

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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From left to right: Reverend Larry Jennings, Reverend Joann Barrett, Legislator William R. Spencer, Barrie Stevens from the Office of Congressman Thomas Suozzi, Joseph J. Levin Jr. of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Huntington Councilwoman Susan A. Berland, Huntington Councilwoman Tracey Edwards, Rabbi Jeff Clopper, Dr. Howard Schneider and Hazel Scotti Codes.

## TEMPLE BETH EL HOSTS COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON CURRENT STATE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Huntington, NY - Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. joined Temple Beth El of Huntington at a gathering of community members on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the current state of civil rights in the United States. The event drew in more than 640 residents, many of whom are very concerned about recent events nationally, to hear remarks from guest speakers Joseph J. Levin, Jr. of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

At the event, Legislator Spencer was invited to address the crowd, "Now more than ever, we must remain committed to our local efforts and continue to be engaged. We must stay true to our American principles, resist apathy, and take a stand for what is right for the sake of our communities, children and future." said Legislator Spencer.

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