

Free Health Fair: A huge success

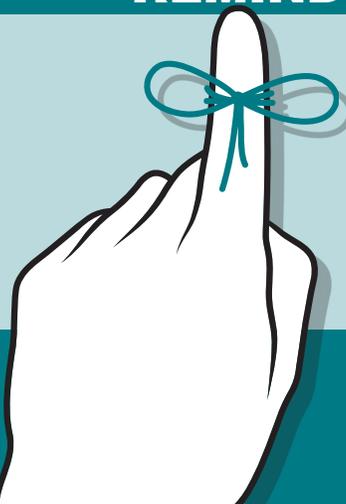
Assemblyman Hikind held a free Health Screening event in conjunction with Maimonides Medical Center on June 16 at the Boro Park Y, allowing men and women from the community to have vital tests conducted all in one convenient location. Hundreds of community members attended the event and several residents were discovered to have dangerously high blood pressure and were sent for *immediate medical attention*. "It's always better to be proactive when it comes to our health," said the Assemblyman, who is planning a similar event in Midwood in April.



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REMINDER: STAR Tax Relief deadline is Dec. 31



Reminding our residents to take advantage of the NY State School Tax Relief Program (STAR) before the Dec. 31 deadline.

Need help with the application?

Contact Assemblyman Hikind's office at 718-853-9616.



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Consumer Affairs: Stop being petty!

Assemblyman Hikind is demanding that the Department of Consumer Affairs cease ticketing small businesses in the community with petty nuisance tickets. After receiving numerous complaints from local merchants, the Assemblyman sent his staff to canvass local businesses to find out what had been occurring with Consumer Affairs tickets and he discovered a number of tickets that were petty and unnecessary.

Earlier this year, Assemblyman Hikind began working with NYC Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio in demanding the resignation of the NYC Consumer Affairs Commissioner following the commissioner's admission that inspectors are "flagged" for writing less than a certain number of tickets. "The DCA should be helping educate businesses on what the laws are—they should be there to support small businesses, which are the lifeblood of our community. Instead, these businesses are being shaken down. I look forward to working with our new mayor to put an end to this type of extortion."

Give tzedakah, but be careful!

We're a community of givers, but unfortunately an occasional person collecting for charity is not exactly who they seem to be. Sadly, there was an incident in Boro Park recently where a woman let the wrong man, who was collecting for tzedakah, into her home. Assemblyman Hikind urges everyone to "Give, but be careful."

Celebrating with Hamaspik

In September, the New York State Hamaspik Association celebrated the grand opening of a beautiful new facility in Boro Park. Assemblyman Hikind was delighted to celebrate with the leaders of the statewide non-profit organization, which represents a network of member agencies that provide essential health and human services with compassionate care and personalized attention for people in need and their families.



Affixing a mezuzah at the new Hamaspik building.

Bringing Justice to Nazi War Criminals

Throughout his career, Assemblyman Hikind, a son of Holocaust survivors, has never abandoned his quest for justice for the victims of the Holocaust. This year, he has vowed to pursue the remaining Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. and see that, once and for all, they cease to enjoy the freedom and rights they denied so many others.

On Sunday, November 10, the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Assemblyman Hikind brought more than 150 yeshiva students along with five Holocaust victims to rally at the front door of convicted Nazi war criminal Jakiw Palij. Palij was identified by the Justice Department as an armed guard who was actively involved in the extermination of 6,000 men, women, and children in the Trawniki and Treblinka labor camps in Poland in November, 1943.

"The idea that someone who participated in 'The Final Solution' can be living here among us is unacceptable," says Assemblyman Hikind. "I will pursue these murderers until this is over."



Rallying in front of Nazi war criminal Jakiw Palij's home in Queens.

A fight club in Boro Park? No, thank you.

Assemblyman Hikind is opposing a proposed “NY City Fight Club” in Boro Park. The group, which sponsors unsanctioned fights, applied for a special variance in the community with the hopes of opening at 4930 20th Ave., Brooklyn, *directly* across the street from a girls’ yeshiva.

“We don’t want this here,” said Assemblyman Hikind. “This is a quiet community centered around family life and educating children. This club can do what it wants, but we don’t want them to do it here in Boro Park.” The Assemblyman is working with Community Board 12 and carefully monitoring the situation.

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Rabbinic Leadership Award

Assemblyman Hikind was delighted to present Rabbi Aron Wajsfeld with the Rabbinic Leadership Award in October at the Boro Park Community Council Breakfast held at the Lipschitz Hall.



Rabbi Yeruchim Silber, Menachem Lubinsky, Isaac Stern, Assemblyman Hikind, Rabbi Wajsfeld, and Ezra Friedlander.

MILLION\$ for Ocean Pkwy safety improvements!

\$6 million was allocated by the New York State Legislature for Ocean Parkway Corridor Walking and Bicycling Safety Improvements. These allocations, which were accelerated thanks to efforts made by Assemblyman Hikind and his colleagues, are part of the NY Works program and supplement the existing State Road and Bridge Capital Plan. Monies will go towards state-of-the-art signage and other improvements meant to protect pedestrians and bicyclists along the span of Ocean Parkway. “These improvements will be truly valuable to our community,” said Assemblyman Hikind. “Everyone from bicyclists to pedestrians will benefit.”

Seeking peace and quiet for residents near Erasmus Field

Following complaints by residents, Assemblyman Hikind called on Chancellor Dennis Walcott of the Department of Education to address a permit granted to a group at Erasmus Field who were disturbing local community members until all hours of the morning. Without consideration for the families that would be disturbed by its action, the DOE had granted a park permit to the International United Soccer League allowing them to play soccer until midnight, nearly every night, until September 1. Not only were parents having a difficult time putting children to bed, some complained that their small children were awoken in a panic by the loud cheers of crowds.

Following Assemblyman Hikind's complaint, the police began monitoring the situation and local residents reported that the group was much quieter. Assemblyman Hikind will continue to monitor the situation at Erasmus Field.

Heating help

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for home heating aid for the coming winter has begun. With high energy prices still a concern, heating assistance is available to low-income New Yorkers. For a HEAP application, visit <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/3421.pdf> or call the NYS HEAP Hotline at 1-800-342-3009.

Holocaust deniers must find new merchants

Unlike in certain European countries, where selling racist and Holocaust-denial materials is illegal, hate literature is protected speech in the United States. However, as he has done for years, Assemblyman Hikind worked with the major credit card companies to educate them and remove their support from numerous haters and Holocaust deniers selling anti-Semitic products (books and videos) in the United States and abroad via websites through credit card sales. Some of the books sold by these organizations include *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*, and *The Rudolf Report* which states, "The alleged gas chambers of Auschwitz could not have existed."

Nachas Health & Family Network health fair for women

Assemblyman Hikind attended the Nachas Health & Family Network health fair for women in October, which offered health screenings for various diseases.



The Assemblyman is pictured surrounded by Simcha Eisenstein, Joshua Silberberg, Dr. Isaac Pinter, and Dov Cohen.