

## Vinogradov Holocaust Survivors Meet Giuliani

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On Monday, May 30, a delegation of over 70 Holocaust survivors originally from Vinogradov (Seylush) Ukraine, accompanied by spouses, children and grandchildren, will return to their hometown to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the deportation of Vinogradov Jews to Auschwitz by the Nazis. Before departing on this emotional journey, a group of New York Vinogradov survivors and their families, led by second generation member, Rabbi Leonard Guttman, Deputy Commissioner for the New York City Department for the Aging, met with the Mayor of New York Rudolph Giuliani at City Hall. Mayor Giuliani told the group of his admiration for their having the courage to return to their hometown 50 years after Auschwitz.

Marvin Davies, the organizer of the delegation, thanked Mayor Giuliani for his concern and good

wishes. Cantor Joseph Guttman expressed the group's admiration for the Mayor's efforts on their behalf. Mayor Giuliani asked Rabbi Guttman to deliver a letter to Vasil Ivanovitch Yakob, Mayor of Vinogradov. The letter praises Mayor Ivanovitch Yakob for his "efforts in insuring the preservation and reconstruction of the historic Jewish cemetery of Vinogradov." Mayor Giuliani noted that the "preservation of such sites is important to millions of Americans" and has invited the Ukrainian Mayor to visit New York.

The returning survivors from Vinogradov, including contingents from North America, Europe and Israel, will rededicate the historic cemetery where their ancestors are interred on May 30th at a special ceremony. A special message from Mayor Giuliani will be presented to Mayor Ivanovitch Yakob.

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**MAYOR RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI and a group of Holocaust survivors and their families meet in the Mayor's City Hall Office. From left to right are Moshe Meir Michaeli, Emerick Willinger, Alex Gross, Cantor Joseph Guttman, Marvin Davies, Rose Davies, Rae Guttman, Harold Davies, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Deputy Commissioner Leonard Guttman, Jay Davies, Sam Davies, Rabbi Oyzer Fried, Eugene Friedman, Moshe Herman, and Hersh Leib Leibowitz. (Photo by Diane Bondareff, Mayor's Office.**