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## Lt. Governor Guadagno Delivers Keynote Remarks at New Jersey State Association of Jewish Federations Annual Meeting

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**Trenton, NJ** – Last night, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno delivered keynote remarks at the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Association of Jewish Federations (NJSAJF).

"The New Jersey-Israel relationship is critical to both states, economically and culturally," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "Our economies have become partners, with New Jersey exporting more than \$700 million annually to Israel. I thank Mark Levenson and the Association for their leadership in working for closer ties between New Jersey and Israel and advocating on behalf of New Jersey's vibrant Jewish community, including those least able to do for themselves."

The NJSAJF serves as a government affairs liaison and advocate for the state's ten Jewish Federations, which provide social services and programming in their communities and speak out on issues impacting New Jersey's Jewish community.

"We were honored to have Lt. Governor Guadagno keynote our Annual Meeting," said Mark S. Levenson, NJSAJF President. "The Annual Meeting allowed us to formally and gratefully acknowledge the access and relationships afforded our community by the Administration and Lt. Governor Guadagno personally on such important matters as support for Holocaust survivors; better services for seniors, the most vulnerable and persons with disabilities; the fight against rising anti-Semitism, intolerance and religious-based hatred; and maintaining a strong New Jersey-Israel relationship."

The State Association also promotes the relationship between New Jersey's residents and government and the citizens and government of Israel, including through missions to Israel to give policy makers and legislators an understanding of the benefit to New Jersey of strengthened ties with Israel. New Jersey and Israel have been sister states since 1988.

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