

# East Coast Connection

*The Hillel Day School Alumni Association East Region starts out strong.*

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**T**he newly formed Hillel Day School Alumni Association East Coast Region held its first event April 1 in New York. Dr. Len and Lois Sharzer of Manhattan hosted a brunch at their home for more than 40 alumni. The East Coast Region includes New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh.

Jessica Sharzer, a film producer and screenwriter, was guest speaker. The crowd watched Sharzer's film *Nomi's Bat Mitzvah* and then asked questions.

Cindy Friedman and Jason Miller were event co-chairmen. Rabbi Greta Bernard Brown delivered the D'var Torah. Former Headmaster Rabbi Bob Abramson and his wife Charlotte attended. Hillel board member Rabbi Efry Spectre, rabbi emeritus of Adat Shalom and now residing in New York City, also attended.

The event raised more than \$1,000 according to Marianne Milgrom Bloomberg, director of development at Hillel. She attended the event and spoke of all the positive changes and exciting events at the school.

Some of the Hillel alumni supporters

at the East Coast event included Gabriela Burman and Adam Kaplan, Tami Heisler, Jeff Friedman, Francine Hermelin-Levite and Adam Levite, Steve Winkelman, Elana Roth, Jason and Elissa Miller, Jenny Cohn, Mark Blitz, Charles Schwartz and Cathy Sosnick Schwartz, Michael Schostak, Erika Pone, Mara Reinstein, Jonathan Cohen, Rachel and Evan Landau and David Icikson.

To keep in touch with Hillel happenings and reunions, alumni can register at [hillelalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:hillelalumni@yahoo.com)



*Left: Cindy Friedman, Marianne Bloomberg and Jason Miller helped organize the East Coast Hillel Reunion.*