

Marking Israel's 60th Anniversary:

H.E. Asaf Shariv
Consul General of Israel in New York

Paying tribute to:

Hon. Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
National Leadership Award



Hon. William C. Thompson
Comptroller, City of New York
City Leadership Award



Hon. Nazli Parvizi
Commissioner, Community Affairs Unit
Office of the Mayor
Public Service Award



Hon. Melinda Katz
Member, New York City Council
Legislative Leadership Award



Rafael Nektalov
Chief Editor, Bukharian Times
Community Appreciation Award

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The Bukharian Jewish Community Center

invites you to join us at our

Inaugural Legislative Breakfast
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008
9:30 A.M.

Bukharian Jewish Community Center
106-16 70th Avenue
Forest Hills, New York

Invocations:

Itzhak Yehosua
Chief Rabbi, Bukharian Jewish Community

Welcome:

Boris Kandov
President, Bukharian Jewish Community Center

Honorary Chair:

Congressman Anthony D. Weiner

Breakfast Chairmen:

Aron Aronov
Director, Bukharian Museum of New York

Greetings:

Hon. Adolfo Carrión, Jr.
Bronx Borough President

Remarks:

Michael S. Miller
Executive Vice President and CEO
Jewish Community Relations Council of New York

Invitation Non-Transferable, Limited Seating

BUKHARIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

~ OUR HISTORY ~

Bukharian Jews, just one small fraction of the huge tribe of Jews scattered throughout the world, are direct descendants of Babylonian Jews expelled from Israel during the destruction of the First Temple. The history of Bukharian Jewry is a bubbling cauldron of mixed sorrow and joy, faith and hope, prayers and entreaties to the heavens for preserving their national language and religion. The people represent the amazing phenomenon of a small ethnos scattered around the planet, having passed through a 2,000 year history of suffering, outright hatred & misunderstanding, pogroms & wars. The first wave of the Bukharian Jewish immigration to America was small in number. The second and third waves were much larger, occurring due to the active support of American Jews who spoke out loudly against discrimination of the Jews in the Soviet Union. At the present time there are over 75,000 Bukharian Jews living in North America, of which 50,000 live in New York. The remainder resides in the 36 other states of the USA, and Canada.

~ OUR CULTURE AND TRADITIONS ~

Our traditions and behests of their ancestors helped to avoid assimilation and dissolution in a homogeneous milieu. Even under the totalitarian Soviet regime, when any kind of heterodox thinking was persecuted and severely punished by the authorities, the Bukharian Jews continued to live according to the laws of their fathers. Our culture is a remarkable fusion of Judaism and the traditional ethnic features of a community. Central Asia a region of indisputable influence which, since ancient times, was the crossroads for caravans, a region with an extremely rich cultural environment featuring the first written language, and major discoveries in astronomy and medicine.

~ OUR ORGANIZATION ~

The Bukharian Jewish Community Center and its affiliate organizations, work to assist Bukharian integration into American Jewish life and to overcome the hurdles of immigration, while still preserving Bukharian Jewish self-identity. Our organization provides major financial and moral support for Israel and fights against anti-Semitism, in addition to many other issues of concern to Bukharian and World Jewry.

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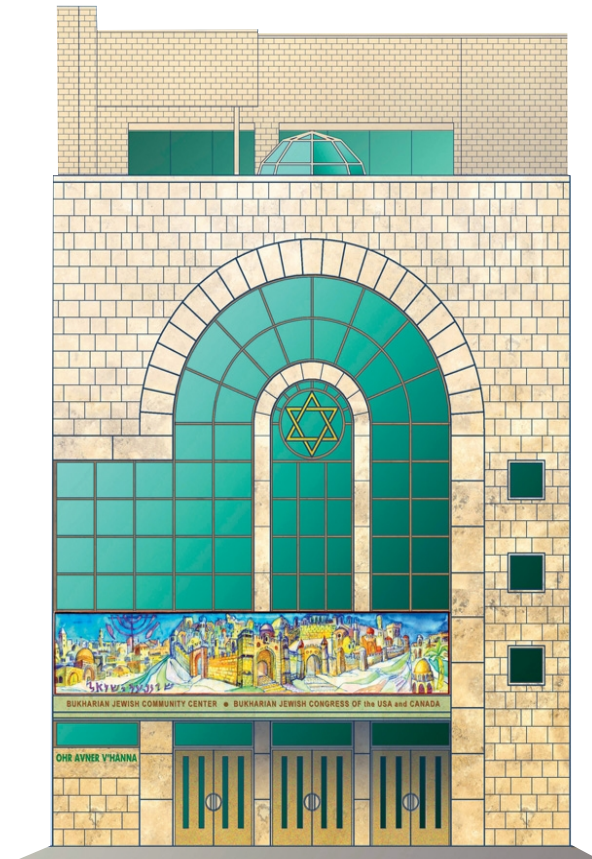
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