

Regional Briefs

NYC Court Ordered to Rehear Case on Courtroom Cameras

STATEN ISLAND - An appellate court instructed a lower court to consider the "chilling effect" cameras in the courthouse could have on attorney-client privilege, overturning a federal judge's lifting a preliminary injunction against the cameras, the Staten Island Advance reported. New York City argues the cameras are necessary for security.

Fight Breaks Out at Muslim Funeral With FedEx Workers

BROOKLYN - A brawl broke out Monday during an Islamic funeral after a FedEx truck struck a funeral attendee, The Associated Press reported. Three people were hospitalized with minor injuries, including a man who was slashed with a box-cutter. The FedEx truck's windows were smashed.

Contracts Awarded to Help Low-Income Go Solar

ALBANY - Nine community solar projects around New York were awarded state contracts to help low-income residents access renewable energy. The "Solar for All" program will address the energy needs of 7,000 households.

Property Tax Exemption for Farmers Extended 10 Years

ALBANY - A tax exemption that's saved \$113 million for farmers across New York state was extended Monday for another decade. The law exempts them from paying property tax on buildings essential to their products, such as greenhouses and dairy barns.

Illegal Firearms Dealer Gets 40 Months in Prison

CAMDEN, N.J. - A man who tried selling 100 unlicensed handguns was sentenced Monday to 40 months in prison, The Associated Press reported. Fr'Neil Hickson, 38, has been in federal custody since his 2014 arrest in Atlanta.

Atlantic City Mayor Back at Work Day After FBI Raid

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - Atlantic City Mayor Frank Gilliam was back at work Tuesday a day after a federal raid, the *Press of Atlantic City* reported. He declined to comment on the scene Monday when FBI and IRS agents emerged from his home with white cardboard boxes and computer equipment.



At the HASC Center menorah lighting Monday night (L-R): Ezra Friedlander; Rabbi Chaim Wakslak of HASC; Abe Eisner, president of HASC; Commissioner Howard Zensky representing Gov. Cuomo, lighting the menorah; Samuel Kahn, executive director of HASC; Michael Snow, Cuomo's director of Jewish affairs, together with HASC consumers.

Met Council Opens Up Applications for Affordable Senior Housing in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN - Seniors looking for affordable housing will be able, for the first time in five years, to register for the opportunity to obtain a residence in a beautiful building in Canarsie owned and operated by Met Council on Jewish Poverty.

"This is an incredible opportunity for senior New Yorkers to have a chance to live in a wonderful building in Brooklyn," said David G. Greenfield, CEO of Met Council. "We are very proud that we own and operate affordable buildings across New York that are managed and maintained better than most for-profit buildings. We encourage eligible seniors to apply as soon as possible."

For the past five years, the waiting list for housing in the 19 buildings of affordable housing across New York City owned and operated by the Met Council has been closed due to the overwhelming demand for seniors. Now, as the backlog is easing, applications for Council Towers II, a 122-unit, 12-story building located in

the heart of the Canarsie section of Brooklyn, are available once again. The building offers great amenities, including a laundry room, community room and park-like grounds with a garden area.

Met Council's affiliated Jewish Community Council of Canarsie is also located in the building complex. As a subsidiary of Met Council, they provide a wide array of services to both seniors living in Council Towers and the rest of the neighborhood.

Applications are now open and can be found at Metcouncil.org/housing. The application is open to seniors who are 62 or above at the time of application, with a maximum income of \$36,550 for a one-person household and \$41,750 for a two-person household. The waiting list is determined on a first come, first serve basis.

Seniors pay no more than 30 percent of their adjusted gross income, with the average rent for those living on Social Security at approximately \$424 a month.

Satmar School Sues Airmont Over Zoning Enforcement

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history, the federal Department of Justice served officials with two discrimination suits. Both were settled with an agreement that Airmont would not use zoning laws in a discriminatory manner. The agreement expired in 2011.

Over the past decade, similar suits have become increasingly common in Rockland County and around the New York and New Jersey area, as many towns have attempted to use land use laws as a means to block the construction of *eruvim*, schools and shuls, in attempts to block Orthodox Jews from settling in their borders.

"As Airmont officials should know by now, federal law prevents government officials from using discriminatory zoning schemes to drive people of faith away from, or underground in, the community," said Hiram Sasser, general counsel of First Liberty Institute.