



NCSJ EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS
Washington, D.C. Friday, December 17, 2010

- **NCSJ attends Nixon Center program on energy security**
NCSJ Executive Director Mark Levin attended a Nixon Center Program featuring Special Envoy of the United States Secretary of State for Eurasian Energy on energy security in the FSU.
- **NCSJ attends farewell reception for Georgian Ambassador**
NCSJ Executive Director Mark Levin attended the farewell reception for Ambassador of Georgia to the United States Batu Kutelia.
- **NCSJ attends White House briefing**
NCSJ Director of Community Services and Cultural Affairs Lesley Weiss attended a briefing at the White House. Topics included an update on the Middle East and national security, domestic policy overview, and economic outlook.
- **NCSJ meets with Genesis Foundation**
NCSJ President Alexander Smukler and Executive Director Mark Levin met with the North American Director of the Genesis Foundation in New York.
- **NCSJ attends Kazakh Independence Day reception**
NCSJ Executive Director Mark Levin attended the Kazakh Embassy's Independence Day Reception.
- **NCSJ meets with Lithuanian Foreign Minister**
NCSJ Director of Community Services and Cultural Affairs Lesley Weiss met with Lithuanian Foreign Minister Audronius Azubalis. Topics discussed included property restitution and other Jewish community issues.
- **NCSJ attends Ukrainian Armed Forces Day reception**
NCSJ Executive Director Mark Levin attended a reception celebrating Ukrainian Armed Forces Day.
- **NCSJ meets with UK Special Envoy for Post- Holocaust Issues**
NCSJ Director of Community Services and Cultural Affairs Lesley Weiss met with Sir Andrew Burns, United Kingdom Special Envoy for post-Holocaust Issues at a meeting hosted by B'nai B'rith International.
- **NCSJ meets with President of American Chamber of Commerce in Russia**
NCSJ Executive Director Mark Levin met with Andrew Summers, the President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia. Topics discussed included the WTO and Jackson-Vanik.
- **NCSJ meets with student leaders from Israel and Russia**
NCSJ Director of Community Services and Cultural Affairs Lesley Weiss and Program Assistant Alla Lipsky led a discussion with 10 students from Israel and Moscow, participants of the Federation of Greater Washington's Reverse Mifgash Program.

- **NCSJ participates in WJRO conference call**

NCSJ Executive Director Mark Levin participated on a World Jewish Restitution Organization Conference Call regarding the issue of restitution in Latvia.

- **NCSJ attends Carnegie Endowment program on Ukraine**

NCSJ Executive Director Mark Levin attended a Carnegie Endowment Program on the current situation in Ukraine.

- **NCSJ attends 40th anniversary of the Vigil for Soviet Jewry**

NCSJ staff attended an event marking the 40th anniversary of the Soviet Jewry Vigil.

- **NCSJ attends Woodrow Wilson Center discussion on Russia**

NCSJ Program Assistant Alla Lipsky attended *After the "Reset:" U.S. and European Approaches to Russia* at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Participants in the panel included Michael McFaul, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council, Ivan Vejvoda, Vice President of Programs at the German Marshall Fund, Kurt Volker, Managing Director and Senior Fellow at the Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS and former U.S. Ambassador to NATO, Angela Stent, Director of the Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European studies at Georgetown University and Oleg Kozlovsky, the co-founder of the Solidarnost United Democratic Movement and a co-founder of Oborona, a democratic youth movement in Russia.

- **NCSJ attends Woodrow Wilson Center briefing on U.S. – Russia trade relations**

NCSJ Senior Program Associate David Shulman attended a briefing by Philip H. de Leon, president of Trade Connections International, LLC, entitled "Emerging Trends in Russian-American Trade Relations" at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Mr. de Leon is a former Director at the U.S. Department of Commerce's Business Information Service for the Newly Independent States (BISNIS).

He discussed the Obama administration's "reset" of U.S.-Russia relations and the context of bilateral trade relations. He sketched out current and future obstacles to trade, and what Russia can gain from working with the U.S. commercial sector.

- **NCSJ attends CSIS-IND roundtable on the OSCE**

NCSJ Program Assistant Alla Lipsky attended Center for Strategic and International Studies and Institute for New Democracies roundtable discussion "After the Astana Summit: What's next for the OSCE?"