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DAVID I. WEPRIN



Reports to the Community

Winter 2018

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A Message From DAVID I. WEPRIN



*Dear Friends
and Neighbors,*

*I want to wish
Happy Holidays
to you and your
families this
joyous season.
We are fortunate
to celebrate a
multitude of different*

holidays and live in harmony with our diverse neighbors in Queens. As New Yorkers, we stand out as a model of peaceful coexistence for the nation. We have shown that working together we can continue to build a strong and safe community.

As the cold weather approaches, I urge everyone to stay warm and safe. Exposure to extremely cold temperatures can cause hypothermia and frostbite. Make sure that your heat is turned on and you wear multiple layers of clothing to stay warm this winter. If you suspect someone has hypothermia or frostbite please call 911 right away.

I look forward to continuing my work in Albany in the New Year when the legislative session will begin. I have many proposed bills that have not yet passed the Assembly or Senate and I will continue to work to make them law. Over the course of the year I work with constituents to introduce or co-sponsor legislation.

If you have any questions or concerns at all and you would like to share with me, please do not hesitate to call my Fresh Meadows or Richmond Hill offices at 718-454-3027 or 718-805-2381 or email me at weprind@nyassembly.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*David I. Weprin
Member of Assembly*

STANDING UP FOR IMMIGRANTS



Assemblyman David Weprin, Chair of the NYS Assembly Committee on Correction, calls for the end of the unconstitutional indefinite detention of immigrants in New York State jails with immigration advocates.

Assemblyman David I. Weprin, Chair of the NYS Assembly Committee on Correction, joined the New York Immigration Coalition, Legal Action Center, Chhaya CDC, affected family members, and others at the ICE Varick Street Detention Facility to call on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) to end the indefinite detentions of asylum seekers and other immigrants being held on administrative violations. There have been several instances where undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers have been held for extended periods while awaiting court proceedings or additional instructions; despite either having demonstrated a credible fear and being deemed eligible for asylum, having already volunteered for deportation or being held as a result of administrative violations.

OATH ROUNDTABLE WITH COUNCILMAN BARRY GRODENCHIK AND OATH COMMISSIONER FIDEL DEL VALLE



Assemblyman David Weprin, Councilman Barry Grodenchik, and Commissioner of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings Fidel Del Valle speak at the Glen Oaks Library with constituents.

Assemblyman David Weprin sat down with Councilman Barry Grodenchik, Commissioner Fidel Del Valle of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearing, and a host of constituents to discuss the hearing process for NYC agency issued violations.

“Receiving a violation from a city agency can be stressful, but the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) has made the process fairer by giving the average citizen a chance to respond through expanded hearing options and free translation services,” said Assemblyman Weprin. “I want to thank Commissioner and Chief Administrative Law Judge Fidel F. Del Valle for taking a trip out to Eastern Queens to engage with my constituents in person and expanding access to OATH for all New Yorkers.”

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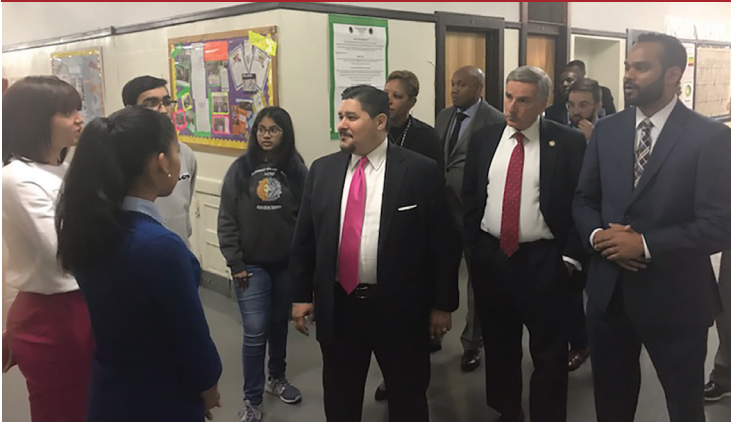
REMEMBERING KRISTALLNACHT



Assemblyman David Weprin joins Rabbi Gordon Yaffe and members of the congregation L'dor V'dor to plant flowers in Little Neck to observe the tragedy of Kristallnacht and in memoriam of the eleven individuals murdered during Sabbath services at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In November, Assemblyman David Weprin joined congregation L'Dor V'Dor in Little Neck to remember the events of Kristallnacht or the night of the shattered glass which took place 80 years ago in Nazi occupied territory. Despicable acts of state sponsored violence and intimidation were carried out against Jews targeting homes, businesses, synagogues, and cemeteries on that day. Weprin joined congregants to plant hundreds of daffodil bulbs as part of a living memorial.

VISITING RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL WITH SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR RARRANZA



Assemblyman David Weprin tours Richmond Hill High School with Principal Neil Ganesh and NYC Department of Education Chancellor Richard A. Carranza.

Assemblyman David Weprin toured Richmond Hill High School with Principal Neil Ganesh and NYC Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza share information about new programs at the school and to discuss the many improvements at RHHS.

TORAH DEDICATION



Assemblyman David Weprin joins students, teachers, and community members at the Yeshiva of Central Queens to dedicate a Sefer Torah in memory of Adeena Paknoush.

Assemblyman David Weprin joined Rabbi Landsman and students from the Yeshiva of Central Queens in an outdoor dedication of a Sefer Torah in memory of former graduate Adeena Paknoush.

CALLING FOR KOSHER & HALAL FOOD IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Assemblyman David Weprin joined Council Members Chaim M. Deutsch and Mathieu Eugene, Executive Vice President Allen Fagin of the Orthodox Union, Rabbi Yeruchim Silber of Agudath Israel of America, Mazeda Uddin from SAFEST, and other Muslim and Jewish leaders on the steps of City Hall to call on the New York City Department of Education to provide Kosher and Halal meals to public school students.

New York City is home to an incredibly diverse population, with a growing number of students of faith attending New York's schools. Providing food options for children with religious dietary restrictions will allow these students to have a nutritious meal with their peers at school, allowing students to freely exercise their faith while also increasing cultural exposure and understanding for all students. Assemblyman Weprin has proposed bill A07231 in the State Assembly to require the NYC Department of Education to provide Kosher and Halal foods at public schools at a student's request.

"Our state is one of incredible religious and ethnic diversity, and it is our duty to provide for all of those living in New York. The students of our state should not have to choose between a nutritious meal and their religion," said Assemblyman David Weprin.

VISITING YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

In October, Assemblyman David Weprin visited Yeshiva University High School for Girls in Holliswood to speak with students about the importance of civic participation and engagement. Weprin enjoyed meeting with New York's next generation of civil leaders and looks forward to helping them learn more about local government.



Assemblyman David Weprin, Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Beth Mehlman of Congresswomen Kathleen Rice's Office, Audi Hecht, Chair of the History Department at YU, Yeshiva University Director of Government Relations Jon Greenfield, and Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal address the students at the Yeshiva University High School for Girls.

FIGHTING CANCER AT THE QUEENS HOSPITAL



Assemblyman David Weprin joined New York City Health & Hospitals Queens C.E.O. Christopher Roker, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, and Council Member Donovan Richards to unveil a new Linear Accelerator at Queens Hospital in Jamaica.

Assemblyman David Weprin joined NYC Health & Hospitals Queens C.E.O. Christopher Roker and a number of cancer survivors to view a newly upgraded linear accelerator, which will allow cancer patients to receive less invasive treatments at NYC HHC Queens. New York City Health & Hospitals is one of the largest public hospital systems in the United States and is one of our city's greatest assets.

NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY AT THE JAMAICA ESTATES ASSOCIATION



Assemblyman David Weprin, Borough President Melinda Katz, Jamaica Estates Association President Dr. Ed Toriello, Chairman Ed Morrill, and Alan Antonelli address the new officers of the Jamaica Estates Association.

In October, Assemblyman David Weprin presented New York State Assembly citations to the newly installed members of the Jamaica Estates Association. The civic association performs crucial work to keep the quality of life in the Jamaica Estates area high.

SOUTH ASIAN ADVISORY BOARD

Launched in 2015 and comprised of local leaders from the Muslim, Sikh, Christian, & Hindu communities, in addition to representatives from city agencies and community organizations, the 24th Assembly District's South Asian Advisory Board aims to foster increased dialogue between the South Asian community and government. Several times each year Assemblyman David Weprin convenes the South Asian Advisory Board to discuss issues facing the district's growing South Asian population. At the most recent meeting, Borough President Melinda Katz & Council Member Barry S. Grodenchik were featured guest speakers.



Assemblyman David Weprin, Ali Rashid, Dr. Sandy Malhotra, Muhammad Rahman Sr., Mazeda Uddin, Gurdip Narula Singh, Assemblyman David Weprin, Dr. Vasundhara Kalasapudi, Dr. Mohamed Hack, Anup Ramnauth and Joy Chowdhury.

CELEBRATING AND ADVOCATING FOR DIWALI



Assemblyman David Weprin joins Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and leaders from the South Asian community for a Diwali Celebration at Queens Borough Hall.

In October, Assemblyman David Weprin joined Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and a number of leaders from the South Asian community at Queens Borough Hall for a Diwali Celebration. Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and some Buddhists symbolizing the spiritual "victory of light over darkness and good over evil."

The following month in November, Assemblyman David Weprin stood with community members and elected officials to call on the New York City Department of Education to make Diwali a public school holiday. Assemblyman Weprin was instrumental in getting



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ASSEMBLYMAN WEPRIN RECEIVES THE JOHN R. DUNNE CHAMPION OF JUSTICE AWARD

In October, Assemblyman David Weprin received the John R. Dunne Champion of Justice Award from Prisoners Legal Services. Prisoners Legal Services is a non-profit dedicated to providing high quality legal representation to poor prisoners across New York State. The organization is primarily funded by New York State and is strongly supported by the Assembly.



Assemblyman David Weprin receives the John R. Dunne Champion of Justice Award from Prisoners Legal Services Executive Director Karen L. Murtagh and Chairman John Kiernan.

Assemblymember Weprin in the Community



QUEENS VETERANS DAY PARADE

Assemblyman David Weprin marched in the annual Queens Veterans Day Parade in Middle Village with Congressmember Grace Meng, Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, & Assemblyman Brian Barnwell.

In November, Assemblyman David Weprin marched in the annual Queens Veterans Day Parade in Middle Village. Veterans Day, celebrated annually on November 11, honors military veterans and coincides with the end of World War I.

105TH PRECINCT HALLOWEEN PARTY



Assemblyman David Weprin, Deputy Inspector Neteis Gilbert, and officers celebrate Halloween at the 105th Precinct.

On Halloween, Assemblyman David Weprin visited the 105th Precinct to celebrate Halloween. The 105th Precinct was able to provide a safe space for our local children to trick or treat.

SIKH CULTURAL SOCIETY PARADE

In September, Assemblyman David Weprin marched in the Sikh Cultural Society Parade in Richmond Hill commemorating the anniversary of the installation of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji in the Sikh Golden Temple in India.



Assemblyman David Weprin marches in the Sikh Cultural Society Parade in Richmond Hill.

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Assemblymember David I. Weprin and the Students & Faculty of Irwin Altman Middle School 172

are sponsoring a **Holiday Toy Drive**

Honoring the memory of Jason Mark Weinstein. Former Staff Member of Councilman Rory I. Lancman, and son of Honorable Jeremy S. Weinstein of the Supreme Court of Queens County, and Grandson of Former Assembly Speaker & Judge, Moses Weinstein.

To Benefit the Children of Heartshare Human Services of New York, as well as additional children's programs throughout Richmond Hill.

Please bring a new or gently used unwrapped toy, book, or game suitable for children ages 12 and under to **Assemblyman Weprin's district offices.**

For more information about this or any other local issue, please contact one of Assemblyman Weprin's district offices.