



Industry CEOs honored at Leonard Litwin New York City Real Estate Tree of Life Gala

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Shown (from left) are: Michael Mintz, MD Squared Property Group and Laurent Morali, Kushner.

Manhattan, NY On June 12 several hundred New York real estate leaders attended Jewish National Fund-USA's annual Leonard Litwin New York City Real Estate Tree of Life Gala at the Rainbow Room to honor two industry icons for their invaluable leadership and philanthropic endeavors in support of nation-building projects in Israel's north and south.

Laurent Morali, chief executive officer, Kushner, was the recipient of Jewish National Fund-USA's Tree of Life Award, the organization's highest humanitarian honor. A veteran of the real estate sector, Morali has closed several billion dollars' worth of real estate transactions, from construction and development to acquisitions, financings, and recapitalizations. Prior to Kushner, Morali spent 10 years working at Credit Lyonnais.

As a philanthropist, many of Morali's charitable investments have played a crucial role in helping build a strong, vibrant future for the land and people of Israel. "Jewish National Fund-USA's programs, many of which my wife Liat and I have been involved with, have made and continue to have a lasting impact on the land and people of Israel."

The gala also honored Michael Mintz, CEO & founder, MD Squared Property Group LLC, a real estate advisory, property management, and investment firm managing over 150 buildings and 3,500 units in New York, Connecticut, and Oklahoma.

Mintz has been a partner (donor) and ambassador (lay leader) with Jewish National Fund-USA for nearly a decade, holding leadership positions on several of the organization's committees including its Real Estate Cabinet and Fire and Rescue Task Force. At the gala, Mintz received the Gregory A. Davis Leadership Award which celebrates young philanthropists between the ages of 22-40.

"Growing up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the grandson of Holocaust survivors, the importance of the Jewish State of Israel was always emphasized," said Mintz. "Jewish National Fund-USA's tight-knit and intimate community made a big city seem small and allowed me to channel my love for Israel in a way that had a direct impact on its people."

Founder of Douglaston Development, Jeffrey Levine, and David Greenbaum, vice president of Vornado Realty Trust, served as the event's honorary chairs. Remarks were provided by Glen Weiss of Vornado Realty Trust and Charles Kushner, chairman, Kushner.

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