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U.S. Congress Celebrating Jewish Heritage



Next week, the U.S. Congress will recognize the accomplishments of Harvey and Gloria Kaylie at a Jewish Heritage reception at the Capitol. Above: Harvey and Gloria Kaylie, benefactors of Ohel Camp Kaylie and Ohel's Joe Silver Campus, with daughters Roberta and Alicia and grandsons Hudson and Lee. See Page 97

FROM THE EDITOR

BY LARRY GORDON

Those Elections

Dr. David Sussman, a veteran member of the Lawrence District School Board, will be reelected next week on May 21 as district residents out here go to the polls. And that is a very good and important thing.

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UNITY WILL ENSURE OUR PROGRESS

BY JOSHUA SCHEIN

Seven years ago our community came together to secure a greater voice on the Lawrence School District's Board of Education. We knew we deserved it because we cared about our children's education and we

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PRESERVE SCHOOL-BOARD INTEGRITY: VOTE ROW "B"

BY ABEL FELDHAMER, ESQ.

I have had the privilege to serve on the Lawrence School Board for the past four years, and while I am not a candidate in the upcoming election, I am

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HEARD IN THE BAGEL STORE

BY LARRY GORDON

Away And On Display

What a wonderful time of year this is! Shavuot falls out smack dab in the middle of the week and then we spill right into Shabbos, with summer awaiting us on the other end.

I know, I was wondering the same thing. What happened to the warm weather we should be having at this juncture of the year just about halfway

into the month of May? This reminds me of the traditional Shavuot *yomim tovim* we used to spend at different Catskill hotels with the observance sometimes attached at one end or the other to the Memorial Day weekend, which we miss by just one week this year.

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On Thursday, May 9, the U.S. Mint unveiled the design of the Raoul Wallenberg Congressional Gold Medal. Above (L-R): Dr. Joseph Stamm, CEO of Med Review; Queen Silvia of Sweden; Peter Rebenwurzel, Chairman of the Wallenberg Commission; and political activist Ezra Friedlander. See Page 91

COMMANDMENTS YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

From The Other Side Of The Bench

BY DAVID J. SEIDEMANN, ESQ.

Talk about contrasts. I had just brought home a dozen roses to my wife for Mother's Day when it was time to drive to the cemetery to visit my

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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT: ORA'S MISSION OF HOPE

BY ROCHELLE MARUCH MILLER

In a letter of endorsement written last June, in which they addressed the rabbis, lay leaders, and members of the Jewish community, Rabbi Gedalia Dov Schwartz,

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By Anessa V. Cohen

Loyalty To Our Community Deserves My Vote!

We are very fortunate to have a school board in office which has succeeded in achieving the ultimate in representing the interests of the public and private school communities and excelling in getting the most per dollar for all the children in our school district.

On May 21, there will be a school board election for three seats on this school board to serve the community for the next three years. Two seats are for the reelection of two incumbents on the school board—David Sussman and Nachum Marcus.

posed purchase by a mega-medical center of the Number Six School property. Together with CC5T, Dov has tirelessly fought the proposed sale of the Number Six School property to Simone, culminating in a landslide defeat for this sale and a win-win for the quality of life of our community. The other two candidates running against him may be very nice people, but I do not recall either of them involving themselves in this uphill battle we fought only a short time ago, and so both of them are unproven in my book. We want a guy who has proven to

I do not recall either of them involving themselves in this uphill battle we fought only a short time ago.

David Sussman is running unopposed and will automatically be reelected. The second incumbent, Nachum Marcus, to my surprise, has two other candidates running against him. To run against someone like Nachum Marcus who has such a proven record of fighting so hard over and over again for children with special needs in both the public and private school communities as well as his vocal opposition against the sale of Number Six School to Simone is a bad choice on their part and is very upsetting, to say the least.

Loyalty and hard work for our community should be rewarded by re-voting in the incumbent, Nachum Marcus, for another term without even considering any other candidates. He has earned it in spades!

As for the third seat which is an open seat that was vacated by Dr. Blisko, I, for one, am going to vote for Dov Herman. Dov Herman is one of the founders of the Community Coalition of the Five Towns, which seeks to work for the betterment of the Five Towns by increasing awareness of issues that affect us and political participation. This organization was originally founded to fight the pro-

posed purchase by a mega-medical center of the Number Six School property. Together with CC5T, Dov has tirelessly fought the proposed sale of the Number Six School property to Simone, culminating in a landslide defeat for this sale and a win-win for the quality of life of our community. The other two candidates running against him may be very nice people, but I do not recall either of them involving themselves in this uphill battle we fought only a short time ago, and so both of them are unproven in my book. We want a guy who has proven to

As my good friend and esteemed school board member Uri Kaufman stated at our victory celebration after winning the Number Six School referendum, "When you walk by the Number Six School grounds with your grandchildren and you see all the children playing there, you should be very proud that you were the ones who succeeded in saving this for them." I want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who came out *erev Pesach* to save our community. I hope you will all make it your responsibility to continue to support and help our community by casting your vote on May 21. ❖

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In last week's real estate article regarding building permits, Anessa Cohen made an error regarding the fees collected by the Village of Cedarhurst for building permits necessary for repairs and renovations for Superstorm Sandy-damaged homes. The Village of Cedarhurst has in fact WAIVED all building permits fees for those homeowners filing applications for repair and renovation to Sandy-damaged homes. In addition, the \$500 application fees are also WAIVED for those homeowners filing applications to remove their garages due to Sandy flooding and damage.

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Raoul Wallenberg Gold Medal Design Unveiled

On Thursday, May 9, The United States Mint unveiled the design of the Raoul Wallenberg Congressional Gold Medal in the presence of their Majesties, King Carl XVI and Queen Silvia of Sweden. This event was hosted by the Honorable Jacob L. Lew, Secretary of the United States Treasury. The Congressional Gold Medal recognizes the achievements and heroic actions of Wallenberg during the waning days of the Holocaust.

At the unveiling ceremony, Secretary Lew stated, "the War Refugee Board was commissioned two floors above where we stand today, here in the Cash room." The War Refugee Board was critical to the success of saving over 100,000 Jews, especially in Hungary. It was this board that gave Wallenberg authority to commit to a plan of action that would save the lives of many.

The United States Mint worked closely with the Wallenberg Commis-



Congressman Gregory Meeks with the Wallenberg Commission

Congressman Gregory Meeks of New York, the original sponsor of the Wallenberg Gold Medal Legislation, recognized the efforts of Ezra Friedlander, CEO of The Friedlander Group, which spearheaded the effort to recognize the heroism of Wallenberg through the creation of the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Commission, as being the driving force behind awarding Wallenberg with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Born in Sweden, Raoul Wallenberg graduated from the University of Michigan and returned to Sweden where he became a businessman, and then to give him cover for his rescue efforts, became a Swedish diplomat. Wallenberg is credited with saving 100,000 lives primarily through the issuance of the *schutz-pass*, a document conferring official Swedish protection to the bearer, which was respected by the Nazis. These were handed out to desperate Hungarian Jews. Wallenberg also successfully prevented the liquidation of the Budapest ghetto by threatening the German general that he would be brought up on war crimes if he allowed the deportation of Jews to Auschwitz.

sion, which was dedicated as the liaison to the mint on the design of the medal. The medal features, on one side, a portrait of Wallenberg, depicting him as he is last remembered with the inscriptions: "Raoul Wallenberg, Act of Congress 2012" and "Hero of Heroes." The reverse side features Wallenberg presenting the *schutz-passes* and a view of those bound for a concentration camp. The inscriptions, "He lives on forever through those he saved" around the upper border and "One person can make a difference" were inspired by Peter Rebenwurz, chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Commission, who is a Hungarian-born child of Holocaust survivors. His father, z'l, worked with Wallenberg to provide food and provisions to residents of the Budapest ghetto, and his father-in-law was saved by Wallenberg.

Many of the people Wallenberg saved have been influential citizens contributing to American institutions and culture, including Congressman Tom Lantos (1928-2008) and the Liska Rebbe, Rabbi Yoizef (Joseph) Friedlander, who carried forth the Liska *chassidic* dynasty from Hungary to the United States. ❖

May G-d make His face shine upon you, and give you grace (Bamidbar 6:25)

He will give you the wisdom to be gracious to each other and merciful to each other.

(Midrash Rabbah)

And they shall set My name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them (Bamidbar 6:27)

I would have thought that if the Kohanim desire to bless Israel, then Israel is blessed, but if they do not they are not; comes the verse to tell me: "I will bless them." In either case, says G-d, I will bless them from heaven.

The Kohanim bless Israel, but who blesses the Kohanim? Comes the verse to tell me: "I will bless them."

(Sifri Zuta)