

# In and Around... FAR ROCKAWAY & the FIVE TOWNS

## ACHIEZER DINNER TO UNITE COMMUNITY

*Does it really matter?*

It's the question that just about everybody asks.

*Does it really matter? I'm so busy...and there's so much going on...and it's not like anyone will miss me if I don't show up ...so really, does it matter if I come at all?*

It matters.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Achiezer will be hosting its sole annual fundraiser, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tribute Dinner at the Sands Atlantic Beach. On this evening, the community will join together in support of an organization that operates 24/7, 365 days a year, serving every need, of every community member, because every person matters.

Achiezer is built upon the premise that every person, and every need, deserves their utmost. Leaking coronary arteries and leaky water pipes; insurance difficulties and job difficulties; behavioral health arrangements and *Shabbos* meal arrangements, Achiezer helps with them all.

From crisis management to medical recommendations, behavioral health guidance to insurance advocacy, financial management to hospital support, Achiezer's multifaceted departments ensure that nobody is ever left helpless with nowhere to turn.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the community will pay tribute to a group of honorees who prove how much each person's contri-

bution matters:

**Dr. Marcel Scheinman**, a plastic surgeon who has made himself available to community members following car accidents and in emergencies, at 2 p.m. and 2 a.m., represents just one of over 1,000 physicians with whom Achiezer collaborates.

**Esther and Yoni Novak**, a couple who have collectively touched the lives of thousands of people, represent Achiezer staff members and volunteers, who live to give and whose giving brings life to others.

**Zev and Leah Bald**, whose astute guidance provided the building blocks for Achiezer's growth, represent the community's dedication to its ideals: of responsibility towards one another, of *chesed*, and, most of all, of *achdus*.

**The Community Assistance Fund (CAF)**, the team that partnered with Achiezer and was responsible for the allocation and disbursement of millions of dollars of post-Sandy relief funds, represents the power of teamwork, the power of devotion, and the power mutual caring.

This singular event promises to be a pivotal evening because Achiezer is a forum that unites our community like none other by giving every community member the chance to reach out and help another.

Everyone belongs there. Everyone has a role to play. And everyone matters.

## Community Briefs

### YESHIVA OF FAR ROCKAWAY 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE *HASMADAH* PROGRAM

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Wide *Hasmadah* Program at Yeshiva of Far Rockaway for all *yeshiva bochurim* in 4<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> grades will be held every evening and *Shabbos* afternoon until *Shavous*. The sessions are from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the evenings and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on *Shabbos* afternoons.

### A CONVERSATION WITH RABBI BEREL WEIN AND RABBI RAPHAEL PELCOVITZ

A unique conversation with Rabbi Berel Wein and Rabbi Raphael Pelcovitz, discussing "Synagogues, Rabbis, and Lay Leadership," will take place at the White Shul in Far Rockaway on Wednesday, 14 *Iyar*/May 14, at 7:30 p.m.

### JCCRP FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

The Jewish Community Council of the Rockaway Peninsula will present a first-time homebuyer workshop on Monday, 19 *Iyar*/May 19, at 8 p.m., at the White Shul in Far Rockaway. Local professionals will give presentations and each presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

### RCCS ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society (RCCCS) will hold its Five Towns and Far Rockaway annual breakfast reception on *Lag Ba'omer*, Sunday, 18 *Iyar*/May 18, at five locations throughout the community. Each location will feature a guest speaker. For more information, email 5towns@rccscancer.org.

### CAMP SHORESH BARBECUE

The annual barbecue of Camp Shoresht will take place on Sunday, 25 *Iyar*/May 25, at 4:30 p.m., at the home of Dovid and Joy Devor in Far Rockaway.

### ACHIEZER SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

The second annual tribute dinner to benefit Achiezer will take place on Sunday, 3 *Sivan*/June 1, at the Sands of Atlantic Beach. Rabbi Zev and Leah Bald will receive the Kesser Shem Tov Award, Dr. Marcel Scheinman will receive the Physician Appreciation Award, and Yoni and Esther Novak will receive the Hakoras Hatov Award. A Community Appreciation Award will be presented to the Community Assistance Fund in recognition of the selfless work of the CAP Board and their *shul* representatives.

### ZEEV HATORAH FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER

The fifth anniversary dinner of Yeshiva Zeev HaTorah, which is led by Rav Shmuel Brazil, will take place on Sunday, 10 *Sivan*/June 8, at 6 p.m., at the Lawrence Yacht and Country Club. The honorees are Mr. and Mrs. Sruli Herzog, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kay, and Dr. and Mrs. Noam Spinowitz.

### YESHIVA SHAAREI TZION SIXTH ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The sixth annual breakfast of Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion, a division of the Torah Studies Network, will take place Sunday, 10 *Sivan*/June 8, at 9:30 a.m., at Congregation Shaaray Tefila. The guest speaker is will be Rav Dovid Goldwasser, *rov* of Congregation Bais Yitzchok.

### NEW *SHACHARIS* MINYAN AT YESHIVA DARCHEI TORAH

A new 6:55 a.m. weekday *minyan* for *Shacharis* is held in the Diamond Bais Medrash of Yeshiva Darchei Torah at 257 Beach 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Far Rockaway. Parking is available for all *mispallelim*.



Rav Dovid Lau, Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel, spoke at the White Shul in Far Rockaway Monday night. Pictured here are (L-R) Rabbi Shaya Schechter, assistant rabbi; Rabbi Eytan Feiner, *rov*; Mr. Martin Oliner, mayor of Lawrence; Rav Lau; and Mr. Chaim Leibtag, *shul* president.



Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder joined the 101st Precinct Impact Response Team (IRT) to discuss safety and thank them for their service to the Rockaway community before they were sent out on patrol.

### AT A *SIYUM* ON *MASECHES GITTIN* BY BINYOMIN ZONNENSHEIN OF YESHIVA DARCHEI TORAH



At right is the *mesayem*, Binyomin Zonnenshein.

