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A Message from the President

When someone mentions the name Achiezer, so many things come to mind. Because Achiezer is an all-encompassing organization.

Each of our dedicated volunteers works tirelessly to come through for our community members, whatever their needs may be. At any time, in any place, no matter what the situation, Achiezer is there. So many problems are resolved by our volunteers. By simply dialing one phone number, so many lives are saved. So much peace of mind is secured.

All of Achiezer's tremendous work deserves to make headlines. But yet, the beauty of this organization is that it shies from the public eye, quietly serving the public instead.

Please enjoy this opportunity and take a few minutes to glimpse some of the highlights of Achiezer's braver moments. As you rifle through these pages, note the scope of Achiezer's initiatives, the dedication of its members and its continual transformation as an organization for the community, by the community.

The theme of our dinner, both this past year and for the year ahead is **We Are ALL Achiezer**. We believe it is self-explanatory and self-evident.

Boruch Ber Bender

President,
Achiezer Community Resource Center

A Day at Achiezer



Crises don't allow themselves to be conveniently scheduled between the hours of 9 AM – 5 PM.

These are just some of the matters that Achiezer works around the clock to coordinate on behalf of our community.



9:17 AM: A mother calls Achiezer about an emergency dental referral for her son.



10:02 AM: Eli Weiss blasts a text message to the community trying to recruit a volunteer to bring a piece of specialty equipment to a homebound elderly woman.



11:18 AM: Elke Rubin finishes compiling a list of medical referrals to be coordinated as dozens of requests came in overnight.



11:41 AM: Rabbi Bender receives a call to coordinate a burial for a *meis mitzvah*, to ensure that he has a respectful *kevruras yisrael*.



12:34 PM: Sruly Miller of the Health Insurance Department receives the 60th phone call of the week from someone inquiring about their health insurance plan.



2:10 PM: Achiezer coordinates for a handyman to provide pro bono plumbing for a burst pipe in a basement apartment.



2:59 PM: Dr. Brucha Lowinger fields the 13th mental health referral call of the day.



3:08 PM: A family without sufficient funds to put food on their table calls Esther Novak; within 1 hour they receive a gift card, courtesy of Gourmet Glatt.



4:31 PM: Aliza Wartelsky has her 6th meeting of the day with a family to discuss their financial management plan.



7:47 PM: Dr. Brucha Lowinger receives a call about a psychiatric emergency. She immediately jumps on the case to secure the right help needed.



9:00 PM: Although Achiezer's office officially closed four hours ago, its Urgent Line staff is prepared for whatever else the night may bring.

New Initiative!

When someone passes away suddenly, the family is left to grapple with their tragedy. The last thing they need to is to compound their stress by attempting to rapidly secure resources to cover the costs associated with the funeral and burial of their family member.



R' Phillip
Jaroslawicz, A"H

With this in mind, Achiezer is introducing the **Od Yosef Chai initiative** in memory of **Reb Yosef** (Phillip) ben Menachem Mendel **Jaroslawicz** A"H, a man who dedicated his entire life to performing chesed for others in the most discreet and dignified manner. This program will help families gain direct access to funds that will immediately cover costs in the aftermath of their tragedy. Families will be able to use this revolving loan fund to pay for funeral arrangements and other required expenses and then repay them at a later date, once they are more composed. [A](#)



Achiezer extends a heartfelt thank you to **Yehuda Cohen** and **Askan.org** for the *chesed-shel-emes* they perform on behalf of the *meisim* in the community.

The Yehi Zichro Boruch Meis Mitzvah Fund

In the aftermath of the passing of their son **Boruch Tzvi A"H**, Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Drebin recognized a need in the community. They joined together with Achiezer to provide funds for families who have difficulty procuring money for the various costs that arise.

The **Yehi Zichro Boruch Meis Mitzvah Fund** will place pushkas in *shiva* houses around the community. In this way, those coming to participate in the tremendous *mitzvah* of *nichum aveilim* will also have the opportunity to donate tzedaka and support meis *mitzvah*. [A](#)

Easing the Grief

"When someone passes away, there's nothing in our power which we can do to bring the person back.

All we can do is personally make sure that all the details are taken care of, chaos is removed, and the family receives the support they need in their time of grief."

– Rabbi Boruch Ber Bender

Uniting Together to Heed Achiezer's Call

A few short months ago, on October 17th, Achiezer, together with the White Shul of Far Rockaway, sent out a call encouraging the community to unite in an evening of tefilla and inspiration in light of the rapidly deteriorating situation in Eretz Yisrael.

Little did Achiezer know that the turnout would be far greater than it had imagined.

That Motzei Shabbos, **almost 2,000 people** joined together at the White Shul to storm down the gates of heaven and pray for the safety of our fellow brothers and sisters. Achiezer was humbled and awed by the sheer number of people who responded in this tremendous display of unity.

After poignant opening remarks by Rabbi Eytan Feiner, Rav of The White Shul, the crowd was zoche to hear divrei chizuk and inspiration from Rabbi Uri Orlian, Rav of Congregation Shaaray Tefilla.

The evening culminated in a special address from Rabbi Moshe Tuvia Lief, Morah D'asrah of Agudas Yisroel Bais Binyomin and then with the recitation of perakim of tehillim, led by various community Rabbonim and Roshei Yeshiva.

The Tehillim asifa was a sight to see and an inspiration to all. It served as a sign of the incredible impact we can make when we join together for a cause. *A*

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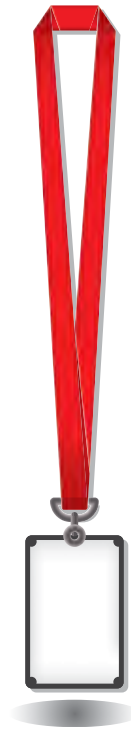


Elder Care Plus Conference, 2015



"In the Jewish world one of our greatest mandates is to care for loved ones in the proper way; for this reason, the ElderCare event has become a must."

— Rabbi Boruch Ber Bender



Often, caregivers feel overwhelmed when juggling the various needs of their loved ones, and navigating through the maze of available resources. Many have expressed the desire for one venue in which to learn about all of the latest innovations, products and services that are useful to the elderly.

Meet the ElderCare Plus Conference, 2015.

Initiated by Achiezer, in response to a great demand in the community, this expo has been one of Achiezer's most successful programs, attracting hundreds of caregivers in the New York area.

This year's ElderCare Plus Conference and Vendor Expo Showcase was held on Sunday, November 8th at the New York LaGuardia Airport Marriott.

In attendance were vendors and service providers who advised and guided participants on a plethora of elder related issues, including financial planning, home health agencies, Medicaid and therapy, among many others. This event gave caregivers access to the top resources around, together under one roof.

With needs ever evolving, information constantly changing and roles suddenly progressing through the various stages of caregiving, ElderCare has become a once-a-year "can't miss event" for the Jewish caregiver. [A](#)



Achiezer: I Am My Brother's Keeper

by Sandy Eller

An excerpt from
the Jewish Press



Achiezer's inaugural ElderCare conference was such a success that it became an annual event, offering workshops, sessions and a large number of vendors.

Chazal tell us that G-d sends the cure before He sends a plague. In our community, that cure is Achiezer.

Living in a generation where baby boomers are entering their golden years, Achiezer has received a large volume of calls from those concerned about an aging loved one, illustrating the need for a forum to address eldercare.

"People realized they had to think ahead," said Rabbi Bender. "They needed to make sure they had the right insurance. They wanted to know how to plan their finances and to know the difference between Medicare and Medicaid. We would get questions like 'Does my mother have dementia or did she just lose her glasses?'"

Achiezer's inaugural ElderCare conference was such a success that it became an annual event, offering workshops, sessions and a large number of vendors. The event grew to 400 people in 2014. This year's third annual conference was moved to a larger venue to accommodate attendees from Boro Park, Williamsburg and Monsey.

"We brought everything under one roof," said Rabbi Bender. "We had physical therapists, neurologists, rabbonim speaking about hospice care, representatives of nursing homes, financial planners and estate planners. In one day people were able to meet representatives of five different homes, learn about dementia, have lunch, catch a few sessions and be out of there by 5 PM with a tremendous amount of knowledge and information. In the Jewish world one of our greatest mandates is to care for loved ones in the proper way; for this reason, the ElderCare event has become a must." [A](#)

Building Upon Our Success

A One-Stop Shop Servicing those with Special Needs

A few short weeks ago, a meeting took place between Achiezer staff, including Dr. Brucha Lowinger, together with Mr. Joel Kaplan, the director of On Our Way Learning Center, and several parents of special needs children.

The agenda at this meeting was the launch of a new initiative to bring the special needs agenda to the forefront of the community in a way that's never been done before; providing a whole new level of support for families affected by special needs.

Often times, it takes many years of searching before people find the specific service that they need.

Building upon the resounding success and tremendous positive feedback we have received on our ElderCare Conference, Achiezer will be introducing a special needs conference and vendor expo to fill the void in special needs resources available in our community.

By bringing all the relevant resources together in one room, from two-year-olds requiring OT services, to fourteen-year-olds who need specialized schooling, to adults who need in-home care, this conference promises to offer insight, educate and direct caregivers to necessary resources. It will also be an opportunity for families to connect and share their thoughts with others experiencing similar situations.

Many people have already eagerly expressed their enthusiasm, stating that this exciting and innovative program fills this gap in a revolutionary way. In fact, people from communities as far as Lakewood and Pittsburgh have already inquired about it.

We eagerly anticipate introducing this momentous event to our community, more details to follow! [A](#)

Among the resources that will be available:

- **Education**
- **Camps**
- **Extra-Curricular/Respite**
- **Family Resources**
- **Legal/Insurance/District Services Advocacy (DSA)**

At a recent Achiezer board meeting. Achiezer's board comprises of members from every part of our community from Bayswater and Far Rockaway and across each of the Five Towns.



Our Financial Management Program

Helping regular families get back on their feet.

Three years ago, Achiezer promised to start a program to help ease families' financial burdens. Esther Novak envisioned a plan that would provide lasting and wholesome solutions.

Today, this undertaking is now moving ahead in full force. Our Financial Management Program, spearheaded by Mrs. Aliza Wartelsky and Mrs. Stacey Zrihen, has already changed the lives of more than 140 families.

This initiative was designed to help families find long-term financial solutions. Not just for people who are in debt, this endeavor is geared towards helping regular families undergoing financial difficulties. Our Financial Management Program accomplishes this by addressing the core causes of the family's financial instability.

After an initial call to assess the applicant's financial challenges, each family is paired with a financial consultant who will best suit their needs. Our consultants take the utmost care to ensure confidentiality, helping our families gain peace of mind and preserve their personal dignity. In this manner, they

help applicants gain the requisite skills they need to get back on their own feet, rather than provide quick solutions that will be ineffective long-term.

Over the past number of months, many newlyweds looking for advice on how to start off on the proper financial footing, as well as prospective retirees who want to leave the workforce in a fiscally responsible way, have sought advice from the Financial Management Program. [A](#)

Looking for financial advice?

Please contact Aliza Wartelsky

Awartelsky@Achiezer.org • 516-791-4444 x112



How the Financial Management Program Works:

Achiezer comes through for families facing financial difficulty and helps them get back on their feet by:

- **Assisting with job placement.**
- **Creating a new budget to suit each individual family's lifestyle.**
- **Connecting families with debt negotiation lawyers.**
- **Working closely with tuition committees at numerous schools**

A Glance at Achiezer's Job Board

Achiezer has established a job board to connect people with potential employers.

By simply clicking a link on Achiezer's website, employers can submit job opportunities, and potential employees can upload their resumes.

Achiezer's job board has already helped many advance in their career paths, affording financial security and consistency.

If you're a professional looking to hire or you're seeking a new employment opportunity, please contact:

Elke Rubin: Erubin@Achiezer.org • 516-791-4444 x105

You can submit your resume or post job opportunities at Achiezer.org/jobs.



Achiezer salutes the late Police Officer Randolph Holder of Far Rockaway for his incredible work as a true hero of the NYPD.

We are pained by his death and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family.

Thanks to Moshe Ratner and Yoeli Steinberg of Gourmet Glatt!

By distributing shopping cards to struggling families, this renowned supermarket gives graciously, allowing people to shop for their groceries with dignity.



An Exclusive Interview with Dr. Hylton Lightman, MD

*Tell us a little bit about
your background.*

I was born in South Africa and graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand's School of Medicine. I completed my internship in Internal Medicine and Surgery at the Johannesburg General Hospital, following which I began a private general practice.

I also served two years in the South African army where I provided medical services in the most adverse conditions. I then spent three months in Namibia working with troops and then looking after the local population in a German missionary hospital. None of these people had ever seen a Jewish person before, let alone one wearing a yarmulke.

During the latter part of my army service, I began a pediatric residency program where I diagnosed and treated rare infectious diseases, malnutrition, as well as first and third world diseases. Every encounter prepared me for working and interacting with the spectrum of humanity in America.

*What did you do upon
coming to America?*

I did a one year residency in pediatrics at North Shore University Hospital, and then completed a fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. In addition, I ran the Allergy and Immunology division at Queens General Hospital. In response to many patients' requests, I opened a private practice called Total Family Care (TFC) in Far Rockaway in December 1987.



Table Talk



*Tomchei Shabbos—Yad Yeshaya annual breakfast.
L-R: Moshe Lamm, Dr. Hylton Lightman, Baruch Glaubach,
Rabbi Zalman Wolowik, Moshe Wolfson*



What are your thoughts on the chesed organizations of this community?

I come from a Litvish/Yekkish community that sets a platinum standard in organization and chesed. Nonetheless, it has been remarkable to see the growth of chesed and caring in the Five Towns/Far Rockaway area. It's a privilege and pleasure to work with Achiezer, Bikur Cholim, Hatzalah, Tomchei Shabbos, Davis Memorial Fund, and the other wonderful organizations in our community.

What was your first interaction with Achiezer?

Rabbi Boruch Ber Bender came to my office over six years ago to discuss establishing Achiezer as he was "hatching" the organization and to solicit my input.

And what happened from there?

Achiezer is a growing organization, poised to help all. Boruch Ber and I continue to collaborate on specific projects and the crises that demand urgent attention. Often, I refer my patients to Achiezer for help in obtaining government insurance.

Do you have any particular message that you would like to share with the community?

Today's youth and families face challenges, physically, spiritually and emotionally. It's important to know that there are caring people and organizations available to assist. Our community is blessed in that we practice *kol yisrael areivim zeh lazeh*. I'm thankful to *HaKadosh Boruch Hu* for His *Hashgacha* that I live in this community and am able to help. [A](#)

Rabbi Eytan Feiner awarding Dr. Hylton and Leah Lightman, Guests of Honor at the White Shul 93rd anniversary celebration.



Achiezer's Urgent Line

When crisis strikes, you have one number to call

Achiezer's urgent care hotline fields calls 24/7 to respond to crises in our community. It's no wonder Achiezer is known as the organization that never sleeps. No matter what time of day (or night), no matter what the situation is, Achiezer's dedicated staff is ready and able to assist community members in their time of need.



While the Achiezer office itself may physically close overnight, a clear sign indicates to our community that we are always on call and always available 24 hours a day.



A Medical Referral Miracle

Late in the evening on Thanksgiving night, a mother frantically called Achiezer's urgent line. Her daughter had been rushed to the hospital with a ruptured organ that required a sensitive and urgent surgery. Upon her arrival at the hospital, she was told that no appropriate doctor was available to care for her and perform the surgery she so desperately needed.

What could the family do?

At first instinct, the mother dialed Achiezer's Urgent Line.

Within seconds, she had Rabbi Boruch Ber Bender and other Achiezer staff members on the phone, fervently trying to track down a surgeon to perform the emergency procedure. From past experience, Achiezer knew that Thanksgiving weekend is renowned as a traditionally difficult weekend to secure any doctor's appointment.

After much intense effort, Achiezer staff members tracked down a surgeon at a different hospital. Although this doctor was not on call during that time, Rabbi Bender got him to come down to the hospital and perform the surgery on the patient anyway.

"This story may seem like a rare scenario," says Rabbi Bender, "but this is something that we deal with all day, every day, at any given hour. People know that at any moment they can immediately contact our urgent hotline and we will do whatever it takes to help them with their emergency." [A](#)

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A Letter from the Affected Family

Dear All,

I am writing this letter to express my hakaras hatov to Hashem, as well as to two groups of amazing messengers – real tzaddikim in our midst, Hatzalah and Achiezer. To be honest, when I first heard about Achiezer several years ago, I wasn't sure why we needed another organization in our community. Yet, Hurricane Sandy proved me wrong. While we all know someone whom they helped during that difficult time, I don't know if people know how much Achiezer does on a daily basis.

In November, a relative of mine, in need of emergency surgery, was taken by Hatzalah to our local hospital. After spending the entire night in the Emergency Room, she still didn't have a surgeon. So I called Achiezer. Within five minutes, she had a surgeon - the best one there – and was on her way to the operating room. Achiezer literally saved her life. My daughter and her husband were especially grateful to Achiezer for its beautifully stocked respite room and for providing them with Shabbos food and taking care of all of their needs expeditiously and generously.

The current health care reality necessitates Achiezer's help and support at the hospital. Our entire community must support this organization that literally makes a life and death difference to us. I hope that Achiezer will have continued success, and even more, I hope that Hashem will end our tzaros and put them out of business.

Sincerely yours,
Grateful in Far Rockaway

Achiezer's Health Insurance Department

It's been five years since Sruly Miller began running Achiezer's Health Insurance Department. Over this period of time, he has helped countless families save millions of dollars on their health insurance.

"Applying for a health insurance plan is not rocket science," says Sruly Miller. "But while the questions on the application form often appear simple to fill out, there are certain nuances that a regular layperson may not understand."

That's why Sruly and Achiezer's Health Insurance Department work many hours to help families complete their health insurance applications. They understand exactly how to present each form to avoid the potential hurdles that many families face when attempting to brave the application process alone.

"Our department has knowledge on every type of insurance program available and exactly which types of income should be accounted for," explains Sruly.

"What a state representative may not make clear on the phone, we explain to each family."

One woman came to the Health Insurance Department after spending more than thirty hours on the phone with insurance representatives trying to get coverage for her nine children. Sruly examined their applications, made slight tweaks and then resent them. Within a couple of short weeks, every one of her children was covered by insurance.

"It's a matter of persevering and advocating, using the contacts and connections we've established to be able to help out families in our community. It's rewarding to be able to save these families thousands of hard-earned dollars."

It's these success stories that continue to make Achiezer's Health Insurance Department one of the most successful insurance programs worldwide. [A](#)



Stats:

- 1. People travel from Queens, Brooklyn and beyond for Achiezer's expert insurance solutions.**
- 2. This year alone, Achiezer has helped 1,200 families enroll in insurance plans.**
- 3. During the January 2016 period of enrollment, over 100 families were served each week, including both renewals and new enrollments.**

Update Behavioral Health Department



Whatever the situation, whatever the case, Achiezer is there as a pillar of support for the community. There is no other organization that has an experienced psychologist on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week, free of charge!

Dr. Brucha Lowinger, Psy. D., is a professional with more than 30 years of experience in the mental health field.

She is available to give comprehensive assessments and offers clear recommendations and counseling for those in need. Her on-target mental health ministrations are given completely free of charge.

Dr. Lowinger treats each case with professionalism and dedication. She evaluates and takes each individual's specific circumstances into account, helping them on their route to recovery.

Beyond all that, Dr. Lowinger's dedication to confidentiality is renowned. "In such a close-knit community," says Dr. Lowinger, "the fear associated with possible stigmas is very strong. I do everything in my power to maintain the maximum level of confidentiality."

Dr. Lowinger is the go-to address for expert advice on all mental health issues in our community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It comes as no surprise that she has fondly been dubbed the "heroine of the Achiezer office." **A**

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— **Dr. Brucha Lowinger, Psy. D.**

Major Initiative Launched

Many people seek mental health assistance, but do not have sufficient funds to cover the costs. Achiezer held a recent meeting with four organizations, including Madraigos, Bikur Cholim and others to discuss the launching of a mental health initiative. These organizations are now working in collaboration with Achiezer to provide people with medical insurance and pro bono mental health counseling. Achiezer extends its particular appreciation to Rabbi Dov Silver at Madraigos for his sincere dedication to this undertaking. **A**



Dr. Brucha Lowinger

A Tribute to Our Volunteers



On Tuesday, December 8th, the third night of Chanukah, **Achiezer volunteers and board members from all walks of life joined together for an annual evening of appreciation.**

It was a festive evening, where the vast network of Achiezer volunteers had the chance to spend time connecting with each other. The celebration of Achiezer's accomplishments and tribute to its volunteers was a sight to behold, a recognition of the tremendous work done by the community, for the community.

The room was packed with over 150 dedicated individuals of various ages and backgrounds. These volunteers make themselves available around the clock for members of our community, and are committed to come through for them in any situation.

It was a truly inspirational night that will forever remain in the hearts of those who attended. The volunteers were addressed by Rabbi Boruch Ber Bender, President of Achiezer, who thanked them for their tireless efforts.

John Pizzi, master ventriloquist and comedian, entertained the guests and kept them laughing and having a great time throughout the evening.

Special thanks goes to Scott Fagan of Traditions for sponsoring a sumptuous fleishig buffet and dessert spread, and Moshe Ratner and Yoeli Steinberg of Gourmet Glatt of Cedarhurst for the beautiful sushi spreads.

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**"I have never seen
someone treat
a deceased person
this way. I can only
hope and pray
that one day when
my time comes,
I too will
be treated
this way."**

— Detective
Maschino,
NYPD



To Rabbi Bender & Achiezer,

Last year, after having some routine tests done, I received a phone call on Erev Shabbos. The doctor proceeded to say something wasn't right and I needed to see a specialist as soon as possible. I was devastated and shocked.

My son stopped by and saw something was wrong.

As the story poured out, he said calmly: "Don't worry, I'm good friends with Boruch Ber Bender. He will help you, I promise." By Motzei Shabbos, my husband was on the phone with Boruch Ber, exchanging all relevant information.

Monday afternoon, he called us back with a confirmed priority appointment with a top specialist, who happened to be in Australia at the time. Four time zones and 14,000 miles did not impede Boruch Ber from securing the appointment and transferring the medical information.

When we first met the doctor, he asked who we were that Boruch Ber would go to such lengths to secure a priority appointment. We replied that we were family – Rabbi Bender treats everyone like family. The doctor assured us: **you'll be fine** (three beautiful words). Surgery was performed right away, and a week later the doctor gave the best news anyone could ever want to hear (another three beautiful words): **surgery was successful.**

I'm very thankful to Hashem for my recovery and the help of my entire family. We could not have reached this point without the guidance, referral and support of Rabbi Bender and Achiezer.

Here are the last (three beautiful words):

"THANK YOU ACHIEZER!"

A Look at Our Past Dinners





WE ARE ALL
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**Achiezer's Annual
Tribute Dinner**

Celebrating
Achiezer's
tremendous
accomplishments
on behalf of
the community

Building upon the previous dinner's theme, this evening of energy, excitement, hope and reflection will pay tribute to our community's heroes. Because WE ARE ALL ACHIEZER. Each and every one of us plays a vital supporting role in contributing our part to create *one community, with one heart.*

— Our Esteemed Dinner Honorees —



MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. BEN WEINSTOCK

MAYOR OF CEDARHURST

Honorable Ben Weinstock has spent the better part of the last 25 years involved in municipal affairs. As Mayor of the Village of Cedarhurst, he's the man who oversees the greater community's expenditures, negotiations and agreements. Yet, no task is too small for the mayor; he keeps his finger on the pulse of the community's day-to-day challenges, and often collaborates with Achiezer in their services. As the mayor stated, "Achiezer is the first, last and middle resort for so many members of the community. I've always supported everything that Achiezer does; it's an organization that our community is lucky to have in its midst." A



GUESTS OF HONOR

SHLOMO & RAIZY HACKEL

When Shlomo and Raizy Hackel spent time in the hospital with a close family member, there was no kosher food or respite room available. When Raizy found out that Achiezer was taking on an initiative, to supply local hospitals with fresh food and a quiet place to rest, she knew she wanted to take part in it. Since then, she has faithfully restocked the South Nassau Achiezer Kosher Respite Room each week. Says Raizy, "I am happy that my entire family has become involved with Achiezer – to experience the beauty of an organization with a network of volunteers and millions of moving parts." A



ESTEEMED PHYSICIAN APPRECIATION AWARD

DR. DEBORAH DIENSTAG

Dr. Deborah Dienstag plays many roles as a pediatrician, community activist, parent and grandmother. Through her large, multi-generational practice in the community for more than 30 years, she has become very closely connected with the community and their needs. When Achiezer first began, Deborah was the one to suggest that Achiezer form a medical referral network to help people locate and secure the top specialists. Since then, Achiezer's medical referral department's growth has burgeoned, with thousands of beneficiaries who are grateful for the aid that they've received through it. Dr. Dienstag constantly maintains close contact with Achiezer and graciously offers her assistance in its endeavors on behalf of the community. A



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEES

ELIAHU & CHAIA FRISHMAN

Eliahu and Chaia Frishman, longstanding Achiezer volunteers, have been part of the Achiezer family from its inception. As the owners of Fruit Platters and More, they often provide Achiezer with cut fruits and salads for families spending Shabbos in the hospital. The Frishmans also volunteer to drive homebound people to appointments, provide pro bono writing services for Achiezer's publications and serve as advisors for the financial management department, helping those who need budgeting advice. Their love of chesed has trickled down to their children as well. On Purim, their 17 year-old son, Efraim Shalom leins Megillas Esther for the homebound, together with Achiezer. Shoshana, their 15 year old daughter, helps children who have special needs. A



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