

The actual show with "Buba Myses: The Jewish Rock Puppet Band" is so much more than a phenomenal music act. If you watch their promo on YouTube you will see that there is plenty of interaction with the crowd and even some comedy bits.

While Nati and Shai are based in Israel, they have both been traveling all over the world doing their own music. Now, all they were missing was a singer/actor to be able to sing and perform in both Hebrew and English. It was then that the duo came across the spectacular, multi-talented singer, Chanan Elias, who made *aliyah* a few years ago from Los Angeles.

Shai says, "We know the crowds from our shows really well, and felt that they and Jewish music fans were yearning for a dynamic new music project.

With the album, they tried to cover a wide variety of Jewish music and styles from Carlebach, to Matysyahu and Diaspora, and from songs like *Hevenu Shalom Alechem* to *Salam* and *Yachad*. The only difference is that these guys made it "groovy," and these songs will never be the same. In a good way of course.

With Shai arranging the songs, adding little secular innuendos to keep it fresh, and Chanan giving each song his own treatment, and allowing the old songs to sound so fresh and cool, this is definitely the album you want to own.

Shai says, "Even before we release the video and songs officially on YouTube,

it has already received so many great comments and elicited so many inquiries for us to perform in America, Argentina, and Europe. Without doing any advertising it makes us very happy to see how popular they have become in a very short time."

The two YouTube videos have exceeded more than 300,000 hits in the past two months, even before the upcoming world tour.

Checkout "Buba Myses" at www.bubamyses.com. For booking information, contact Symphonia Entertainment (office: 201-837-9783; cell: 201-259-2240). ❖

President Obama Signs Wallenberg Act

On July 26, President Obama signed into law the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Act. This was the culmination of the legislative process to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg for his efforts in saving over 100,000 Hungarian Jews during the waning days of World War II. Both houses of Congress voted unanimously to present the posthumous award to Wallenberg.

The Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Commission, which was spearheaded by The Friedlander Group, was founded in order to highlight the heroic actions of the Swedish diplomat.

Mrs. Ruth Lichtenstein, director of Project Witness, a major partner of the Wallenberg Commission, said, "The signing of this legislation will help educate future generations on what it means to devote one's life to another."



Ezra Friedlander with President Barack Obama

"The President signing this legislation is an important symbol for the world to see how important the legacy of Wallenberg is to the United States," said Peter Rebenwurzel, chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Commission.

Ezra Friedlander, CEO, The Friedlander Group, said, "As we celebrate the centennial of Wallenberg on August 4, we remind ourselves to follow Raoul Wallenberg's example and always be on the right side of history. We also must stay vigilant so that the memory of the Holocaust will not be diminished. Indeed this is the goal of the efforts to commemorate Wallenberg's heroism with a Congressional Gold Medal."

"As we celebrate Raoul Wallenberg's upcoming centennial on August 4, we must internalize the lessons of his heroic actions," said Wallenberg Commission Board Member, Sidney Greenberger.

Matt Lehrich, White House spokesperson, added, "The President was proud to sign this bill as a commemoration of his selfless dedication and a reminder of how his inspiring commitment to humanity endures."

The signing is just part a national campaign by the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Commission highlighting Wallenberg's heroism, which also includes the naming of public streets and other venues for Wallenberg in honor of the 100th anniversary of Wallenberg's birthday.

The U.S. mint is now authorized to design and print the Congressional Gold Medal which will be presented in the Congress. ❖


Revel And Bar-Ilan Conference On Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik

Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and Bar-Ilan University hosted the second conference of a two-part international

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