



Assemblyman **Simcha Eichenstein**



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Dear Neighbor:

As we welcome the fall and winter seasons, I am delighted to provide you once again with important information about the work that we do on your behalf, both in our district office and in Albany.

Our offices have been abuzz with activity over the past few months, with more and more constituents taking advantage of our services regarding personal issues and community matters. Whether in need of obtaining a passport or expressing an opinion on upcoming legislation, my staff and I are happy to be of assistance. We take every request seriously and are always interested in hearing your thoughts on the issues that are important to you.

I have lived in this community all my life and the streets of this district are as familiar to me as they are to you. The issues that are important to you are also important to me, and we share common interests and concerns on so many topics. I can assure you that I will continue to be your voice in the State Assembly and that I will vote for legislation with the needs of my constituents foremost in my mind.

As always, my capable staff and I are ready to assist you with any concerns or issues. Feel free to call us at: 718-853-9616 or email us at: EichensteinS@nyassembly.gov.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me. It is an honor and a privilege to be your New York State Assemblyman.

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, 48th District

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN AND CONGRESSWOMAN YVETTE CLARKE TEAM UP TO ASSIST CONSTITUENTS WITH FEDERAL RELATED MATTERS

In a successful initiative, Assemblyman Eichenstein and Congresswoman Yvette Clarke teamed up to offer assistance to constituents with questions and concerns regarding passports, visas, green cards, citizenship, immigration, IRS, and other federal related issues.

Every other Wednesday, members of Congresswoman Clarke's staff are at Assemblyman Eichenstein's district office to assist constituents and offer guidance. This partnership, which began in July, has already been successful in helping hundreds of community members.



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke and Eli Slavin, Constituent Services Liaison

"Navigating federal government bureaucracy can be confusing and frustrating," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "That's why I am glad to team up with Congresswoman Clarke to offer free assistance and direction to help local constituents resolve their federal issues."

Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke said, "I'm delighted to join Assemblyman Eichenstein in offering this critical service to folks in Brooklyn. Members of my staff are quite knowledgeable in federal matters such as passports and green cards, and those who need assistance are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity."

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This past summer, several hundred children participated in Assemblyman Eichenstein's Summer Reading Challenge, and were awarded with an official State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate.

Children were required to read fifteen minutes each day for 40 days during the months of July and August. Those who submitted a calendar showing they successfully completed the requirements received their official certificate by mail.

"Reading is vital for young New Yorkers' intellectual development, especially over the summer months," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "I'm delighted that so many children from both public and private schools joined the program and successfully honed their reading skills over the summer."



Assemblyman Eichenstein, a strong advocate for children's literacy, recently sponsored and unveiled a new diverse book collection at our local Brooklyn Public Library branches

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN ENGAGING WITH MIDWOOD OLDER ADULTS

Guests were treated to a catered luncheon and a great program at the COJO Flatbush Summer Garden Party

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein speaking with local Midwood seniors about the pressing issues facing our local neighborhoods

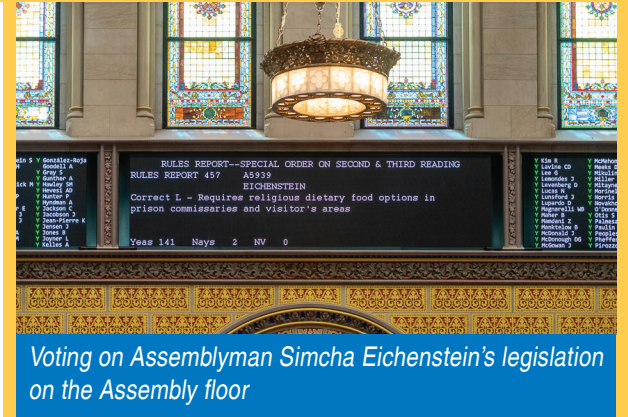


ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN AND SENATOR JESSICA RAMOS PASS LEGISLATION ADDRESSING DIETARY OPTIONS AT NYS CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein and State Senator Jessica Ramos sponsored a bill (A5939/S4748-B) which will require state correctional facilities to provide kosher and halal food options at vending machines and commissary areas at correctional facilities throughout New York State. This legislation passed the State Senate and the State Assembly with overwhelming support.

Until now, food options in these areas often did not include choices for those who maintain special religious dietary laws. This new bill amends the law to include options that satisfy dietary needs of such individuals.

“The State of New York is obligated to respect the religious dietary rights of its residents, even those who are incarcerated,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “This legislation will right the wrong and allow incarcerated individuals to benefit from food purchased at visiting area vending machines or at the prison commissary.”



ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN SERVES AS MODERATOR AT PCON PANEL DISCUSSION



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein moderates a panel discussion with former Governor David A. Paterson and business mogul John Catsimatidis

The Property Management, Construction and Real Estate Conference (PCON) is one of the industry's most significant annual events. This year, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein was privileged to join the event and served as a moderator of an important panel discussion on the subject of “Politics in NYS Real Estate”.

Assemblyman Eichenstein was joined by former NYS Governor David Paterson and business mogul John Catsimatidis for a frank and open discussion about the relationship between government and the industry, and the challenges of maintaining compliance with government regulations in the current political atmosphere.

“It was an honor to join these highly esteemed experts in real estate and politics for a fascinating and eye-opening discussion,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “When elected officials and industry leaders work together to solve issues, it will serve to benefit all New Yorkers.”

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN AT THE GRAND OPENING OF THE JCCGI KINGS HIGHWAY ADULT CENTER, WHICH WILL SERVE HUNDREDS OF LOCAL MIDWOOD RESIDENTS



ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN BRINGS SUPER BOWL CHAMPION AND NFL SUPERSTAR LEONARD FOURNETTE TO CAMP SIMCHA

It was a thrilling day for the children at Camp Simcha when NFL superstar Leonard Fournette made a surprise visit to the camp, which was arranged by Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein.

Camp Simcha, a summer camp for children with cancer, disabilities, and chronic medical conditions, was delighted to welcome the NFL Super Bowl champion who joined the campers in lively dances and football drills.

“Leonard Fournette may be a superstar on the field, but today he was a superhero at Camp Simcha, where he stole the hearts of the campers and staff,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein.



NFL superstar Leonard Fournette huddles with campers on the field prior to game time

BORO PARK JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HONORS ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN AT ITS ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE EVENT

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein was presented with the Distinguished Service Award at this year's Boro Park Jewish Community Council Legislative BBQ.

“I was honored to receive the award at this year's BPJCC legislative event,” said Assemblyman Eichenstein. “The BPJCC is one of our local community's greatest assets. It's a great privilege to work together with them on behalf of our communities and I look forward to continuing that partnership.”

Among other initiatives, Assemblyman Eichenstein joined forces with BPJCC in presenting the Boro Park community with an annual Chol Hamoad Extravaganza, which provides free rides, activities, and entertainment to thousands of community members during the holiday season.



NEW YORK STATE POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Honoring and Remembering The 55 Heroic Police Officers Who Made The Ultimate Sacrifice After Suffering Injuries Sustained on Duty. They Are Our Heroes And We Are Eternally Grateful. We Will Never Forget Them.



ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN JOINS NYPD'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT THE 66th AND 70th PRECINCTS

One of the highlights of the summer season is NYPD's National Night Out, where law enforcement and community members join together for an evening of camaraderie and strengthening relationships.

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein appeared at National Night Out events in both the 66th and 70th precincts and thanked local law enforcement for their dedication and service. "We all appreciate your hard work," said Assemblyman Eichenstein, "and I think I speak for all of us when I say we fully support our local police officers."

NYC Mayor Eric Adams appeared at the 70th precinct event and also expressed his strong support for local police.



66th Precinct

70th Precinct

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE EXCITEMENT OF THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Assemblyman Eichenstein greeting and engaging with students at FDR High School, as they start the new school year



BREAKING THE BUREAUCRACY: FINALLY, A VICTORY FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY!

Following in the footsteps of our very own State Senator Simcha Felder, who has been a staunch advocate for the special education community, Assemblyman Eichenstein has been an ardent fighter for special education services at the State Assembly. Over the last few years, Assemblyman Eichenstein introduced multiple bills to improve the logjam families face when it comes to special education services. One of the legislative bills Assemblyman Eichenstein introduced (A6576-B/S7158-A 21/22) would ensure that there is no lapse in education and support for students receiving services during the lengthy bureaucratic approval process. It would also require NYC DOE to continue paying for the services until and unless a more appropriate placement is found. While Assemblyman Eichenstein's bill passed the NYS Assembly in two consecutive sessions, it has yet to be enacted into law.

In a huge victory, a federal judge's ruling last month provided major relief for the very same families we have been fighting for. The judge ordered a special master to present 40 recommendations for improving the DOE's system, and the City of New York agreed to sign onto the legally binding agreement. This ruling will provide relief for the parents of special children who have been struggling for so long. "Receiving basic educational services, as required by federal law, should not be an additional burden for parents to deal with," said Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein. "Regardless of whether it is through the legislative process or the judicial process, we will not rest until every child receives the services that they require".



Assemblyman Eichenstein was joined by Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie in visiting a local school for special individuals, as the fight for the rights of special needs children continues

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN SECURES FUNDING FOR A NEW SEARCH AND RESCUE COMMAND CENTER FOR BORO PARK SHOMRIM



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein announces new funding while addressing Shomrim volunteers at their Annual Appreciation Event

At the Boro Park Shomrim Annual Membership Appreciation Event, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein announced that he has secured \$250,000 in funding for a new high-tech state-of-the-art Shomrim Search and Rescue Command Center. The new vehicle will ensure that the organization will continue serving our neighborhood with greater efficiency and enhanced response times.

"Our dedicated volunteer Shomrim members serve on the front lines assisting our local NYPD precincts in keeping us safe," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "I am pleased to do my part in helping them obtain the most up-to-date and state-of-the-art equipment. It is an honor to support this wonderful organization."



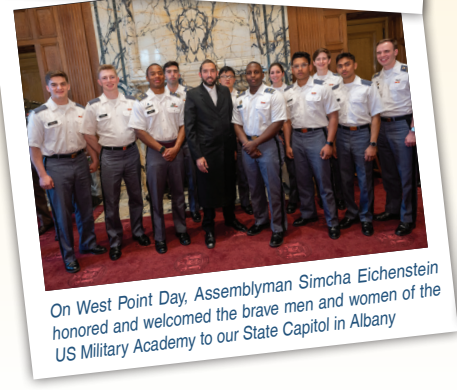
Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein addressing the crowd at the BPJCC Senior Health Expo

ASSEMBLYMAN SIMCHA EICHENSTEIN WAS THRILLED TO JOIN THE SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS AS THEY BOARDED BUSES TO SPEND A GREAT SUMMER AT 'THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH' - CAMP HASC



Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein speaking at Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso's Jewish American Heritage Ceremony at Brooklyn Borough Hall

SENATOR FELDER, ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON AND ASSEMBLYMAN EICHENSTEIN VOLUNTEER AT THE MET COUNCIL ROSH HASHANAH FOOD DISTRIBUTION, HELPING HUNDREDS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS CELEBRATE THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS PROPERLY



On West Point Day, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein honored and welcomed the brave men and women of the US Military Academy to our State Capitol in Albany

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ARE YOU FRUSTRATED WITH A BUREAUCRATIC AGENCY? OUR DISTRICT OFFICE IS HERE TO HELP YOU.

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

Ms. H was traveling to Israel with friends and had a one-day layover in Barcelona. While in Spain, her passport was lost. Just a few hours before her flight, she was told she would not be able to continue to Israel and would be forced to return to the US.

After receiving a frantic call from her parents, Assemblyman Eichenstein immediately contacted the US Department of State and explained the situation. Ms. H was instructed to visit the US embassy as soon as they opened in the morning. She received a temporary passport, allowing her to continue traveling to Israel!

Mr. R was in need of an urgent medical procedure. However, his approval for an Immediate Needs Medicaid application had been pending for over six weeks. Mr. R reached out to the Office of Assemblyman Eichenstein to convey the importance of expediting this particular application, due to an upcoming scheduled procedure which needed to be done quickly. Our office promptly reached out to the New York City Human Resources Administration, which administers these applications, to advocate on behalf of Mr. R. Accordingly, Mr. R's application was approved within days, and he was able to breathe a sigh of relief and proceed with his scheduled medical procedure!