

JOSEPH D. SAVOY

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COMMUNITY ACTIVIST | ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCER



(Photo: Wayne Lavonne)

Joseph David Savoy

I come from a very dysfunctional family. My dad killed his stepfather and then served four years in prison. I was born in controversy—like in the Bible when Jacob married two sisters, my dad impregnated two sisters. People feel it's extreme to be Hasidic, but I just think, *Are you kidding me?* Considering what I was born into, it's pretty normal. It gives me structure and focus and order. I feel at peace finally after all these years.

I moved to New York in 2007, and in Crown Heights the Jewish community has been wonderful. But from African-Americans, every day I get looks and stares. I've had people yell "Heil Hitler." One guy threatened to stab me. If there are people behind me and I turn around, they'll literally jump like they've seen a ghost.

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MAGAZINE

Joseph recently appeared in a New York Magazine featured story "The Black Orthodox." [Read full article.](#)

BIO:

Who is Josef Savoy? Joseph is vastly becoming of interest to the entertainment industry. He is a TV & music producer, community activist and grandson of W. Savoy of the Savoy Ballroom. Joseph's connections in the entertainment industry has led him to spearhead several projects which are currently in development with entertainment personalities such as: Haitian music Producer Mike Jean. In addition, Mr. Savoy is well-known and respected for his efforts as a community activist and peace maker between the African American and Jewish communities. Savoy is a board member on several NYC not-for-profit organizations: Mad Artist Against Violence (MAAV) and Hope For Them Foundation.

"I feel very lucky and thankful for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon me." – **Joseph D. Savoy**

Executive Positions held:

Executive Producer Partnership

Richard Pryor Jr., on Reality Show and Benefit Concert

Executive Producer:

The Sara Shulevitz Show " Legal Fashionista" NBC NonStop

Interviews & Media:

Joseph has been filmed by CNN News, The Epoch Times Newspaper, NY Magazine, COL Live

Community Activism & Philanthropic Efforts:

Lead New York's Labor Day Parade with Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and Colin Powell for 3 million spectators | Mad Artist Against Violence | Hope For Them Foundation.

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FEMA Chief Talks Security



A Crown Heights reception was held Wednesday for Department of Homeland Security and FEMA officials, to prepare for and prevent disaster. Many community activists attended.

A reception was hosted Wednesday for Mr. David L. Myers, Director of the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives from Washington DC, Nancy Turnbull of FEMA - New York, and Mr. Ken Curtin - voluntary Agency Liaison FEMA Region II, to introduce them to the needs of the Chassidic communities, and assist the federal government in planning in the event of a disaster.

The reception, which took place at the Crown Heights Community Council, was chaired by Rabbi Eli Cohen, Executive Director of the CHCC.

Some of the vital issues that were discussed at the event were for an introspection of the Chassidic Community at large, and the specific needs of each group's concern regarding security and immigration.

In attendance were Crown Heights community representatives Rabbi Eli Slavin, Community Liaison for Congressman Yvette D. Clarke of the 11th District, NY, and Board Members of the CHCC - Rabbi Chanina Sperlin, Mr. Zev Cadaner, and Eli Poltorak, Esq.

Representing other communities were Rabbi Joseph Hershtikowitz, of Satmar of Brooklyn and Monroe, Rabbi Issac Abraham, Chassidic Community Activist of Williamsburg, Rabbi Shlomo Toron, UCS of Brooklyn, Rabbi Gary Guttman of Bobov, and Rabbi Yosef Savoy of East New York and Harlem.

Senator Eric L. Adams, Chairman of Homeland Security of New York, stopped in to welcome the guests, and spoke highly of the Chassidic Communities.

The reception was coordinated by Rabbi Menachem M. Shagalov of www.computerkids.com.

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An Artist Against Violence

By Chen Eshel

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Yossi Eshel, from Crown Heights Brooklyn, is an Orthodox Jewish musician and producer who works to remove violence from pop music. (Chen Eshel/The Epoch Times)

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"There is so much violence in the music and people play it out on the streets. You can see that crime is high. We live a fulfilling pathway."

Yossi Eshel, Eshel's business partner, is Orthodox Jewish and also works in producing fundraising and charity events featuring religious artists. When he was only 13, even before he got to the United States, he helped organize a trip to The Temple in Jerusalem where they put on a historic concert to raise money for the country. He currently is working on a big fundraising event for Israel.

The Way to Music and Faith

Eshel's love started as a Christian in Ohio. He never met his father on his father's side of the family. His mother kept him away from the music business and did not tell him anything about his father. "You are Eshel. That is all she said," he mentioned.

Only after his mother's death did he relocate to New York City and connect with the family business. Eshel now resides in Crown Heights in Brooklyn, together with his Orthodox congregation, an Orthodox Jewish sect.

While growing up, Eshel felt a sense of disbelief and questioning. In 1992 he met with a rabbi, and began his journey to Jewish Judaism. Today, while working with artists like Pess from the Russian, an Orthodox Jew, he studies in a yeshiva, an Orthodox high learning school, where he studies the Jewish laws.

"I don't expect to 100 percent of my family because of my religious convictions."

The love between the world of popular music and the world of faith is not contradicting in his eyes. "We have to engage in the world," states Eshel. It is a surprising statement from a member of a community known as "Orthodox," for being closed off from the world. "We are to eliminate any situation. I try to eliminate the music industry," he said.

Working for Peace

Another project Eshel is currently working on is a peace museum, in memory of the terror attacks of the Chabad House Jewish Center in Mumbai in 2008. This week marks the 10-year anniversary of the bombings.

The museum will be dedicated to educating people about the different religious and cultures in New York. The museum is only in the preliminary stages.

"Ignorance is very dangerous," said Eshel, adding that ignorance leads to fear, which then leads to reactions and even violence.

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Joseph joined the Reception with **Mr. Eric L. Adams** of Department of Homeland Security and FEMA officials, to prepare for and prevent disaster. [Read full article.](#)

Epoch Times

In an article titled, "Mad Artist Against Violence" Joseph talks about his mission to remove negativity from music. "I know there is a lot of violence in music, especially in pop music. I try to put a stop to violence in music and lyrics. I create positive artists that give out positivity and life," he said. [Read full article.](#)

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST



Joseph Savoy with **Commissioner Ray Kelly**



Joseph Savoy with **FEMA Chief**



Joseph Savoy with **Mayor Bloomberg**

CURRENT PROJECTS

Joseph is in partnerships to produce several entertainment projects with Haitian music producer & philanthropist **Mike Jean**.



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Latest News

An earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale struck Haiti on 12 January. It has primarily affected the capital Port-au-Prince and other areas in the West Province which has an estimated population of 2.2 million. Thousands of Haitian Red Cross volunteers and Red Crescent staff from other countries continue their work to help the country heal.

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The foundation encompasses all ethnic and social backgrounds to offer appropriate relief where it is mostly needed. On a daily basis, Hope for Them Foundation commits to enhancing the of quality of life for the impoverished.



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