

Congressional Tribute Marking Jewish American Heritage Month Honors Mr. Harley Lippman

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The tradition of celebrating the Jewish American Heritage began in 1980 as a week in April. In 2006 President Bush, at the request of Congress, dedicated the month of May to American Jewry.

This year, the Jewish American Heritage Month event took place in the majestic Kennedy Caucus Room. An impressive array of House and Senate members addressed the participants including Senators Blumenthal, Brown, Jones, Kaine, Menendez, Rosen, Shaheen; and Representatives Kennedy, Maloney, Schneider, Suozzi, Wasserman-Schultz.

Members of Congress were introduced by the Tribute Chairman Greg Rosenbaum, a driving force behind Jewish American Heritage Month. Assistant Treasury Secretary David F. Eisner represented and read the proclamation by President Trump in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month.

Remarks were also delivered by the UAE Ambassador Al Otaiba who spoke about the importance of tolerance and praised Mr. Harley Lippman for his leadership. Many countries were represented, including Poland, Hungary, Cameroon, and Kurdistan.

Speakers recognized Mr. Harley Lippman as a microcosm of American Jewish achievement with an array of charitable and humanitarian contributions benefiting millions of people across the United States and the world. As the founder and CEO of Genesis 10, a high-tech staffing and solutions company with over 2,000 employees and offices throughout the country, one would think he devotes all his time and energy to his successful business.

But Mr. Harley Lippman is in business so that he can give back to the world at large. He uses his resources, his innovative style and his creative energy to make the world a better place. And he is involved in many social justice and charitable causes that improve the lives of not just his fellow Jews in America, but people of all faiths all over the world. Mr. Lippman is the sole financial supporter of an orphanage in Cambodia and has been for the past 17 years.

As president of the Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy, founded by Mr. Eli Wiesel, z"l, that combats anti-Semitism through education, Mr. Lippman plays a decisive role in fighting anti-Semitism.

Behind the scenes, Mr. Lippman is personally



L-R: H.E. Etoundi Essomba, Ambassador of Cameroon; H.E. Aung Lynn, Ambassador of Myanmar; Hon. Thomas K. Yazdgerdi, Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues – U.S. Department of State; Rabbi Levi Shemtov, American Friends of Lubavitch; Mr. Greg Rosenbaum; Mr. Ezra Friedlander; U.S. Senator Doug Jones; H.E. Yousef Al Otaiba; Mr. Harley Lippman, CEO of Genesis 10 and member of the U.S. commission for America's heritage abroad.



Standing L-R: Rabbi Levi Shemtov; Mr. Greg Rosenbaum; Mr. Ezra Friedlander; Senator Doug Jones. (Sitting L-R): Senator Richard Blumenthal; H.E. Yousef Al Otaiba, Ambassador of the UAE; and Mr. Harley Lippman.



L-R: Mr. Thomas K. Yazdgerdi, Rabbi Levi Shemtov, Mr. Greg Rosenbaum, Mr. Harley Lippman speaking, Senator Doug Jones, H.E. Yousef Al Otaiba, Mr. Ezra Friedlander, Mr. Emil Fish.

involved in helping to build an alliance with our allies against our common enemy, Iran. Just recently, he has met with the royal family in Saudi Arabia and President Sisi of Egypt as well as playing an indispensable role in the passing of the Taylor Force Act.

Mr. Lippman's opinion is sought after by both liberal and conservative media outlets. He's appeared on MSNBC, on Fox News, and on Bloomberg News, and pens a monthly column in *Forbes* magazine. He has spoken on economic trends, foreign policy events, technology, and the American IT work force.

As a member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, who was appointed by both Democratic and Republican

administrations, Mr. Harley Lippman is committed to restoring desecrated cemeteries in Eastern Europe and has undertaken the challenge of finding mass graves in order to erect memorial plaques so that in their death these victims receive the honor and dignity they deserve.

"Jewish Heritage Month affords us an opportunity to pause and to reflect on the important contributions to our great nation by prominent Jews, and simultaneously it beckons us to acknowledge the gratitude that our government has dedicated an entire month to celebrate our accomplishments," said Mr. Ezra Friedlander, CEO of The Friedlander Group, whose firm coordinated the celebration.

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At the events, the attendees, who hail from Lakewood, Staten Island, Monsey, Monroe and Brooklyn, are treated with speeches from *dayanim* and renowned *shadchanim*. They are able to discuss their craft with others who understand their daily struggles and are energized to once more commit to *redting shidduchim*. The results from the previous Shidduch Symposiums happen fast; *shidduchim* are celebrated mere weeks after each symposium!

The third Women's Shidduch Symposium took place last Wednesday. The response from the *shadchanim* was overwhelmingly positive.

The event owes its success to the indefatigable women who made it happen, and who were awarded plaques as an acknowledgment for their efforts: Mrs. Shaindy Brach, Mrs. Miriam Gold, Mrs. Milky Rosenberg and Mrs. Rochel Mandel were the coordinators who chaired the event, along with Mrs. Devoiry Friedman and Chaya Sury Lieberman from the Zivugim and Binyan Adei Ad organizations, respectively. Mrs. Blimi Frank, the night's eloquent speaker, was recognized with a plaque as well.

Preparations are currently underway for the next Women's Shidduch, TONIGHT, Wednesday, May 29 in Lakewood, at 8:00 p.m.

To register for the event, please visit the LeShadech.

com website or send an email to events@leshadech.com

Match Cards and Shidduch Lists

Shidduch Match Cards were introduced at the last symposium. They are cards which make it easy to detail a potential *chassan* or *kallah's* contact information, along with various details about them.

LeShadech has collected the lists with the *shidduch* information of hundreds of boys and girls from schools, yeshivos and shuls.

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