

# NEWS From Assemblymember Charles D. Lavine

## 2020 A MONUMENTAL YEAR

Dear Neighbor,

As we begin the second half of the legislative session, I want to take the opportunity to update you on some of what we have been working on. For the past 15 years, I have had the honor of serving the people of the 13th Assembly District and I am excited to continue this journey into my 16th year. This year is a monumental year for many reasons and I am hopeful that many will take advantage of the early voting platforms I helped put into place last year for the very first time.

The state legislature has many important issues coming into discussion this year and we are working hard to make a difference. In addition to our work in Albany, my district office has been tackling issues of our local community. We continue to implement drives and ideas designed to help our fellow neighboring constituents and organizations.

As always, my staff and I are always happy to assist you with any questions, ideas and/or problems you may like to discuss. I encourage you to contact my district office at (516) 676-0050 with any concerns. Sincerely,

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Charles D. Lavine Assemblymember, 13<sup>th</sup> District



**SPRING 2020** 

Assemblymember Lavine joins colleagues and thousands at the March Against Hate, organized to unite all those who stand with the Jewish community in Foley Square held in early January.

### **Legislative Update**

#### Ghost Guns A2492

Assemblymember Lavine has introduced legislation known as The Ghost Gun Bill which will enhance protection to the community and our children. The Ghost Gun Bill will require any guns being made by an individual without intent to sell, be assigned a serial number. The serial number would be created by the gunmaker and mandate that the number be reported to the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The serial number will allow police enforcement to trace the gun back to its owner and create accountability.

#### **Re-Claiming History: Stolen Nazi Art A9679**

Assemblymember Lavine is an avid historian and passionate about art preservation. The Stolen Art Bill is dedicated to re-claiming a piece of history for the Jewish community. There were over 600,000 pieces of art stolen during the Nazi era and about 100,000 still missing. These art pieces are crucial to so many survivors of that era and many of them are in renowned museums across the country. Museums are aware of the status of their art pieces, however, the descriptions of these stolen pieces do not acknowledge this important piece of their history. Assemblymember Lavine's Stolen Nazi Art Bill will require all these art pieces to have a placard next to the piece which acknowledges that it was stolen during the Nazi era.

#### Early Voting: Polling Sites A9791

Last year, Assemblymember Lavine created the pathway for early voting. This year, he is working on making sure all parts of Long Island have the opportunity to vote early. This year's early voting bill would ensure that voters in every county have adequate and equitable access to an early voting site. This bill would mandate for each city and town on Long Island to provide an early voting polling location for its voters.



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Assemblymember Lavine co-hosts The March Against Anti-Semitism alongside Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and other state, congressional, and local officials.



Assemblymember Lavine speaks at the Sid Jacobson JCC about the recent rise of anti-Semitism in Nassau County and New York City which involved physical and verbal acts of violence towards Jewish communities.



Assemblymember Lavine delivered toys to Westbury Neighborhood Homes in December. Constituents and community groups donated over 400 toys to the District Office and local libraries that the Assemblymember partnered with for another successful annual toy drive.



Assemblymember Lavine presents a citation to Eagle Scout, Timothy Patrick Dyfnog Rea of Troop 170 in Syosset for his outstanding work in the community.



Assemblymember Lavine speaks at a safety forum he hosted to address concerns posed by the residents of Plainview. He is joined by Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, Nassau County Legislator Arnold Drucker, and Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder.



Assemblymember Lavine stands with his colleagues and friends at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck. The special service was organized by Senator Anna Kaplan and was dedicated to unity in light of the recent acts of violence towards the Jewish Community.



Assemblymember Lavine recently held the unique role of presiding over legislative session. He represented his colleague and Speaker Pro Tempore, Jeffrion Aubry.



Assemblymember Lavine swears-in Nassau County Legislator Arnold Drucker into his second term as a legislator, Legislator Arnold Drucker was first elected in 2016.



Assemblymember Lavine attends the Raynham Hall Valentine's Day Gala, to commemorate the first ever documented Valentine's Day, with Senator Carl Marcelino, Pat Marcelino and Ronnie Lavine.



Assemblymember Lavine meets with Rossana Weitekamp of the Census Bureau to discuss the importance of the 2020 Census.





Assemblymember Lavine leads book discussion on the topic of aging and growing in todays society at the Glen Cove Library. The book is titled *In Our Prime: The Invention of Middle Age* by Patricia Cohen.

## Mark Your Calendar



SATURDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 10:30AM to 12:00PM Mid Island YJCC 45 Manetto Hill Rd. #1317, Plainview

10:30AM to 12:00PM Yes We Can Community Center

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141 Garden St., Westbury

Assemblymember Charles D. Lavine wants to have coffee with you! Assemblymember Lavine wants to hear from his constituents about their concerns or ideas to help improve the 13th Assembly District.

If you would like to stop by, please let us know by sending an email to lavinec@nyassembly.gov or calling us at 516-676-0050.

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As Chair of the New York State Election Law Committee, voting

rights is a central piece to Assemblymember Lavine's legislative

agenda. Assemblymember Lavine implemented the early voting bill

last year in order to make voting accessible to all. This bill was a huge

success in Nassau County. On the

day early voting was available, over 3,000 people went to cast their vote

per day. In total, Nassau county had

over 500,000 voters utilize the early

voting option.



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#### The Success of Early Voting

### When to Vote: Early Voting

As Chair of the New York State Elections Law Committee voting rights is a major issue to Assemblymember Lavine.

The early voting dates for this year primary elections are: June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup> The early voting dates for the general elections are: October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>