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Lt. Governor Guadagno Hosts Deputy Consul General of Israel in New York Amir Sagie

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Trenton, NJ - Highlighting New Jersey's relationship with Israel, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today met with Amir Sagie, Deputy Consul General of Israel in New York, to discuss economic development opportunities between Israel and New Jersey. The meeting builds on the Christie Administration's commitment to strengthening international partnerships, economic ties and job growth opportunities for New Jersey residents. Israel was New Jersey's 13th largest trading partner last year, and the Garden State exported nearly \$861 million in products to Israel in 2013.

On April 25, 1988, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, the State of New Jersey entered into a Sister-State Agreement with Israel. Furthering this collaborative partnership, New Jersey established the New Jersey-Israel Commission to implement the goals of the agreement, including the development of trade, cultural and educational exchanges and capital investment and joint business ventures. New Jersey is home to the second-highest percentage of Jewish residents in the nation.

Pictured in photo from left to right: Executive Director of the NJ State Association of Jewish Federations Jacob Toporek, Esq., Deputy Consul General of Israel in New York Amir Sagie, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and Chair of the New Jersey-Israel Commission Mark Levenson.

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