Sen. Kaminsky Presents NYS Liberty Medal to Heroic Brothers

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(Rockville Centre, New York) — Today, Senator Todd Kaminsky presented West Hempstead residents Yoni and Ariel Sacknovitz with the New York State Liberty Medal — the highest award a State Senator can bestow upon a civilian — for heroically reviving a man following a heart attack.

"When the Sacknovitz brothers saw a man in distress, they jumped into action, applying their knowledge and skills as EMTs to save a life," said Senator Todd Kaminsky. "They exemplify

the epitome of citizenship and service, and their actions bring pride to our entire community. Yoni and Ariel are true heroes, and I was pleased to present them both with this well-deserved honor."

On October 7, 2018, while driving home on N.J. Route 17 from a New York Jets game, Yoni and Ariel noticed a car had crashed into the median, and immediately rushed over to help. After noticing that the driver was unconscious, the brothers broke a window and removed the injured motorist from the car. Yoni and Ariel instantly began CPR and stayed with the driver - who had suffered a heart attack - until a paramedic unit arrived. The driver, a resident of New Windsor, New York, was then transported to a local hospital and has since recovered.