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North Haven Chabad Honors Robert Gilman

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Robert Gilman, David Pollock, and Rabbi Berel Lerman

Chabad North Haven in the Hamptons recently honored Robert Gilman, a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, at its “Chanukah with the Stars” Gala in New York City.

Gilman, along with his wife, Jan, received the organization’s annual chesed award for their involvement with the newly launched Chabad North Haven. The Gilmans, whose primary residence is in New York City, spend part of their time at their second home in East Hampton, where they are also members of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons.

“Robert and his wife Jan are dear friends of ours. Their work on behalf of the Jewish community is exemplary. It was our honor to present them with the Chesed Award,” said Rabbi Berel Lerman, spiritual leader of Chabad North Haven in the Hamptons.

“Jan and I are honored to have received this award from Chabad, an organization with which we have become familiar in the last year and half, and which is led by a truly remarkable leader, Rabbi Berel Lerman,” Gilman said. “Chabad offers a singularly unique connection to Jewish spirituality. On a personal level, this organization and Rabbi Lerman have inspired me tremendously.”

Gilman is a managing director and a senior portfolio management director at Morgan Stanley and is the founder of Gilman Wealth Management. He serves on the board of directors and the investment

committee of the Hebrew Home at Riverdale and their related entities, and is on the President's Society Advisory Council of LaGuardia Community College. He also serves on the Jewish Center's board of directors and its investment management committee.

"Chanukah with the Stars" took place on Wednesday, December 10 at the Harmonie Club in New York City. The event featured keynote speaker David Pollock, Kaufman Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Pollock previously served as senior advisor on the Middle East at the State Department and is the former chief of near East/South Asia/Africa Research at the U.S. Information Agency.

Also in attendance was Amir Sagie, the deputy consul general of Israel in New York and a liaison between the New York community leadership and the Israeli Foreign Ministry. He is known for his analytical understanding of international affairs and command of strategic foreign policy issues.

Chabad North Haven in the Hamptons was launched in the summer of 2013 by Rabbi Berel Lerman and his wife Brocha to offer programming, learning, and Jewish experiences to both adults and children. It joins several other branches of Chabad in the Hamptons, including Chabad of the Hamptons in East Hampton, Chabad of Southampton, and Chabad of Watermill.

"I am very fortunate that the North Haven branch of Chabad is relatively new, although it is part of the fastest growing and largest Jewish organization in the world today," Gilman added. "I have the rare opportunity to help create the foundation for something great."

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