

Rebecca Seawright



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Eid Mubarak to our Muslim neighbors. May you and your loved ones have a safe and blessed Eid al-Adha.

This week, we hosted an expert panel for Virtual Town Hall Tuesday on "Combating Anti-Semitism: A Discussion With Leaders in New York State." The panel provided a current overview of where the most significant concerns of the regional Jewish community lie and how their organizations collectively are working to protect against the most vehement Anti-Semitic forces in our midst. The Anti-Defamation League reports that there has been a rise in Anti-Semitic attacks, with a shocking 51 incidences in New York State since the beginning of the pandemic. The panelists discussed the needs of the Jewish community to build and extend the bridges and relationships between local Jewish communities and neighboring communities, not only in times of emergencies but on a constant and consistent basis. As a member of the New York State Assembly's Caucus of Jewish legislators, I am committed to keeping the conversation of tolerance, safety, and the fight against injustices moving forward through advocacy and key legislative measures.

I was proud to co-sponsor a virtual town hall with Community Board 8 Manhattan and Council Member Keith Powers on the reopening of our schools. Deputy Chancellor Donald Conyers answered questions from parents who are concerned about the loss of in-person learning and the safety measures being taken to protect the health of students who will be asked to socially distance and wear face-coverings this school year.

Join us for Town Hall Tuesday on August 4 with tenant advocates from Met Council on Housing, New York City Housing Preservation and Development, and New York City Department of Homeless Services. New York State Homes and Community Renewal has extended the deadline for the rent relief program. [The new deadline is on Thursday, August 6. Consider applying if you have had a loss of income due to COVID19. More information and the application can be found here.](#)

Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach our community office.

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Sincerely,

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VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS

**HOMELESSNESS AND
EVICTION PREVENTION
AUGUST 4 AT 7:00 PM**



**NEW YORK CITY
HOUSING
PRESERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT**



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REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!

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ON 8/4**

**In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town
Hall: A Discussion With Leaders in New York State on
Combating Anti-Semitism**



July 30, 2020 -- On [Tuesday, July 28](#), Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright hosted her second annual discussion with leaders in New York State on how to address the alarming rise in cases of Anti-Semitism and hate crimes. The distinguished panel included JCRC-NY President Cheryl Fishbein, Executive Director of the NY Board of Rabbi's, Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, Jewish Insider's Managing Editor and former Campus Director for the Simon Wiesenthal Center Melissa Weiss, and David Pollock and Mitchell D. Silber from the Community Security Initiative of the JCRC-NY. The Virtual Town Hall was Assembly Member Seawright's eighteenth consecutive town hall live streamed on Facebook. View the full town hall at [Facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/Live](https://www.facebook.com/RebeccaASeawright/Live).

Tzivia Appleman, a Simon Wiesenthal Center Government Advocacy intern helped to organize this important town hall, and has been working with Seawright's office since the beginning of the pandemic, connecting constituents to resources and doing legislative research.

Seawright Community Office PPE Giveaway

10,000 Face Coverings
250 Gallons of Hand Sanitizer
Distributed at No-Cost to the Community



Seawright discusses new rent relief for tenants with a constituent at the PPE giveaway.



Special Assistant Jack Robbins distributing no-cost PPE to our neighbors including service workers for the neighborhood's residential buildings.



Community Updates on Re-opening

Seawright Co-sponsors Schools Reopening Town Hall with Manhattan Community Board 8 and Council Member Keith Powers



[Watch the full town hall featuring NYC Department of Education Deputy Chancellor Donald Conyers and Manhattan Superintendent Marisol Rosales here.](#)

New York City Schools Health and Safety Guidance Released

Mayor Bill de Blasio and Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza announced health and safety protocols, including guidance for testing and tracing, for schools for the start of the 2020-21

school year. These protocols will apply to all school communities and will help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In preparation for the start of school, the DOE is purchasing large orders of hygiene supplies on behalf of schools. These supplies include, but are not limited to, facial coverings for students, teachers, and staff; disinfectant; hand sanitizer; and electrostatic sprayers. School leadership and facilities staff in every school are reviewing school space and making necessary repairs and adjustments to ensure safe conditions for in-person student learning this fall.

All staff members will be asked to take a COVID-19 test in the days before the first day of school. School staff will have priority access for free testing at [34 city-run testing locations](#), with tests provided with expedited results. This testing is also available for families citywide.

When school buildings reopen, all schools will be required to enact precautions to prevent, identify, and address the spread of COVID-19. Daily precautions include:

- An isolation room for students with symptoms with a dedicated staff member or health professional,
- Physical distancing and required facial coverings,
- Cleaning throughout the day and nightly disinfecting, and
- Clear communication with families and school community.

If a student or teacher is feeling sick, they are required to stay home and, if their symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, are asked to get tested. If a student begins experiencing symptoms in school, they will be isolated and monitored by a dedicated staff member until they are picked up by their parents or guardians. Staff members who become symptomatic at school are asked to immediately leave the building.

Whether symptoms begin at home or in school, there will be a clear flow of information to facilitate fast action and prevent spread. A positive case can be reported to a school by a staff member, a parent, or a student. A positive confirmed case will trigger an investigation by the NYC Test + Trace Corps and DOHMH to determine close contacts within the school. Schools will communicate to all families and students within school any time a case is laboratory confirmed.

Scenarios of investigations and the follow-up protocols

1 confirmed case

- Close Classroom, transition to remote learning
- Classroom remains closed for 14 days; students and staff in close contact with positive case self-quarantine for 14 days.

At least 2 cases linked together in school, same classroom

- Close Classroom, transition to remote learning
- Classroom remains closed for 14 days; students and staff in close contact with positive cases self-quarantine for 14 days

At least 2 cases linked together in school, different classrooms

- Close school building, transition to remote learning
- Classrooms of each case remain closed and quarantined, additional school members are quarantined based on where the exposure was in the school (e.g., the locker room)

At least 2 cases linked together by circumstances outside of school (i.e., acquired infection by different setting and source)

- Close school building, transition to remote learning
- School opens post investigation, classrooms remain closed for 14 days

At least 2 cases not linked but exposure confirmed for each outside of school setting

- Close school building, transition to remote learning
- School opens post investigation, classrooms remain closed for 14 days

Link unable to be determined

- Close school building, transition to remote learning
- Close school for 14 days

The DOE is working in tight coordination with DOHMH and the NYC Test + Trace Corps to identify, isolate, and prevent spread of COVID-19. In the event that there is a laboratory- confirmed case in a school, all students and teachers in that class are assumed close contacts and will be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days since their last exposure to that case. Additionally, DOHMH and NYC Test + Trace Corps will begin an investigation into the risk of exposure to the school community and work with-the DOE to issue clear guidance and decisions for next steps based on the outcome.

Whenever a student is isolating or quarantining at home, the expectation is that they continue engaging with learning remotely if they are feeling well enough. If a school is closed, the school will communicate by 6 P.M. on the night before about the status of opening the next morning, based on the status of the investigation. A school building will not reopen without confirmation from public health experts that it is safe.

While developing this reopening plan to submit to New York State, the Department of Education consulted with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), NYC Health + Hospitals, the NYC Test + Trace Corps and labor officials.

The City will continue to closely monitor health conditions, and if community transmission begins to rise across the boroughs, a decision may be made to close all schools and switch to full-time remote learning.



Upper East Side's 67th St Library To Reopen In August

UPPER EAST SIDE, NY - The Upper East Side's 67th Street Library is set to reopen for grab-and-go service in August as the New York Public Library continues its restart of physical services after shutting down in March at the height of the city's...

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UES Museum To Reopen In August With Outdoor Exhibit

UPPER EAST SIDE, NY - An Upper East Side museum that was forced to shut down in March due to the spread of the novel coronavirus announced this week that it plans to reopen in August as New York City progresses in its recovery from the deadly...

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. AUGUST 4

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**

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Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.

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**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
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PROTECTIVE FACE
MASK GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020
12:00PM-2:00PM**

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Stay informed about the
CORONAVIRUS



NYC COVID-19 Self-reporting Portal: [Link here](#) or call 311
DOHMH FAQ: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
Face Covering Distribution: [Face Coverings Face Coverings](#)
Face Covering Tips: [helpful videos](#)
DACA Renewal Assistance: Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365

Ferry Schedules: [Staten Island Ferry / NYC Ferry](#)
H+H Visitor Policy: [Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus](#)
Mental Health Hotline: 1-888-NYC-WELL or text "WELL" to 65173. [NYC Well](#)
Mental Health Online: [Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home](#)
OATH: [Hearing Online](#)
Online English Classes: [We Speak NYC](#), [Register Here](#) or [for information: click here](#)
Online Marriage Licenses: [nyc.gov/Cupid](#) or [cityclerk.nyc.gov](#)
Animal Welfare FAQ: [COVID-19 and Animals FAQ](#)
COVID-19 Pet Owner Hotline: 1-877-204-8821
Pet Planning: [Get Prepared - Pets & Service Animals](#)
Map of Essential Construction: [Essential Active Construction Sites Map / FAQ](#)
Report Price Gouging: [DCA - COVID-19 Complaint](#)
Resource Guide for Immigrants: [Resources for Immigrant Communities](#)
Virtual Friendly Visiting Program for Seniors: Call 212-AGING-NYC

For Families

Activity Book for Kids: [Animals of NYC - Physical Distancing Activity Book](#)
Remote Learning: [NYC DOE Info Hub](#)
Fun at Home for Kids: [nyc.gov/funathome](#) or text "Fun" to 97743
School and Childcare for Essential Workers: [Regional Enrichment Centers](#)

How to Help:

How to Help: [Help Now NYC](#)
Companies with Supplies on Hand to Donate or Sell: [NYC Suppliers Page](#)
Companies Ready to Begin Producing Supplies: [COVID-19 Emergency Supply Sourcing & Manufacturing](#)
Donate PPE: [NYC Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donation Portal](#)
Donate Plasma: [New York Blood Center](#)
Food and Non-medical Donations: [DonateNYC](#), or call 833-NYC-0040

For Constituents in Need:

Benefits Available for New Yorkers: [AccessNYC](#)
Services for Folks in Need: [Assistance for Individuals](#)
Domestic Violence: [NYCHope](#)
Family Justice Centers: [Family Justice Centers](#), 24-hour DV Hotline: 1-800-621-4673
Financial Empowerment Guidance: [DCA - Free Financial Counseling](#)
Food Finder: [Food Bank NYC](#)
Grab & Go Meals for All: Location: [Free Meal Sites](#), or text "NYCFOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877-877
Hotel Isolation Referral Program: [nyc.gov/covid19hotel](#)
Peer-Peer Wellness Check for Veterans: [Mission: VetCheck](#)
People with Disabilities: @NYCDisabilities, 311 or visit <http://nyc.gov/disability> or via video phone: 646-396-5830
SNAP: [SNAP Benefits](#)
Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19: [NYC Consumer Affairs](#)
Unemployment Benefits: [NYS Department of Labor](#) + [NYC FAQ](#)

Businesses & Nonprofits:

Stop the Spread: [Stop the Spread of Coronavirus Flyer](#)
Facebook Grants for Small Businesses: [facebook.com/grantsforbusiness](#)
Guidance for Employers & Employees: [Update about Workplace Laws](#)
Non-Profit Providers: [FAQ for Nonprofit Businesses](#)
SBS Webinars for Small Businesses: [Register here](#)
Small Businesses: [Assistance & Guidance for Businesses](#)

Workers:

Citibike Free Year Membership for First Responders: [Critical Workforce Membership](#)
Freelancers in NYC: [File Workplace Complaint](#)
Hotels for Healthcare Workers: [NYC & Company](#)
Labor Issues: Call 311, or AG's office: (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov
Paid Sick Leave: DOHMH [Frequently Asked Questions](#) / or call: 855-491-2667 or 311
State List of Essential Business/Services: [Governor Cuomo Guidance Under 'New York State on PAUSE'](#)
SBS: [Virtual Workforce One Center](#) or call 718-960-2458
TLC Driver Jobs: [NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal](#)
TLC [Driver Resource Center](#): legal services, financial counseling, and other referrals

Buildings & Residents:

NYCHA Residents: [NYCHA's journal](#) + [Hardship Rent Reductions](#) + [NYCHA COVID-19 FAQ](#) + [City Harvest Mobile Markets](#) + [Mayor de Blasio Announces New Plan to Combat COVID-19 at NYCHA](#)

Property Tax issues: [Department of Finance Benefits](#)

Tenants/Landlords: [COVID-19: FAQ for Residential and Commercial Buildings](#)

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