



# Assemblyman **Simcha Eichenstein**



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Update**

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## **Dear Neighbor:**

With spring in the air, and summer fast approaching, we look forward to a season of warmth, sunshine, and renewed hope for the future. There is, in fact, much to be hopeful about. Our communities are thriving, our economy is slowly recovering and we are cautiously optimistic that the worst of the pandemic is behind us.

As your representative in the New York State Assembly, I assure you that I am working tirelessly to address some of the issues that continue to plague our neighborhoods. I am committed to working with my colleagues on real solutions to the problems that we face with practical and necessary legislation that can bring real change. Through hard work and determination, I believe we can continue to achieve success.

As always, my skilled and capable staff and I are prepared to assist you in any way we can. You are always welcome to reach out with your questions, concerns or comments. You can call us at: (718) 853-9616 or send us an email at: EichensteinS@nyassembly.gov

I am honored to have earned your trust and thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you in the State Assembly.

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, 48th District

## **Staten Island School Transportation is a Reality!**

As the school year comes to a close, non-public school parents celebrate the first full year of free busing secured for Staten Island students who attend Brooklyn schools and yeshivas.

Over the past several years, hundreds of Brooklyn families relocated to Staten Island while their children still attend yeshivas and schools in Brooklyn. This presented a transportation challenge to parents and school administrators, as busing expenses were not being funded despite the fact that hundreds of young children are affected on a daily basis.

Assemblyman Michael Cusick, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Senator Simcha Felder recognized the challenge and worked together to obtain the necessary funding to transport these children to their appropriate schools. Now, parents and students who live a considerable distance from their schools can breathe a little easier, knowing that their school busing will be properly funded.

“There is nothing more important than getting our children safely to and from school,” said Senator Simcha Felder. “This program goes a long way in ensuring the safety of all school children.”

“I am delighted that we were able to achieve this significant victory for Staten Island parents and their children,” said Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein. “Like all of New York City’s students, these kids deserve proper school transportation. No child should be denied transportation for the privilege of obtaining an education.”



*Yeshiva administrators thank Assembly Members Cusick and Eichenstein for ensuring that Staten Island busing is a reality*



*Assemblyman Eichenstein speaking at the parent appreciation event for Assemblyman Cusick*

## Inflation is Affecting All of Us



That's precisely why Assemblyman Eichenstein has fought to include, in this year's state budget, the SUSPENSION of state gas taxes to save New Yorkers at the pump, because EVERYONE needs and deserves some relief!

## Assemblyman Eichenstein's Legislation to Disclose Banks That Waive Holocaust Survivor Reparations Fees Passes State Legislature

Legislation introduced by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie requiring the NYS Department of Financial Services to maintain an updated list of banks that agree to waive processing fees for Holocaust survivor reparations payments has passed the State Senate and the State Assembly with overwhelming support. This new legislation would also require the Department of Financial Services to publish and post a list of these banks on their website.

"Our Holocaust survivors are our precious gift," said Assemblyman Eichenstein, "and it is our duty to assist them in any way we can during their twilight years. Bank fees can add up significantly and these elderly survivors shouldn't be charged unnecessarily for payments that are rightfully theirs."



Assemblyman Eichenstein and Senator Myrie discuss their legislation with Mr. Hershel Shifrin, a Holocaust survivor who's reparation transactions are still subject to these fees

## Thousands in Midwood and Boro Park Enjoy FREE Family Pesach Extravanzas, Sponsored by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein

### MIDWOOD



On Tuesday, April 19th, Midwood residents enjoyed an assortment of free rides, activities and entertainment, as well as complimentary snacks.

### BORO PARK



On Wednesday, April 20th, Boro Park residents enjoyed a wide range of free rides and inflatables as well as a petting zoo, pony rides, entertainment, including a magic show, and so much more.

"My goal was to provide an opportunity for our local residents to enjoy a first-class extravaganza without having to spend a dime," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "Judging by the big smiles on the faces of the thousands of children who attended, there's no doubt that both of these events were hugely successful."

## New York State Police Officers Memorial Remembrance Ceremony

Honoring and Remembering the 49 Police Officers Who Died in the Line of Duty



Assemblyman Eichenstein paying respects to the 49 heroic police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice after suffering injuries sustained on duty



Assemblyman Eichenstein with NYPD Commissioner Keechant L. Sewell following the ceremonies

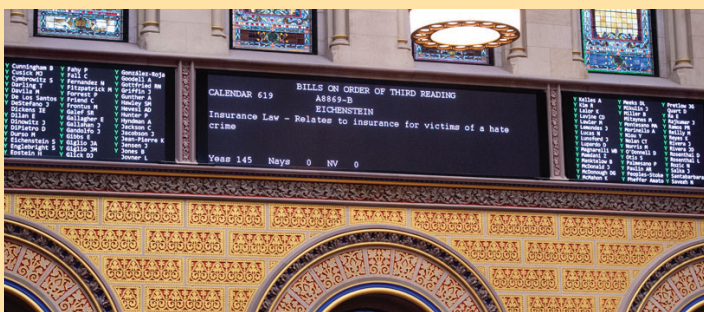
## Assemblyman Eichenstein and Attorney General Letitia James Warn Car Wash Establishments Against Pre-Passover Discrimination

After hearing reports that car wash operators raised their prices in a discriminatory manner by as much as 50% before Passover for Orthodox Jewish customers only, Assemblyman Eichenstein brought the matter to the attention of Attorney General James, who accordingly issued an official consumer alert forbidding these establishments from partaking in these discriminatory practices.



“The Passover season is expensive enough,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “I thank Attorney General Letitia James for issuing this pre-season warning to car wash establishments ensuring that this discriminatory practice does not continue.”

## Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein's Hate Crime Insurance Bill Passes the State Assembly



New legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and State Senator Anna Kaplan would prohibit insurance companies from canceling or raising their premiums for damages to individuals, religious organizations, or educational institutions that were incurred due to hate crimes.

“Victims of hate crimes should not be victimized a second time due to the decision of their insurers to refuse to renew their policies or increase their premiums,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “This legislation would ensure that their coverage will remain intact.”

## Free Immigration Counseling at Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein's District Office for Those in Need of Legal Immigration Guidance.



## Assemblyman Eichenstein Participates in the Unveiling of a Tribute to the Late Mr. Abe Schumer, Father of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, at HASC Center.

This meaningful tribute demonstrates Senator Schumer's friendship and commitment to the special needs population.



## Assemblyman Eichenstein Addresses Boro Park Jewish Community Council's Board Meeting for a Collaborative and Productive Conversation on the Important Issues Affecting our Neighborhoods.



## Senator Felder and Assemblyman Eichenstein at an Incredible and Uplifting Taikid Family Purim Festival with Special Individuals and Their Families.



## The Kindest New Yorkers Can Be Found Right Here in the 48th Assembly District!



Boro Park resident returns wallet with \$1,400 cash to Bronx resident in goodwill gesture

## Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein's Historic CDPAP Legislation Enacted into Law

In a monumental win for vulnerable New Yorkers and their caregivers, Bill #A9457, sponsored by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein has been included in the 2023 FY state budget.

The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) is a NYS Medicaid program that allows eligible individuals to select their own caregivers. The program allows for the consumer to hire a family member or friend as their caregiver, eliminating the potential stress of having strangers serve as a caregiver at the consumer's home.

Over four years ago, the NYS Department of Health attempted to limit the number of fiscal intermediaries eligible to provide this service, which would have created havoc for our most vulnerable population. After a long-fought battle to save this program without major interrupted service or inconvenience for our seniors, Assemblyman Eichenstein's proposed legislation was enacted into law with its inclusion in the state budget.

“Covid-19 has shown us that the need for quality home care services is more important than ever,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “Now is not the time to exclude fiscal intermediaries that have been servicing our vulnerable populations.”



Assemblyman Eichenstein serves as Grand Marshal at the 5th Annual Makor Run Walk



Assemblyman Eichenstein addresses the Ohel Gala in support of its many vital programs and services



Assemblyman Eichenstein joins with Masbia Relief in resettling Chasidic Ukrainian refugees



Assemblyman Eichenstein volunteers at Chasdei Lev Passover Distribution which helps to provide educators with their Pesach necessities



Israel Consul General, Ambassador Asaf Zamir, in Albany to celebrate Israel's 74th Independence with Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz and Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein



Assemblyman Eichenstein teaches a twelfth grade class at FDR High School about the legislative process in Albany

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**Assemblyman Eichenstein and  
Councilman Yeger Address the Newly  
Graduated Officers of the 70th Precinct**



**Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Boro  
Park JCC Partner to Provide Free Car Seats**



Assemblyman Eichenstein's Administrative Director, Mr. Sol Rieger, assists constituents with the installation of car seats