

## Foundation Hosts First Congressional Interethnic Leadership Forum

The Foundation launched the First Annual Interethnic Congressional Leadership Forum and Reception on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on October 2, 2003. The event served



*Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY), Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D-NV) and Rabbi Marc Schneier*

as the official launch of The Foundation's

new Washington, DC Congressional Interethnic Caucus Office. This landmark program was co-hosted by the **World Jewish Congress**, **NAACP**, **National Council of La Raza**, and **National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium**.

The forum featured a panel of Congress members and leaders of lay organizations discussing the changing demographics of the United States, and how to forge new, lasting coalitions in this environment.

Speakers included Foundation President Rabbi Marc Schneier, Congress members Bob Filner (D-CA), Raul Grijalva (D-AZ),

Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), Tom Lantos (D-CA) and Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), Israeli Ambassador to the United States Daniel Ayalon, Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau Hilary Shelton, President and Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium Karen Narasaki, and Foundation Executive Director Lawrence Kopp. *(cont'd pg. 5)*

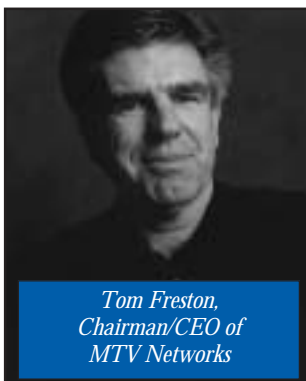


*Congressman Major Owens (D-NY) and Congressman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)*

## FOUNDATION TO HONOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE LEADERS AT SPRING NEW YORK BENEFIT

The Foundation will host its New York Spring Benefit and Reception on March 18 at the home of **Antonio "LA" Reid**. The Joseph Papp Racial Harmony Award will be presented to **Tom Freston**, Chairman and CEO of MTV Networks, **Michael Goldstein**, Chairman of the Toys 'R' Us Children's Fund, **Leslie Koch**, CEO of

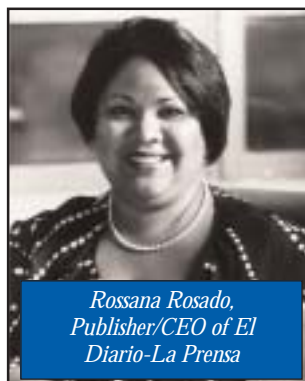
the Fund for Public Schools, **Kedar Massenburg**, CEO and President of Motown Record Company, **Rossana Rosado**, Publisher and CEO of El Diario-La Prensa and **Walter Yetnikoff**, Former President and CEO of CBS Records. The Corporate Diversity Award will be presented to **Motorola**.



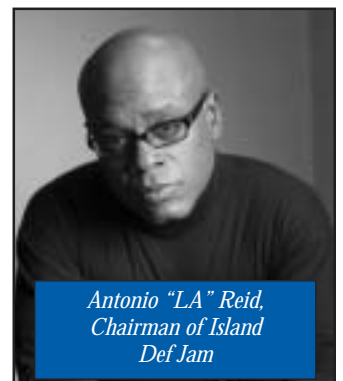
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# FOUNDATION'S DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY PROGRAM EXPANDS

Op-Ed Published Across the Country

Foundation President Rabbi Marc Schneier and Chairman Russell Simmons wrote an Op-Ed for the Daily News, published on January 19, 2004, calling for members of all ethnic groups to join together to fight racial injustice. The piece highlighted the strong relationship between African Americans and Jews in working together during the civil rights movement and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s commitment to combating anti-Semitism. Rabbi Schneier and Mr. Simmons also co-authored an Op-Ed for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in which they asked African-Americans to join Jews in the struggle against the new wave of anti-Semitism around the globe. This Op-Ed was distributed to more than fifty Jewish, African-American, and Latino newspapers across the country, and was published in ethnic newspapers in many cities, including Atlanta, Cleveland, New York City, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Washington, DC.

## Educational Curriculum Guide Distribution

In a joint venture with JESNA - Jewish Education Service of North America, The Foundation distributed its



Rabbi Marc Schneier speaking at the Rainbow PUSH/Wall Street Project's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast

landmark book, *Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King, Jr. & The Jewish Community*, and Shared Dreams curriculum guides to more than 120 boards of Jewish education, Jewish community centers, and Jewish high schools around the country. The materials focus on the Jewish community's relationship with Dr. King during the Civil Rights era.

"Throughout this project, we hope to enlighten a new generation to the history between the Jewish and African-American communities, as they struggled together to fight for justice and civil rights for our nation," said Rabbi Schneier and Mr. Simmons. "It is a message and a story that should not be forgotten."

JESNA President Dr. Jonathan Woocher added, "The era of African-American/Jewish collaboration in pursuing civil rights for all (cont'd pg. 4)



Center for Jewish History Executive Director Peter Geffen, Clifton Taulbert, Rabbi Marc Schneier, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, Gene Dattel and American Jewish Historical Society Executive Director Michael Feldberg at the "Parallel Lives" program

## Message from the Executive Director



Dear Colleagues and Supporters,

I am pleased to report to you that The Foundation has accomplished an extraordinary amount of programming in the few short months since our last newsletter. We've implemented eight different programs, some of which have been distributed in fifty states and even abroad in South Africa.

In September, we brought Foundation President Rabbi Marc Schneier and Martin Luther King, III to South Africa where the two civil rights leaders met with high school students, led a panel on Black/Jewish relations and met with President Mbeki and leaders of the South African Parliament. In the past few months, our Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program was expanded dramatically across the United States. The Foundation's SHARED DREAMS book and curriculum guides were distributed to more than 120 boards of Jewish education and youth educational professionals in all fifty states. Rabbi Schneier and Foundation Chairman Russell Simmons authored two separate Op-Eds, one that appeared in The New York Daily News, and the other was published and distributed to over forty African American and Hispanic newspapers across the country.

We are very pleased to note the official launch event of our Washington, DC Interethnic Congressional Caucus Office in October, an event which featured speakers from the major ethnic congressional delegations, as well as the Israeli ambassador to the United States and leaders of ethnic lay organizations. Last month, we held our second Ethnic Congressional Staff Forum with over 110 staffers from both the House and Senate in attendance. These staffers were from the offices of the four ethnic congressional caucuses and were the leaders of the ethnic congressional staff associations. The Foundation has agreed to assist them in expanding diversity hiring practices on Capitol Hill.

The Foundation's board of directors has been expanded to include dynamic new leaders such as public relations guru, Ken Sunshine, and music industry leader, David Renzer. The Foundation is also pleased to announce that the board of directors elected Russell Simmons as its new chairman of the board. Michael Heningburg, Jr. has joined us as our new treasurer. We are pleased to welcome new staffers to our New York and Washington, DC office, including the DC Director Sabrina McNeal.

You will also notice that our line-up for our upcoming New York Spring Benefit Reception is one of the most dynamic and diverse groups of honorees we've ever had.

On behalf of our board of directors and our extraordinary staff, I would like to thank you again for your support and your generosity. It is your spirit and your commitment to our work that inspires us and spurs us on to tackle and address the issues of race and interethnic relations across our country.

Lawrence D. Kopp  
Executive Director

**ON TOLERANCE** By MARC SCHNEIER and RUSSELL SIMMONS

## The work goes on

*A rabbi & a rap impresario raise anew the challenge of meeting King's goals*

**A**s Americans join together to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Day, members of every ethnic and religious community should remember that the Rev. King understood that people who fight for their own rights are only honorable when they also fight for the rights of all people.

Were King alive today, he would be at the forefront of fighting the current wave of terrifying expressions of anti-Semitism spreading across the globe. He would not tolerate the moral laryngitis that many political leaders seem to suffer in the face of these despicable acts against the Jewish people. He championed the civil rights of Jews, spoke out for the human rights of Soviet Jews and did not hesitate to denounce anti-Semitism within his own community.

Throughout Europe and Asia, synagogues are bombed, Jewish schools are torched and Jews hide their yarmulkes and Star of David pendants to avoid being beaten and attacked. Anti-Semitic incidents are up dramatically in the United States, including a 24% increase on college campuses.

Jews should not fight this battle alone. Now, more than ever, the Jewish people need the support of other communities. A recent national poll by The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding found that 77% of blacks and 73% of Jews agree that they should work together on civil rights. A separate foundation national poll found 87% of Hispanics and 88% of Jews believe they should work together to prevent discrimination. The will is there.

The black/Jewish partnership that was such an integral part of the civil rights movement is now but one piece of the ethnic mosaic in 2004 America. The face of the United States has changed since the protests and sit-ins of the 1960s. Changing demographics continue to alter the ethnic makeup of the United States. We have seen the emergence

of the Latino community, now the largest minority in America, with a population of 38.8 million. The African-American population has reached 36.6 million, and the Asian-American population has surged to 12.7 million.

King was prophetic in calling on members of all communities to rise up together in the face of injustice. Referencing the days leading up to the Holocaust, he said, "If Protestants and Catholics had engaged in nonviolent direct action and had made the oppression of the Jews their very own oppression . . . and had Gentiles worn the stigmatizing yellow armbands by the millions, a unique form of mass resistance to the Nazis might have developed."

The evolving hip-hop generation is forging a powerful model of multiethnic unity that directly reflects King's dream. Hip-hop musicians, designers, producers and executives represent, among others, the African-American, Jewish, Asian-American and Latino communities. As hip-hop music, clothing and literature clearly indicate, these ethnicities are enriched and inspired by each other's culture.

Today's generation, which is coming of age within this cultural phenomenon of hip hop, represents America as King envisioned it — a multiethnic community that comes together as one, with no boundaries based on skin color, religion or country of birth. And make no mistake — the hip-hop community must be united in its condemnation of all forms of racism and bigotry, including anti-Semitism. We appeal to all African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics, Jews and members of every ethnicity to stand in solidarity to fight these evils.

If we are to embrace King's teachings, a Jew must speak out when a Muslim is wronged. An African-American must speak out when an Asian or a Latino is discriminat-



ed against. Latinos and Asians must speak out when an African-American is faced with bigotry. We all must speak out against anti-Semitism. This is King's legacy.

The conclusion of King's most famous speech puts it most eloquently: "When we let freedom ring . . . black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing . . . 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!'"

*Rabbi Schneier is founder and president and Simmons is chairman of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding.*

# RABBI SCHNEIER AND MARTIN LUTHER KING III BRING MESSAGE OF BLACK/JEWISH COOPERATION TO SOUTH AFRICA

In September 2003, Foundation President Rabbi Marc Schneier and Southern Christian Leadership Conference CEO and President Martin Luther King, III traveled to South Africa to strengthen the ties between Jews and Blacks. "Just as Blacks and Jews joined hands during the Civil Rights Era in America, they stood up together in South Africa against Apartheid," Rabbi Schneier said. "The stories of our shared dreams resonate throughout the country." Rabbi Schneier and Mr. King highlighted the trip by meeting with sixty Cape Town high school students who participate in the Tikkun program, which brings Black and Jewish youths together in South Africa to learn about their different cultures.

"Meeting these incredible young adults, and hearing them talk about their experiences, was the most moving, most touching experience of the trip, even more so than going to Robben Island or meeting President Mbeki," said Rabbi Schneier. "Martin and I both were overwhelmed, because just as they learned from us, we learned from them."

Based on Rabbi Schneier's experience, The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding hopes to join Tikkun to help bring some of the South African students to the United States to share their stories with African-Americans and American Jews.

Rabbi Schneier and Mr. King took part in the **World Jewish Congress' International Meeting** and the **South African Jewish Board of Deputies Centenary Celebration**. They were



*Martin Luther King, III and Rabbi Marc Schneier with student representatives of Tikkun*

the featured speakers at the South African Jewish Board of Deputies Gala Dinner in honor of the World Jewish Congress, led a panel discussion comparing Black/Jewish relations in the United States to those in South Africa and toured Robben Island, location of Nelson Mandela's imprisonment. Rabbi Schneier also participated in the centenary celebration of South African Jewry, featuring **South African President Thabo Mbeki**.

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Americans, which Dr. King epitomized, is not only one we can be proud of, but one that should inspire and challenge us today as we consider our place in American society."

### Commemorative Ad

The Foundation repeated its successful program from a year before, compiling and publishing a commemorative ad listing special programs and activities honoring Dr. King and his legacy in the New York Metropolitan area, which were held at synagogues, day schools, community-based organizations, JCCs and Ys. The ad, listing 34 such events, was produced in cooperation with the **UJA-Federation of New York and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York**. It appeared in the *Forward*, *Jewish Week*, *Jewish Press*, *Jewish Sentinel* and *Long Island Jewish World*. To see the ad, please turn to page 9.

### Foundation Co-sponsors Commemorative Event

The Foundation co-sponsored a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event with the **American Jewish Historical Society** on January 13. The event featured Eugene Dattel's and Clifton Taulbert's presentation entitled "Parallel Lives: Growing up Black and Jewish in the Mississippi Delta in the 1950's" in which they compared their childhoods. The presentation, given to an audience of more than 150 people, was followed by a joint panel discussion on the current state of Black/Jewish relation. The panel featured Rabbi Schneier, **Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields** and **Center for Jewish History Executive Director Peter Geffen**.

### Speaking Tour

Rabbi Schneier once again conducted a speaking tour in the New York

Metropolitan area surrounding the holiday. On January 15, he joined **Rev. Jesse Jackson** at the **Rainbow/PUSH Wall Street Project**, giving the opening remarks at the conference's ecumenical prayer breakfast. Rabbi Schneier also spoke at the **New York Urban League's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium** on January 15. **New York City Public School Chancellor Joel Klein** also took part in this event. At Rabbi Schneier's New York Synagogue on January 17, the Rabbi and **Reverend Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.**, Senior Minister at The Riverside Church, spoke about Dr. King's legacy. On January 18, Rabbi Schneier was the keystone speaker at **The Greater Long Island Jewish Community's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration**. Finally, on January 29, Rabbi Schneier gave opening remarks at the **NAACP's Measure of a Man** annual Reception.

# SECOND ETHNIC CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS STAFF FORUM AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding hosted its second Ethnic Congressional Caucus Staff Forum. More than 110 staffers for Congress members from the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Jewish Congressional Delegation and Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus attended the Capitol Hill event. Also in attendance for the first time were members of the ethnic staff associations, who might not necessarily work for ethnic members of Congress.

The forum focused on many issues facing Congress, including concerns over the ethnic diversity of congressional staffs, better communication among the different ethnic delegations, focusing on bi-partisanship and holding the forums on a more regular basis, with issue-specific agendas. Many staffers at the meeting remarked that The Foundation's forums are their only opportunity to talk with their colleagues from other caucuses.

The forum was led by a panel that included **Paul Brathwaite**, Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, **Felicia Escobar**, Deputy Director of the Democratic Policy Committee, **Brett Heimov**, Chief of Staff for



*Lawrence Kopp, Paul Brathwaite, Felicia Escobar, Brett Heimov, Octavio Hinojosa Mier and Victoria Tung*



*More than 110 Capitol Hill staff members were in attendance*

Congressman **Jerrold Nadler**, **Lawrence Kopp**, Executive Director of The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, **Sabrina E. McNeal**, Congressional Outreach Director of The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, **Octavio Hinojosa Mier**, Executive Director of the Congressional Hispanic Conference, and **Victoria Tung**, Congressional Fellow with the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

"I commend The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding on initiating this important cross-cultural dialogue," said Ms. Tung. "In order to enact substantial social policy in Congress, it is critical for all of us to educate one another on the history and complexities of our individual ethnic groups."

"The conference provided a forum for one of the most frank discussions on race that I have seen on Capitol Hill," added Mr. Heimov. "It was fantastic to see so many people attend the conference. It clearly shows that the Foundation can have a positive impact on improving race relations on Capitol Hill."

The next forum is scheduled to be held in April.

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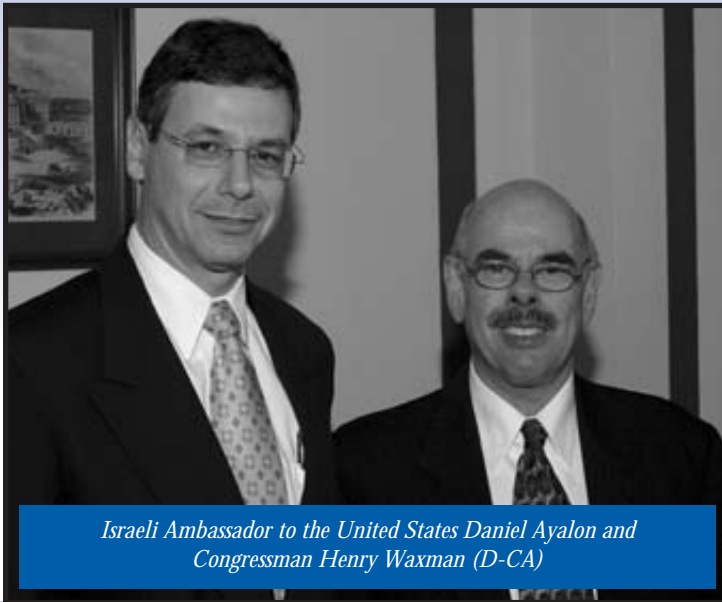
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Leaders from the following organizations also participated: **American Israeli Public Affairs Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Jewish World Service, Columbian Embassy, Dominican American National Roundtable, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Museum of Puerto Rican Blacks, National Jewish Democratic Council, Project Interchange, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.**

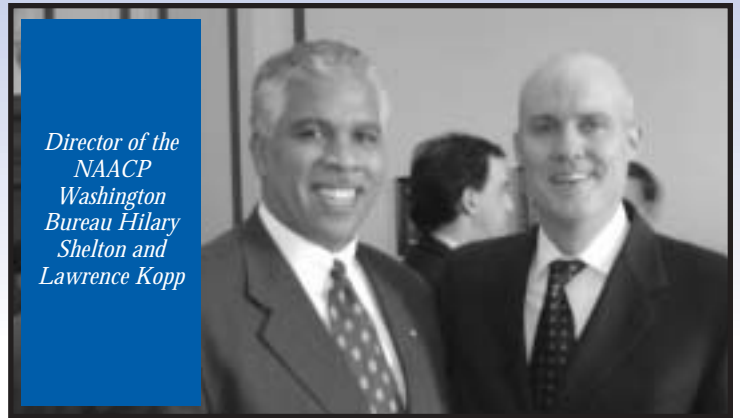
## FOUNDATION WELCOMES SABRINA E. MCNEAL AS NEW WASHINGTON, DC DIRECTOR

Sabrina E. McNeal has joined The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding as Congressional Outreach Director in our Washington, DC office. Sabrina served as the congressional advisor and policy analyst for Washington, DC Mayor Anthony A. Williams. In this position, she developed the District's annual congressional legislative proposal for the City and served as the liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations and Government Oversight Committees. Sabrina will expand our congressional outreach efforts for The Foundation through our quarterly congressional staff forums, the Annual Congressional Awards ceremonies and by convening congressional hearings on race.

# First Congressional Interethnic Leadership Forum



*Israeli Ambassador to the United States Daniel Ayalon and Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA)*



*Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau Hilary Shelton and Lawrence Kopp*



*Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) and Rabbi Marc Schneier*



*Rabbi Marc Schneier and Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)*



*Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX)*



*President and Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium Karen Narasaki*



*Amtrak Vice President for Business Diversity Gerri Mason Hall and Rev. Walter Fauntroy*

## Rabbi Marc Schneier and Martin Luther King, III Visit South Africa



*Dr. Avi Beker, Martin Luther King, III, South African Chief Rabbi C. K. Harris, Rabbi Marc Schneier and Dr. Israel Singer*



*Rabbi Marc Schneier and Martin Luther King III with the Tikkun students from Langa High School in Cape Town*

## New York Fall Benefit



*Pepsi Cola Vice President Maurice Cox, Amsterdam News Publisher & Editor-in-Chief Elinor Tatum, NAACP-New York President Hazel Dukes, Helen Yarmak and Rabbi Marc Schneier*



*Lawrence Kopp*

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program



*Rabbi Marc Schneier speaking at the NAACP-New York Chapter's Measure of a Man Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event*



*Rabbi Marc Schneier and NAACP-New York President Hazel Dukes*

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN, JEWISH, LATINO BUSINESS LEADERS HONORED AT FOUNDATION'S NEW YORK FALL BENEFIT



Anheuser-Busch Vice President Johnny Furr, Peter Thomas Roth, Helen Yarmak, Chris Williams, Ruben Rodriguez, Rabbi Marc Schneier and Maurice Cox

The Foundation held its annual New York Fall Benefit and Reception at the Fifth Avenue home of Dr. Mona Ackerman on November 19, 2003. Ruben Rodriguez, President & CEO of Ruben Rodriguez Entertainment, Peter Thomas Roth, CEO of Peter Thomas Roth Labs and Christopher J. Williams, Chairman & CEO of The Williams Capital Group, were presented the Joseph Papp Racial Harmony Awards for their commitment and dedication to strengthening relations among different ethnic communities. Helen Yarmak, Founder of Helen Yarmak Fashion House, was the first woman to be presented the Joseph Papp Corporate Leadership Award.

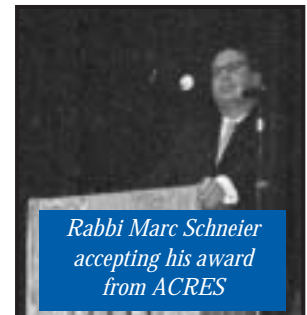
During the ceremony, Mr. Rodriguez, the first Latino to receive the Joseph Papp Racial Harmony Award, spoke of growing up in a multicultural family. Mr. Roth talked about his

many philanthropic activities, touching a range of ethnic communities. Mr. Williams mentioned how many business leaders of different ethnicities have mentored him throughout his career. Ms. Yarmak, a pioneer for helping businesswomen in Russia, often is called the Donna Karan of Russia. However, Foundation President Rabbi Marc Schneier told the crowd, "In reality, it is Donna Karan who is the Helen Yarmak of America."

## RABBI MARC SCHNEIER HONORED BY NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

Foundation President Rabbi Marc Schneier was honored by American Civil Rights Education Services (ACRES) on February 23, 2004, at Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in New York City. Rabbi Schneier was recognized for his work as an advocate for human and civil rights and religious and ethnic tolerance. He was

joined by fellow honorees James Meredith, the first African-American student at the University of Mississippi, John Seigenthaler, Sr., who worked with Robert Kennedy, and Amelia Boynton, a voting rights champion. ACRES provides modern civil rights education opportunities for underserved students and teachers.



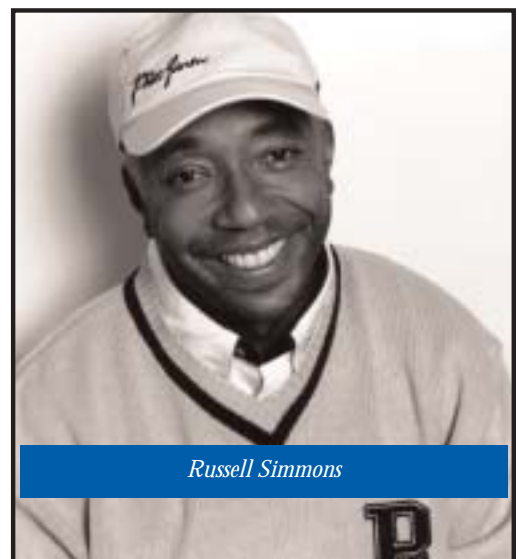
Rabbi Marc Schneier accepting his award from ACRES

## RUSSELL SIMMONS ELECTED CHAIRMAN DAVID RENZER, KEN SUNSHINE JOIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS; MICHAEL HENINGBURG, JR. NAMED NEW TREASURER

The Foundation's Board of Directors elected Russell Simmons as Chairman of The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding. Mr. Simmons is Chairman and CEO of Rush Communications and has been on The Foundation's Board of Directors since 2002.

David Renzer, President of Universal Music Publishing Group, and Ken Sunshine, President of Ken Sunshine Consultants, have joined the Board of Directors. Mr. Renzer has played an instrumental role in helping The Foundation increase its presence in Los Angeles. Mr. Sunshine frequently oversees The Foundation's media operations, and is the new Secretary.

Michael Heningburg, Jr., Executive Division Senior Director of the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation and a long time supporter of The Foundation, has been named the new Treasurer.



Russell Simmons

# Hold fast the dream.

Together, we celebrate the vision and honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King's words and deeds resonate deeply for all New Yorkers. In every neighborhood and every community throughout our metropolitan area, his legacy of leadership continues to inspire and hearten us — and to illuminate our efforts to make his dream the reality of tomorrow.

To commemorate the Martin Luther King Jr. national



holiday on January 19th, many community organizations and houses of worship will have observances and memorial services. UJA-Federation of New York, The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York invite you to join one of these tributes to Dr. King's legacy:

**Sunday, January 11, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.**  
Suffolk Jewish Community Center  
74 Hayspaug Road, Commack  
*Multi-Faith Youth Forum*  
Interactive multi-faith forum for members of participating youth groups. Pre-registration required.  
For information: 1-631-462-9800 x.139 or x.149

**Monday, January 12 – Monday, January 19, 2004**  
Orthodox Union Website – www.ou.org  
*Inspirational Message from Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb*  
The significance of Martin Luther King Day for Americans in general and Jews in particular.  
For information: Rabbi Waxman, 1-212-613-8285

**Tuesday, January 13, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.**  
American Jewish Historical Society – Center for Jewish History  
15 West 16th Street, New York City  
*Parallel Lives: Growing up Black and Jewish in the Mississippi Delta of the 1950s*  
Gene Dattel and Clifton Taubert, featured speakers; panel discussion with Michael Feldberg, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, Peter Geffen, and Rabbi Marc Schneier. (Adults \$7, Seniors \$4.)  
For information: Rachel Chodorov, 1-212-294-6164

**Thursday, January 15, 2004 – 12:00 p.m.**  
Riverdale YM-YWHA  
5625 Arlington Avenue, Bronx  
*A Hero for Our Time*  
Celebrating Dr. King's life and accomplishments through ethnic understanding and the Civil Rights movement. Luncheon, readings – \$2.  
For information: Helena Ross, 1-718-548-8200 x.234

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 9:30 a.m.**  
Ramaz Middle School  
114 East 85 Street, New York City  
*MLK Day Program*  
Celedonia Jones, New York City Borough Historian, discusses the Civil Rights movement.  
For information: Judy Sokolow, 1-212-774-8000 x.6136

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 10:45 a.m.**  
Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School  
164 East 68th Street, New York City  
*Heroes of the Civil Rights Struggle*  
Assembly honoring Dr. King, Rosa Parks, and others. Video presentation: *Teaching Tolerance*.  
For information: Rabbi Edward Abramson, 1-212-757-6900 x.1400

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 1:00 p.m.**  
Jewish Association for Services for the Aged/  
West Side Senior Center  
120 West 76th Street, New York City  
*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Jewish Community*  
The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding's president, Rabbi Marc Schneier, author of *Shared Dreams*, will lead a discussion of Dr. King's relationship with the Jewish community.  
For information: Dr. Rosa Helfgot, 1-212-362-0377

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.**  
Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
7 West 83rd Street, New York City  
*Erev Shabbat Service Commemorating Dr. King*  
The Rev. Dr. Renee L. Hill, coordinator of children's programs at the Center for Anti-Violence in Brooklyn, on Dr. King's legacy for children.  
For information: Julie Standig, 1-212-362-8800 x.1209

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.**  
Stephen Wise Free Synagogue  
30 West 68th Street, New York City  
*If Dr. King Could Speak to Us Today*  
Dialogue featuring Pastor Chester Butler, Love and Kindness Holiness Temple; and Rabbi Charles Kroloff. Choirs; Voices of Praise; Stephen Wise Adult Singers.  
For information: Donna Levine, 1-212-877-4050 x.223

**Friday, January 16, 2004**  
Dinner – 6:15 p.m., Sabbath eve service – 8:00 p.m.  
Temple Israel of New Rochelle  
1000 Pinebrook Boulevard, New Rochelle  
*Sabbath Celebration in Honor of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
Shabbat dinner service featuring A.M.E. Zion's preacher and choir. Presented by The Coalition for Mutual Respect.  
For information: Rabbi Emeritus Amiel Wohl, 1-914-235-1800

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.**  
The Village Temple Congregation B'nai Israel of New York City  
33 East 12th Street, New York City  
*Dr. Martin Luther King Service*  
Sabbath service honoring the life of Dr. King.  
Guest cantor: Gerard Edery.  
For information: Maria DeKord, 1-212-674-2340

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 8:00 p.m.**  
Community Synagogue of Rye  
200 Forest Avenue, Rye  
*Remembering the Legacy*  
Sabbath service featuring the Rev. Paul Costa and the Ebony Ecumenical Ensemble.  
For information: Rabbi Daniel Gropper, 1-914-967-6262

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 8:00 pm**  
Temple Beth Am  
2377 Merrick Avenue, Merrick  
*From Moses to Dr. King – A Study in Leadership*  
Bishop Harris and Rabbi Brown interpret Torah portion *Shemot*, the early years of Moses, illuminating justice and leadership in Dr. King's life.  
For information: Rabbi Ronald Brown, 1-516-378-3095

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 8:00 p.m.**  
Temple Beth-El of Great Neck  
5 Old Mill Road, Great Neck  
*Shabbat Service: Honoring the Life and Work of Dr. Martin Luther King*  
Annual joint service by Temple Beth-El and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Black/Jewish choir and speaker celebrating Dr. King's life and achievements.  
For information: Rabbi Darcie Crystal, 1-516-487-0900

**Friday, January 16, 2004 – 8:15 p.m.**  
Scarsdale Synagogue-Tremont Temple  
2 Ogden Road, Scarsdale  
*Remembering the Dream*  
Interactive dialogue during the Sabbath service on Dr. King's dream.  
For information: Rabbi Stephen A. Klein, 1-914-725-5175

**Saturday, January 17, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.**  
The Jewish Center of the Hamptons  
44 Woods Lane, East Hampton  
*The Forgotten Jews of Africa*  
In the spirit of Dr. King, Rabbi Darren Levine relates stories shared by Africa's Black Jewish community leaders.  
For information: Ann Targownik, 1-631-324-9858

**Saturday, January 17, 2004 – 11:00 a.m.**  
The New York Synagogue  
124 East 58th Street, New York City  
*Jewish Legacy in the Civil Rights Movement*  
Rabbi Marc Schneier, author of *Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King Jr. & the Jewish Community*, and the Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes Jr., Senior Minister, Riverside Church, will discuss the Black/Jewish alliance during the Civil Rights struggle. Musical performance by the Boys Choir of Harlem.  
For information: 1-212-288-0018

**Sunday, January 18, 2004 – 11:00 a.m. through Monday, January 19, 2004 – 8:00 p.m.**  
Jewish Community Center MetroWest, Essex County, NJ  
*Martin Luther King Day Overnight*  
Two-day "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March" in Baltimore for interfaith group of teens from the Northeast. \$50 per person.  
For information: Sandy Nigberg, 1-973-736-3200 x.283

**Sunday, January 18, 2004 – 2:00 p.m.**  
Temple Shalom of Greenwich  
300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT  
*Service of Joy and Thanksgiving for the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
Interfaith celebration; keynote by Dr. Larry Leverett, Superintendent of Greenwich Public School System.  
For information: Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz, 1-203-869-7191

**Sunday, January 18, 2004 – 2:30 p.m.**  
Central Synagogue  
652 Lexington Avenue, New York City  
*Reaffirmation of Reverend Martin Luther King's Dream*  
Multi-faith service presented by Central Synagogue, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the Greater New York Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violence; featuring E.R. Shipp, *Daily News* columnist.  
For information: Rabbi Zlotnick, 1-212-838-9312

**Sunday, January 18, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Congregation Beth El  
222 Irvington Avenue, South Orange, NJ  
*In Celebration of the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
Community celebration sponsored by the African-American Jewish Coalition with speakers, songs, readings.  
For information: Rich Kuperman, 1-973-762-2896

**Sunday, January 18, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Temple Israel of Lawrence  
140 Central Avenue, Lawrence  
*The Greater Long Island Jewish Community Martin Luther King Day Commemoration*  
Guest speakers: Israel Singer, Chairman, World Jewish Congress; the Rev. Victor Hall, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church; and William E. Rapfogel, Executive Director, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.  
For information: 1-516-239-1140

**Monday, January 19, 2004**  
Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center  
300 Forest Drive, East Hills  
*Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Vacation Programs*  
Vacation programs for K-5 children, pre-teens, teens, and children with special needs.  
For information: 1-516-484-1545; www.sjjcc.org.

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 12:00 p.m.**  
Christ for the World Chapel  
JFK Airport Chapels, Internat. Arrivals Terminal, Queens  
*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service*  
Memorial prayers, scripture readings, and songs of praise.  
For information: 1-718-656-5693

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 12:00 p.m.**  
YM & YWHA of Washington Heights & Inwood  
54 Nagle Avenue, New York City  
*Memorial Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
The senior center's memorial ceremony honoring the life of Dr. King.  
For information: Judy Joseph, 1-212-569-5271 x.231

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.**  
Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust  
36 Battery Place, New York City  
*On Common Ground: Martin Luther King Day*  
Screenings of *Strange Fruit* and *Scottdown: An American Tragedy*; panel on *Blacks, Jews and Social Justice*. Adults \$10, seniors/members \$7, students \$5.  
For information: Elissa Schein, 1-646-437-4207

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 1:00 p.m.**  
Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, Hillside House  
163-03 89th Avenue, Queens  
*The Gentle Giant*  
Children create, read "footprints" about Dr. King's accomplishments leading to the *I Have a Dream* speech.  
For information: Dena Johnson or Kimberly Grinnard, 1-718-658-3500

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 1:30 p.m.**  
Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, Abraham Residence One  
3915 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn  
*Reliving the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
Film about Dr. King's life.  
For information: Malka Bernstein, 1-718-266-3666

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 2:00 p.m.**  
92nd Street Y  
1395 Lexington Avenue, New York City  
*92nd Street Y Commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
Performance by Alvin Ailey dancer Andrea Smith; lecture on common themes in Jewish and African-American literature by Dr. Lawrence Rubin.  
For information: Beverly Greenfield, 1-212-415-5452

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 5:00 p.m.**  
Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Soup Kitchen  
1 West 4th Street, New York City  
*A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Song, Words and Pictures*  
The Soup Kitchen, guests, and volunteers commemorate Dr. King; readings, text study, music, and inspirational speeches.  
For information: Stephen Wise, 1-646-522-3523

**Monday, January 19, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Peter Norton Symphony Space  
2537 Broadway at 95th Street, New York City  
*Martin Luther King Day: A Community Celebration*  
Gathering sponsored by the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan featuring a diversity of community choirs and inspirational readings.  
For information: JCC Registration Department, 1-646-505-5708

**Wednesday January 21, 2004 – 12 to 1:30 p.m.**  
Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services  
850 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor, New York City  
*Striving for Freedom – A Shared Heritage*  
Featuring the Parshot Valeira, paralleling the Jewish people's redemption and Dr. King's work.  
R.S.V.P. requested.  
For information: Jonathan Katz, 1-212-399-2685 x.232

**Thursday, January 22, 2004 – 5:00 p.m.**  
JCC of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Community Relations Council  
360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT  
*Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
Musical tribute by the JCC choir and New Haven's Amistad Academy. Free; open admission.  
For information: Shelley Gans, 1-203-387-2522 x.206

**Tuesday, February 10, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
We Are All Brooklyn, Office of the Brooklyn Borough President  
209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn  
*Updating Dr. King's Dream: Immigrant Roles 40 Years After the March on Washington*  
Presentation by coalition of community organizations in cooperation with the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President.  
For information: Elana Bekerman, 1-212-983-4800 x.147



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August 5, 2003

Dear Colleague:

The black and Jewish communities of America have long worked hand and hand to advance a wide-ranging number of issues. From civil rights to health care and from foreign aid to providing our children with a quality education, our two communities have always been able to count on support from one another.

I commend your attention to the attached article highlighting the incredible work being done by artist Russell Simmons and Rabbi Marc Schneier to further black-Jewish relations in our country. The article, which recently appeared in *Lifestyles Magazine*, discusses the importance of personal relationships between blacks and Jews, as well as the efforts of Mr. Simmons and Rabbi Schneier through involvement with the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding.

As Members of Congress and as citizens of this great country, we are all responsible for working together to improve the lives of all. I look forward to working with you in the coming days, months, and years as we continue to journey down this important path together.

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings  
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## Foundation Program Featured in Showtime Movie

The Foundation is pleased to note one of its programs from more than ten years ago is featured in a Showtime made-for-TV movie. In the aftermath of the Crown Heights riots in 1991, Project Cure brought together African-American and Jewish youths to play basketball every Sunday in Crown Heights. A half-time scrimmage between the teenagers at a New York Knicks game in January 1993 is featured in the Showtime movie, "Crown Heights." The scrimmage was part of the First Racial Harmony Night, which was sponsored by The Foundation and chaired by Ed Lewis, CEO of Essence Communications and longtime Foundation supporter, and Clarence Smith, President and CEO of COS Media, and a Foundation trustee and former honoree.

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