

Martin Rollins Interfaith Brotherhood Award

COMMISSIONER JEANNE B. MULLGRAV *New York City Department of Youth and Community Development*

Jeanne B. Mullgrav was appointed by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg to be Commissioner of the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DCYD) in 2002. As the City's lead agency for administering youth and community programs, DYCD invests public funds in experienced community-based organizations that impact neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs. Prior to her appointment, Mullgrav served as Vice President for External Relations at The After-School Corporation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing quality after-school programs. Previously, she was the Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Relations at the New York State Attorney General's Office, and held several senior management positions at Victim Services (now "Safe Horizon"), a major not-for-profit provider of services to crime victims. Mullgrav holds a B.A. from Swarthmore College and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.



Michael Schreck Community Builder Award

RABBI ROBERT (BOB) G. KAPLAN *Director, CAUSE-NY, JCRC-NY*

Bob Kaplan is currently the founding Director of C.A.U.S.E. – NY, a division of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC), the central coordinating and resource body for 62 major Jewish organizations in the metropolitan New York area. He also co-directs the New York –Jerusalem Experts Exchange, a joint project of the JCRC and the Jerusalem Intercultural Center. Mr. Kaplan is called upon by the non-profit and government sectors and as an expert and consultant in the arena of diversity, community building, leadership development, coalitions and intergroup relations. He served as the Associate Executive Director of Hillel of New York. His former Hillel directorships include New York University, C.W. Post and Pace University. Currently Mr. Kaplan is an adjunct professor in the Jewish Studies Department at The City College of New York where he teaches a course on the Jewish immigrant experience in New York City. He also serves on the Boards of Habitat for Humanity- NY and Health Plus. As a member of the clergy, Bob Kaplan was a grief counselor for the American Red Cross assigned to working with relief workers at the respite center located at Ground Zero. He likewise serves as a Clergy Liaison to the Chief of the Department of the New York Police Department (NYPD).



Bob Kaplan, along with Mohammed Razvi, is involved in ongoing work with Jewish and Arab leaders in the skills of coalition building and coexistence work, in mixed cities in Israel on the behalf of the U.S. State Department.

Bob, who lives in Riverdale, is married to Wendy Levinson and has three children and four grandchildren.

Andrew Zucker Jewish Community Service Award

JOHANNA ZURNDORFER *Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale / Interfaith Caregivers Organization*

In November of 1979 Johanna and her husband moved to Riverdale and shortly thereafter joined the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale. When her husband passed away in 1995 after a long illness and a year later she lost her son, she looked for something to fill the void in her life and started to volunteer at the synagogue. She joined the board of the Sisterhood, worked as social secretary and V.P. of membership, and was then appointed to the Board of Trustees. As a longtime chairperson of the Bikur Cholim Committee, she was asked to represent CSAIR in the newly formed Interfaith Caregivers Organization, made up of synagogues and churches throughout Riverdale and the East Bronx. Its purpose is to take seniors shopping, or shop for them, take them to doctor visits or provide other services when needed. This "brought me into the larger Riverdale community," she says. "Every Friday afternoon I visit Jewish patients at the Columbia Presbyterian Allen Pavilion to wish them a Shabbat Shalom. Over the years it has given me great satisfaction to make a difference in the lives of so many people and to be an active part of the Riverdale Community."



Community Organizational Award

RIVERDALE RISING STARS *Riverdale Y*

The Riverdale Y's Teen Theatre Company is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Directed by Laurie Walton and open to ages 13-18, the program not only provides an extraordinary musical theater experience for Riverdale's teens, and high-quality entertainment for Riverdale's residents of all ages, it also is perhaps most proud of its "family" of alumni (teens and their parents, siblings and friends) who, though they have gone on to college and beyond, are still apart of the RRS circle of family and always will be. The group has recently had a record-breaking attendance with their productions of *Rent: School Edition*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. *Rent* received three National Youth Theatre Awards, Best Ensemble Performance, Best Lead Actor in a Musical: Alex Walton and Best Lead Actress in a Musical: Mason Taub. The troupe is currently in production with *The Boyfriend* and plans a reprise of *Rent* this summer.

