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Jen Rusciano, Noam Kimelman and Avida Johnson, all of Detroit, at the reception

Rubenstein, chief of staff to U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, and Imerman Angels founder Jonny Imerman.

A handful of expatriates have attended all three years of events and have gone on to contribute to their hometown's revitalization. After coming to the first two events, Axelrod organized regional dinners for influential expats to get together outside of the annual event.

To further recognize Seller, the Jewish community organized a reception in his honor that brought together 40 Jewish expats and 40 local leaders involved with business and philanthropy in Detroit. This event was sponsored by the William Davidson Foundation, and introductory remarks were offered by Ethan Davidson, trustee of the Davidson Foundation. DPop, an award-winning design firm, hosted the reception in its Downtown Detroit headquarters.

Seller, introduced by close friend and Detroit-native Amy Nederlander, spoke about his Jewish identity. Seller began his involvement at Temple Israel and Camp Tamarack, which he spoke fondly of. He reflected on how those experiences led him to the theater program at the University of Michigan and subsequently a career on Broadway. Seller said he is proud of his Jewish roots and talked about his visit to Israel this summer and his plans to return there for his son's bar mitzvah.

Additional honorees at the Jewish reception included Peter Cummings, Julie Fisher Cummings and Adam Levinson. Peter and Julie returned from many years in Florida and now reside Downtown. Peter Cummings is spearheading significant real estate development in Detroit and discussed

one such project that will create more than 1,000 new residential units. Julie Fisher Cummings has championed children's education and healthcare as the vice chair of the Max and Marjorie Fisher Foundation, which has prioritized philanthropic investment in the city of Detroit as well as within the Detroit Jewish community.

Adam Levinson traveled to the Detroit Homecoming III all the way from Singapore. He came to discuss his \$10 million commitment to support Detroit education and his willingness to match any gifts from the expat community toward the Detroit Children's Fund.

Dan Gilbert and former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin spoke about their hopes for the city's future and why they are optimistic about the direction in which Detroit is heading. Levin, a longtime resident of the city, gave credit to the many business leaders who have invested in Detroit over the past few decades.

Each honoree received a scrapbook of their family's mentions in the *Detroit Jewish News* from the Detroit Jewish News Foundation William Davidson Digital Archive of Jewish Detroit History.

Israel and Erik Nordin, the Detroit sculptors behind many unique sculptures in the city, created a custom menorah for the honored expats to take home. The chanukiah is a replica of the giant menorah they created for Detroit's annual menorah lighting in Campus Martius, right in the heart of Downtown. The Nordin brothers also created smaller keychain replicas for all attendees.

Plans are already under way for the fourth Detroit Homecoming, to be held Sept. 13-15 next year. ✳