

# 13th Ave to Be Co-Named for Wallenberg

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of Budapest as he could. He rented 32 buildings throughout the city, declaring them extraterritorial under Swedish diplomatic authority. Though the buildings were only suited for about 5,000 inhabitants, Wallenberg rapidly issued Swedish passports to over 30,000 Hungarian Jews and moved them into these newly-established diplomatic posts, thereby saving them from deportation to concentration camps. Wallenberg was later detained by the Soviets and is thought to have died in captivity shortly after the war.

Thousands of the people saved by Wallenberg during the Holocaust emigrated to the United States after the war, and many of them settled in Boro Park.

"Raoul Wallenberg's selfless actions during the Holocaust have had such an important impact on our lives," said Councilman Lander. "If it weren't for him, many of our friends and neighbors in Boro Park might not be here today. It is therefore vital that we gather

as a community and pay tribute to this legendary individual so our future generations will never forget him."

"Mr. Wallenberg's work has tremendous significance for my constituents," explained Councilman Greenfield. "If not for his sacrifice and his courage, thousands of them would not be here today."

"I am happy to join my colleagues in honoring a man who meant so much to so many," said Councilwoman González. "Mr. Wallenberg's actions saved thousands of lives and he deserves gratitude from the community and this great City. By co-naming this street we also maintain the memory of the sacrifices suffered during the Holocaust, which we must never forget," the Councilwoman concluded.

The co-naming will coincide with what would have been

Wallenberg's 100th birthday next year. The Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Commission, headed by the Friedlander Group, will be organizing the effort to honor Wallenberg's legacy. This street renaming will be one of many events during 2012 that will commemorate his achievements and heroism.

"It's all about building momentum" said Ezra Friedlander, CEO of the Friedlander Group and spokesman for the Commission. "As Jews, we have the most to be grateful for in regard to the heroism of Raoul Wallenberg and his life-saving actions. Indeed as 2012 approaches, we anticipate that it will be known as the 'Year of Wallenberg' and I commend leaders from both the local and federal level for taking this important issue to heart."

**Were you or anyone in your family saved by Raoul Wallenberg? Do you have any first-hand information about someone who was? If yes, please contact Project Witness at 718.WITNESS (718.948-6377) at [info@projectwitness.org](mailto:info@projectwitness.org)**

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