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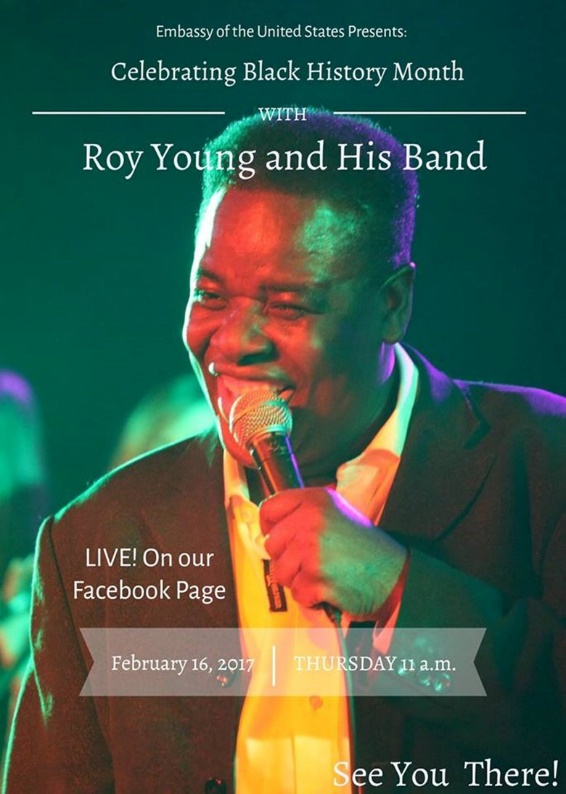
**Celebrating Black History Month**

**With the Soul and Blues singer**

**Roy Young and his band**

February 16, 11:00 a.m.

Heichal HaTarbut, Lod



International Soul and Blues singer Roy Young and his band will perform in Lod for 500 Jewish and Arab high school students from all sectors and diverse communities of Israeli society.

Throughout the concert Roy will demonstrate the deep connection between African- American music and the struggle for equal rights as illustrated during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s in the United States.  During the concert he will engage with many of the students personally and get them to understand how their lives are connected to this seminal moment in American history.

The concert is the culminating event of the U.S. Embassy’s programs to commemorate Black History Month, and to promote and celebrate the values of tolerance, respect and equal rights for all.

Born in the hills of Jamaica, Roy was attracted to Soul and Blues music at an early age.  Residing in Israel, Roy and his band have cooperated with the U.S. Embassy for many years, using music to promote peace, tolerance and understanding between all Israelis.

The project is implemented in partnership with Lod Municipality.

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