

# JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL of Greater Coney Island

## WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

Due to its success this past Spring, *Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island* is once again partnering with *Upwardly Global* to provide high level English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction to job seekers.

This class meets in downtown Brooklyn on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

**If you have appropriate referrals,**  
**please call Rivkah Berman at**  
**718-449-5000 ext. 2237.**

Space is limited.

In 2010, the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI) and Upwardly Global entered into a strategic partnership to pilot a Business ESL class for highly motivated, immigrant professional jobseekers, for whom English communication was a barrier to employment.

This class, made possible by an Adult Literacy grant from NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) to JCCGCI, was held over a 6-month period, and focused on helping intermediate English speakers develop advanced English skills in a business context. Participants who came to the program were professionals in their respective countries with extensive experience in the fields of IT, finance & accounting, engineer, social service, and architecture & design. Students focused on traditional English curriculum like grammar and vocabulary through facilitator led instructions, while taking on a hands-on approach with realistic business tasks like writing email, negotiating, and making verbal presentations.

Through the success of this partnership we have seen an increased level of English comprehension and communication for those who completed, and additionally have already successfully returned 7 previously unemployed or underemployed students to professional employment at an average starting salary of \$33,000 plus benefits - creating an economic impact for NYC of \$210,000.

*Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI) is a community-based organization with a citywide scope, providing a wide-spectrum of senior citizen, vocational and educational services benefiting all segments of the population. JCCGCI is also a technical assistance provider, offering capacity building services to nonprofits in all five boroughs through its NonProfit HelpDesk division ([www.nphd.org](http://www.nphd.org)).*

*Upwardly Global is a national non-profit organization that works to eliminate all barriers to professional workplace entry for highly skilled – yet poor and marginalized – immigrants, refugees, and asylees.*

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