

We were so busy sending out news of our latest endorsements that we haven't had the time to send a regular old update in a while (we're also pretty busy doing transit stops in the early morning and door-to-door in the evening), so here goes -- the past month's highlights:



Queens Borough President Helen Marshall swears me in for another term on the Board of Directors of the Queens Jewish Community Council

The Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day parade is the biggest in the country. Here I am marching with Councilman Tony Avella and Mayor Mike Bloomberg.



Councilman Jim Gennaro and I joined Tommy Maher, Chaplain of Hillcrest Post 1078 of the American Legion, and other veterans leaders at the veterans memorial on Union Turnpike and 162nd Street. Tommy's son Vincent, a Staff Sergeant in NY's own 42nd Infantry Division, just returned home safely from proudly serving in Iraq.

My son Jonathan and I had the privilege (and fun!) of marching in the Puerto Rican Day parade up Fifth Avenue with my supporters, the Grand Council of Hispanic Societies in Public Service.



P.S. 154 held its annual street fair, and I was joined by State Senator Malcolm Smith, community leader Ken Cohen and his son, and a parent leader at P.S. 154.

Flag Day was commemorated at Flushing Cemetery at the grave site of a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Queens. Not enough people appreciate the importance of Flag Day, which in my mind celebrates the unity of our nation and honors all who fought and sacrificed so that America could be the free and prosperous country that it is today.



Eliot Spitzer and I as we are about to step off to march in the Salute to Israel parade.

St. Demetrius Church in Jamaica Hills held its Spring festival, with music, dancing and plenty of food. Here I am honored to stand with Father Constantine Kalogridis, Parish Council President Peter Hirakis, and some of the young performers at the festival.



It's not all parades and festivals, you know . . . here the team and I are at a subway station in the district at 6:30 in the morning.

It takes resources to run an effective campaign, and in a district as diverse as mine it takes the support of every community to raise those resources. Here I am with the leadership of the Jewish Community in the district (and Councilman Jim Gennaro and my Co-Leader Uma Sengupta) at a fundraiser in May . . .



. . . and here I am with leaders of the Sikh community at a fundraiser in June.

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