

High-Level Government Officials Brief OU Leaders during Washington, DC Mission



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Nearly one hundred national lay and rabbinic leaders of the Orthodox Union convened in the nation's capital last April for the annual Leadership Mission to Washington, DC. The two-day mission, which was organized by the OU's Institute for Public Affairs (IPA), featured in-depth discussions with several senators and high-level White House officials on topics ranging from education tax credits to the resurgence of worldwide anti-Semitism. Speakers included Senator Joe Lieberman, Senator Hillary Clinton, Deputy National Security Advisor Elliot Abrams and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Senior Advisor to President Bush Karl Rove. Additionally, the delegation was treated to a private viewing of Judaica treasures at the Library of Congress and a presentation by noted political analyst and television personality Dr. Charles Krauthammer.



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1. Dr. Krauthammer addresses the OU delegation while OU Executive Vice President Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb looks on.

2. OU leaders, officers and member congregation rabbis listen to Mr. Abrams.

3. Senator Lieberman addresses participants.

4. IPA Director Nathan Diament (right) thanks Mr. Rove (left) for his presentation to the mission, while OU President Stephen Savitsky looks on.



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5. Mr. Savitsky (third from right) presents Senator Arlen Specter (third from left) with the Friend of the Synagogue award. Looking on (from left) are OU Chairman of the Board Harvey Blitz, Mr. Diamant, Rabbi Weinreb and RCA Executive Vice President Rabbi Basil Herring.

6. Senator Clinton shares a moment with Mr. Savitsky.

7. OU Board of Governors Chairman Martin Nachimson (left) greets Senator Jim Talent.

8. Congressman Roy Blunt, the majority whip of the House of Representatives, meets with senior OU leaders.

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