



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein



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Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein attends Yeshiva Karlin Stolin Social Studies Fair

On February 19th, Assemblyman Eichenstein had the pleasure of attending the social studies fair at Yeshiva Karlin Stolin where the students showed off their proficiency in US history. He was very impressed with their knowledge and creativity in building these displays.

“Our educational institutions are the pride and joy of our community,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “I will continue to fight and advocate for our school on a daily basis. This is one of the highest priorities and will remain so for years to come.”



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UnitedHealthcare and Local Community Pediatricians Agreement

Two weeks into his term in office, Assemblyman Eichenstein was approached by a large number of constituents about an issue that concerns thousands of local families. In January, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan made significant changes in its reimbursement policy towards health care providers that would affect the insurance coverage of families across Borough Park, Midwood and Kensington. The decision forced many residents to search for alternate arrangements, despite the fact that they were content with their current health care provider.

Assemblyman Eichenstein immediately realized the significance of the issue and arranged a meeting in his office which included Pat Celli, CEO of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and several Boro Park pediatricians.

While discussions and negotiations are ongoing with other pediatricians, Assemblyman Eichenstein was pleased to announce that UnitedHealthcare has reached an agreement with some of the largest local pediatric offices. The insurance company will now resume accepting them as providers in the UHC network.



“There is nothing more gratifying than bringing parties together for the common good,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “I’d like to thank UnitedHealthcare CEO Pat Celli and his staff as well as our local pediatricians for working together and coming up with a viable solution. Our children’s health care is a top priority, and now families can choose wisely when deciding upon a health care plan that suits their needs.”

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein Honored at Flatbush COJO Legislative Breakfast

On March 3rd, Assemblyman Eichenstein was humbled and honored to receive an award at the 40th annual Flatbush COJO Legislative Breakfast, which was held at Kol Yaakov Hall in Midwood. It’s an event that is attended by many of our leaders, elected officials, and dedicated members of the community.

COJO’s mission is to strengthen the quality of life for families in our neighborhoods. The legislative breakfast is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of those who serve our community with honor.

“It was an honor for me to receive this award presented by the Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “Eric is a good friend and a strong leader who is dedicated to our community’s safety and wellbeing. Thank you, Flatbush COJO, for presenting me with this special honor. I hope to live up to the challenge and serve our community with dignity.”



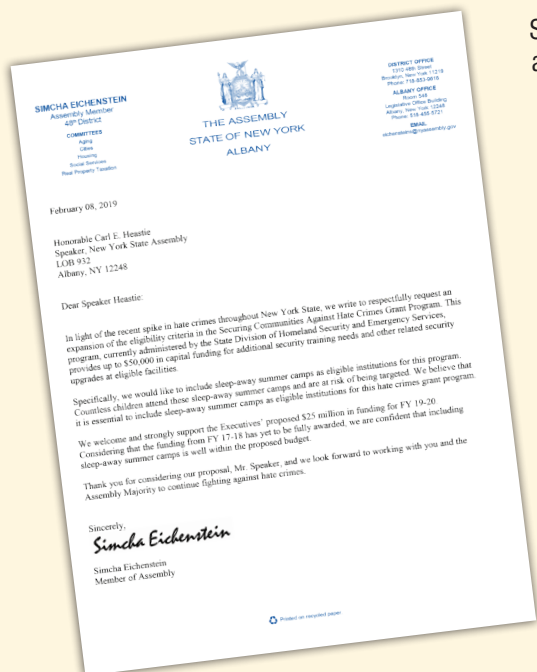
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Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein Achieves Milestone in Protecting our Children at Summer Sleep-Away Camps

A major development was achieved by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein in our recently enacted State budget in Albany. It's a development that promises to benefit our communities, especially our children. And that's good news for all of us.

As the summer is soon approaching, it's time to think about sleep-away camps. The safety and security equipment at most summer camps upstate is at best outdated, but certainly inadequate. As parents, we want our children to experience the freedom and independence of sleep-away camp, but we also want to ensure their safety and security—especially given the recent rise in hate crimes and anti-Semitism.

The Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grants Program was established in 2017. It provides capital funding for the safety and security of New York's nonpublic schools, day care centers, and cultural museums at heightened risk. Summer camps were not included.



So when Assemblyman Eichenstein was approached by local camp directors about the lack of security infrastructure at camps, he immediately jumped on board. On February 8th, Assemblyman Eichenstein penned a letter to Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie calling for the inclusion of summer camps as entities that are eligible for this funding. Twenty five of his Assembly colleagues recognized the importance of this and signed on to the letter.

Assemblyman Eichenstein's proposal was designed to allow summer camps to request funding for surveillance cameras, perimeter lighting, alarm systems, fencing, security doors, and other safety measures.

After much advocacy and hard work the proposal was included in the final adopted budget passed by both houses of the legislature and signed by Governor Cuomo. Moving forward, the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grants Program will include summer sleep-away camps.

Assemblyman Eichenstein worked hard to achieve this, and devoted tremendous effort to making it happen.

"I gave this issue top priority because I believe that the safety and security of our children is of utmost importance," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "Our kids deserve to feel safe no matter where they are."

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Dear Neighbor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to you as your representative in the New York State Assembly. It's an honor and a privilege to serve you, and I look forward to being your voice in Albany both in advocating for our community and promoting legislation for our common good.

I grew up in this neighborhood and my family and I still live here today. I'm proud to be a member of this vibrant community and I will do my best to make you proud of me as well. Together we can achieve greatness.

It's now six months into my term as your Assemblyman and it's certainly been an exciting and rewarding experience. We've already accomplished a lot and I hope to continue to fight for the interests and wellbeing of the 48th Assembly district.

My dedicated staff and I are here to serve you and are always willing to help you. Feel free to reach out to us with any concerns or comments.

Our office is located at 1310 48th Street, 2nd Floor, we can be reached at district48@nyassembly.gov, or you can always feel free to call us at **(718) 853-9616**.

*I look forward to continuing to serve you with integrity and honor.
Thank you for giving me this opportunity.*

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, 48th District