

**James Schiller Begins Term as New NCSEJ Chairman**  
*Board of Governors Hears from Bulgarian Foreign Minister Ekaterina Zahareiva and Assistant Secretary of State Philip Reeker*

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**WASHINGTON D.C. June 25, 2020** -- At NCSEJ 's first virtual Board of Governors meeting James Schiller was welcomed yesterday as he begins his term as Chairman of NCSEJ. Outgoing Chairman Daniel Rubin was honored for his four years of service.

James Schiller, of Boca Raton, has an outstanding record of service in Jewish organizations in key positions on the local, national and international level, many on behalf of Israel. These include National Treasurer of the American Zionist Movement (AZM), past President of AZM and the ZOA, co-chair of the Board of Trustees for Temple Oheb Shalom and leadership positions in the Associated Jewish Charities Campaign in Baltimore. A Certified Public Accountant, Jim is the founder and former managing director of the Gorfine, Schiller & Gardyn, P.A., a regional accounting firm with over 100 members

In accepting the chairmanship, Schiller said, "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead and coordinate the ongoing efforts of this vital organization and look forward to working with the leadership, member agencies, and professional staff of NCSEJ during a time of uncertainty and change."

Immediate Past Chairman Stephen Greenberg said, "Jim brings a unique set of skills to the position of chairman. His fiscal knowledge will be invaluable during this difficult time for many nonprofit organizations"

Reflecting on his four years as Chairman, Daniel Rubin said "NCSEJ is a jewel in the crown of the Jewish community. Our agenda is no less than ensuring the safety and security of the Jews in the former Soviet Union."

NCSEJ CEO Mark Levin described Rubin as "an outstanding leader who steered NCSEJ through calm and turbulent waters. I am proud of all we accomplished together to move the NCSEJ agenda forward."

In the large gathering of board members and supporters, participants heard from special guests Bulgarian Foreign Minister Ekaterina Zahareiva and Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia Philip Reeker

Foreign Minister Zahareiva spoke about the rise of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories in Europe because of COVID-19, but stressed that the level was not very high in Bulgaria. She praised the work of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria and the support Bulgaria has received from NCSEJ and other American Jewish organizations.

Ambassador Reeker thanked NCSEJ for its close working relationship with his State Department team which includes the Office of the Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and the Office on International Religious Freedom. He spoke about the positive U.S.-Ukrainian bi-lateral relationship, issues related to restitution, and the fight against anti-Semitism.

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