



Rabbi Elie Abadie, M.D., is the founding rabbi of the Edmond J. Safra Synagogue, the flagship Synagogue of the Edmond J. Safra Synagogues worldwide. He is the Director of the Jacob E. Safra Institute of Sephardic Studies of Yeshiva University, where he teaches at the Isaac Breuer College and Stern College. Rabbi Abadie is an accomplished gastroenterologist with a practice in New York City. He sits on the Board of Directors of AIPAC, American Friends of Likud, and World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace

The Fouzailoff's are a warm, community oriented couple who are actively involved in many organizations in their Upper East Side community. Rafi, a graduate of NYU is the creative designer/owner of the successful fine jewelry brand JBSTAR. Since 1979 Ruthie, is a Bikur Cholim specialist whose training in psychology and health coaching is as legendary as her devotion to her cancer patients. Ruthie is also an accomplished chef, and served as an executive chef at Goldman Sachs. Above all, Ruthie and Rafi are the proud parents of three beautiful daughters who are currently enrolled at Ramaz school.



Rabbi Joel & Rivky Eisdorfer is a vital member of Community Board 12. He serves as Clergy Liaison for the New York City Police Department as well as Police Chaplain for several law enforcement agencies outside the City of New York. Rabbi Joel is a special advisor to New York State Senator Eric Adams. A strong supporter of the community, Joel contributes towards many organizations. Rabbi Joel Eisdorfer is a devoted family man and a loving father of three young sons.

Rabbi Naftali & Sury Horowitz is a successful real estate investor and the owner of an appraisal company. He is a Board Member of SPARKS and of the ODA Health Care Center. Naftali and his family are heavily involved with the community and chesed projects.



Susan Dowd Stone, MSW, LCSW is an award winning psychotherapist, author, advocate and mental health expert who is past president of Postpartum Support International, and currently on its advisory council. She is the author/editor of Perinatal and Postpartum Mood Disorders: Perspectives and Treatment Guide for the Healthcare Practitioner and was a legislative consultant on postpartum depression initiatives at the state and federal level. In addition to board positions on several related non-profits, she is an adjunct professor at New York University and maintains a private practice in Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

Surie (Simone) Kraus is a graduate of NYU School of Physical Therapy and has experience working with Geriatric and Pediatric patients. She has put her career on hold to care for her five children and is currently head of the school PTA as well as actively involved in numerous charitable organizations. Her strong involvement in her community helps bring out the much needed awareness of the SPARKS mission.



Yossi Itzkowitz is the successful owner of the chain stores, Toys 4 U, as well as a costume manufacturer. He and his wife are strong supporters of many local organizations and are often hosts of charitable functions. The Itzkowitz's are proud parents of four daughters.

You are cordially invited to attend the



Appreciation and Tribute Luncheon Celebration

— Honoring —



SENATOR KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

Thursday, March 31st 2011

12:00 Noon

Ways and Means Committee Room (H-137)

United State Capitol

Washington, D.C.

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Congresswoman Shelley Berkley is the first woman to represent Las Vegas, Nevada and one of nine Jewish women currently serving in the House of Representatives. In addition to sitting on the powerful Way and Means Committee, Congresswoman Berkley has remained in the forefront of efforts to ensure the United States continues its steadfast support of Israel.



Congressman Bobby L. Rush is the ranking Member of the Energy and Power subcommittee. Congressman Rush played a leading role in drafting the historic health insurance reform legislation and insured important provisions including a landmark policy that advanced women's health in the treatment of post partum depression.

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins has been working in Public Service since 1998 and has been representing the second district of Kansas since 2008. She currently serves on the Oversight and Trade Subcommittee in House Committee on Ways and Means.



Congressman Jerrold Nadler represents New York's 8th Congressional district, which is one of the most diverse districts in the nation and represents one of the largest Jewish communities in any congressional district, nationwide. Throughout his career he has championed civil rights and liberties, and is considered an unapologetic defender of those who might otherwise be forgotten by the law.

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney has been a leading member of Congress since she was first elected in 1992. She is the first woman to represent New York's 14th Congressional District representing residents of the Upper East Side, Roosevelt Island, and Astoria, Long Island City, and Sunnyside, Queens. She is a senior member of both the House Financial Services Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.



Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy is currently serving her 8th term representing Long Island. In 2007 the Congresswoman became the Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, where she played a key role in drafting legislation to protect Long Island's children. A lifelong resident of Mineola, Congresswoman McCarthy has over 30 years experience as a nurse.

Congressman James E. Clyburn is the Assistant Democratic Leader in the 112th Congress, the number three Democrat in the House of Representatives. As a national leader he has worked to respond to the needs of America's diverse communities and is a champion supporter of community health centers. He has previously served as the House Majority Whip, Chair of the Democratic Caucus, and Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.



Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz is serving in her fourth term representing Pennsylvania's 13th congressional district. Prior to her service in Congress, Representative Schwartz was a leading healthcare executive in Philadelphia and has brought her expertise in healthcare to Congress. Long considered a leading advocate for children, Schwartz spearheaded Pennsylvania's legislative efforts to provide healthcare coverage to children.

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Esther Kenigsberg is the Founder and Executive Director of SPARKS. She is a lecturer on education, parenting, teaching and management. Mrs. Kenigsberg completed extensive Pre- and Post-Natal Women's Health training with renowned PPD specialist Dr. Shoshana Benett.

MISSION STATEMENT

SPARKS' mission is to provide mothers and families, who are struggling and suffering unnecessary pain, with the proper care they deserve. It is an organization created to provide comprehensive, integrated services to meet the educational, psychosocial and psychiatric needs of women suffering from a host of different issues ranging from Premenstrual Syndrome to Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder to Postpartum Depression.

Our practice guidelines provide for medical consultation, collaboration and referral, and linkages with health and human services. SPARKS' hotline is operated by full time professional counselors. SPARKS has countless community members, who themselves have overcome PPD, trained as volunteer mentors. Their personal experiences enable them to empathize and understand, providing them with the necessary tools to handle the most challenging circumstances. Additionally, our Mom Support Groups and Parenting classes provide immediate relief and support to struggling mothers and their families.

Furthermore, SPARKS is tapping into established community resources, galvanizing the efforts of non-profit emergency medical support agencies and local volunteers to provide in home services such as: food, housework help, respite and childcare. To date, over 1,000 families have been helped, restoring peace and stability to their homes. Thanks to SPARKS these mothers can once again experience the joys of motherhood, with love and warmth permeating their home.

www.sparkscenter.org

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