

11<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Gala



IAJF 11th Annual Gala at the  
Alice Tully Hall,  
Lincoln Center, NY City



Keynote Speaker Professor  
Alan Dershowitz



Performance of the Experimentalist  
Gerard Senehi

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for participating in the **11th Annual Gala of the Iranian American Jewish Federation of New York (IAJF)** and to provide you with an update on the success of the event which was held on November 28, 2012 at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York City.

1,000 guests, including 300 young professionals, joined in celebrating the achievements of the IAJF and to show their solidarity with the State of Israel. This was an evening to remember, bringing together members of the Iranian Jewish community in New York, representatives of the government of Israel, local government officials, IDF officers and leaders of the community.

We were privileged to have with us H.E. Ambassador Ron Prosor, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations. Ambassador Ido Aharoni, Consul General of Israel, provided special remarks on behalf of the State of Israel. The keynote speaker, Professor Alan Dershowitz, provided an insightful and powerful speech.

The entertainment for the evening was the Experimentalist Gerard Senehi, who captivated and uplifted the audience with an unforgettable performance. As part of his act, he sent a letter several days earlier to Rabbi Howard Stecker of Temple Israel, which remained sealed until Rabbi Stecker opened it on stage. After reading the predictions, which included a statement about the tie he was wearing that evening, Rabbi Stecker stated: *"I am really amazed by what the mentalist was able to do. I stopped at my tie rack yesterday morning, considered a red tie, then a yellow one, and chose the blue one. I remember the thought process that led me to the blue one. I never noticed the colors of the striped pattern until I read his prediction and looked down... He is a great performer with an unusual gift."*

The IAJF also hosted a special **Rooftop After Party** at the Empire Hotel for young professionals who attended the Gala. The party was the first of several activities the IAJF will be sponsoring for the future leaders of the community.

Due to the generosity of our community, the IAJF raised a record breaking amount of \$3 million in connection with the 11th Annual Gala. **Since 2002, the IAJF has raised nearly \$26 million in contributions for the benefit of over 150 organizations** primarily in Israel.

We are proud of our community's accomplishments. Together we have improved and saved countless lives. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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IAJF Board members and Professor Alan Dershowitz