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**GURWIN JEWISH NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS
RECEIVE “STUDENTS BUILDING BRIDGES” AWARD**
Teens honored for their efforts for building a more civil society

Commack, NY— Teen volunteers at Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Niara Magezi (Dix Hills) of Commack High School and Brennan Rosenblatt (Melville) of Half Hollow Hills East High School were presented with the Students Building Bridges Award by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island (JCRC-LI) at a ceremony held at the Gurwin Center. The award recognizes community youth for their efforts to help create a more civil society, and is part of the Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Program sponsored by the JCRC-LI and Suffolk County State Senate and Assembly Delegations.



Niara Magezi and Brennan Rosenblatt, teen volunteers at Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and recipients of the JCRC-LI Students Building Bridges Award.

Ms. Magezi, a junior at Commack High School, has been volunteering at Gurwin for the past three years. Her time spent with the residents and assisting staff on the nursing units has given her the opportunity to learn about the many paths in healthcare. She is planning for a career in the medical field, specializing in dermatology.

Mr. Rosenblatt first came to Gurwin as a high school sophomore, befriending many residents during his weekly visits, updating them on his very active life and sharing his experiences with them. Now a graduating senior heading to Georgia Tech to study engineering this fall, he says the time spent with his Gurwin friends is as important to him as it is to them.

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This year's Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Program featured guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Meir Ushero vitz who recounted his life as a Jewish youth in Poland during World War II and his imprisonment in



several Polish concentration camps, including the notorious Auschwitz. Several Holocaust survivors from Gurwin Jewish ~ Fay J. Lindner Residences assisted living community were in attendance to meet Mr. Ushero vitz and to help recognize the Gurwin volunteers and other student honorees.

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Shown (back, l to r) Michael Letter, Gurwin Jewish ~ Fay J. Lindner Residences Administrator; Ruth deBeer, Holocaust survivor, Gurwin assisted living resident; Adam Novak, JCRC-LI Chairman; Ruth Meador, Holocaust survivor, Gurwin assisted living resident; Shua Sauer, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; Herman Gancz, Holocaust survivor, Gurwin assisted living resident; Robyn Berman, JCRC-LI Program Director; Meir Ushero vitz, Holocaust survivor; Mindy Perlmutter, ICRC-LI Executive Director.

The Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 460-bed nursing care facility located in Commack, Long Island, and is part of the Gurwin Healthcare System, a renowned health-care provider offering a full continuum of healthcare and senior living services for the frail and elderly. The Center was named by Fortune Magazine as the #1 Best Workplace in the nation for Aging Services, and is the 2019 Best of Long Island award winner for rehabilitation, adult day care, health aides and assisted living. Services provided at the Center include skilled nursing care, rehabilitation therapy, advanced care, ventilator and respiratory care, on-site dialysis and infusion therapy, memory care, and palliative and hospice care, as well as both medical and social adult day programs and home care programs. The 34-acre campus is also home to Gurwin Jewish~ Fay J. Lindner Residences assisted living community, and a proposed independent living community, Fountaingate Gardens. For more information, visit www.gurwin.org, Follow Gurwin on Facebook (bit.ly/GurwinNursingRehab) and on Twitter ([@GurwinJewish](https://twitter.com/GurwinJewish)).

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