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## Action on Health-Care Moves to Senate

Obama Scheduled to Sign Bill Today

**WASHINGTON** (MCT) – The fight over health-care reform shifts to the Senate this week, as lawmakers there are expected to vote on a package of changes to the historic bill that cleared the House of Representatives late Sunday.

Senators are preparing to vote on the changes, in the form of a "reconciliation" bill that amends the Senate bill that the House lawmakers have now approved.

The changes include an extension of subsidies to buy insurance and adjustments to a tax on high-value health plans. The House passed the reconciliation bill Sunday night.

Put together, the bills cost \$940 billion over 10 years and aim to extend insurance coverage to 32 million more Americans.

Senate Democrats are planning to approve the reconciliation bill by week's end, when Congress is scheduled to go out on recess. But Republicans vow to load the bill up with amendments in an

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President Barack Obama (R) walks in with Vice President Joe Biden to make a statement to the nation following the final vote in the House of Representatives for comprehensive health-care legislation, in the East Room of the White House.

## Mumbai Widow Threatened With Deportation

By YOCHONON DONN

**NEW YORK** – Frumet Teitelbaum lost her husband in the Mumbai terrorist attacks. Now she may not be able to see her children.

Rebbetzin Teitelbaum, 37, who lives in Israel, was stopped at Kennedy International Airport on Feb. 5 as she arrived in New York for a visit with her eight children. Aged from two to 14, the children are all American citizens and live with the family of her late husband, Rabbi Leibish Teitelbaum, *Hy'd*, in Boro Park.

Now Rebbetzin Teitelbaum, who was cited for overusing her visitor's visa, cannot extend her visit or apply for permanent residence, said her attorney Michael Wildes. She is in New York and he, along with government and community leaders, are working to make sure she remains here.

Wildes, an Orthodox Jew and former mayor of Englewood, N.J., told *Hamodia* yesterday in a telephone conversation from the U.S. Embassy in the Bahamas that he was saddened to hear how a spouse of a terror victim was dressed down and threatened by an immigration official.

"We are very disappointed in the way the immigration official treated her when she [said] very poignantly that she was a victim ... her husband having been killed in the Mumbai attack," said Mr. Wildes, an immigration lawyer who also serves in Hatzolah and *chevra kaddisha* of Manhattan.

"We want her to get what she is entitled to under the law and humanity," said Mr. Wildes. "She has to raise these ... children on U.S. soil."

Mr. Wildes said that legally the official had authority to detain a passenger who overstayed a visa but it was "not gentlemanly" to bring a woman who lost her husband in a terror attack to tears.

"This gentleman ... got her to tears — she was crying hysterically," he said. "He rebuked her."

"No doubt an examiner has the sole discretion to decide if the visa was being violated but once she presented herself as a victim of terrorism he should

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### ANALYSIS

## Health Reform Leaves Americans Split, Confused

**NEW YORK** (Reuters) – The overhaul of the healthcare system is being hailed in political circles as the biggest health policy change in four decades, but President Barack Obama's landmark reform has left Americans divided and confused.

"I don't know about it," Kathy Iviech, a 53-year-old Chicago real

estate agent, while showing clients a home in Chicago.

"That's why I have to watch the news tonight to get the low-down, because I have no idea whether, or how, it will affect me, as an independent contractor," she said.

While the passage of the health-care legislation through Congress

was front page news yesterday, in midtown Manhattan several people shrugged their shoulders when asked to comment, saying they didn't know enough about it.

However, Patrick Gill, 48, who lives in Manhattan, said he watched the debate and vote on Sunday by

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## Netanyahu Arrives in Washington, Set for Obama Meeting

**WASHINGTON** (Reuters) – Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu arrived in Washington yesterday afternoon, hoping to repair frayed ties with U.S. President Barack Obama, who was angered by Israel's plans for the construction of homes in Ramat Shlomo,

announced two weeks ago.

Netanyahu is set to meet with President Barack Obama later tonight. The Prime Minister was to dine with Vice President Joe Biden last night as he attempted to heal bruised ties between Israel and its closest ally.

Netanyahu was scheduled to speak to delegates late last night at the annual conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee. He was expected to emphasize the strong ties between Israel and the U.S.

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## Jetblue to Remain 'New York's Hometown Airline'

**NEW YORK** (AP) — The tug-of-war over JetBlue Airways is done.

JetBlue Airways is keeping its corporate headquarters in New York City after considering a possible move to Orlando, Fla.

The company said Monday it will move about 1,000 staffers in mid-2012 from two area offices to a new location in Long Island City, in the New York City borough of Queens. The carrier's main office is currently in neighboring Forest Hills. It also has a small finance department in Darien, Conn.

The airline mulled a move out of New York for over a year. It considered four other cities and narrowed the alternatives to Orlando, the site of its training facility.

Moving to Orlando would have meant a brand adjustment for the

carrier, which calls itself "New York's Hometown Airline." JetBlue's first flight took off from John F. Kennedy International Airport on Feb. 11, 2000. It is now the biggest carrier at JFK and the seventh-largest in the country. It is the only airline based in New York.

To help persuade JetBlue to stay put, New York City offered to invest up to \$3 million in the airline's Terminal 5 at Kennedy Airport and a \$7 million tax exemption. The airline in turn said it will create up to 200 new jobs in the city over the next five years.

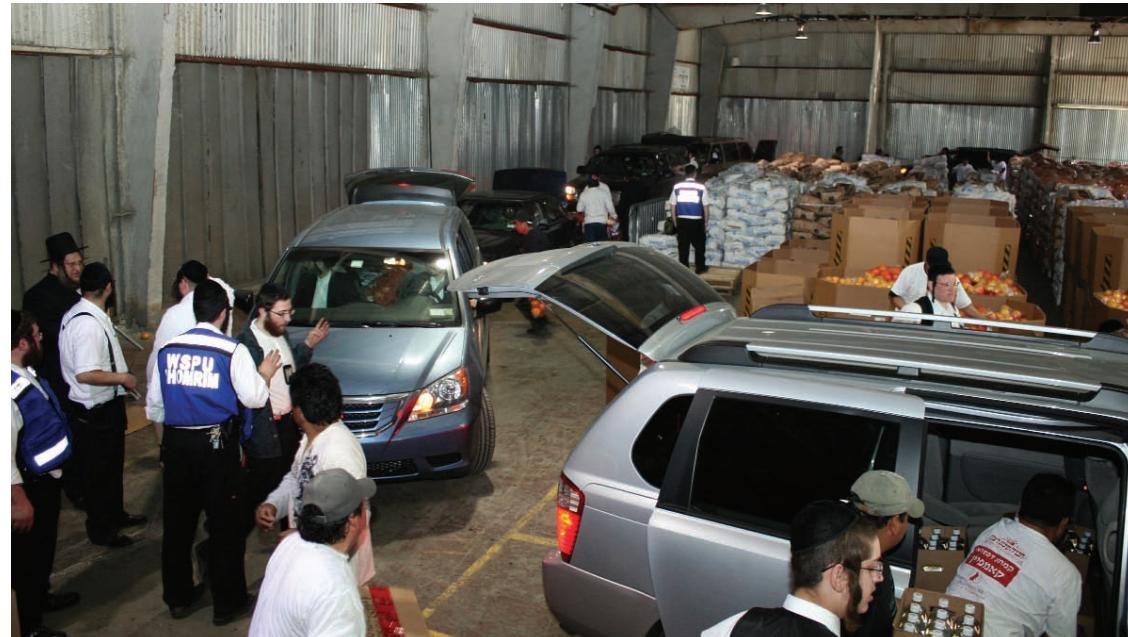
In an interview with The Associated Press, CEO Dave Barger said the details of that licensing agreement are still being worked out. Some possibilities include placing the logo on planes' exteriors,

ors, or adding a JetBlue logo to city or state promotional materials.

"There was a time when New York might have taken such an exercise lightly, relying on the city's reputation to win out," New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in a statement. "But cities across the country and around the world are engaged in an increasingly competitive environment to attract growing companies, and — while we can't always compete on cost — we've worked extremely hard to strengthen and highlight New York City's competitive advantages."

In a news conference at New York City Hall, Barger said the cost of moving employees from New York to Orlando was a major factor in the decision to stay.

## Providing Pesach Provisions



UJO (United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg) pre-Pesach food distribution in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

## Councilman in Action



Reb Yitzchak Fleisher (R) with Councilman Brad Lander at the Pesach food distribution in Bobov.

## Mumbai Widow Threatened With Deportation

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have [withdrawn]," said Mr. Wildes.

Mr. Wildes said that the law does not differentiate between a terror attack on U.S. soil or overseas — if the spouse was a U.S. citizen then the surviving spouse is entitled to apply for permanent residency.

Mr. Wildes claimed that this was not some isolated case of a bureaucratic mistake, but a willful discrimination on the part of the unnamed official.

"Clearly it was purposeful because he wrote three times on both sides of her boarding card, as well as on the visa, a restriction not allowing her to stay longer, change her status or apply for a green card," said Mr. Wildes.

"That is what he tried to effect — we won't accept that," he added. "This is not a gentlemanly thing to tell a victim who lost her husband in a tragic terrorist attack that she cannot be with her eight children."

Meanwhile, community activists who are working with the family contacted elected officials to arrange a path for permanent residency for Rebbetzin Teitelbaum.

Isaac Abraham, a veteran community activist who lives in Williamsburg, told *Hamodia* yesterday that he was aware that Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) was involved recently with legislation helping terror spouses to obtain federal benefits so he contacted her office immediately after hearing of the problem.

"But unfortunately the process cannot go any quicker before she submits her paperwork," said Mr. Abraham. He expects that to be filled out by this week and that Rebbetzin Teitelbaum should have her papers before Pesach.

Mr. Abraham noted that bureaucracy can be set aside in times of emergency, as seen in the direct aftermath of the terror attack in Mumbai in November of 2008.

"The Israeli government gave residency for the [Holtzbergs'] Indian housekeeper Sandra — she had her papers waiting for her when she landed in Israel," he pointed out.

Gillibrand's spokeswoman Angie Hu told The Associated Press that the office is doing what it can to help Rebbetzin Teitelbaum.



Attorney Michael Wildes

Mr. Wildes also said he was in contact with Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) himself and the office of Gillibrand.

"There isn't anybody here that isn't sympathetic to her plight," said Mr. Wildes, "and I have full confidence that ... this will resolve itself and we will get her a green card."

A spokesman for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection said he could not discuss her case because of privacy.

Rabbi Leibish Teitelbaum — son of Harav Nochum Efraim Teitelbaum, the Volover Rav, and son-in-law of Harav Shmuel Yaakov Kahn, the Toldos Avraham Yitzchak Rebbe — was a U.S. citizen who lived in Yerushalayim.

Rabbi Teitelbaum was murdered in 2008 by terrorists who struck the Chabad center in Mumbai during a three-day rampage in late November. He was in Mumbai together with Rabbi Benzion Kruman, *Hy'd*, for their work as kashrus *mashgichim*.

The two had gone to the Chabad house run by Rabbi Gabi and Rivky Holtzberg, *Hy'd*, for *Maariv* and learning. The Holtzbergs were also murdered in the attack.

Mr. Wildes said Rebbetzin Teitelbaum had not applied for permanent residency because she was busy with the children. Under federal immigration laws, surviving spouses of U.S. citizens can self-petition for a green card for themselves and their children.

"I expect the immigration authorities will see the big picture," Wildes said. "It sounds like an overexuberant examiner who was not up on the law."

(With reporting by The Associated Press)

## New York Briefs

### N.J. Hotel Owner Pleads Guilty to Polluting River

**JERSEY CITY, N.J.** (AP) — The owner of a northern New Jersey hotel has admitted discharging wastewater contaminated with sewage into the Hackensack River.

The corporate owner of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, RD Secaucus LP, pleaded guilty yesterday to unlawfully discharging a pollutant.

The firm was sentenced to pay \$75,000 to Hackensack Riverkeeper for its river patrol and maintenance programs. It also must monitor its wastewater handling.

### N.Y. Senate Backs Democratic Leaders' Budget Plan

**ALBANY, N.Y.** (AP) — The New York Senate has voted 32-29 for a \$136 billion spending plan that Democratic leaders say would soften some budget cuts proposed by Gov. David Paterson

while still reducing spending by more than \$4 billion, including \$1.4 billion in aid to schools.

Sen. John Sampson, leader of the majority Senate Democratic Conference, calls the 51-page document a road map that would reject new taxes and keep state spending increases below inflation.

The proposal maintains college tuition assistant grants, closes three prisons, cuts Medicaid spending, keeps state parks and historic sites open and holds the state's Environmental Protection Fund at \$222 million.

Senate Republicans say it fails to fix structural deficits. Assembly leaders are also expected to release their plan this week.

### Officer Shot Responding to Call in Bronx

**NEW YORK** (AP) — A gunman who had barricaded himself in the bedroom of his mother's apartment opened fire on police responding to a 911 call yester-

day, seriously injuring one officer before he was killed.

Officer Robert Salerno was hit at least three times and was in stable condition, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. He was hit twice in the abdomen, and his bullet-resistant vest stopped one bullet.

### Ocean City Doing Emergency Dune Repair After Storm

**OCEAN CITY, N.J.** (AP) — Ocean City is doing emergency dune repair work in a section where most of the sand was washed away by a November storm.

Mayor Sal Perillo says the dunes have to be replaced in the north end of the city — whether or not state and federal funds are available yet.

The work should be done by April 15.

Ocean City will seek reimbursement for its expenses once the work is done.

The dune repair work is being done at the same time as a \$17 million project to replenish the beach in front of the dunes.