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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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WALLENBERG MEDAL PRESENTED



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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Jewish American Heritage Celebration

One year before America declared its independence, a Portuguese Jew came here, making landfall on the shores of New York. Haym Solomon found himself sympathizing with the colonists and decided to support the war efforts, becoming the biggest financier of the Continental army and pioneering the now over-300-year-old tradition of Jews supporting the United States.



Daniel E. Kestenbaum

As proclaimed by President Obama and the United States Congress, May is Jewish American Heritage Month. Despite years of oppression and persecution, Jews have always risen to help bring improvement and progress to society. For more than 350 years, Jews have been making major contributions to American culture, including the arts, science, medicine, sports, business, government, and military service. A ceremony in the U.S. Capitol with the participation of Members of Congress and coordinated by The Friedlander Group will be held on Wednesday **May 22**. The luncheon will be chaired by Greg Rosenbaum, co-chair of the Jewish American Heritage Month Foundation.



Rabbi Elie Abadie

Honoring the myriad contributions and achievements of Jewish Americans in the United States, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Shultz explained, "Jewish American Heritage Month [is] to increase tolerance and raise awareness about...the depth and breadth of contributions of Jews through 350 years of Jewish life in America... through every walk of life is incredibly important."

This tradition has continued annually, and this year five individuals, each of whom are pillars of the Jewish community, will be honored by members of

Congress at a celebration in the Capitol Building held on May 22 for their contributions to American society. With their collective participation in human rights, health services, business, technology, government, the justice system, and law enforcement, they are the embodiment of American ideals.

The special guests recognized at this year's annual celebration include: **Harvey and Gloria Kaylie**. Stalwart supporters of Ohel Children's Home and Family Service, Harvey Kaylie, founder of Mini-Circuits, a global leader in the development and manufacture of multiple core technologies, and his wife Gloria, have been stalwart supporters of Ohel for over a decade. Since 1969, Ohel has been helping people of all ages surmount everyday challenges, heal from trauma, and manage with strength and dignity during times of crises, in the realm of foster care, housing, outpatient counseling, and day programs. Ohel serves thousands in need every day in communities in New York, New Jersey, South Florida, Los Angeles, California. Driven by a shared vision to break down stigma in the community, the Kaylies provided the seed capital for Ohel to open the groundbreaking Camp Kaylie at Ohel—the first-of-its-kind integrated summer camp for kids of all abilities. In the words of Harvey Kaylie, "Over my long and successful career, the accomplishment of which I am most proud is Camp Kaylie. My dream of a state-of-the-art camp providing a marvelous experience for children of all abilities has been fulfilled."

The Edmond J. Safra Synagogue, the dream of Mr. Edmond J. Safra, a/h, the world-renowned banker and philanthropist is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Through the dedication and generosity of Mrs. Lily Safra, his beloved wife, Mr. Safra's dream has become a reality. The synagogue has flourished and become home to the Sephardic community of New York's Upper East Side under the leadership of **Rabbi Elie Abadie, M.D.** The luncheon will feature 10 prominent families from the Upper East Side.

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Simcha Eichenstein

Simcha Eichenstein is a senior advisor to New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli in the division of Intergovernmental and Community Affairs and is considered a rising star in NYS government who upholds the highest ethos of Jewish commitment to public service and has earned the respect of elected officials from across the political spectrum for his integrity, and overall keen insight to the various challenges facing NYS. In addition to acting as sole trustee of the \$150.6 billion Common Retirement Fund, one of the largest institutional investors in the world, the Comptroller maintains the State's accounting system and administers the State's approximately \$15 billion payroll.

As the founding director of Kestenbaum & Company, a New York City based boutique auction house dedicated to the sale of rare books, manuscripts, ceremonial, and fine art, **Daniel E. Kestenbaum** regards the essential core value of his company as seeking out and subsequently publicizing the importance of Judaic historical artifacts that are crucial to a keener understanding of one's Jewish identity and thus leading to a more upstanding appreciation for ethical citizenry. Kestenbaum & Company is now the largest niche Hebraica auction house in America having sold to date more than 30,000 lots at auction of rare and



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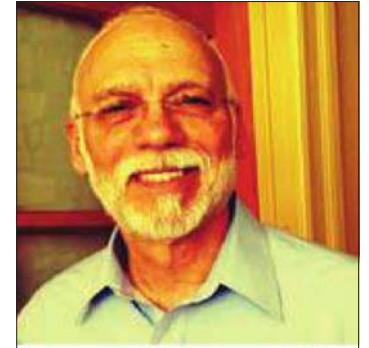
antique Jewish rarities. With 25 years in the auction business, senior collectors, specialized dealers, acquisition directors, and museum curators around the world rely on Daniel's expertise and integrity and he is a much sought after expert consultant and appraiser in his specialized fields of rare Hebrew books and manuscripts, Judaic antiques and fine arts.

For more information, please visit www.TheFriedlanderGroup.com/JewishHeritageCelebration. ❖

The Right Candidate For The School Board

BY MICHAEL J. HATTEN

My name is Michael Hatten and I am running for a seat on the Lawrence School Board. I decided to return to the board, at this time, because I believe our community needs experienced leadership, as we deliberate over the significant challenges facing our district such as teacher contracts, the #6 school, student outcomes, allocation of resources, and fiscal discipline. These are serious issues that will impact the lives of all of us. This is why I am running. This is why I feel I am the right candidate for a seat on the board.



I am currently the president of Global Business Institute, a two-year non-degree business school; the chairman and chief executive officer of New York Automotive and Diesel Institute, an automotive and diesel technical school; and the chief executive officer of National Career Institute, a paramedical and construction trades school. I employ 132 faculty, staff, and school administrators. I am responsible for educating over 2,500 students annually. I am the chairman of the Advisory Council for Licensed Private Career Schools, defined in Education Law 5010. I was appointed by the Governor as Chairman. This Council reports to the Commission of Education and the Legislature on all matters affecting the 500 licensed postsecondary non-degree schools in our state, which educates over 200,000 students annually.

Many of you in the community will remember when I was first elected to the school board in 2006. The three years I served on the board were some of the most tumultuous years in the history of our district. Do you remember when school taxes rose 10% each year, special needs children were routinely denied placement, transportation was a complete disaster, and residents had to pay for the use of public fields? Do you remember all the hateful rhetoric?

During my three years on the board taxes never rose, special needs children received the services they deserved, transportation became a non-issue, ball fields and other school facilities were now accessible to the entire community, and the hateful rhetoric finally died down. We live in a great and wonderfully diverse district. Our unique community dynamic presents multiple challenges, but it also presents multiple opportunities. If you believe I am the best candidate, who will make thoughtful decisions, then I would be honored to represent you on the school board. ❖