On November 15, 2017, IAJF held its 16th Annual Gala at Lincoln Center’s David Geffen Hall in New York City, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. Nearly 1,200 guests joined to celebrate the achievements of IAJF and two great nations - Israel and the United States.

It was a festive evening full of exciting moments. We want to share just a few of the many highlights:

- The evening’s emcee, comedian Elon Gold warmed up the crowd with a rousing comedy act, narrating what makes our communities so unique but doing so with a kindness and warmth that left the audience laughing out loud.
- The NYPD Ceremonial Unit Color Guard performed the Star-Spangled Banner and Opera Soloist Raphael Anthony performed Hatikva.
- Ambassador Dani Dayan, the Consul General of Israel in New York, gave powerful remarks. He delivered a valuable perspective on the unbreakable bond between our two countries and the essential role played by our Iranian Jewish community in sustaining this bond.
- The evening’s keynote speaker, Governor Mike Huckabee, spoke about the strength of Israel and his relationship with the holy state. As a television commentator and former presidential candidate, Gov. Huckabee shared a strategic and global perspective as well as personal reflections of a family trip to Israel which inspired his daughter, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, to accept the role of White House Press Secretary. The audience gave Gov. Huckabee a standing ovation for his inspiring words.
- World renowned Master Mentalist Lior Suchard delivered an interactive and mind-blowing experience that left the audience stunned. His mental feats sparked the room with magic and wonder.
- A newly produced video reflected on the strength of Israel and the IAJF, capturing the essence of the organization as unwavering friend to Israel and ambassador of humanitarian support to the people of Israel and beyond.

The evening drew to a climactic close when IAJF President, Robert Kahen, shared a little-known story of Frank Sinatra, an early and ardent supporter of Zionism and frequent visitor to the Jewish state. Soloist Eddie Sessa sang the Sinatra classic My Way, a tribute to Israel doing it Her Way, encapsulating the country’s rebirth as a strong and compassionate nation making strides while shining as a beacon of hope in the region.

We are pleased to announce that IAJF has raised $5 million over the past year! This can be attributed to the immense support and incredible generosity of our community and people like you. Total funds raised to date by the IAJF since 2002 are now close to $47 million, allowing the IAJF to provide contributions to more than 190 different nonprofit organizations, directly helping to uplift lives and provide services to those in need.
Master of Ceremonies, Comedian Elon Gold

National Anthems performed by NYPD Color Guard and opera soloist Raphael Anthony

Master Mentalist Lior Suchard

Soloist Eddie Sessa

IAJF President, Mr. Robert Kahan

IAJF Vice President, Mr. Steven Khadavi

Young Leadership Executive Board Members, Mr. David Oheb and Ms. Chelsea Sassouni

IAJF Gala Reception

IAJF Young Leadership Gala After Party

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