



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein



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Dear Neighbor:

With the summer behind us, we turn our attention to the upcoming fall and winter seasons. Families are back home from vacation, kids have returned to school, and everyone is gearing up for the new year.

As your representative in the New York State Assembly, I can assure you that I am working tirelessly to address the issues that continue to affect our neighborhoods. During this legislative session, I have successfully passed important legislation which I am confident will benefit our communities in many ways. Over the past few weeks, Governor Hochul has signed many of my bills into law. You can read about it in these pages.

It's an honor and privilege for me to represent you in the New York State Assembly and I'm both humbled and proud to know that you trust me with this very special responsibility. I am continuously working on your behalf, fighting for all my constituents on a daily basis, and I am taking this opportunity to report some of the progress that we have made.

As always, my dedicated staff is available 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 an email to: EichensteinS@nyassembly.gov

Once again, 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

GOVERNOR HOCHUL SIGNS INTO LAW ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN'S LEGISLATION PROTECTING HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law multiple bills honoring and supporting Holocaust survivors in New York State. This includes legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie which will require the state's Department of Financial Services to publish and annually update a list of banks which have agreed to waive their transaction fees for Holocaust reparation payments. This will ensure that our treasured survivors, many of whom unfortunately live in poverty, are able to avoid paying corporate transaction fees, which can range from \$15 to \$40 per transaction.

"Our Holocaust survivors are a precious gift and it is incumbent upon us to assist them in any way we can," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "This bill will ensure that survivors are aware of which banks are waiving fees on reparations payments."

Assemblyman Eichenstein's district includes the largest number of Holocaust survivors in the nation and he is keenly attuned to their needs. "Our elderly survivors who have endured so much should not be charged corporate transaction fees for payments that are rightfully theirs," he said. "They deserve better."



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein Speaking at Governor Hochul's Bill Signing Ceremony



Governor Kathy Hochul Signs Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein's Legislation Protecting Holocaust Survivors

GREAT NEWS FOR HATZOLAH MEMBERS IN NEW YORK CITY!



Assemblyman Eichenstein engaging with Hatzolah volunteers

Legislation sponsored by Senator Simcha Felder and Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, which has been signed into law, will allow Hatzolah members and medical first responders to respond more effectively during emergencies, no longer having to worry about incurring traffic violations and fines as they rush to save lives.

When responding to life-threatening emergencies, time is of the essence and every minute counts. Yet Hatzolah members were being slapped with unjust traffic violations while rushing to patients. Now they will be exempt from monetary penalties while responding to an emergency medical call.

"This is a huge win for Hatzolah members as well as all medical first responders," said Assemblyman Eichenstein, who sponsored this legislation in the State Assembly. "Now, our heroic Hatzolah volunteers can reach patients quickly and efficiently without having to be concerned about potential traffic violations. When it comes to saving a life, every second counts."

"Hatzolah is grateful to our special and caring representatives in Albany for recognizing this issue that affects their constituents and then following up with all the necessary parties and carrying through to enact positive legislation to answer the need," said Yehiel Kalish, CEO of Hatzolah. "It's not just that Assemblyman Eichenstein and Senator Felder care. They care and they act effectively!"

GOVERNOR HOCHUL SIGNS INTO LAW ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN'S LEGISLATION ALLOWING TWO SNAP CARDS PER FAMILY

A new law signed by the governor, sponsored by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Senator Julia Salazar, will make it more convenient for families with two heads-of-household to use their SNAP benefits. The SNAP program will now be required to make two electronic benefits cards available for each household with more than one parent or guardian residing in the home.

"It's difficult enough when families who receive SNAP benefits must live under the constant pressure of feeding their children," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "Now they will no longer have to endure the inconvenience of sharing a card between two heads-of-household. This commonsense legislation is a simple, effective, and practical solution to a frustrating and senseless problem."



ASSEMBLYMAN EICHENSTEIN AND COUNCILMAN YEGER VISIT CAMP HASC AND CAMP KAYLIE

Summer camp is a wonderful experience for all children, including individuals with special needs. Assemblyman Eichenstein was joined by Councilman Kalman Yeger in visiting both Camp HASC and Camp Kaylie during the summer to show support for special needs children and the institutions that provide them with care.

"Our visit to Camp HASC and Camp Kaylie was an inspiring and uplifting experience," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "Every child, no matter their ability, deserves a memorable and incredible summer experience which is only possible thanks to the dedicated staff at these unique camp programs."



Pizza Day at Camp Kaylie



Campers Greeting Assemblyman Eichenstein



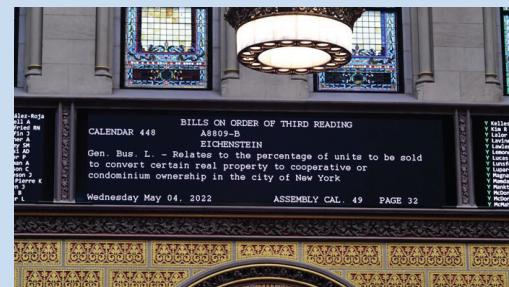
At Camp HASC - "The Happiest Place On Earth"

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN'S NEW CONDO BILL EASING RESTRICTIONS ON CONVERSIONS PASSES THE STATE LEGISLATURE

New legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Eichenstein and Senator Andrew Gounardes will make it easier for tenants and apartment dwellers to purchase their homes and will allow small buildings to convert to cooperative or condominium ownership with fewer restrictions.

This new legislation will permit buildings with five or fewer units to convert into co-ops or condos when just fifteen percent of the owners or tenants have agreed to do so. This will have a positive effect on the local real estate market for both landlords and tenants and will encourage landlords to maintain and improve their apartments.

"The current law posed too many restrictions on apartment dwellers and owners of buildings with five units or less," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "In my district and elsewhere, this new legislation will create opportunities for hardworking New Yorkers to buy or sell their homes easily. It's a win-win for everyone involved."



NYS Assembly Voting on Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein's Legislation

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN'S HATE CRIME INSURANCE BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE

New legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and 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 their insurer's decision refusing to renew their policies or increasing their premiums," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "This legislation would ensure that their coverage remains intact."



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein on the scene of a recent hate crime incident with NYPD personnel

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN SUPPORTS NYPD'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

The NYPD National Night Out Against Crime is an annual event that promotes positive relationships between communities and police to help make our neighborhoods safer. Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein attended events held at the 66th and 70th precincts in his district. These events included entertainment and refreshments for kids as well as important information on crime prevention. "Now more than ever, we must show our appreciation and support to our local police officers, who are dedicated to keeping our communities safe," said Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein.



66th Precinct



70th Precinct

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN VOTES NO ON LEGISLATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE SPEED CAMERAS TO OPERATE 24/7 ACROSS THE CITY

"As far as I am concerned, this is all about generating revenue," said Assemblyman Eichenstein during the vote on the Assembly Floor. Assemblyman Eichenstein further pointed out that police officers and speed bumps are more effective as deterrents against speeding.



ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN HONORED WITH THE MET COUNCIL HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS ADVOCACY AWARD



Assemblyman Eichenstein, who is a fierce advocate for Holocaust survivors in his district and beyond, thanked Met Council CEO David Greenfield and its leadership for their tireless service on behalf of New Yorkers living in poverty, as well as their efforts in fighting hate and promoting kindness.

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein Engages With Midwood Seniors



Assemblyman Eichenstein engages with local seniors about the pressing issues facing our neighborhoods at the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island's Midwood Older Adult Center.



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein with Principal Melanie Katz at the FDR High School Culture Fest



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Councilman Kalman Yeger participate in the annual Shomrim Safety Patrol Bike Registration



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein thanks the devoted volunteers at the annual Shomrim Appreciation Ceremony



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein joins the Boro Park Jewish Community Council in presenting an award to Senator Simcha Felder

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Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein addressing the crowd at the BPJCC Senior Health Expo



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein speaking to our vibrant senior citizens at the Young Israel Senior Services of Midwood