

Congress Gearing Up For Iron Dome Tribute

By Arielle Plonske

In November, the world's eyes were fixed on Israel. With over 1,500 rockets from Gaza bearing down on Israeli civilians, a barrage of destruction seemed imminent. However, only 55 rockets fell in urban areas because the rest had been effectively disabled by the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.



Robert Rechnitz, chairman of the Iron Dome Tribute (left), and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

In the late 2000's, the Iron Dome system was implemented in response to the decimating short-range missile attacks from Lebanon and the Gaza strip. The missile attacks put Israeli citizens in harm's way and caused many civilian deaths and large-scale evacuations during the Second Lebanon War. When missiles were smuggled into Gaza, the problem escalated and became a massive security threat, as a million Israeli civilians live in range of these missiles. In 2007, many defense ideas were proposed but the Israeli Defense Ministry selected the Iron Dome con-

cept, and since then hundreds of millions of dollars have been used to further develop this critical system.

During the recent Israel-Gaza conflict, the Iron Dome had unprecedented success and was responsible for saving the lives of numerous innocent men, women and children residing in Southern Israel. Although not responsible for the initial development, without the unwavering support of the Obama administration and the U.S. Congress, this monumental victory would not have been achieved. Since taking office in 2009, the Obama administration strongly advocated and supported the Iron Dome project and collaboratively worked with Congress to ensure proper fund-



The Iron Dome defense system deploying a missile.

ing was allocated to the development of this system, despite some objection in the defense bureaucracy.

In 2011, Congress approved \$205 million in funding for the Iron Dome and later added another \$70 million. Obama said, "This (Iron Dome) is a program

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All over the New York area – from Passaic to Deal, Monsey to Manhattan, and Crown Heights to Boro Park – Best Value Kosher Food Inc. has recently rolled out its fleet of newly designed, state-of-the-art distribution trucks. Known for their brand names Fresh & Tasty, Fresh & Healthy, and HaTov, the dairy company now has a fresh, updated look for its mobile fleet. Best Value's look has changed, but the products remain the same, considered among the freshest in the industry; consumers can rest assured that their favorite dairy products have remained at their best. Best Value continues to boast a wide range of milk and dairy products with a focus on taste, freshness, quality, and value.

Earlier this winter, Best Value's CEO, Moshe Banayan, was welcomed as an honored visitor by the fourth grade class at a prominent Jewish day school in North Jersey. What does the CEO of a kosher dairy company bring with him for "show and tell?" The freshest cream, of course! Students were invited to participate in an exciting experiment; Banayan demonstrated that by continuously whipping cream (beyond the stage of whipped cream) the

final result is sweet, creamy butter. As a delicious reward for their hard work, the children were treated to one of Fresh & Tasty's most delectable and nu-



One of Fresh & Tasty's new trucks.

tritious premium products – double chocolate milk.

Fresh & Tasty's double chocolate milk has many health benefits for kids. Packed with the same protein, vitamins A and D, and calcium as white milk, flavored milk can actually help children meet their recommended daily dairy servings. Going to the gym? Studies show that lowfat chocolate milk is also an effective recovery drink after exercise.

Fresh & Tasty's double chocolate milk is currently available in all supermarkets that carry Best Value

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that has been critical in terms of providing safety and security for Israeli families."

The Iron Dome Tribute event coordinated by The Friedlander Group will take place in the U.S. Senate on February 27. It is a unique opportunity for Jewish leaders to gather with members of Congress and celebrate a shared triumph. The Iron Dome is a manifestation of the strong U.S.-Israel alliance and is something that those in the pro-Israel community view as a true success.

"I believe that holding the event in Congress is a true expression of gratitude on behalf of the American Jewish community and those who value human life," said Robert Rechnitz, chairman of the Iron Dome Tribute. "The way I see it, the Iron Dome System primarily accomplished two significant things: It played a major role in the Israeli government's decision against a full-scale ground invasion of Gaza,

and it saved the lives of countless civilians by protecting them against a barrage of deadly rockets fired at their neighborhoods and their homes."

Prominent Democratic and Republican members of Congress will unite, along with leaders in the Jewish community and ambassador of Israel to the United States, Michael Oren, to pay tribute to the success of the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system and celebrate the enduring relationship between the United States and the State of Israel.

"We will also be honoring the memory of the late Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, who earned iconic status for his steadfast support of Israel and the needs of the Jewish people. Senator Inouye was an extraordinary American patriot and hero who deeply understood the importance of the US-Israel relationship. As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Inouye ensured that America's staunch ally, Israel, had the necessary resources to defend its people," said Rechnitz.

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