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Barry Bobrow to Be Honored at 40th Annual Financial Industries Dinner

National Jewish Health is Beneficiary

New York – More than 700 business leaders will gather for the 40th Annual Financial Industries Dinner on Thursday, March 16 in New York. Proceeds from the event will benefit National Jewish Health, the nation's leading respiratory hospital. The dinner will honor Barry L. Bobrow, Managing Director and Head of Loan Sales and Syndications for Wells Fargo Capital Finance, with the institution's Humanitarian Award. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant civic and charitable contributions and are leaders in their communities and industry.

The dinner is one of the most prestigious philanthropic events for New York's financial industries and raises funds to support the research and treatment of respiratory, cardiac, immune, and related diseases at National Jewish Health. The evening will feature a cocktail reception, dinner and live music. It also offers networking and fellowship opportunities.

Barry was "thrilled to be honored by this prestigious institution and its great cause."

While National Jewish Health is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation, it is not well known



Barry Bobrow

by many outside the health care industry. Those who know it well appear to be those who need its services. In fact, in an unusual coincidence, Barry discovered an old friend who was familiar with National Jewish Health.

"I contacted an old friend from Detroit regarding the Financial Industries Dinner and he remarked that he had been a patient at National Jewish Health," he said. "I was a little surprised as I remembered him as a competitive tennis player. But before he played tennis, he had severe asthma. It was NJH that regulated his respiratory issues so that he could lead an active life."

Other happy connections were discovered when another friend of

Bobrow's mentioned that his grandmother had been a National Trustee of NJH.

Barry and his wife, Karen Knoble, were able to take a tour of the facility in Colorado and were duly impressed with the patient centered holistic care, the research, and the school on site. "There are 70-80 children there at any time. With some children suffering respiratory conditions so severe that they are unable to attend school, the organization has established an on-premises school." Some of the funds raised at the March 16 event will go to maintaining the school.

All told, this event honoring Bobrow has raised over \$600,000 for National Jewish Health.

Founded 118 years ago as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health today is the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to groundbreaking medical research and treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune, and related disorders. Patients and families come to National Jewish Health from around the world to receive cutting-edge, comprehensive, coordinated care. To learn more, visit www.njhealth.org. ☆

Laurie Berzack Nominated for "Best Matchmaker"

Miami, FL- Carolinas Matchmaker, and owner of Chai Expectations, Laurie Berzack was among five finalists in the world for Best Matchmaker in the industry at the 47th annual iDate Conference. Berzack joined finalists from Ukraine, Washington, DC, and the world-wide matchmaking site "It's Just Lunch" as top vote getters. The British firm "Drawing Down the Moon" took home the top matchmaker award.

"I'm proud to represent the Carolinas on this international platform," said Berzack. "Being voted one of the top five best by industry experts and clients is beyond expectations when I started this career more than a decade ago."

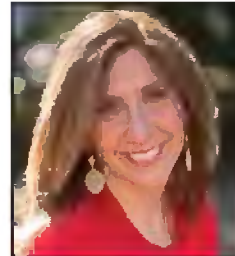
Leaders also asked Berzack to present during the conference based on her expertise as a "boutique" matchmaking firm which only works with a small number of clients but charges more than most agencies. For more than 11 years, Berzack has operated Chai Expectations, which specializes in Jewish matchmaking services and

Carolinas Matchmaker which works with people of other faiths. "There is always a question of how much to charge for matchmaking and relationship services. The adage 'You can't put a price on love' is true, until you have to put a price on it," Berzack said. "I've built my value through four out of five people I work with finding love. In any business, experience and success correlate with higher fees and value."

Recently, Berzack trademarked Philanthrodating™, a concept pairing young professional mixers with philanthropy. Her last event raised more than \$4,500 for three local charities. Berzack aims to hold more Philanthrodating™ events to benefit other organizations.


About Carolinas Matchmaker

Laurie Berzack, Carolinas Matchmaker, launched her first matchmaking business in 2006 and offers more than just a matchmaking service. Considered a relationship expert, she is regularly featured in local and national media. ☆




Laurie Berzack

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**Joshua Gerrard, Freshman
Berklee College of Music**

I attended Charlotte Jewish Day School from kindergarten through the fifth grade and graduated in 2009. On of the things I remember from my earliest years at CJDS, maybe first or second grade, was when I performed a little violin piece in front of my class. It might have been my first ever performance. I remember how nervous I was, but the positive reaction from my classmates and teacher made me feel like my practice and playing was validated. It inspired me to keep playing and moving forward with music.

After CJDS I attended Northwest School of the Arts for middle and high school, and became interested in playing violin at an elevated level. For college, I explored and auditioned with the Oberlin Conservatory, Furman University, and most notably, Berklee College of Music in Boston for the jazz violin program. I also had the option to stay on at UNC School of the Arts, where my violin teacher indicated that he would like me to continue studying with him. In addition to violin, I also play mandolin and recently started teaching myself guitar.

In my last year in high school, I became very interested in jazz and folk improvisation, which is somewhat unique for a violinist. While I still love classical music and plan on continuing my traditional violin approach, it is exciting to explore other styles.

At UNCSA, I've had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world who also share my passion for the arts. Coincidentally, my roommate is originally from Israel. One of the things I learned during my years at CJDS was to know myself and be proud of my Jewish identity. For the first time, this year I was away from my family during Hanukkah. I decided to organize a group of friends (some Jewish, some not) to make latkes in our dorm kitchen. It was a really fun way to celebrate the holiday and teach some friends about Hanukkah traditions. As I look forward to the next phase of my life, I realize that CJDS played an important role in defining who I am today.





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