

The Jewish International Connection New York Gala

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Approximately 400 Jewish Professionals attended the Jewish International Connection New York Fifth Annual Passport to the World Gala. The Jewish International Connection New York ("JICNY") Gala took place at the Prince George Ballroom, located at 15 East 27th Street in New York City. For those who had attended JICNY's Galas in the past, many thought this year's Gala was the best ever. Attendees enjoyed delicious food from around the world, entertainment from renowned underground artists, an incredible Beatles band, open bar, decadent desserts and opportunity to mingle with notable VIPs, celebrities, politicians and community leaders.

Event Honorees included Ronn Torrossian for the Outstanding Community Service Award, Melanie Gordon for the Dedication to Jewish Life Award, Renatt Brodsky for the Young Leadership Award, and Rina J. Lazar with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

There were opportunities to take home valuable auction items from a silent auction and of course goodie bags for all who attended.

JICNY is a volunteer driven 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization headquartered on the Upper West Side of New York. It provides International Jews in their 20's and 30's living in New York, a home away from home by bringing them together in a sophisticated, exciting and supportive community



Ronn Torrossian, Event Honoree and president of 5wpr.



JICNY Founders, Jodi Samuels, Gavin Samuels and Steve Eisenberg.



based on our common Jewish Heritage, values and spirituality.

Some of JICNY events include Shabbat dinners, lectures and classes, professional networking events, parties, day trips to the beach and whitewater rafting. The JICNY isn't just for Internationals as Americans are welcome as well. To learn more about JICNY check out their website at www.jicny.com

Jeff Stier, JICNY board member, mime entertainer and friends of JICNY.

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career path to achievement. And if we do that, we will provide our associates with an even stronger foundation for their futures."

Duke reiterated Wal-Mart's commitment to the "Live Better" part of the company's mission and continuing to help solve the big issues facing the world. "We are passionate about helping our customers live better. And I think we've set an example that shows business can be trusted. Customers and elected officials recognize and appreciate that leadership," Duke said. "Your Wal-Mart will broaden and accelerate our commitment to associates, to sustainability, to responsible sourcing. Your Wal-Mart will lead."

Having been elected by the Board of Directors to his new post in November, this was Duke's first address at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting as president and CEO. He closed his remarks by saying, "I am so proud to have been selected to lead this great company and work shoulder to shoulder with you. I commit to all of you, as your CEO, that I will serve you with trust and integrity. I commit to you that I will honor our culture and the legacy of Sam Walton. And I promise you always my personal best, and I will require your personal best, so that together we can seize this moment, and we can be the best Wal-Mart that we can be."

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