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Muslim country honored for saving Jewish sites and cemeteries

t was a an enlightened religious Lexperience on Thursday night, Nov. 19, at the New York Museum of Modern Art as revered members of many faiths came to honor the King of Morocco for his effort to preserve Jewish burial places in his country. His Eminence Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York; His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation and senior rabbi of Park East Synagogue; and Imam Mohamed Hamagid, president of the Islamic Society of North America, stood together in brotherhood.

At a time of tension and anxiety in the world, the Conference of



(Left): Chairman of Religious Freedom for the Greek Church John Catsimatidis (left), and Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. (Right): Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York, speaks at the event honoring the King of Morocco. Seated (I-r): Moroccan Ambassador-at-Large Serge Berdugo; Ahmed Toufiq, minister for Islamic affairs in the government of Morocco; Imam Mohamed Hamagid, president of the Islamic Society of North America; His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; and Schneier. Standing (at Dolan's right) is Ambassador Rachad Bouhlal, ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to the U.S.

Jewish Organizations and the Morocco brought these people VI for his work rehabilitating the myself, is a recognition of our Ambassador Serge Berdugo, "This

Presidents of Major American Council of Jewish Communities of together to honor King Mohammed Demetrios, Imam Hasgmagid and Jewish cemeteries of Morocco.

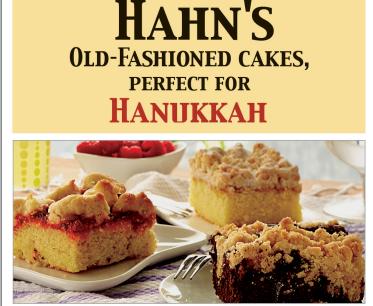
The completed project, poignantthe king and the Presidents' Conference hope to see exhibited in wreckers of civilizations." a museum soon.

Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop 12,600 graves.

Rabbi Schneier thanked His ect began in April 2010 under the intrinsic part of our country's her-Majesty Mohammed VI "for being direction of King Mohammed VI. itage for more than three thousand a role model of interreligious Over the course of five years, 167 years. As is enshrined in the peaceful coexistence between the Jewish cemeteries were restored Kingdom's new Constitution, the children of Abraham." He then across the country, installing 159 Hebrew heritage is indeed one of said, "The high award Commander new doors, building nearly 140,000 the time-honored components of of the Wissam Alaouite to feet of fencing, and repairing our national identity."

The king said, through his unity in diversity in pursuit of is a testimony to the richness and peace and tolerance. United we diversity of the Kingdom of ly called The House of Life, is shall prevail over the terrorist Morocco's spiritual heritage. assembled in a photo journal that scourge that has metastasized, Blending harmoniously with the united we shall prevail over the other components of our identity, the Jewish legacy, with its rituals Morocco's "Houses of Life" proj- and specific features, has been an

–Juda Engelmayer





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