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Pictured from left to right are Lorraine Kaplan, co-author and director of Educational Training for "Breaking the Silence;" John Bencivenga, J&B's sales and marketing manager; Janet Susin, co-author/project director for "Breaking the Silence" and Amy Lax, director of PR and Educational Outreach for "Breaking the Silence."

Education Project: 'Breaking the Silence'

J&B Restaurant Partners recently raised \$2,000 in their LI Friendly's restaurants for a school-based mental illness education project known as "Breaking The Silence: Teaching the Next Generation About Mental Illness" (BTS). "Breaking the Silence" teaching packets include lessons, stories, games and posters that destigmatize mental illness and educate upper elementary, mid-

dle and high school students about these serious brain disorders. Information on BTS is available through the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Queens/Nassau office at 326-0797 or visit www.btslessonplans.org. J&B has also committed to supporting distribution of "Breaking the Silence" to participating schools on Long Island for the 2003/2004 school year.