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David Kamchi of Suffern recently became a two-time winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award from the U.S. President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

A member of the Orangetown Jewish Center and the Jewish War Veterans Fred Hecht Post, Kamchi, 74, was nominated for this gold-level award by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Rockland County for his almost 1,000 hours of volunteer community service.

Between 2002 and 2006 Kamchi volunteered for the Meals on Wheels home delivery program, the former Helen Hayes Performing Arts Center, and the 2005 Jewish Film Festival. Kamchi was also the volunteer coordinator for the annual Great American Cleanup in the Village of Suffern from 2004 through 2006.

In 1985, David Kamchi was selected from among 300 applicants to receive the Presidential Recognition Award from the Office of U.S. President Ronald Reagan. He was nominated for this volunteer service leadership award by then-Rep. Benjamin Gilman. To date, Kamchi and Helen Hayes have been the only Rockland residents to receive this award from a President of the United States.