

Community News From Our Yeshivot and Organizations

Mickey Kairey's Tour of Barkai Yeshivah

Mickey Kairey, a beloved community leader, recently visited Barkai Yeshivah. During his tour, he was thrilled to see the students and teachers using recordings of him reading Torah.

Mickey read for the 4th grade girls and was surprised by how nicely they followed and repeated after him with the proper *te'amim* (musical accents).

The 2nd grade boys sang pizmonim from their hearts for Mickey. Then he taught them a different pizmon.

He enjoyed seeing the very same traditions he learned, being taught to the next generation of our community.



Rabbi Joseph Dweck, Mickey Kairey, Ephraim Setton and Rabbi Shlomo Levi

Government Officials Address Jewish Community

A number of officials representing our government addressed several hundred community leaders at the 2nd Annual Legislative Breakfast of Agudath Israel of America. The event's theme was "Safety and Security in Our Communities," and the officials outlined a variety of areas in which government agencies are acting vigorously to ensure the physical well-being of the greater Jewish community both domestically and overseas.



Senator Chuck Schumer, Rabbi Shmuel Lefkowitz, Rabbi David Zwiebel, Gedaliah Weinberger, Joseph Zelmanovitz, Joseph B. Stamm, Jonathan Zalisky, Chaskel Bennett and Congressman Bob Turner

Delivering the keynote address, Loretta E. Lynch, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, noted that with New York City continuing to be a major target for potential terrorists, her office has expanded its focus from the aggressive pursuit of terrorist prosecutions to include an emphasis on the prevention of terrorist acts. "We work closely with the FBI and the NYPD to immediately investigate any threats of terrorism," she said.

She informed the crowd that the authorities are on the lookout for Al-Qaeda-mobilized single, "lone-wolf" individuals who may attempt to commit acts of terror