



The Center is officially dedicated. Cutting the ribbon (L-R) Joseph Stein, Jr., President & Chair, F·E·G·S; Leonid Rozenberg, President American Association of Invalids & Veterans of WWII from the FSU, COJECO; Lawrence Wajnberg, Publisher, Novoye Russkoye Slovo; Louise B. Greilsheimer, Vice President, Agency and External Relations, UJA-Federation of NY; Lillian Wajnberg, Board Member, COJECO; and Alec Brook-Krasny, Executive Director, COJECO.

Creating Partnerships to Strengthen the Brooklyn Community

The center, staffed by some 60 bi-lingual professionals, occupies two floors at 940 Kings Highway and features a state-of-the-art computer center, individual counseling and group meeting rooms, and a NYS Office of Mental Health licensed mental health clinic.

Joseph Stein, Jr., President of F·E·G·S, who welcomed more than 200 people to the ceremony, said that F·E·G·S was “proud to take the lead in gathering the resources to create a center that the Russian-speaking community needs and deserves in order to seek a better life in America.”

“We are one people, one community,” said **Alfred P. Miller**, CEO of F·E·G·S. He predicted that the center would grow based upon the needs of the community. “The way we treat each other today, the way we help each other, will be the quality of our community tomorrow,” he said. “The history of F·E·G·S is one of building partnerships, and the Brooklyn Resource Center is the latest and one of the best examples of how the government, voluntary, and private sectors can develop innovative solutions that respond to community needs.



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The state-of-the-art Computer Resource Center features the latest technologies in desktop programs. Individuals can learn business applications, advanced computer programming, math skills, and reading and English language skills.

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F·E·G·S Dedicates Brooklyn Resource Center

The tempting aromas of blinis, blintzes, and pirozhki being served wafted as high as the spirits of those who attended the formal opening on May 15th of the new F·E·G·S Brooklyn Resource Center on Kings Highway.

Dignitaries from the voluntary and government sectors joined a cross-section of Brooklyn’s Russian community leaders and others – to cut the red ribbon that symbolized the official dedication of this exciting, one-of-a-kind neighborhood multi-service center. The center will help Russian-speaking residents of Brooklyn and others improve their English, get job placement assistance, take computer training, study for the U.S. Citizenship exam, receive individual and family counseling, and get referrals to legal, health, and other needed services.



At the opening (L-R) Alfred P. Miller, CEO, F·E·G·S; Alec Brook-Krasny, Executive Director, COJECO and Joseph Stein, Jr. President & Chair, F·E·G·S.

A Center Geared to the Needs of the Russian Community

“We have moved from suffering from our differences to celebrating our diversity,” said **Alec Brook-Krasny**, Executive Director of COJECO, the Council of Jewish Émigré Community Organizations. He noted that COJECO has an on-site office at the Resource Center, and thanked F·E·G·S for the help it has received during its first year. “Our first program together, which addressed the needs of victims from the September 11th tragedy, was a great success and became the role model for how the American Jewish community and the Russian Jewish community should work together.”

The New York City Council Speaker, **Gifford Miller**, said, “This center symbolizes what I think is so great about New York City. For hundreds of years people have come here with a single dream – to build a better future for themselves and for their children. New York City is a symbol of opportunity, and in these difficult times it’s more important than ever that we keep that dream alive.”

Joseph Lazar, Director of the New York City Field Office of the New York State Office of Mental Health, praised F·E·G·S’ entrepreneurial spirit and creative vision in going beyond the initial proposals for a mental health clinic and developing the concept of a resource center. “I think it’s good to come back and see the results of our partnership.”

Louise B. Greilsheimer, Vice President for Agency & External Relations for UJA-Federation of New York, noting the warm ambience of the center, said, “On a day when we all know what’s happening in Albany and other places, plus the challenges philanthropically from government and business, to open a new center takes real leadership.”

Other speakers included: **Michael Nelson**, Member of the New York City Council; and **Victor Kuzenoff**, representing **Sayu Bhowani**, Commissioner of Immigrant Affairs. The center’s opening also attracted extensive coverage from the Russian media.

Brooklyn Borough President, **Marty Markowitz**, issued a proclamation that recognized the vital work of F·E·G·S and declared May 15th as “F·E·G·S Brooklyn Resource Center Day.”

Perhaps the best measure for predicting the center’s future success is that word of its services has already spread throughout the local community. Even as the public officials were leaving, they passed through a waiting room filled with men and women waiting to meet with the center’s professional staff.

For further information, visit the Brooklyn Resource Center website at:

or the F·E·G·S website at: