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FROM THE EDITOR

BY LARRY GORDON

While We Were Away

As is customary on the intermediate days of Pesach and Sukkos, we did not go to press. That doesn't mean that the news stopped. Indeed, there were many news items that we would have liked to report on. These are our thoughts about

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Top Ten 'Tough Jews'

BY RONN
TOROSSIAN

From Samson to Judah Macabee, Ze'ev Jabotinsky to Hanna Senesh, there is a valiant history of tough and brave Jews who made tremendous marks on the world. While the image of a Jew has not always been that of a "tough" people, it is important that the world see tough Jews.

Owning a PR firm, I help build brands and create perso-

nas. And as a proud traditional Jew and Zionist, as we approach two important Jewish holidays, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day for its fallen soldiers), I offer this list in tribute. The list of the Top 10 Living Tough Jews is not only about brute physical strength; it is about a people who are smart, strong, resil-

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HEARD IN THE BAGEL STORE

BY LARRY GORDON

Passover Reflections

Pesach this year was both delightful and confusing. A combination of news that takes you way down and then news that brings you back up seemed to be the thematic nature of this year's observance. I mean how can I complain about sloppy and inadequate food service in a hotel when neighbors faced the challenges that accompany losing a

loved one during a *chag*?

Yes, I was in a cocoon in a Hyatt Hotel in Suffolk County, only about 40 or so miles from home and close enough to North Shore Hospital, where we expected my son and daughter-in-law might need to escape to in the middle of a *yom tov* night to have a baby.

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YOM HASHOAH: CELEBRATING LIFE



Participants in the annual March of the Living program passing through the remnant gates of the Auschwitz concentration camp. See also Page 63

'FLYTILLA' FIZZLES OUT

BY SAMUEL SOKOL

Better prepared with every incident, Israel's security forces have been improving their techniques for dealing with riotous incursions on their nation's borders. This week, the latest incident of non-violent protest against Israel's continuing presence in Judea and Sa-

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BEIN HAZMANIM

The Year In Israel

BY TALMIDAH X

As I ran towards my parents and felt my mother's arms wrap around me, I couldn't help but think, "Hey, they're alive!" It was a very reassuring feeling to be able to hear and see my parents here in Israel while not depending on an Internet connection. Later that night, as I was re-

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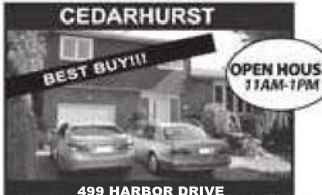
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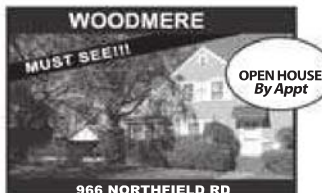
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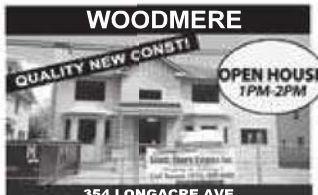
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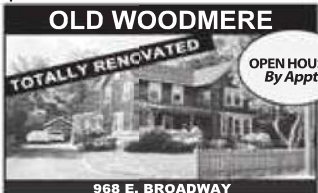
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Congressman Meek stated, "Through passage of this legislation, Congress can honor a true humanitarian for the sake of his family and the thousands of survivors who owe their lives to him. I am proud to be a part of the international commemoration of this great human being."



L-R: Majority Leader Eric Cantor, Representative Nan Hayworth, Peter Rebenwurz, Ezra Friedlander, and Pat Tiffany

"Wallenberg's ultimate fate is unknown and awarding the Congressional Gold Medal during the Centennial celebration of his birth is the best opportunity to resolve the mystery surrounding Raoul Wallenberg's ultimate fate. I call on the Russian authorities to help

us figure out the true circumstances of his disappearance and his death.

"I would like to thank the over 300 colleagues who have cosponsored this bill, and especially my colleague from New York, Congresswoman Nan Hayworth, who has been a delight to work with on this issue. I also want to thank the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Commission headed by Ezra Friedlander, the American Jewish Com-

mittee, the Jewish Federations of North America, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Lantos Foundation, the University of Michigan, and the Hungarian and Swedish Ambassadors for all of their hard work on this legislation."

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Ezra Friedlander, CEO of The Friedlander Group, remarked that "the process leading up to this vote was an emotional opportunity for the Wallenberg Board that consists of individuals with a direct connection to Wallenberg like Peter Rebenwurz, Leon Goldenberg, Sidney Greenberg, Erol User, and Ken Abramowitz to thank members of Congress especially Nan Hayworth and Gregory Meeks and their respective staffs for honoring a hero whose selfless sacrifice and heroism directly saved their families and is still remembered close to 70 years after the fact."

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