

## Agudath Israel Legislative Breakfast To Highlight Security

BY DAVID LOBEL

Hundreds of grassroots communal leaders from across the broad spectrum of Orthodox Jewry are expected to attend the second annual legislative breakfast of Agudath Israel of America on Monday, November 7, at the Down Town Association, located at 60 Pine Street.

The theme of this year's breakfast is "Safety and Security in Our Communities." The breakfast will showcase Agudath

Israel's close working relationship with a diverse body of public officials for the purpose of serving the community and enhancing safety and security in a variety of ways.

Delivering special remarks at the breakfast will be the newly appointed White House director of Jewish outreach, Jarrod Bernstein. While Mr. Bernstein has extensive experience in government, having served in New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's community affairs

division, and then in the federal Department of Homeland Security, his appearance at the Agudath Israel breakfast will mark Mr. Bernstein's first voyage into the Jewish community as a representative of President Obama.

"The fact that the president of the United States is sending his director of Jewish outreach to the Agudath Israel breakfast as his first public appearance underscores the high priority the administration is placing on reaching out to our community," said Rabbi Gedaliah Weinberger, chairman of Agudath Israel's Board of Trustees.

Keynoting the breakfast will be Loretta E. Lynch, United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Ms. Lynch, who has served in this position since 1999, has played a major role in keeping our communities, and our country as a whole, safer. Most recently, U.S. Attorney Lynch collaborated

with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force to ensure that all legal steps are taken to prevent and thwart terrorist activity in the Eastern District. She has earned a national reputation as one of the country's most innovative and effective law enforcement officials in combating terror.

"We are greatly honored that U.S. Attorney Lynch has agreed to keynote our breakfast and to address our constituents directly on a subject of such extreme importance," remarked Rabbi Chaim Dovid Zwiebel, executive vice president of Agudath Israel. "Her leadership in securing the recent guilty plea of the terrorist who attempted to bomb the New York City subway system is an outstanding example of law enforcement at its best."

Agudath Israel of America sponsors a broad range of communal social services and children's welfare programs for young and old throughout the

New York City metropolitan area. Among Agudath Israel of America's projects are job placement, vocational training and counseling services, housing and neighborhood preservation initiatives, and a host of senior-citizen and children's welfare projects, including a variety of initiatives directed toward enhancing security and safety.

"This event, like our first annual legislative breakfast last year, will serve as an opportunity to celebrate the longstanding partnership between Agudath Israel and our government leaders in servicing the community," commented Rabbi Shmuel Lefkowitz, Agudath Israel's vice president for community services.

The legislative breakfast will be coordinated by The Friedlander Group. Corporate sponsors of the breakfast include Health Plus, Med Review and Maimonides Medical Center.

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## Young Israel to Host Centennial Celebration

BY AARON TROODLER

The National Council of Young Israel (NCYI) and the International Young Israel Movement will host a special Centennial Celebration at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2011. This milestone event will take place at Terrace on the Park in Flushing, Queens, New York.

The NCYI Centennial Celebration will pay tribute to the Young Israel Movement's founders, visionaries and activists, as well as honor its branch synagogues and their leadership. The NCYI will recognize its nineteen Past Presidents, its five Past and Present Executive Vice Presidents, and the twenty-five Rabbinic leaders with more than thirty years in the Young Israel Movement.

In addition, the NCYI will bestow well-deserved recognition on an array of individuals who have been active in the Young Israel Movement's ongoing efforts on behalf of American Jewry and the State of

Israel, including Yossi Peleg-Billig, the Guest of Honor; Hy (Chaim) Singer, the Man of the Year; current NCYI President Shlomo Z. Mostofsky, Esq., who will receive the Moses H. Hoenig Memorial Leadership Award; and current NCYI Chairman of the Board Rabbi Jonah Gewirtz, who will receive the Gerald L. Kaufman Memorial Shofar Award.

For the past one hundred years, the National Council of Young Israel has ably served the broader Jewish community. With more than 25,000 member families, and over 200 branch synagogues throughout the U.S., Canada and Israel, the National Council of Young Israel is a multifaceted organization that embraces Jewish communal needs and often takes a leading role in tackling important issues that face the Jewish community in North America and Israel. In short, the NCYI is a central agency that provides religious, educational, Zionist, social and communal programming for all

its member synagogues and their affiliated families.

"With an eternal commitment to Torah, Judaism and the State of Israel, and a steadfast dedication to enhancing and centralizing synagogue life in the Jewish community, the National Council of Young Israel has spent the past century working tirelessly for the betterment of the Jewish nation and the enhancement of the broader Jewish community," said NCYI President Shlomo Z. Mostofsky. "With a rich and vibrant past encompassing the last one hundred years, we hope and pray that the Young Israel Movement will be able to continue serving American Jewry and the State of Israel for the next one hundred years."

For more information about the National Council of Young Israel's November 13th Centennial Celebration or to make reservations, visit [www.youngisrael.org/dinner](http://www.youngisrael.org/dinner); send an email to [dinner@youngisrael.org](mailto:dinner@youngisrael.org); or call 212-929-1525, extension 100.

## 'Afternoon Chevra' For Retired Men Who Are Holocaust Survivors

BY E. STERN

Retirees: Looking for something to do on Thursday afternoons? How about a good *vort*, lively Torah discussions and getting together with other *heimishe* men for the "Afternoon Chevra."

Centrally located at the Boro Park Y, at 4912 14th Avenue, "The Afternoon Chevra" is a satisfying way to spend time with

friends. We offer hot potato kugel, fruit and coffee, an exercise group with Dr. Yosef Rappaport of Metro SportsMed, and a regular *drashah* by well-known *maggid shiur* Rabbi Asher Israel. Our very enriching program, with guest speakers and lecturers, gives the "Afternoon Chevra" a true *Yiddishe taam*. Come join us every Thursday afternoon at 2.

For more information or to arrange for transportation, please call Mr. Yosi Wiener at 718-438-2020, extension 7450.

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