



SID JACOBSON JCC'S

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THURSDAY, MAY 8 · 6:30PM THE GARDEN CITY HOTEL

Indulge in food from LI's finest restaurants, bid on this year's most exclusive items, and experience a live performance by celebrity comedian

**ALEX EDELMAN!**



Proceeds benefit innovative social service programs developed by SJCC in response to community needs.

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit [sjcc.org/eatbidlaugh](http://sjcc.org/eatbidlaugh)



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Leading the Charge for a Night of Fun and Giving

As first-time co-chairs, Kevin and Stephanie Small are bringing their passion and energy to an unforgettable night of food, laughter, and giving back!

Kevin and Stephanie Small are among the most dedicated supporters of our community, consistently giving their time and energy to causes that matter to them most. This year, they are thrilled to elevate their commitment to community as first-time co-chairs of *Eat.Bid.Laugh!*, Sid Jacobson JCC's most anticipated night of the year.

Taking place on May 8, 2025 at The Garden City Hotel, *Eat.Bid.Laugh!* is a fun-filled night of fine dining, laughter, and excitement, all dedicated to supporting a worthy cause. Over the past 25 years, this annual sold-out event has raised millions of dollars to support thousands of individuals and families in our community. "It is a great event filled with delicious food, awesome raffles and an outstanding performance by well-known comedians. The entire community comes together for a powerful cause," Stephanie said.

Proceeds from past *Eat.Bid.Laugh!* events have funded over 80 innovative and transformational Sid Jacobson JCC programs. One of these programs is

Camp Kehilla, which makes the typical camp experience accessible to neurodivergent campers, ages 5-21. These extraordinary children, teens, and young adults have the opportunity to build friendships and develop social skills through a mix of traditional camp activities like swimming, arts & crafts, and sports, all while benefiting from evidence-based social facilitation techniques in an environment that mirrors that of a neurotypical setting. "Touring Camp Kehilla and seeing first-hand how the money raised benefits these campers was truly heart-warming," Stephanie said.

Camp Kehilla is just one of the many programs offered through SJCC's Sandler Family Kehilla Center, which has helped to empower neurodivergent individuals to strive for independence and reach their highest potential.

Please join the SJCC community for an exciting evening celebrating community, cuisine, and compassion. Tickets are available now to purchase at [sjcc.org/eatbidlaugh](http://sjcc.org/eatbidlaugh).

The "Making a Difference" section highlights Old Westbury residents who are using their time and resources to improve our community and beyond. To contribute your story, please email [jeanne.petti@strollmag.com](mailto:jeanne.petti@strollmag.com).



In addition to Camp Kehilla, the proceeds raised at past SJCC's *Eat.Bid.Laugh!* events have funded numerous social service programs including:

- HERO Project, founded by two high school students in the community after losing the heroes in their lives, was created as a safe space for middle and high school students who have lost a loved one to feel empowered while connecting with other grieving peers.
- Nancy Marx Cancer Wellness Center provides free holistic care for those diagnosed with cancer and their families. NMCWC offers specialized exercise classes, supportive discussion groups, short-term individual counseling with a licensed social worker, and referral services.
- Nikki Schwartz Memorial Community Needs Bank, partner of Island Harvest, serves as a collection site and distribution center of non-perishable and shelf-stable food, personal care, and household items to local food pantries and direct to households of Nassau County and Queens residents facing food insecurity.

For more information about SJCC's social service programs, visit [sjcc.org](http://sjcc.org).