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House of Representatives. She also served as Nassau County's District Attorney from 2005-2013. New York's 4th Congressional District includes parts of Nassau County, including the entirety of County Legislative District 7.

Tova Plaut, a native Long Islander, has been a Nassau resident for nearly 20 years with her husband, Dan, and five children. Plaut is an educator and the director of a school in Suffolk County. Plaut's community service includes directing a relief center after Superstorm Sandy and running an annual marathon to raise money for Chai Lifeline, an international children's health

support network. County Legislative District includes parts of Lawrence, Cedarhurst, Hewlett, Woodmere, Rockville Centre, Oceanside, and the entirety of East Rockaway. ❖

Santino Endorsed By Steamfitters Local 638

Steamfitters Local 638 announced their support and endorsement of Senior Councilman Anthony J. Santino to be elected as Hempstead Town's next supervisor.

"Steamfitters Local 638 endorses Anthony Santino for Hempstead Supervisor. Councilman Santino is a proven leader and a fighter for the middle class. Councilman Santino's hard work and diligence on behalf of all neighbors is recognized and appreciated by our union and its members," Steamfitters Local 638 president Patrick Dolan said.

Councilman Santino, the Republican-Conservative-Independence-Tax Revolt-Reform Party nominee for Hempstead Town Supervisor, continues to earn union and organized labor support in this year's election. Santino was previously endorsed by the Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and CSEA Local 1000 in addition to an overwhelming majority of law-enforcement unions.

Santino has also been endorsed by *Newsday*, Long Island's largest daily newspaper.

"I am extremely grateful to Steamfitters Local 638 and the hardworking men and women of their union for their support and endorsement. Working together, we can achieve our vision

of holding the line on taxes as well as creating economic and housing opportunities with good-paying jobs for middle-class families right here in Hempstead Town," said Senior Councilman Santino.

Santino is head of the "Team Santino" Hempstead Town ticket that also includes Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Receiver of Taxes Donald X. Clavin Jr.; and Councilmembers Ed Ambrosino, Bruce A. Blakeman, and Erin King Sweehey.

Santino also has the endorsement of Supervisor Kate Murray, who is seeking the office of Nassau County District Attorney. ❖

Agudah Election-Day Breakfast With Political VIPs And Community Activists

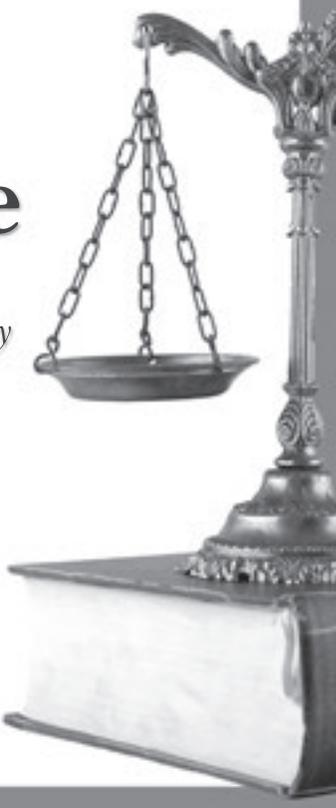
By Leah Zigelbaum

On Tuesday morning, **November 3**, the most important meal of the day will be taken to a whole new level, as key government figures will break bread and break ground with community movers and shakers at a special Agudath Israel of America Election Day Legislative Breakfast.

Agudath Israel of America is a national Orthodox Jewish Organization that services the community with a multi-faceted array of charitable, educational, and social-service projects.

Through its national Office of Government Affairs, its full-time Washington Office, and its regional chapters

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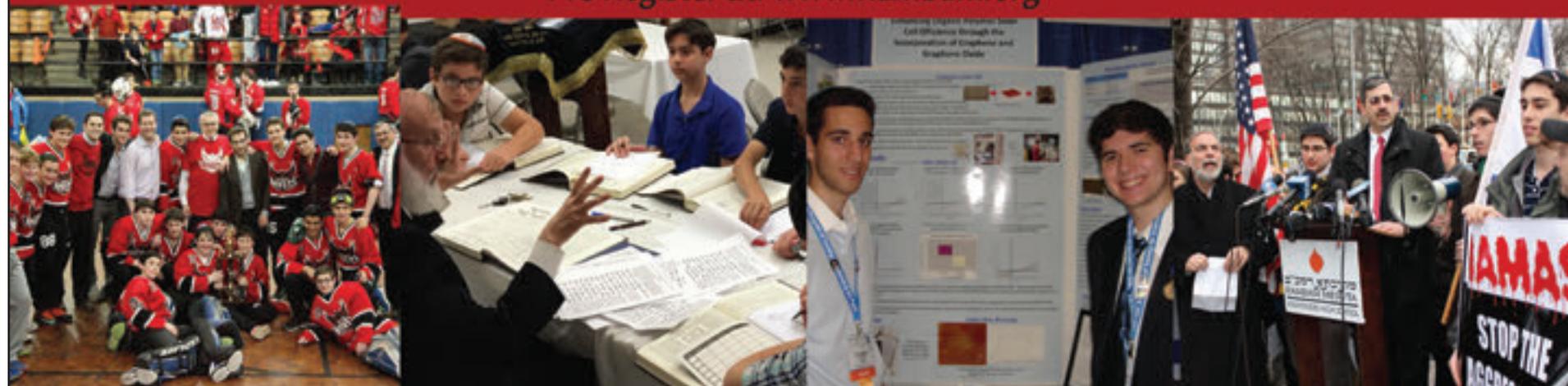
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OPEN HOUSE

Motzei Shabbos, November 7, 2015 at 8:30 PM
25 Cheshvan 5776

For those unable to attend, there will be a Mini Open House on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 8:00 PM

Pre-Register at: www.Rambam.org



On *motzaei Shabbos*, **November 7**, the 20th annual event is to feature singing sensation Simcha Leiner with songs from his latest album, *SL2*, and the comedy team David and Leeman, direct from L.A. with an entertaining show.

Walking through the halls of Be'er Hagolah is like marching in a victory parade. One can hear the *kol Torah* of children of all ages learning Torah and the sounds of *davening b'tzibbur*.

The feeling of victory intensifies when one sees Be'er Hagolah alumni: young men learning in *kollelim* and *yeshivos*, and young women spending a year learning in seminary, then going on to teach in Bais Yaakov schools, fully prepared to marry *inei Torah*. The strongest proofs of their victory are the children of the Be'er Hagolah graduates, who attend *yeshivos* and Bais Yaakov schools in our community.

To those who thought that Russian Jews in America were a lost cause, the thousands of children who have passed through the Be'er Hagolah system, say "nyet!" So if you see a *bachur* in a *yeshiva*, a *yungerman* in a *kollel*, he may very well be a graduate. If you see a young man on a college campus or a doctor in a hospital wearing a *yarmulke*, it is possible that he or she attended Be'er Hagolah. It is hard to tell—and that is the point! That is what they aim for. They want students to act and feel like every other Torah-true Jew. When that happens, they know that they have succeeded.

But this *nachas* is tempered by the fact that there are still hundreds, if not

thousands, of Jewish children attending public schools with little chance of ever learning about *Yiddishkeit*. Your support enables them to reach out to these youngsters and bring them into the Be'er Hagolah family.

These children will bring home the lessons they have learned, encouraging their parents to attend shul with them, to keep kosher and start keeping Shabbos.

The children of Be'er Hagolah are a living testament to, "the children bringing their parents back"...to *Yiddishkeit*.

The entire Jewish community is invited to attend on *motzaei Shabbos*, November 7, for an entertaining evening and a chance to support the work of Be'er Hagolah. ❖

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throughout the nation, Agudath Israel frequently takes advocacy positions before federal, state, and local governmental bodies. In so doing, Agudath Israel seeks to protect the rights and interests of observant Jews and their growing network of educational and religious institutions; to promote the wellbeing of Israel and Jews across the globe; and to offer a uniquely Orthodox Jewish perspective on contemporary issues of public concern.

Purposely scheduled to dovetail with Election Day, this timely event presents a unique and valuable opportunity for Agudath Israel's lay-leadership to meet and engage elected officials in dialogue about issues of relevance to their communities. In attendance at the event will be prominent communal, civic, religious, and governmental leaders with an interest in public policy, and a proven track record of involvement and accomplishment.

The featured speeches will include U.S. Representative Todd Rokita, Vice Chairman, House Committee on the Budget and Chair, House Education Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education; and NYS Senator Michael N. Gianaris, Deputy Senate Democratic Conference Leader.

Breakfast chairman will be Tevi D. Troy who is the president of the American Health Policy Institute. He is also the author of the *Washington Post* bestseller *What Jefferson Read*,

Ike Watched, and Obama Tweeted: 200 Years of Popular Culture in the White House. Mr. Troy served as former Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and as a senior White House aide in the George W. Bush administration. Peter Rebenwurz and Joseph B. Stamm will be additional co-chairs. Mr. Rebenwurz is a prominent businessman, philanthropist, and community leader, and Mr. Stamm is the CEO and president of NYCHSRO/MedReview, a company that provides health-care audits. The company has saved its clients over \$1 billion since it was founded over 40 years ago and now operates in 25 states.

The event is being sponsored by Jeffrey Weisenfeld, principal at Alliance Bernstein Global Wealth Management, and is being coordinated by the Friedlander Group and its CEO, Ezra Friedlander.

The significance of the Legislative Breakfast is summed up by Rabbi David Zwiebel, executive vice president of Agudath Israel: "Our annual Election Day Legislative Breakfast gathering serves as an impressive demonstration of the high level of involvement of the Orthodox community and creates a timely and vital reminder that the Orthodox Jewish community cares deeply about where our government leaders stand on the issues of the day."

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