

## PHOTO: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

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(Washington, DC)&mdash; On Tuesday, September 12th, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) and Leonia resident Cid Wilson, President of the Dominican American National Roundtable, kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a celebration at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC. The event highlighted the partnership between the Latino and Jewish communities in America, Latino organizations' support for the State of Israel, and the importance of Hispanic heritage and culture to our nation.

"I am proud to represent a state as rich in diversity as ours. This month is a truly important time for our state, which honors the contributions of over 1.2 million Latinos to New Jersey's economic, social, cultural, and political landscape," said Rothman.

Hispanic Heritage month officially begins on September 15th and ends on October 15th each year. September 15th was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively.

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