

Agudath Breakfast To Highlight Security And Safety, November 7

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 elected and governmental officials to serve the community and to help enhance safety and security in a variety of meaningful 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 maiden 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 indeed our country a safer place. Most recently, U.S. Attorney Lynch has 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 US Attorney Lynch has agreed to keynote our breakfast and to address our constituents directly on a subject of such extreme importance," remarked Rabbi David 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 affecting the lives of young and old throughout the New York City Metropolitan area. Among Agudath Israel of America's projects: job placement, vocational training and counseling services, housing and neighborhood preservation initiatives, as well as a host of senior-citizen and children's welfare projects—including a variety of initiatives specifically 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 is being coordinated by The Friedlander Group. Corporate sponsors of the breakfast include Health Plus, Med Review, and Maimonides Medical Center. ❖

International Minyan For NYC Marathoners, November 6

For the 29th consecutive year, the ING New York City Marathon, on November 6, will feature traditional morning services for the convenience of the many Jewish runners expected to compete in the 42nd running of this world-famous event. Two scheduled *minyanim* for *Shacharis*—at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.—will be held in their own tent, provided by New York Road Runners, in the marathon staging area at Fort Wadsworth in Staten Island. Check at information booths and site maps for the precise location.

Minyan participants are requested to bring their own *siddurim*, *tefillin*, and *talleisim*. For further information, contact JRunners (info@jrunners.org, 646-368-7989) or Peter Berkowsky (fud42@comcast.net, 973-477-7908). ❖

KGH Ethics Seudah Shelishis, November 12

The Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills will host a *seudah shelishis* with Congregation Etz Chaim of Kew Gardens Hills on Shabbos *Parashas Vayera*, November 12, in the Simcha Room at the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills to mark the publication of Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg's new book *Morality for Muggles: Ethics in the Bible and the World of Harry Potter*, published by Ktav Publishing House.

Rabbi Rosenberg is the first guest speaker in a new monthly series of *seudah shelishis* guest speakers at the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills under the rabbinic leadership of Rabbi Yoel Schonfeld, son of rabbi emeritus Fabian Schonfeld, who founded the shul 60 years ago.

The Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills is located at the corner of 150th Street and 70th Road in Kew Gardens Hills (entrance on 150th Street). Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg, *rav* of Cong. Etz Chaim of KGH, will speak on "Teaching Values Through Popular Literature." ❖

Bais Yaakov Oz Vehodor Entrance Exams November 13

Bais Yaakov Oz Vehodor Birkas Yisroel High School was founded a year ago under the joint guidance of Rabbi Yisroel Lefkowitz, *z'l*, and the well known *mechanech* Rabbi Moshe Neuman.

The mission was the establishment of a school with the highest standards in both *limudei kodesh* and *limudei chol*. Special emphasis on *halacha*, *yiras Shamayim*, and *hashkafah* are the defining hallmarks that elevate the *chinuch habanos* to a truly exalted level. Additionally, they offer enrichment courses in hairstyling, photography, food decorating, music, and sewing.