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To 'Ennoble and Enable'

In his five-year tenure as president of Yeshiva University, Richard Joel has not only raised millions, he's also raised the university's academic and religious profile.



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'Unsung Hero'

Shema Kolainu comes to the aid of autistic children



(Above): New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli addresses the Shema Kolainu Legislative Breakfast, saying, "We don't have a cure, but thankfully we have Shema Kolainu."

(Right, l-r): Ray Barcia, Boro Park Manager, Park Avenue Bank; Charles Antonucci, CEO and president, Park Avenue Bank; Joshua Weinstein, president, Shema Kolainu; Peter Rebenwurzel, vice president, Shema Kolainu; Milton Weinstock, board member, Shema Kolainu; and Ezra Friedlander, CEO, the Friedlander Group.

By DAVID GERTLER

Who can teach those who do not know how to learn? According to

the parents of Shloimy Ganzfried, it is Shema Kolainu ("Hear Our Voices"), a school and center for children with

autism.

Shloimy entered Shema Kolainu unable to naturally acquire the functional skills of daily living. His teachers immediately went to work teaching

him how to eat, go to the bathroom, communicate and handle distractions.

Shloimy is just one of many children who have been helped through Shema Kolainu pro-

Sen. Malcolm A. Smith, awarded with a Legislative Leadership award, ensured Shema Kolainu that it will not suffer any cuts in funding, regardless of the state's tight



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grams.

In 1998 Joshua Weinstein opened the doors of Shema Kolainu for its first three students. Since that time, the non-profit, nondenominational organization has been renowned for basing its unique approach to the field of autism care on the science of applied behavior analysis.

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, Shema Kolainu hosted its annual legislative breakfast, which served to raise support among city and state legislators for autism care and research. It also served as a forum for community leaders and elected officials to honor those who have been outstanding in their dedication to the cause of Shema Kolainu.

budget this year.

Referring to the groundbreaking work done by Shema Kolainu, Councilman Simcha Felder called the organization the "unsung hero of our community." State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli similarly lauded the tremendous social service provided: "We don't have a cure, but thankfully we have Shema Kolainu." DiNapoli was awarded the State Legislative award, presented by Assemblyman Dov Hikind, who said DiNapoli does his work from the heart, calling him "a genuine mensch."

Serving as honorary chairs for the breakfast, sponsored by Gristedes, were Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer.

—David Gertler

(Below): New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli (left) received the State Legislative award from Assemblyman Dov Hikind (center) and Joshua Weinstein (right), president, Shema Kolainu.



Awarded with a Legislative Leadership award, Councilman Bill de Blasio pointed out that Weinstein was particularly commendable for pioneering work in autism at a time when it was not easy or popular.

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