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## Mazal Tov To...

Mr. & Mrs. Doni and Ruchi Rosenblum of Monsey on the bar mitzvah of their son Eliyahu on Shabbos Parshas Nitzavim-Vayeilech; mazal tov to the grandparents and siblings as well.

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## Kinus Hisorerus On First Day Of Selichos

A kinus hisorerus will be held on Sunday night,

first day of *Selichos*, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Ahavas Yitzchak-Agudas Yisroel (Rabbi Rudinsky's shul), 73 Forshay Road, Monsey, NY. Rabbi Betzalel Rudinsky will address the gathering with *divrei chizuk* and *hisorerus*. There will be separate seating for men and women. This event is being sponsored by Tzidkas Yosef Naftali, an organization devoted to aiding needy families in *Eretz Yisrael*.

Tzidkas Yosef Naftali has, for more than 37 years, supported hundreds of poor families of *talmidei chachomim*, *nei Torah* and *baalei teshuvah*, whose position in the community prevents them from asking for help. The organization gives to those who are not reached by other organizations. No person involved in this project, neither the collectors, administrators, organizers, or distributors, receive any remuneration for their efforts. Last year, the organization distributed over \$300,000 in *Eretz Yisrael* prior to *Sukkos*, and another \$300,000 before *Pesach*.

For more information, contact Tuvia Rothschild at 845-426-3117.

## Current Events

**Sunday, September 5: 8:30 a.m.**

Congregation Bais Torah Mitzvah Fair. Rabbi Shmuel Schneid, *sofer stam*, will check *mezuzos* and *tefillin* and Josh Rossman will be on hand to check *taleisim* and *tzitzis*. At 10 a.m., Rabbi Yaakov Kreitman, director of the Monsey Shatnez Center, will speak about *shatnez*: "Keeping Current in the Age of Globalization." At 11:15 a.m., a live demonstration by Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb on how to take *trumos* and *ma'asros*. There is no admission charge, but checking service fees may apply. Congregation Bais Torah is located at 89 West Carlton Road, Suffern, NY. For further information, go to [www.bais-torah.org](http://www.bais-torah.org).

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**Sunday, September 5: 8:30 p.m.**

The Teshuva Shmuz 5771 - A Fresh New Start, given by Rabbi Ben Tzion Shafer of Tiferes Bnei Torah and [www.theshmuz.com](http://www.theshmuz.com). For men and women. *Maariv* at 9:45 p.m. at Yeshiva PTI, 441 Passaic Avenue, Passaic, NJ. For more information, call Alex at 646-206-9461.

## Camp Simcha Special

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She explained, "I feel like I'm on vacation four times a year. The strength and bond of the mothers is amazing. Just being there is so comforting."

When it came time to think about reenrolling Adam for the 2010 season, Ali didn't hesitate.

"Adam's counselor this year was his rotator from 2009. They had been in contact all-year long. Simcha called me and asked the most fantastic questions about Adam's care. It was clear that he was going to be in good hands."

This year, Ali didn't fly to New York when Adam went to camp. Adam flew with a counselor, who called several times before the plane took off to let Ali know that all was well every step of the way.

"We tell parents that Camp Simcha and Camp Simcha Special are a respite for the entire family, but until children go to camp, parents don't really understand how important these weeks are for everyone," said Randi Grossman, Chai Lifeline West Coast director.

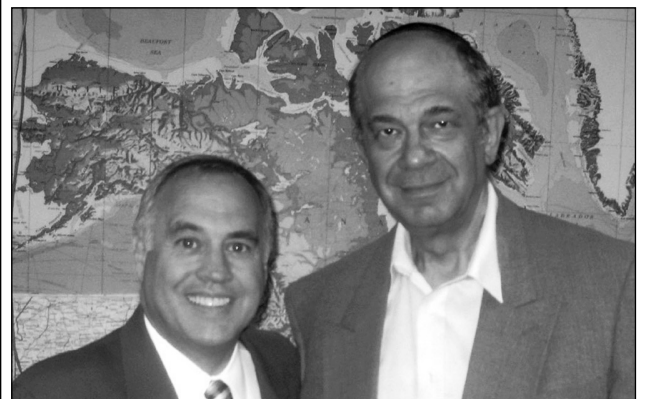
Ali Wolf has discovered the truth in those words. "While Adam was in camp, I had time to spend with my other children. I read books, and did things that

## Comptroller DiNapoli Visits The Jewish Press

Incumbent New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli paid a visit to The Jewish Press headquarters, where he met with members of the editorial board. Up for discussion were areas of mutual interest to the Jewish community and the State Comptroller's Office.

DiNapoli used the opportunity to enumerate the extensive ties which were cultivated with the Jewish community over his 20 years as a member of the New York State Assembly which were strengthened over his three-year tenure as state comptroller.

DiNapoli began his visit by meeting with Jewish Press managing editor Jerry Greenwald and political reporter Dennis Rapps. He began the conversation by noting the frequently overlooked importance of the comptroller's office, often obfuscated by the large bureaucracy of state government.



Thomas DiNapoli (left) with Jerry Greenwald, managing editor of The Jewish Press.

The comptroller then detailed the tasks undertaken by his office, which is in charge of controlling all funds in NY State, internal auditing, unclaimed funds, and generally serving as the chief fiscal officer in the state. This impacts directly the funding provided by the state to Jewish institutions and organizations.

For many struggling through this difficult economy, the funds supplied by the state are the lifeblood that keeps them afloat. It is therefore essential to have a comptroller both competent, and cognizant of the real life issues that are involved in the flow of government funding.

After recounting the responsibilities of the comptroller, the conversation then moved to DiNapoli's recent actions regarding fund divestment. This was in reference to his announcement that NY State would divest over \$86 million from nine companies currently doing business with Iran and Sudan, and freezing seven others.

In his statement on the decision, he said, "Iran is supporting terrorism, it's trying to become a nuclear power and its president has made public statements that amount to an incitement to commit genocide by calling for the destruction of Israel." The move was hailed by members of the Jewish community and human rights activists worldwide as an exemplary act of boldness by DiNapoli.

The visit ended on a positive note with members of the editorial board thanking DiNapoli for his strong support of Israel, and all the good work that he has done on behalf of NY State and the Jewish community.

I don't have time to do the rest of the year. I enjoyed fun time with other moms, and alone time with my husband. We all benefited from Adam's being in camp."

Of course, all this was possible only because Ali knew that Adam was having the time of his life at Camp Simcha Special. Though he e-mailed a few lines every day, he was far too busy having fun to call. It seemed to Ali that every counselor knew - and loved - her son.

"I called camp during the summer and identified myself as Adam Wolf's mother. A counselor I didn't know, someone who just happened to answer the phone, said, 'We love your son. He's amazing. Adam is so happy here.' I thanked him for taking such good care of Adam and he answered, 'You have it all wrong. It's our joy to take care of Adam. Having your son here is a gift for us.'"

The amazement in Ali's voice comes through over the phone. "This was a young man on the phone, and this is how he feels about volunteering to work with children who have very complex medical needs. It says an awful lot about what Chai Lifeline is and does.

"We have gotten so much from Chai Lifeline. We can't wait to give back to the organization that has made such a difference to Adam and our entire family."

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