

# National Museum of American Jewish History Honors Ron Rubin

Andrea Bocelli serenaded the crowd with a surprise performance

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**The National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) honored Philadelphia real estate developer Ron Rubin at their annual Only in America Gala, which was held at the Hyatt at the Bellevue, December 13, 2016.



Marcia Rubin, Ron Rubin, Philadelphia real estate developer and Ivy L. Barsky, Director and Chief Executive Officer at National Museum of American Jewish History. During the dinner program many of Ron's friends took to the podium to honor him, as well as enlighten the audience with stories, including his brother George Rubin, Steve Cozen and former Governor Ed Rendell.



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Connie Smukler, former vice chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and Ken Smukler, president of Voterlink Data Systems



Karen Phillips, Shelby Phillips and Jeff Phillips, C.O.O. at Palm Restaurant. Look for the famed eatery to open in April.



Sarah Stroback, Director, Product Management, Comcast, Duncan Cross and Mackenzie Walsh



John Binswanger, Gay Binswanger, William Sasso, Elise Pizzi and Charles Pizzi



Larry R. Kaiser, MD, FACS, President and CEO of Temple University Health System, Lindy Snider and Garrett Snider



Jeanette Neubauer, Joseph Neubauer, Avi Golen and Shana Golen



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Olufemi Leverett, Sherri Ross, Peter Colonna Romano, Esq. and Marlo Polonsky



De. Jessica Isaacs, Jacob Merkovitz, Rachel Hollander and Ari Sirner. Leslie Rosen was the caterer, while Fred Stein, Executive Producer for The Creative Group created the magical ambiance of the evening.



At the conclusion of the ceremony honoring Mr. Rubin, there was a surprise concert by Andrea Bocelli. The gala raised over \$1 million for the museum which will go towards the support of the museum's programs and mission.