

# PROTECTION • RENEWAL • CONTINUITY

## 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

### RUSSIA

- After congregants in a Moscow synagogue were knifed by a skinhead, NCSJ pressed the Russian government to prosecute the assailant on hate crime charges. Finally, justice was served, when a second trial found the criminal guilty of hate crimes and attempted murder.

- NCSJ is part of the community effort to curtail Russia's support of the development of Iran's nuclear energy program.

### UKRAINE

- We worked with the U.S. and Ukrainian governments to investigate and take appropriate action against the Ukrainian university MAUP, the leading purveyor of anti-Semitism in Ukraine.

### JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT

- NCSJ coordinated the community policy and played a leadership role in the broad-based coalition of American ethnic, religious, business and trade groups to graduate Ukraine from the historic Jackson-Vanik Amendment in March.

### ISRAEL

- NCSJ promoted stronger bi-lateral relations between Israel and the 15 countries of the former Soviet Union.

- NCSJ supported FSU governments in their voting against anti-Israel and anti-Semitic resolutions in the United Nations.

### JEWISH FEDERATIONS

- NCSJ foster community-to-community partnerships such as those between Boston and Dnepropetrovsk; Chicago and Kiev; and Washington, D.C. and Moscow.

*“Only through diplomacy and ongoing prevention, in concert with an engaged public, can we strengthen the foundation of security and well being for the Jews of Russia and the FSU, and by extension, for us all.”*

— Mark B. Levin,  
NCSJ Executive Director

### INTERNATIONAL FORUMS

NCSJ represents American Jewish interests at major international gatherings in the FSU, Europe and the U.S. For example:

- At the Moscow Choral Synagogue centennial celebration in October, NCSJ served as spokesperson for the American Jewish community.

- NCSJ delivered remarks at the annual conference of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Warsaw, on “The Role of Governments in Responding to anti-Semitism and Hate-Motivated Crimes in the FSU.”

- NCSJ participated in the 65th anniversary commemoration of the Babi Yar massacre in World War II, held in Kiev in September.

### U.S. GOVERNMENT

- After our involvement in the creation of the State Department's new Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, director Greg Rickman made one of his first public addresses to the NCSJ Board of Governors and regularly consults with us.

- The legislative and executive branches sought NCSJ's analyses of Jewish community interests in the region following national crises and incidents of anti-Semitism in various countries.



NCSJ's Schindler and Meth, Ukrainian Amb. Oleh Shamshur, NCSJ Levin



NCSJ Vice President Lesley Israel and Director Mark Levin at Board of Governors meeting



NCSJ's Lesley Weiss and U.S. Jewish leaders meet with Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbaye



NCSJ President Joel Schindler, former Chair Harold Luks, Levin, former Chairs Cardin, Rabbi Mark Staitman, Denis Braham, Meth



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Ukraine, the Baltic States & Eurasia