



Reports to the Community

Fall Winter 2023

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A Message From DAVID I. WEPRIN



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Winter is nearing and the temperatures are dropping. It is important to stay warm during the upcoming winter months. According to NYC law, heat must be provided in residential buildings between Oct. 1st and May 31st.

Since the horrific attack on October 7th and the Israel-Hamas War taking place in the Middle East, tensions and emotions are high as New Yorkers all have opinions. Our diverse population deserves to feel safe, no matter what. Unfortunately, hate crimes and threats have increased to unprecedented levels. In the 24th District alone, a Sikh man was assaulted for wearing his turban on an MTA bus and a Jewish educator at Hillcrest High School was targeted by students for her religious identity and private participation in a vigil for Israel. Antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Sikh prejudice, and hate crimes of any kind will never be tolerated in Queens. I have fought my entire career to protect my neighbors' religious and cultural expression, and I will continue to do so. New Yorkers impacted by hate or bias are encouraged to report any incident to the hotline at 844-NO-2-HATE (844-662-4283).

In happier news, the winter holiday season is upon us, and I'm pleased to wish everyone a joyful season with family, friends, and loved ones! I look forward to joining you to celebrate Diwali, Chanukah, Christmas, and Eid-al-Fitr later in the year.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to share with me, please do not hesitate to call my District Offices in Fresh Meadows at (718-454-3027) and Richmond Hill (718-805-2381) or email me at weprind@nyassembly.gov. Both offices have PPE supplies on hand available for pickup, including KN95 masks and COVID-19 rapid testing kits to help keep you and your family safe during the colder seasons when infection rates can trend upward.

Sincerely yours,

David I. Weprin
Member of Assembly

Columbus Day Parade

I joined Governor Hochul and other elected officials in Manhattan for the 79th annual Columbus Day parade down 5th Avenue to celebrate Italian-American heritage and culture. The marching bands, floats, and fans added to a spectacular day!

Governor Kathy Hochul with Assemblyman David Weprin



Mahatma Gandhi Peace March Celebration

The Federation of Hindu Mandirs Inc. in collaboration with the USA Pandits Parishad, Inc. celebrated the 28th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Peace March. I gathered with my Hindu neighbors at the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir in South Richmond Hill in observance of Mahatma Gandhi's 154th Birthday. The march was held on Liberty Avenue and ended at the mandir. We remember Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence that has inspired civil rights leaders around the world, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela.



Reporting Hate Crimes on Campus

I attended Governor Hochul's bill signing, mandating hate crime reporting and investigations on college campuses sponsored by Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal. With antisemitism and hate crimes on the rise, this bill is critical for the protection of our college students now more than ever. I was proud to be a co-sponsor of this bill.



Assemblyman Steve Raga, Assemblyman Weprin, Assemblywoman Grace Lee, Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon, Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Senator Brian Kavanaugh, Governor Hochul, Assemblyman Harvey Epstein, Congressman Dan Goldman, Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic

The Hindu Temple Society of North America

I participated in the procession of Lord Ganesha, placed in a lavishly decorated Silver Chariot around the streets of Flushing by the Hindu Temple Society of North America. Thousands of joyful devotees accompanied the procession with singing, chanting, and dancing to the tunes of the drums and shehnai.



Assemblyman Weprin, Ravi Vaidyanaat Sivachariar, Senator John Liu, Guru Dileepji, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein and many attendees

Denouncing Hate Against the Sikh Community

I was proud to stand united with the Sikh community and other faith leaders at the Gurdwara, the Sikh Cultural Society in Richmond Hill to denounce hate against the Sikh community after a recent rise in hate crimes against Sikhs. We must stand together against hate and violence. Our diverse population deserves to feel safe in our city.



Assemblyman Weprin and Councilwoman Linda Lee with Mani Sandhu, victim of a hate crime, Subeg Singh Multani, son of Jasmer Singh who was assaulted and later passed away, and community activists

Queens Hospital honored as a “Pathway to Excellence” facility by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

As the Chair of the Insurance Committee, I was proud to congratulate NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens as it joins a select group of just 206 healthcare organizations which have earned “Pathway to Excellence” designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Nursing is a selfless profession which requires heartfelt dedication to continuously service and to support others. Nurses are the true heroes of healthcare.



Assemblyman Weprin presented citations to nurses at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens

Trunk or Treat

I joined the NYPD 107 Precinct for their annual Trunk or Treat at Cunningham Park. It was a great event featuring a DJ and a haunted house, and most importantly, fostered trust and a sense of community between residents and the NYPD.



President of the NYPD 107 Community Council Carolann Foley, NYPD 107 Pct. Deputy Inspector Kevin Chan, Assemblyman Weprin

Joining Chancellor Banks at Hillcrest High School

I was shocked and appalled by the unrest that broke out at Hillcrest High School on Monday, November 20th. A Jewish educator was targeted for her religious identity and her private participation in a peaceful vigil for the victims of the Hamas terrorist attack. I joined Chancellor Banks and Borough President Donovan Richards in the wake of the incident for a listening session with the faculty and staff. I am pleased to note that the ringleaders of the riot are facing consequences, and the Department of Education is taking steps to ensure that the staff and students at all our schools are safe. Moreover,



Queens Borough President Richards, DOE Chancellor David Banks, Assemblyman Weprin

it must be reiterated to all that hate has no home in Queens, and we will never tolerate this behavior, whether in our communities or schools.

QJCC Ribbon Cutting

It was an honor to join my fellow elected officials and community leaders as we cut the ribbon on the new offices of the Queens Jewish Community Council in Kew Gardens Hills. The QJCC carries out many services in Queens, including a food pantry and assistance acquiring affordable health insurance. As an umbrella organization, they connect 130 Jewish organizations in Queens and host the yearly Jewish Music Under the Stars at Cunningham Park. We wish them luck in their new office space!

Councilwoman Lee, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Councilwoman Joann Ariola, Assemblyman Sam Berger, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, QJCC Executive Director Mayer Waxman, QJCC President Michael Nussbaum, Assemblyman Weprin, Assemblywoman Rozic, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, Councilman Jim Gennaro



West Indian Carnival & Parade



I attended the 56th annual West Indian Carnival & Parade to celebrate the diverse Caribbean heritage and cultures. There were performances from Caribbean artists, food, music, dancing, vibrant colors everywhere, smiles, and fun!

Backpack Giveaway - Richmond Hill



I was thrilled to partner with Metro Plus Health in hosting a backpack giveaway in Richmond Hill to ensure that our students began the school year with proper supplies to have a successful school year.

Rain Barrel Giveaway - Cunningham Park



I was proud to partner with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Sanitation for a compost and rain barrel giveaway. We should all do our part for conservation and composting!

OATH at Hollis Library



At the Hollis Library, I hosted, in partnership with the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearing (OATH), an informational session and Q&A to educate and help constituents respond to city issued summonses.

Assemblyman Weprin with Deputy Commissioner John Castelli



Thanksgiving Food Distribution

I joined fellow elected officials at Queensborough Community College and American Pakistani Advocacy Group (APAG).



I was filled with gratitude as I helped pack and distribute Thanksgiving food to those in need before the holiday. At this time of year, everybody should be able to enjoy a special meal with friends and loved ones.

Diwali Bill Signing

I was proud to stand with my colleagues as Governor Hochul signed legislation that makes Diwali a school holiday for New York City public schools. The themes of Diwali, good over evil, lightness over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance, are recognized by almost all religions and cultures. We have a large student population that celebrates Diwali and they should be able to celebrate their holiday without being penalized for missing school. No one should have to choose between school and their culture.

Assemblyman Weprin, Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz, NYS Division of Human Rights Commissioner Maria Imperial, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, Assemblywoman Jennifer Rajkumar, Senator Joseph Addabbo Jr., Dr. Uma Mysorekar, President of the Hindu Temple Society, Ravi Vaidyanat Sivachariar, Director of Religious Affairs at The Hindu Temple Society of North America



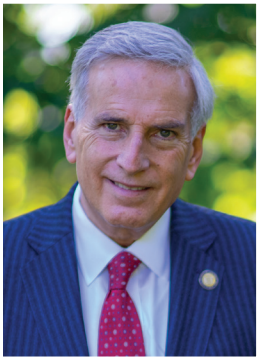
QJCC Gala

I had the honor of presenting a proclamation at the Queens Jewish Community Council's Annual Dinner to President Michael Nussbaum for his lifetime commitment to the Jewish community. The QJCC does vital work providing social services to all those in need to improve their quality of life.

Assemblyman Weprin, Senator John Liu, Michael Nussbaum, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein, Assemblyman Sam Berger, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, and Judge Evelyn Gong



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Rallies for Israel

I attended multiple rallies to stand in solidarity and support for Israel after the massacre that took place on October 7th. We need to show the world that we support Israel and we demand that all the hostages be returned home! I will continue to work with my elected colleagues to ensure that houses of worship, schools, and organizations stay safe and secure.



Assemblyman Weprin rallies with fellow elected officials and community leaders to stand in solidarity with Israel and remember the victims