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34TH ANNIVERSARY

Overflow Crowd and Dignitaries Honor Rikki Spector at the 34th Annual NWCP Reception

The Northwest Citizens Patrol (NWCP) held its 34th annual reception at B'nai Jacob Shaarei Zion on December 3, 2016. The standing-room-only crowd honored Baltimore City Councilwoman Rikki Spector for her 39 years of service to the 5th District. Councilwoman Spector attended the reception even though she had been a victim of a car-jacking the day before. Fortunately, her only injury was a black eye. But her response was, "You should see the other guy!" Ms. Spector (fondly known by all as "Rikki") received an award for her dedicated service to the City of Baltimore from NWCP, presented by former Governor, Martin O'Malley. Governor O'Malley served on the Baltimore City Council with Rikki before becoming Mayor of Baltimore and then Governor of Maryland. Rikki had mentored him when he first got elected to the Council. When Governor



Former Governor Martin O'Malley, Rikki Spector, Neil (Nachy) Schachter

O'Malley was thinking about running for mayor, Rikki was very encouraging. Governor O'Malley praised Rikki for her years of outstanding service to her constituents in Northwest Baltimore and to the entire City of Baltimore.

The award presentation was followed by a video highlighting Rikki's amazing accomplishments, including warm accolades and heartfelt testimonials from dignitaries

and close friends. The continuous thread of everyone's remarks accentuated how much Rikki is loved and admired for all she has done for the citizens of Baltimore and the kind and caring way in which she treats everyone. The dignitaries at the event included United States Senator Ben Cardin, Governor Martin O'Malley, Mayor Catherine Pugh, Baltimore City Police Commissioner Kevin Davis, and Councilman Yitzzy Schleiffer, among many others. There was also an extensive police presence at the reception, composed of the leadership of the Baltimore City Police Department and the Baltimore

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BPD Captain Jason Yerg, Councilman Schleiffer, BPD Major Latonya Lewis, Rikki



Betsy Gardner, BSA Marilyn Mosley, BSD Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper, Patricia Rideout-Howard, Minerva Eaton



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County Police Department, as well as many of the line officers who patrol our streets.

Prior to the dinner, Police Commissioner Kevin Davis spoke to the NWCP. "Of course we appreciate the work the Patrol does in helping prevent crime in the neighborhood. The annual NWCP banquet is a highlight for all of us in the Department. I cannot tell you how many careers have been saved because of the banquet! The acknowledgment of our officers and the well-deserved honor given to law enforcement at the banquet, have caused many officers to rethink a career change. We look forward to the banquet

every year."

In addition to honoring a specific individual or individuals, the NWCP dinner honors and celebrates the unique partnership between City, County and State officials, the Police Department and community members who work



Commissioner Kevin Davis, Rikki Spector

together to help keep our neighborhoods safe. It is due to the support and encouragement of government officials and the police department that the NWCP is the largest, most successful patrol in the United States. The NWCP boasts many hundreds of volunteers who patrol our neighborhoods under the direction of an assigned police officer from the Baltimore City Police Department.

Neil (Nachy) Schachter, President of the Patrol, presented awards to police officers from the City and County for their excellent police work in apprehending individuals in the act of perpetrating crimes. Awards were given to four officers, two from the City and two from the County.



Officers Kady El-Quaree, Rochelle Sweet, Jessica Duffy, and Sisto Veteree were recognized for apprehending a very dangerous serial criminal. Another award went to Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Rallow for prosecuting a criminal who attacked a woman pushing a stroller. The Patrol also recognized Captain Jason Yerg of the Northwest District for handling a major burglary problem in the community about a year ago. Commissioner Davis was presented an award for his success in steering the police department to solid ground and bringing confidence back to the rank and file after a difficult period in Baltimore City.



Mayor Elect Catherine Pugh wrapped up the evening with beautiful words of friendship and praise for Councilwoman Spector and her many accomplishments.



Among the many Rabbanim in attendance was Rabbi Sheftel Neuberger who commented, "It was a beautiful dinner that offers our community the opportunity to express our appreciation to our government officials and strengthen our connection with local officials."

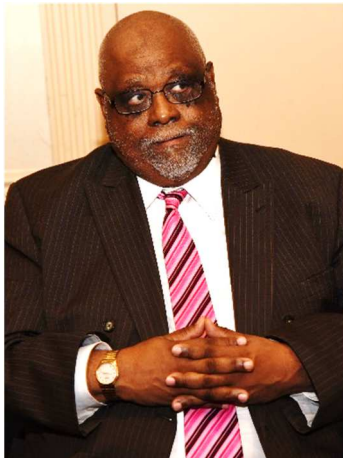
The reception, catered by Yaffa, featured an elegantly presented buffet menu with a large selection of delicious fish, soups, salads and delicacies. The quickly moving program lasted about an hour and 15 minutes and was an immensely enjoyable and meaningful evening.



More Photos from the 34th Annual NWCP Reception



Commissioner David Blumberg



Sheriff John Anderson



Rabbi Yaakov Hopfer, Rabbi Yosef Berger



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Hachnosas Sefer Torah

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, Shearith Israel Congregation celebrated a special and historic Hachnosas Sefer Torah celebration. The Sefer Torah was written in honor of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Yaakov Hopfer, Shlita, for their 30 years of service to the Shul and the entire Baltimore Jewish community. Over 500 people joined in celebration with music, dancing, torches and food to escort the new Torah from the Hopfer home on Menlo Drive to the Shul at the corner of Park Heights and Glen Avenues. The procession moved smoothly from Menlo to Gist to Glen Avenue and across Park Heights, with the assistance of the Baltimore City Police liaison officers, organized by the NWCP, supplying security and blocking off the streets.



This is believed to be the first Sefer Torah written specifically for Shearith Israel in the storied 167-year history of the congregation. After the procession arrived at the Shul, everyone was treated to beautiful and inspiring words by Rabbi Hopfer and the Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshiva Ner Israel, Rav Aharon Feldman, Shlita.

We urge everyone to join the ranks of the NWCP. Especially in these times we need every pair of eyes patrolling our neighborhoods to keep our streets safe. Call 410-664-6927 TODAY!



Officers Bill Currie, Sam Bennett, and Pablo Diaz, Comm. Kevin Davis, Neil Schachter



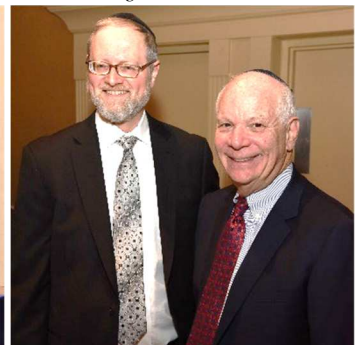
Chaim Rubenstein, Dr. Paul Schuster, Rikki, Stanley Katz



George Mitchel, Officer Rochelle Sweet, Sgt. M. Baker



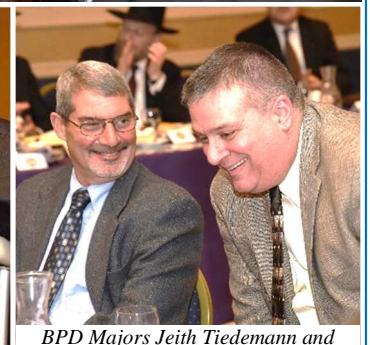
Rabbi Dovid Heber



Neil Schachter, Senator Benjamin Cardin



Rikki, Richard Arthur



BPD Majors Jeith Tiedemann and Chris McDonald



Mayor Catherine Pugh, Rikki, George Mitchell



ASA Jennifer Rallow, Mrs. Toby Passé, Neil Schachter

With overwhelming appreciation and thanks, I want to express how proud and pleased I was, to be honored by the Northwest Citizens Patrol at their 34th annual dinner. My commitment to the NWCP, its causes, and needs, are even stronger now than ever. Much success.

Rikki Spector



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