

Hikind Announces Campaign To Bring Justice To Illegal Nazi War Criminals

Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn) is furious that there are still Nazi war criminals living legally and *illegally* in the United States—and he plans to do something about it. Beginning in November, the 75th anniversary of the tragedy of Kristallnacht, Assemblyman Hikind is launching a campaign to bring the remaining Nazi war criminals in America to justice.



ported. Nevertheless, they have been able to carry on and live out their lives in familiar surroundings. One of the reasons attributed to the illegal Nazis remaining in the U.S. is that their countries of origin do not want them back. This is currently the case of Vladas Zajanckauskas

in Sutton, Massachusetts; Theodor Sze-hinskyj in West Chester, Pennsylvania; John Kalymon in Troy, Michigan; and Jakiw Palij in Queens, New York.

“A Nazi murderer living in Queens,” said Assemblyman Hikind. “Is this a bad joke? If it is, we aren’t laughing.”

While the U.S. can deport these men over evidence of involvement in Nazi war crimes, they cannot put them on trial because their crimes took place outside of the U.S. The responsibility to prosecute is thrust on the countries where the crimes were committed.

“As far as I’m concerned, this farce has gone on too long,” said Assemblyman Hikind. “We don’t want these murderers living among us, among the descendants of the men, women and children their tortured. That is beyond adding insult to injury—it is a mockery. It is our obligation to root out the evil from among us. If their native countries don’t want these Nazi murderers back, then put them on a boat and send them off. They have no right to enjoy the freedoms they denied others.”

“People have the nerve to say, ‘They are old now—why bother?’ But what of the hundreds and thousands of innocent victims that were personally tortured and murdered by these criminals? Do we have no obligation to their memories?”

In July, the Associated Press reviewed U.S. Justice Department data and reported that at least 10 suspected Nazi war criminals ordered deported by the U.S. never left the country—and at least four are living here today. “Shockingly, these criminals have remained eligible for public benefits such as Social Security until they exhausted appeals,” said Assemblyman Hikind. “They came here illegally, lied on their registration and naturalization papers, and even after they were caught they were able to take advantage of the system and receive tax-payer benefits. Does it get any more outrageous than that?”

All of the illegal Nazis have been stripped of citizenship and ordered de-

Greenfield Introduces Bill to Prevent Restaurants from Tricking Customers

Councilman David G. Greenfield recently introduced City Council legislation that would require restaurants to clearly disclose to customers when an automatic gratuity has been added to a meal check. Under the proposed law, restaurants would have to conspicuously disclose in writing on the customer’s bill and credit card receipt when a patron has been charged an automatic or suggested tip. In recent years, automatic tips on lunch, dinner and drink bills have become commonplace at restaurants and bars around New York City. In response, Councilman Greenfield introduced this law to protect consumers from unwittingly tipping twice on a single bill.

“This is a matter of fairness for everyone who dines at the many great restaurants in New York City. Just about anyone who eats out on a regular basis

has left a gratuity without realizing that the tip had already been included in the check or knows somebody who has done so. The idea is not to hurt the hard-working staff at restaurants who deserve and rely on tips, but to prevent restaurants from tricking people into tipping twice. It’s really a matter of common sense,” said Councilman Greenfield.

The law would be enforced by the Department of Consumer Affairs, with restaurants facing a fine of up to \$250 for failing to clearly inform consumers of an added gratuity. The disclosure will appear on both the bill and the credit card receipt if the meal is charged, in a font size determined by the DCA commissioner. The bill was introduced at last Wednesday’s City Council Stated meeting and has been referred to committee for hearings.

Agudah Legislative Breakfast



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Less than 24 hours before Election Day polling booths opened, some 200 community leaders, activists and government officials gathered under the banner of Agudath Israel of America for the organization’s Fourth Annual Legislative Breakfast.

Monday morning’s highly anticipated event brought relevant issues, political hopefuls, and community activism to the forefront, showcasing Agudath Israel’s vital involvement in myriad aspects of Jewish communal life. The overflow crowd included a veritable who’s who of influential Jewish businessmen and professional activists who joined together with elected officials at the elite Down Town Association, to focus on some of the critical issues of the day.

Prominent litigation attorney, Joseph Zelmanovitz of Stahl and Zelmanovitz, served as the Chairman of the event. He introduced Agudath Israel’s Executive Vice President, Rabbi David Zwiebel. The Agudath Israel leader described the dual mission of the timely event as “to see and be seen. We’re here, we care, we’re watching.”

Breakfast co-chairman Mr. Joseph Stamm, President and CEO of MedReview Inc., then introduced Congressman Jerrold Nadler. Representative Nadler set the stage for the focus of the breakfast in his remarks regarding Israel and the nuclear threat it faces from Iran.

The arrival and introduction of Senator Charles Schumer created a noticeable stir. Mr. Shlomo Werdiger, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Agudath Israel, cited the Senator’s legendary involvement and dedication on behalf of Jewish affairs calling him a “true friend of Israel and Agudath Israel”. Senator Schumer underscored the threat from Iran, stating emphatically, “We cannot ease up on sanctions. We must remain strong, vigilant and outspoken.”

The emotional highlight of the morning came when Mr. Radni Davoodi, co-founder of The Atlantis Organization, took to the podium. He shared his moving personal story of having been drafted to the front lines of the Iranian army when he was just eight years old and his family’s subsequent escape, with G-d’s help, to the United States, where “the American dream is a reality”. Mr. Davoodi then introduced Mr. Benjamin Lawsky who, as New York State Superintendent of Financial Services, has been

instrumental in enforcing the economic sanctions imposed on Iran. Mr. Lawsky described the many steps taken to curtail terrorist funding and the need for ongoing sanctions, stating that “money is the oxygen feeding the fire that is terrorism.”

Mr. Ben Weinstock, a partner in Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., who attended alongside RMF partner Irv Brun and others, then spoke about the importance of religious liberty in the United States as a prelude to the introduction of New York State Attorney General, Eric Schneiderman. His remarks were followed by Mr. Avi Schick’s glowing personal introduction of the Attorney General.

Picking up on the theme of religious freedom, Mr. Schneiderman described the expansion of Orthodox religious communities throughout New York State, and the resulting need for public education regarding religious practices. The attorney general urged everyone in attendance to remain vigilant declaring, “We cannot take our religious freedom for granted.” Mr. Schneiderman concluded his remarks promising, “As your Attorney General, I work every day to live up to the mandate of *tzedek and mishpat*, righteousness and judgment.”

The final address of the morning was given by the esteemed former CIA Director, James Woolsey. In his humorous yet sobering remarks, Mr. Woolsey focused on the power of the oil cartel as the most serious threat to long-term global security. The need to find alternative sources of energy must assume the highest level of priority, he asserted.

Other dignitaries who participated in the breakfast were NYC Comptroller John Liu, Assemblymen Rory Lancman and David Weprin, former Assembly Ways and Means Chairman Jerry Kremer, City Councilmember Melissa Mark-Vivorito and Aron B. Wieder of the Rockland County Legislature as well as David Lobl representing Governor Andrew Cuomo and Simcha Eichenstein representing State Comptroller Thomas Dinapoli.

The event, which was organized by the Friedlander Group and sponsored by Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, The Atlantis Organization, MedReview, Stahl and Zelmanovitz, Pomegranate, and Flushing Bank, concluded with Mr. Chaskel Bennett, Member of the Board of Trustees of Agudath Israel, exhorting everyone to return to their communities and get out the vote on Election Day.