



Shulamith students of class 3D created a beautiful banner for the Laurence-Cedarhurst Memorial Day Parade

Other local fire companies are also being asked to participate with their own sirens/signals.

All residents are encouraged to spread the word and observe this newly created poignant expression of appreciation and community solidarity. McHugh, 4th-generation firefighter, says, "The goal is to spark a yearly local, regional, and national tradition." ■

Congressional Tribute Marking Jewish American Heritage Month Honors Harley Lippman

By The Friedlander Group

The annual Congressional Tribute event marking May as Jewish American Heritage Month took place on Wednesday, May 15, in the U.S. Senate, and featured an impressive roster of U.S. senators and House members, government officials, diplomats, and national Jewish leaders.

This year, an impressive array of House and Senate members addressed the participants in the majestic Kennedy Caucus Room, including Senators Richard Blumenthal, Sherrod Brown, Doug Jones, Tim Kaine, Robert Menendez, Jacky Rosen, and Jeanne Shaheen, and Representatives Joseph Kennedy, Carolyn Maloney, Brad Schneider, Tom Suozzi, and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz. Members of Congress were introduced by Tribute chairman Greg Rosenbaum, a driving force behind Jewish American Heritage Month. Hon. David F. Eisner, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, represented and read the proclamation by President Trump issued in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month.

Remarks were also delivered by HE Yousef Al Otaiba, ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the United States of America who spoke about the importance of tolerance, praising Harley Lippman for his leadership. Many countries were represented, including Poland, Hungary, Cameroon, and Kurdistan.

Speakers recognized Harley Lippman as a microcosm of American Jewish achievement with an array of charitable and humanitarian contributions benefiting millions of people across the United States and the



Standing: Rabbi Levi Shemtov, Greg Rosenbaum, Ezra Friedlander, and Senator Doug Jones. Sitting: Senator Richard Blumenthal, H.E. Yousef Al Otaiba, ambassador of the UAE, and Harley Lippman

world. As the founder and CEO of Genesis 10, a high-tech staffing and solutions company with over 2,000 employees and offices throughout the country, one would think he devotes all his time and energy to his

successful business. But Harley Lippman is in business so that he can give back to the world at large. He uses his resources, his innovative style, and his creative energy to make the world a better place. And

he is involved in many social justice and charitable causes that improve the lives of not just his fellow Jews in America, but people of all faiths all over the world. Mr. Lippman is the sole financial supporter of an orphanage in Cambodia and has been for the past 17 years.

As president of ISGAP (Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy), an organization founded by Elie Wiesel that combats anti-Semitism through education, Harley Lippman plays a decisive role in fighting anti-Semitism.

Behind the scenes, Harley is personally involved in working to help build an alliance with our allies against our common enemy, Iran. Just recently, he has met with the royal family in Saudi Arabia and President Sisi of Egypt, and he has twice met with the pope, as well as playing an indispensable role in the passing of the Taylor Force Act.

Harley's opinion is sought after by both liberal and conservative media

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outlets. He's appeared on MSNBC, Fox News, and Bloomberg News, and pens a monthly column in *Forbes* magazine. He has spoken on economic trends, foreign policy, technology, and the American IT workforce.

Europe and has undertaken the challenge of finding mass graves to then erect memorial plaques so that, in death, these victims receive the honor and dignity they deserve.

The annual celebration first began in 1980 as a week in April dedicated to American Jewry, and in 2006 President Bush, at the request

acknowledge the gratitude that our government has dedicated an entire month to celebrate our accomplishments" said Ezra Friedlander, CEO of The Friedlander Group, whose firm is coordinating the Capitol Hill celebration. ■

Hempstead Town Refinances \$33 Million In Bonds

Town of Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen announced that the Town of Hempstead unanimously voted to authorize the refinancing of \$33 million in bonds in order to save approximately \$1.4 million in taxpayer dollars over the next 12 years.

"As the chief executive and financial officer of the Town of Hempstead, it is my responsibility to protect the financial future of our residents," said Gillen. "Since day one of my tenure, I have made it a priority to take advantage of historically low interest rates to save taxpayers money."

By refinancing \$33 million in outstanding debt at approximately 2.25%, \$1.4 million in savings will be realized over the next 12 years. Bonds will be refinanced at approximately 2.25%, much lower than the approximately 3% interest rate the Town had been paying when the borrowing was undertaken in 2011.

Supervisor Gillen expressed gratitude to the Town Board for granting the Town comptroller and her administration the authority to quickly refinance the debt at these histor-

ic lows before interest rates had a chance to fluctuate.

"I thank the Town board for confidently granting us the power to take advantage of these time-sensitive savings and for being a partner in the financial future of this town," said Gillen. "My administration is saving money at every turn by carefully reviewing and overseeing our Town's fiscal health." ■



Greg Rosenbaum, Ezra Friedlander, Senator Robert Menendez, and Harley Lippman

As a member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, who was appointed by both Democratic and Republican administrations, Harley Lippman is committed to restoring desecrated cemeteries in Eastern

of Congress, dedicated the month of May to American Jewry.

"Jewish Heritage Month affords us an opportunity to pause and to reflect on the important contributions to our great nation by prominent Jews, and simultaneously it beckons us to

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