

Jack Hayes Participates in Jewish Federation of Dutchess County's Annual Meeting

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- [Photo, (left to right): Jack Hayes, Chairman Ulster County Conservative Party; Jonah Ritter; Mark Klien, Vice Chairman, Town of Lloyd Conservative Party; William O'Neil; Dutchess County Executive, Tsach Saar; Acting Consul General of the Israeli Consulate NY, Anil Beephan; NYS Assembly D105, Karen Hochhauser; and Director Jewish Federation Dutchess County, Lewis Zachery.]

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I had the great pleasure and honor to be invited by board member Mark Klein to participate in the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County's Annual Meeting and the presentation by the Acting Consul General of the Israeli Consulate in New York, Tsach Saar. The meeting room was at full capacity and area elected representatives joined the attendees.

Mr. Saar shared news of the Israeli response to the atrocious attack on Israeli citizens on October 7, 2023. He reported that the facts of the attack were gruesome beyond belief. He advised that men, women, and children ((some just infants) were murdered, mutilated, raped and tortured. He believed some of the pictorial documentation may become available in the future and warned that the pictures and video were brutally horrific.

Mr. Saar said that Israel's response was targeting members of Hamas with the intent of eliminating their ability to repeat further attacks. Mr. Saar further discussed the worldwide instances of anti-Semitism and the need to be vigilant in identifying possible threats. He encouraged everyone to practice increased awareness and to promote the identification of possible threats. Mr. Saar took and answered many difficult questions. The audience was very serious and recognized the conflict as extremely challenging. We must protect and defend Israel and all democracies from fanatical terrorism. Shalom. Peace be with you.