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City Councilman David Weprin (far r.) swears in the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council's officers at the group's annual breakfast Sunday. Photo by Anna Gustafson

Jewish council honors director at Samuel Field

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baum, Sandra Alfonsi of Hadassah Curriculum Watch, St. Francis Preparatory senior Samantha Lessa and Samuel Field Y Program Director of Youth and Camping Services David Slotnick.

Spigner, who represented southeast Queens from 1974 to 2001 and is a community activist from Jamaica, received the Award for Outstanding Service to the Community of Queens.

"He is respected by so many in government, so many who deal with government, and so many who know government," said Councilman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans), who worked for Spigner when Spigner was in office.

His efforts led to the construction of the York College campus, the Archer Avenue subway line in Queens, the Jamaica Multi-Service Center and health clinics throughout southeast Queens.

"Those of us in southeast Queens look forward to working with you to make our community a good place to live, work and raise our families," Spigner said.

Borough President Helen Marshall and Rabbi Lawrence Teitelman of Young Israel of New Hyde Park presented Tanenbaum with the Award for Outstanding Service to the Community of Northeast Queens.

"There are some peo-

ple who understand what it takes to bring the world together, and Susie is one of those people," Marshall said.

Tanenbaum, a native of Jackson Heights, is the borough president's special assistant on Jewish affairs, immigrant affairs and the Queens General Assembly. She is the constituent liaison to Community Boards 7 and 8 and oversees the search for the Queens poet laureate.

Tanenbaum encouraged residents to continue to reach out to different groups throughout the borough.

"Together I believe we can ensure our Jewish community can bring very special blessings to our borough for years to come," she said.

State Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows) presented Hadassah Curriculum Watch with the Award for Outstanding Service to the Community of Greater New York, which was accepted by the group's chair, Sandra Alfonsi. The organization identifies and reviews textbooks and teaching materials for slanted, biased or inaccurate information on Judaism, the Holocaust and Israel.

"Curriculum Watch is at the forefront of an effort to make sure young people get a true understanding of the issues of importance and relevance to the Jewish people," Lancman said.

The Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council held its annual Installation and Awards Reception Sunday morning during which NQJCC officials honored a bevy of community activists for bettering the lives of borough residents.

The NQJCC gave awards to former City Councilman Archie Spigner, the Queens Borough President's Community and Cultural Coordinator Susie Tanenbaum. *Continued on Page 30*

Lessa and Slotnick received the Rivka Fox Youth Award. Lessa, 17, is a tutor, math team member and volunteer for children with autism at PS 4 in Bayside who is part of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. She joined the group's chapter, Kallah BBG, at the Bay Terrace Jewish Center in eighth grade and has helped it grow into one of the strongest chapters in the area.

Slotnick is responsible for children and youth programming for the Samuel Field Y, which has nearly 1,500 participants and 300 staff. He also oversees many of the Y's summer camping programs for nearly 600 children between the ages of 5 and 15.

"David has served as a role model for thousands of our kids," said Steven Goodman, executive vice president at the Samuel Field Y.

The NQJCC also installed its 2009-10 officers during the meeting.

Corey Bearak will once again serve as chairman, Jack Friedman as president, Helene Zaro as the first vice president, Ethel Levine as the second vice president and Corinne Steel as the third vice president. Marilynne Vogel is the secretary, Denis Novick the treasurer and Steven Goodman, Jeffrey Gurdus, Ed Harap and Ron Shafran are trustees.

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