

OU Mission to Washington

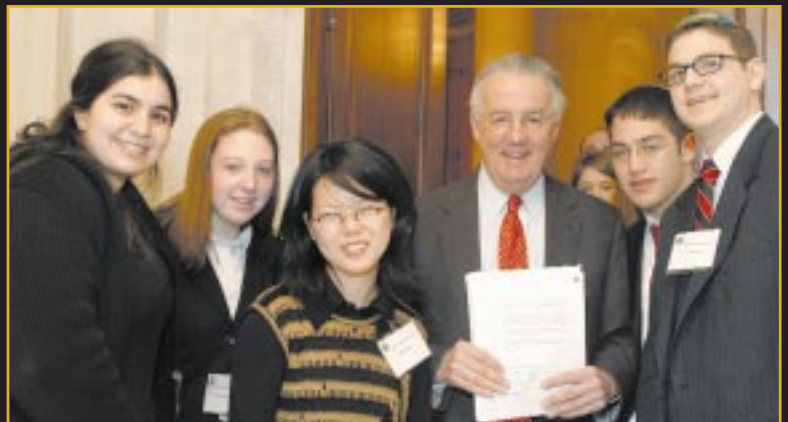
More than 150 OU leaders and members traveled from communities throughout the country to Washington, DC, on March 12 to participate in the OU's Institute for Public Affairs' "Spring Advocacy Day." Participants promoted issues such as support for Israel, the benefits of the faith-based initiative and the need for equity in federally funded services for learning disabled children in parochial schools. Additionally, they met with their representatives, lunched with a dozen senators and received briefings from senior Bush officials at the White House.



OU leaders Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, executive vice president; Betty Ehrenberg, director of international and communal affairs, IPA; Nathan Diamant, director of the IPA; Richard Stone, senior vice president and chairman of the IPA; Stephen Savitsky, chairman of the board and Harvey Blitz, president, with House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Representative Eric Cantor (R-VA).



Mission delegates from Boca Raton, Florida, meet with Robert Wexler (D-FL).



Toby Herzog, Israel action coordinator, with NCSYers, present letters to Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) from the "It Could Have Been Me Campaign," a mail campaign to Congress protesting the ongoing terror in Israel.



Presenting the Friend of Religious Liberty Award to Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT).



OU member Jan Spector of Atlanta (right) traveled to Washington for the Advocacy Day and met with Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA).



The day's closing reception featured Rafi Barak, Israel's deputy ambassador to the United States.

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