



# Assemblyman **Simcha Eichenstein**



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## Dear Neighbor,

As I look out upon 13th Avenue from the window of my district office, I see a community that I am proud to represent. I see neighbors going about their daily lives, families building their futures, and multiple institutions that give our neighborhood its unique character. Each of you is an integral part of this vibrant district and it is a distinct privilege to serve as your voice in the New York State Assembly.

I remain deeply committed to working hard on your behalf every single day. That means focusing on the local issues that impact the quality of our lives, while also addressing the broader challenges that affect our community and our state as a whole.

New York is at its best when it is guided by respect of all cultures and traditions, refusing to tolerate hate in any form. Now more than ever, I will continue to stand strong against antisemitism and discrimination to ensure that every New Yorker feels safe and secure.

My office is here to serve you directly. My dedicated staff works tirelessly to help constituents resolve personal matters involving government agencies and local services. Assisting you and advocating for you is at the heart of our mission.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with your questions, concerns, or comments. Your feedback really matters, and staying connected helps ensure that my work reflects the needs and values of our community.

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to represent you. Together, we can make this a better neighborhood for all.

Warm regards,

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein  
48th District

## **KOHANIM CAN NOW TRAVEL ON ROADS ALONG CEMETERIES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BORO PARK AND MIDWOOD**



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Rabbi Yitzchok Stein Shita, Rov and Rosh Bais Din of Foltichen, on site during tree trimming.

Recently, overhanging branches along streets bordering Washington Cemetery and Greenwood Cemetery, located on the outskirts of Boro Park and Midwood, have prevented Kohanim from traveling along these roads. Although they were trimmed in past years, the branches have regrown, forcing Kohanim to use alternate routes because of the halachic issue of tumah.

Due to the continued advocacy of Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, and under the strict guidance of Rabbi Yitzchok Stein Shlita, Supervisor of Va'ad Mishmeres Kahuna, Rov and Rosh Bais Din of Foltichen, we are pleased to announce that the trees have been trimmed and Kohanim will now be able to travel on the following street lanes along the cemeteries once again:

### **Greenwood Cemetery**

#### **Washington Cemetery**

**Bay Parkway** between East 3rd Street and McDonald Avenue along the cemetery side:  
Outside lane only

**Bay Parkway** between McDonald Avenue and 57th Street:  
Outside lanes in both directions

**20th Avenue** between 54th and 57th Streets:  
Travel lanes in both directions only (not parking lanes or sidewalk)

**Ocean Parkway** between Avenue J and Avenue L:  
Southbound service lane

**McDonald Avenue** between 20th Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway:  
Both driving lanes along the cemetery (not parking lane)

**Fort Hamilton Parkway** between McDonald Avenue and 37th Street:  
Both lanes

Rabbi Stein and Assemblyman Eichenstein extend their gratitude to all those who helped resolve these issues, including Rabbi Wolf Elya Meyer, Rabbi Chaim Moshe Rokach, the NYC Parks Department, and the leadership of Greenwood and Washington Cemeteries. Travel along these routes is now more convenient and worry-free for Kohanim.

# ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN CELEBRATES NEW PLAYGROUND AT LOCAL SCHOOL



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein visited SEEALL Academy (PS/IS 180) to celebrate the opening of its new playground. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, students and staff expressed their excitement about the new amenity. Located between 56th and 57th Streets, and just off 16th Avenue, the playground will benefit both students and residents of the neighborhood. Assemblyman Eichenstein expresses his appreciation to school leadership for its collaboration in accommodating the community by providing public access to the playground on weekends, beginning at 8 AM throughout the year. Closing hours will vary, with shorter hours during the winter and extended hours during the summer.



## OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Fall: Weekends 8 am-5 pm  
 Winter: Weekends 8 am-4 pm  
 Spring: Weekends 8 am-5 pm  
 Summer: Weekends 8 am-7 pm



66th Precinct



70th Precinct

At the annual National Night Out, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein joined hundreds of local residents in expressing appreciation to local law enforcement officers who work tirelessly to keep us safe and secure throughout the year.



Always looking for opportunities to meet and engage with constituents, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein hosted pop-up tables throughout the summer months on Coney Island Avenue and Avenue L in Midwood. Local residents stopped by to introduce themselves, share their thoughts, and pick up **free** items.



After Brooklyn Chaveirim member Yechiel Kraut bravely entered a Boro Park building to extinguish a fire, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein presented him with a citation of honor during a brief ceremony, recognizing his selfless courage and heroic action.

# WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL?

GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL SIGNS INTO LAW LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN AND SENATOR SAM SUTTON TO END FRIDAY EVENING TICKET BLITZES



Letter from six Jewish community councils expressing strong support for this legislation and urging Governor Kathy Hochul to sign it into law.



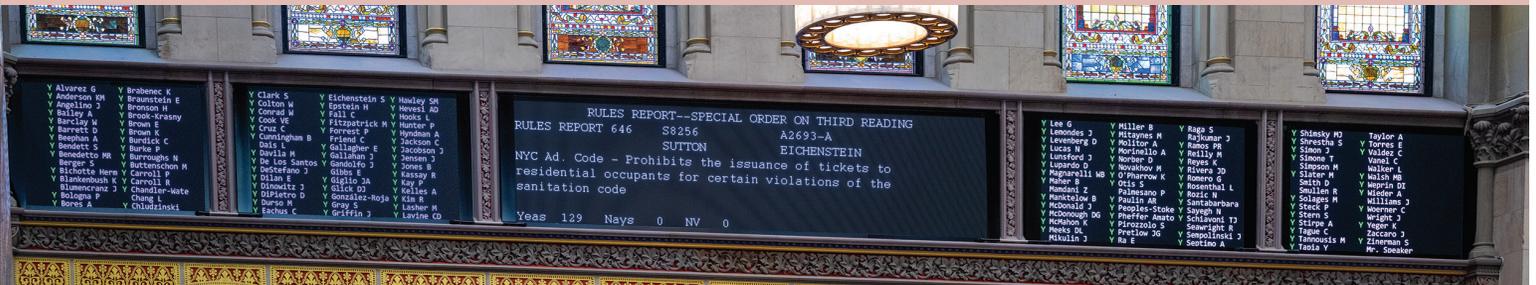
Letter from four Brooklyn community boards urging Governor Kathy Hochul to sign this legislation.

After months of negotiations, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul recently signed an important bill sponsored by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and Senator Sam Sutton (**A2693/S8256**) which will restrict Department of Sanitation officers from issuing tickets on Friday afternoons to residents who place their trash on the curb from 3:00 PM and on. The legislation represents a triumph for Sabbath-observant New Yorkers in areas where sanitation pickup occurs on Saturdays.

A little over a year ago, the NYC Department of Sanitation enacted a rule requiring residents to place their trash on the curb after 8:00 PM, which ignored the needs of religious New Yorkers who are prohibited from handling trash during the Sabbath. As a result, ticket blitzes in several neighborhoods were common and numerous residents were issued hefty fines simply for observing their faith.

After the Adams administration did not respond to Assemblyman Eichenstein and Senator Sutton's requests to exempt Sabbath observers from this regulation, this new bill passed the State Legislature overwhelmingly, in both the State Senate and Assembly. Four local community boards in Brooklyn as well as leaders of six local Jewish community councils penned a letter to the Governor, urging her to sign the bill.

The bill was eventually signed by the Governor, including a chapter amendment requiring that local community boards adopt a resolution that would allow waste to be set out at 3:00 PM on Fridays in their neighborhoods. "This legislation represents a hard-won victory for religious New Yorkers who simply wish to observe their faith and avoid being ticketed," said Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein. "We successfully fought City Hall on this important issue and as a result, residents of neighborhoods that opt in can breathe easier, knowing that they will not be fined on Fridays for placing their trash on the curb early. I thank Senator Sutton for partnering with me in this endeavor."



Voting on Assemblyman Eichenstein's legislation on the Assembly floor.

## Save Money On Your Property Taxes!

Many New York City homeowners are eligible for a property tax discount. Some reductions are as high as 50%! Check the chart below to see whether you qualify for any of the programs. Make sure to apply before the March 15th deadline to receive the discount starting with your July tax bill.

	1 Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	1 A Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)	2 Veterans Exemption	3 Disabled Crime Victim and Good Samaritan Exemption	4 Clergy Exemption
ELIGIBILITY	Available to owners of houses, co-ops, and condos who are 65+ with annual income of \$58,399 or less.	Available to disabled owners of houses, co-ops, and condos with annual income of \$58,399 or less.	Available to certain veteran owners of houses, co-ops and condos, their unremarried surviving spouses and Gold Star parents.	Crime victims and those injured trying to prevent crime or assist a victim. Civilians only. Owner must have modified home to accommodate disability.	Available to members of the clergy or their unremarried surviving spouses that own houses or condos in NYS.
BENEFIT	Reduces assessed value up to 50%.	Reduces assessed value up to 50%.	Level of benefit varies.	Compensation for cost of renovations to accommodate disability.	Reduces assessed value of home by \$1,500. Tax savings: approximately \$256/year
TO APPLY	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/sche">www.nyc.gov/sche</a>	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/dhe">www.nyc.gov/dhe</a>	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption">www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption</a>	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption">www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption</a>	Complete an application, available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption">www.nyc.gov/ownerexemption</a>
DEADLINE	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 15

To apply for STAR or Enhanced STAR credit, visit [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) and search "Homeowner Benefit Portal" or call (518) 457-2036.



Assemblyman  
**Simcha Eichenstein**  
will be holding a  
**FREE E-WASTE EVENT**

**What materials can be dropped off?**



**ITEMS THAT YOU CAN BRING:**  
TVs, monitors, computers, laptops, printers, scanners, fax machines, keyboards, mice, VCRs, DVRs, DVD players, small servers, hard drives, satellite boxes, tablets, e-readers, mobile phones, MP3 players, and video game consoles.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:**  
Air conditioners, appliances, batteries, light bulbs, and ballasts.

**DATE:**  
**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**LOCATION:**  
Assemblyman Eichenstein's District Office  
1310 48<sup>th</sup> Street

For more information on this free event or any other community concern, please contact the office of Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein at 718-853-9616.



**OATH@Office**  
Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings



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**OATH staff will be at the District Office to:**

- Answer questions about summonses
- Answer questions about the hearing process
- Check on the status of summonses
- Help people understand the rules about how a summons can be responded to
- Help people submit online defenses to summonses
- Help people reschedule upcoming hearings or request new hearings after missed hearing dates
- Help people understand the process and what is necessary after the hearing

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**District Office**

1310 48<sup>th</sup> St, Brooklyn, NY 11219

*OATH staff will be at the district office to assist and educate people about what to do if they have received a summons. Staff will also be able to check and determine if someone has an outstanding summons and advise as to their options on how to proceed. OATH will also provide materials for individuals on remote hearings and other free resources provided by OATH.*

For more information on these events or any other community concern.  
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**ARE YOU FRUSTRATED WITH A BUREAUCRATIC AGENCY?  
OUR DISTRICT OFFICE IS HERE TO HELP YOU**

**Constituent case 1:**

*Here are some ways we recently helped constituents overcome the bureaucratic red tape:*

**Constituent case 2:**

When Mrs. T fell behind on more than \$10,000 in taxes in 2023, a multi-year payment plan was put in place to help her manage the debt. Unfortunately, she defaulted on the installments and the agreement was cancelled, leaving her overwhelmed and facing mounting financial pressure.

In her distress, Mrs. T reached out to the Office of Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein. Recognizing both her financial hardship and her anxiety, the Assemblyman's staff immediately stepped in, calming her nerves while advocating on her behalf with the State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Thanks to their intervention, the Department agreed to grant Mrs. T a new payment plan with significantly reduced monthly payments that she could realistically afford. Today she is back on track, meeting her obligations with peace of mind, free from the burden of crushing debt and sleepless nights.

Mr. and Mrs. M, an elderly couple enjoying their golden years in a quiet two-family home on a Brooklyn street, were recently thrust into an unexpected and challenging situation. Due to a technical error, their electricity was inexplicably shut off by Con Edison.

In closing an account on the third floor of their building, the utility company mistakenly disconnected power to the M family's apartment as well. Despite numerous urgent phone calls from Mr. M and concerned family members, the error went uncorrected, leaving the couple without electricity for an entire week.

With no resolution in sight, the family turned to the Office of Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein. His staff promptly contacted Con Edison, clearly describing the hardship this elderly couple had endured. Con Edison acknowledged the error, restored service, and issued an apology.

Today, Mr. and Mrs. M are once again enjoying the comfort, peace, and tranquility of having electricity in their home.