presented Judge Kaye with a beautiful framed print, inscribed "Justice, Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue". Read Judge Kaye's speech online at: brandeisassociation.org.

The Hon. Allen Beldock was honored for his 39 years of service as a judge, his 60 years as an attorney and his continuous devotion to the Brandeis Association where he has served as an active member of Board of Directors since 1972. The program concluded with a benediction by Brandeis' own rabbi, the Hon. Martin Ritholtz. The supper portion of the program was generously sponsored by Israel, Israel & Purdy, LLC.



Hon. Jeremy Weinstein, Hon. Judith S. Kaye, Susan L. Beberfall, Hon. Jeffrey Lebowitz, Hon. Allan Beldock and Hon. Bernice Siegal, Hon. David Weprin and Hon. Allen Beldock



Hon. Jeremy Weinstein and Hon. Bernice Siegal



Hon. Charles Thomas and Hon. Seymour Boyers



Hon. Darrell Gavrin, Hon. Judith Kaye and Mona Haas

BREAKFAST WITH BRANDEIS



Hon. Bernice Siegal, Hon. Judith S. Kaye, Hon. Sheri Roman



Susan L. Beberfall and Hon. Judith S. Kaye

On October 7, 2008 early risers had an opportunity to enjoy a bagel breakfast while listening to New York Times reporter Michael Wilson talk about his coverage of the “Sean Bell” case. Mr. Wilson, a Times reporter since 2002, wrote nearly 50 articles related to this high profile case, including daily trial coverage and a profile of the trial judge, the Hon. Arthur Cooperman. Mr/Wilson’s articles appeared in print and on the paper’s website where they were often posted twice a day. Unlike other New York dailies, the Times did not adopt a partisan or sensational view of the trial. Mr. Wilson has no formal legal training, a credits his understanding of legal issues to conversations he had with attorneys present in the courtroom, as well as at home with his wife, an attorney .

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Brandeis Association joined together with the Queens County Bar Association, the Latino Lawyers Association, the Queens County Women's Bar Association, the Catholic Lawyer's Guild, the Colombian Lawyers and the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association for the annual holiday party at Terrace on the Park on December 4, 2008. Evening of dinner and dancing was enjoyed by all. Attendees donated unwrapped toys, or made donations for the purchase of toys, which were later presented to Forestdale Inc. for distribution to children in foster care in Queens County.

LAW SABBATH

On Friday February 6, 2009, 85 members and guests joined together for Friday evening services and a dinner at Hillcrest Jewish Center. Rabbi Manes Kogan and Cantor Moti Fuchs lead the services, with participation by Neda Melamed, Marian Morris, Morgan Lancman, Ira Futterman, and the Hon. Bernice Siegal. Susan L. Beberfall presented a Dvar Torah on the Torah and Haftorah portions for Shabbat Shira, the Shabbat of Songs. (read it online). Services concluded with the Kiddush recited by Jay Abrahams.

Prior to dinner, the Hon. Jeffrey Lebowitz led the recitation of the Kiddush, and the Hon. Allen Beldock recited Ha Motzi. This year's special honoree was the Hon. Arthur Cooperman, a long time member of Brandeis, former Chairman of the Board, and active Brandeis member. Judge Cooperman will be retiring from the bench at the end of 2009. A collector of fine writing instruments, Judge Cooperman was presented with a platinum plated pen. A proclamation from Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, was presented by the Hon. Bernice Siegal. The traditional five course dinner was generously sponsored by Pearlman, Apat and Futterman. Ya'sha Ko'ach to Marian, Neda, Morgan and Susan for their outstanding contributions to this wonderful evening.

JOINT DINNER

The Brandeis Association and the Catholic Lawyers Guild held a joint meeting and dinner on March 26, 2009 at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, Rabbi Daniel Feldman of Yeshiva University and Mgrs Michael Cantley, Doctor of Theology, spoke on "Combating Terrorism: Ethical, Moral and Legal Issues" and entertained questions from the audience.

SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST **PREVIEW**

The 2009 scholarship breakfast will be on Sunday June 7 at the Rockwood Park Jewish Center, Howard Beach, New York. Our honoree will be the Hon. Seymour Boyers. The Jerome Gingsberg and Hon. Moses M. Weinstein Scholarships will be presented to two law students. The 2009 Barry Tivin Community Service Award will also be presented. The 2008 fund raiser honored Brandeis' founder, the Hon. Leonard Finz. The recipient of the 2008 Barry Tivin Community Service Award was Bernard Vishnick.

New Members:

Attorneys: Nancy Kramer Avalone, Deborah S. Ball, Jacqueline P. Flug, Ilana Deutsch, David Goldstein, Emilia Rutigliano

Law Grad/New Attorney: Helayn Cohen

Law Students: Michael Brenner, Daniel Egers, Kim F. Trigoboff

IN MEMORIUM:

Hon. Emmanuel Haber

CONDOLENCES:

Hon. George Heymann on the passing of his father.

Abby Goldstein on the passing of her mother.

Hon. Stephanie Zaro on the passing of her father.

Hon Leonard Finz on the passing of his brother, and Stuart Finz on the passing of his uncle.

MAZEL TOV :

Hon. Martin and Anne Ritholtz on the birth of their granddaughter Esther.

Hon Jeffrey D. Lebowitz on his appointment to the Court of Claims.

Hon. Ronni Birnbaum on the birth of her granddaughter Camden Isabel.



Mazel Tov to Frances Zemel and Leor Kweller on their marriage. (photo: with the Kwellers)

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