

Scharfstein. December 9. This trip has been rescheduled from November 19. Spend a day together with friends and explore the Museum of Jewish Heritage (Holocaust Museum) in Battery Park City. Lunch will be served. Fee: \$36 per person. Meet at Chabad at 9:30 a.m.

Farbrengen for men: 9th of Kislev. December 6, after services. In honor of the birthday and *yahrtzeit* of the Mittler Rebbe, the second Chabad Rebbe.

Father and Son Melaveh Malkah. December 6, 7:30 p.m. For boys in grades K-3. Exciting atmosphere, fun games, special project, and food. Fee: \$12 per person. RSVP.

Women's Evening Class with Mrs. Chaya Franklin. December 9, 8:30 p.m. "Mystical aspects of Leah."

Friendship Circle Mom's Night Out. December 9, 8:30 p.m. An evening mothers of special needs children to relax and network. For place and time, write to Batsheva@Chabad5towns.com call Batsheva at ext. 13.

Women's Circle: An Evening of Inspiration. December 10, 8:15 p.m. "Eishes Chayil: The Women of Valor." Study of this famous scriptural poem with guest speaker Mrs. Goldie Gansberg. At the home of Mrs. Yocheved Daphna, 35 Willow Road in Woodsburgh.

Farbrengen for Men: 14th of Kislev. December 11, 8:15 p.m. In honor of the wedding anniversary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, ob"m.

Farbrengen Dinner for Men and Women: 19th of Kislev. December 15, 8:15 p.m. In honor of the liberation

day of the *Baal HaTanya*, the first Chabad Rebbe. Reservations required.

Children's Rally for 19 Kislev. December 16, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Chanukah Storytime for Boys and Girls Ages 4-7. December 17, 6:30 p.m. A special time before bed with crafts, puppets, and a special Chanukah story reading. RSVP.

Chanukah Wonderland. December 21-29. Where Chanukah comes alive! Chanukah-themed activities for the whole family to participate in and enjoy. Location to be announced.

Grand Menorah Lighting. December 21-28, 6:00 p.m. (Friday at 3:00 p.m.) Join public officials and community leaders in lighting our giant outdoor menorah in Cedarhurst Park, corner Cedarhurst Avenue and Summit Avenue.

Friendship Circle Holiday Program. December 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Chanukah fun program for children with special needs. For more information, call Batsheva at ext. 13 or Batsheva@chabad5towns.com.

Birthday Shabbos for children born in the Hebrew month of Teves. December 27, after morning services. Children born in the Hebrew month of Teves join together with their families and friends to celebrate their special day. ♦

Nachas Health Network Honors Community Leaders

On Sunday, November 23, Nachas Health & Family Network, Inc. hosted its inaugural legislative breakfast. Hundreds of religious leaders, community philanthropists, and elected offi-



Senate Democratic Leader Malcolm Smith and Assemblyman Dov Hikind.

cial came together to pay tribute to a number of elected officials and community members whose leadership is instrumental in allowing Nachas to fulfill its mission in ensuring that every child, family, and senior has access to quality health care and social services through direct services, referral entitlement navigation, and advocacy.

Nachas Health and Family Network is a not-for-profit community-based organization founded in 1990 by Rabbi Pinchus D. Horowitz, the Chuster Rav, to address the gap in health services facing the underserved immigrant and Jewish communities in Brooklyn. Nachas strives to help children, families, and seniors attain physical and

psychological wellness in a dignified manner.

William Rapfogel, CEO of Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, opened the program by introducing Rabbi Horowitz, who delivered greetings. The breakfast was coordinated by the Friedlander Group and chaired by Assemblyman Dov Hikind, whose advocacy and passionate support of Nachas is crucial to the success of the services and programs it offers to the community. Mr. Hikind also presented Douglas Jablon with the Community Hakoras HaTov Award and praised him as a true *ba'al chesed*

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for all his efforts as vice-president of patient relations and volunteer services at Maimonides Medical Center. Congressman Jerry Nadler presented the Community Tribute Award to Joe Lazar in appreciation of his facilitating important programs to assist Holocaust survivors.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz warmly praised New York City Comptroller Bill Thompson and presented him with the City Leadership Award. The State Leadership Award was presented by Mr. Rapfogel to New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. Douglas Heimowitz, director of Medicare, Health Plus, was the recipient of the Community Health Partner Award, which was presented by Councilman Bill de Blasio. Health Plus has been serving the community for many years and is singularly responsible for advancing the medical and health needs of Boro Park residents. Additional remarks were delivered by Congressman Ed Towns, State Senator Diane Savino, and Assemblyman Rory Lancman.

The City Leadership Award was also bestowed on Commissioner Jeanne Mullgrav of the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). The award was presented by Councilman Simcha Felder and accepted by Andrew Miller, DYCD's director of legislative affairs.

The highlight of the program was

when Senate Democratic Leader Malcolm Smith—the presumed Senate Majority Leader—was introduced by Assemblyman Dov Hikind as a true *mensch* who has committed himself to support community initiatives. Senator Smith, a deeply religious man, praised Nachas for serving the public and pledged to do all he can to help Nachas in that regard. ❖

Bais Medrash Ateres Yisroel Pays Tribute To Rav Avrohom Blumenkrantz, zt'l

In the less than two years since the untimely *petirah* of HaRav Avrohom Blumenkrantz, zt'l, his shul, Bais Medrash Ateres Yisroel, has moved forward in an exciting and meaningful way. Under the leadership of his son, Rabbi Yisroel Meir Blumenkrantz, *shlita*, the shul is alive with heartwarming *tefillos*, *shiurim*, and a feeling of *achdus* which were the hallmark of the late *rav*.

Bais Medrash Ateres Yisroel will be hosting a *melaveh malkah* to be held *iy'H* on *motzaei Shabbos kodesh*, December 6, at the Ateres Nechama Liba Hall in Far Rockaway (613 Beach 9th Street).

The evening is dedicated to the memory of the unforgettable *mara d'asra*, Rav Blumenkrantz, zt'l. This gathering will give the Jewish community an opportunity to show their *hakaras ha'tov* to the longtime *rav* who served our community and *Yidden* everywhere with dedication and *mesirus nefesh*. Whether in the area of *kashrus*, Pesach, Torah counsel, or



Rav Blumenkrantz

educating thousands of *talmidos*, the *rav* had a tremendous impact upon so many lives.

Attendees will hear from guest speaker Rav Dovid Goldwasser as well as view a moving video presentation. A Scroll of Honor is being prepared, listing the generous sponsors. Anyone interested in participating in this special tribute or in making a reservation should call 718-327-4680 or 718-327-4999. ❖

Local Residents Honored At Annual AMIT Dinner; Pre-Chanukah Gala, December 16

Trudy and Stanley Stern, residents of Lawrence, were honored at this year's annual AMIT dinner in New York City. More than 400 friends and

supporters of AMIT were in attendance. All proceeds will benefit AMIT's network of more than 70 schools and programs serving over 20,000 children in 23 cities, development towns, and other communities throughout Israel.

Trudy and Stanley Stern exemplify the young couples who today play such a prominent role in the leadership of AMIT, helping to secure the future of the organization. Trudy is a founding member of the AMIT New Generation Board. She currently serves as a member of the AMIT board of directors and is a member of the AMIT development cabinet, as well as the Israel programming committee. She is also a founding member of the advisory board of Midreshet AMIT and was instrumental in the development of this very successful program. Trudy is an active leader in other community and civic organizations and is a partner in the law firm of Stern, Bryk, and Hoffman. Stanley Stern is head of banking for technology, defense, and financial institutions at Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. He is a former member of the Board of Education and current member of the executive board of HAFTR and presently serves as Long Island regional president of NORPAC, a pro-Israel political action committee. The Sterns have four children, Dana, Caroline, Erica, and Joseph.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Stern, honorees included Anne Bernstein of Los Angeles and John F. Fullerton III of Briarcliff Manor, New York. Tribute also was paid to Shulamith Cohn,

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