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them to candidates with a statement saying the donors support a strong U.S.-Israel relationship benefiting both nations. In this way, NORPAC leverages donations from the pro-Israel community into a collective voice that merits national attention. Many members of NORPAC recall stories of the pleas of American Jewry falling on deaf ears during World War II.

NORPAC has raised nearly a half million dollars in 2007 so far. During Senator Joe Lieberman's tough race for reelection in 2006, NORPAC members raised and donated well over \$200,000 to help ensure that a long-standing ally of Israel would be able to continue to lead in the Senate. "It is important that we line up support before there is a problem," said Trudy Stern. "So many people give charity to Israel and visit Israel. Well, we can't do that if there is no Israel." Jeff Daube, a former vice-president of NORPAC's Riverdale chapter who moved to Israel this month, wrote, "I feel safer making *aliyah* knowing there are organizations like NORPAC back in the U.S."

In addition to its events for members of Congress, NORPAC also issues "Action Alerts" to thousands of concerned citizens on its e-mail list, establishes relationships with key members of Congress, and helps bring members of Congress together on issues of importance to the pro-Israel community. This past May, NORPAC brought nearly 700 participants to Washington,

DC, to educate Members of Congress about the critical importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and advocate for important legislation—such as the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act (H.R. 1400, S. 970), a bill intended to stop Iran, through tougher sanctions, from gaining nuclear weapons—and for giving over \$2.4 billion in aid to Israel.

NORPAC Long Island Chapter Regional President Stanley Stern hopes that the event for Senator McConnell was only the first of many to be held in the Five Towns area, and encouraged those at the event to participate in the 2008 Mission to Washington. For more information, visit NORPAC's website at www.norpac.net. ❖

Rabbi Yitzchok Fleischer Appointed To U.S. Heritage-Preservation Commission

Rabbi Yitzchok "Jules" Fleischer has been appointed to the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. The commission, an independent government agency, works to protect and preserve cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings in Central and Eastern Europe that are linked to the heritage of American citizens.

Several members of the commission are nominated at the suggestion of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. U.S. Representative Jerrold Nadler (8th Congressional District of New York) had asked Speaker Pelosi to nominate Rabbi Fleischer in recognition of his longstanding contri-

butions to his community.

On Monday, Mr. Nadler congratulated Rabbi Fleischer on his appointment. "Rabbi Fleischer embodies the values of the commission," he said. "He most notably possesses the qualities and skills necessary to the commission's important work. He will be a tireless advocate in identifying and promoting the preservation of significant sites in Europe that are invaluable to the commission."

Fleischer is a noted community leader from the Chassidic Jewish community in Borough Park and a prominent member of the Bobover dynasty. He serves on numerous boards of not-for-profits in Borough Park and devotes much of his time to helping the less fortunate members of the community. In particular, he has worked to provide for the well-being of many Holocaust survivors whose needs are becoming greater in the twilight of their lives. ❖

Yeshiva Gedolah Breakfast, October 14

The Yeshiva Gedolah of West Hempstead second annual breakfast is scheduled for Sunday morning, October 14, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Anshei Shalom (472 Hempstead Avenue in West Hempstead). The yeshiva, currently in its third year, provides a warm and nurturing environment for students who recognize the importance of continuing their Torah study while attending college or working. The yeshiva is an affiliate of Kesharim, a national organization which promotes collegiate Torah programs, and

is situated in the heart of the vibrant West Hempstead community and housed in the newly renovated *beis midrash* of Congregation Anshei Shalom. The yeshiva is located within convenient driving distance of Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, and Queens College, and counts among its core *talmidim* young men who have graduated from yeshiva high school and in most cases have spent one or more



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years learning in *yeshivos* in Eretz Yisrael.

As part of the yeshiva's commitment to spreading Torah throughout the community, its weekly Thursday-night *meshmar* program attracts boys and men from West Hempstead and neighboring areas. Throughout the year, the

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yeshiva also arranges special *shiurim* and presentations on topics of interest to the general community. In addition, the yeshiva offers special evening *shiurim* for women, which are enthusiastically attended by women of all ages.

Guests of honor at this year's breakfast include Dr. Yosef and Mrs. Shira Zupnick, who are to receive the Oskim B'Tzochrei Tzibur Award, and Mr. Melvin Brody, who is to receive the Ahavas HaTorah Award. The scheduled guest speaker is Rabbi Allen Schwartz.

Shira and Yosef Zupnick have been dedicated to and involved with the West Hempstead community since their arrival in 1987. Yosef is an active participant in the Young Israel and regularly attends *shiurim* in the neighborhood. Shira was on the board of Emunah and sisterhood and was a recipient of the sisterhood Eishes Chayil Award. The Zupnicks are the proud parents of Eli Doni, Chanan, and Binny.

Mel Brody has been engaged in a lifelong pursuit of learning Torah, and is committed to learning something new every day. He has homes in West Hempstead, Vacation Village, and Deerfield Beach, and in each location he faithfully attends *shiurim* at nearby *yeshivos* and shuls in order to continue his insatiable quest for *limud haTorah*. Whether having lively Torah discussions with his five grandchildren, learning Shabbos afternoons with Rabbi Yehuda Pearl of Congregation Anshei Shalom, attending *shiurim* with a group of colleagues, or arguing over Gemara with the *bachurim* (many years his junior) in the Yeshiva

Gedolah, Mel is in his element where there is Torah in the air.

Rabbi Allen Schwartz is senior rabbi at Congregation Ohab Zedek in Manhattan and has been teaching Bible at Yeshiva University for the past 23 years and Manhattan Day School for the past 6 years. Rabbi Schwartz's major focus at Ohab Zedek is to foster connections within the many different age groups and constituencies of Jews

living on the Upper West Side. He seeks to make all kinds of religious opportunities available to Ohab Zedek members and his goal for the community is to make every attendee a member of the larger community family.

He was ordained at YU and has a master of arts degree from there in Bible, rabbinics, and *halachah*. He is currently writing his doctoral thesis on the methodology of Rashi and has pub-

lished themes of Bible, rabbinics, and *halachah* thought. Rabbi Schwartz writes Bible curricula for Jewish day schools and lectures extensively for the Board of Jewish Education of New York and is on the educational staff of Camp Mesorah.

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Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program At Oceanview

Oceanview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Far Rockaway, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation provider for those who can no longer remain independent in the community, has opened a cardiac and pulmonary short-term program to service the Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island communities. Mr. L. Wolcowitz, owner and executive director, continually offers high-quality care and services to elderly and medically compromised individuals. This skilled nursing center provides customized, professional care services for seniors and others who are rehabilitating, convalescing, or disabled due to disease, chronic conditions, or aging.

"We are very excited about bringing a compassionate cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program where caregiving may be individualized as needed," said Wendy Trimboli, administrator. "The program can include up to five stages of service. A guideline is followed to ensure that the best care standards are met. Heart disease may be the leading cause of death for both men and women. Oceanview providers support the resident and their families in learning heart-healthy exercise and lifestyle options that can reduce risk of

future problems and optimize functional fitness," she added.

Backed by over 25 years of skilled nursing services, the staff at Oceanview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Queens County realizes that older adults wish to spend their retirement years living at home, but at some point in their lives they are very likely to require help with the daily demands of life, or their caregivers—the family members who live closest to them—will need some assistance. Oceanview is here for these adults and their families.

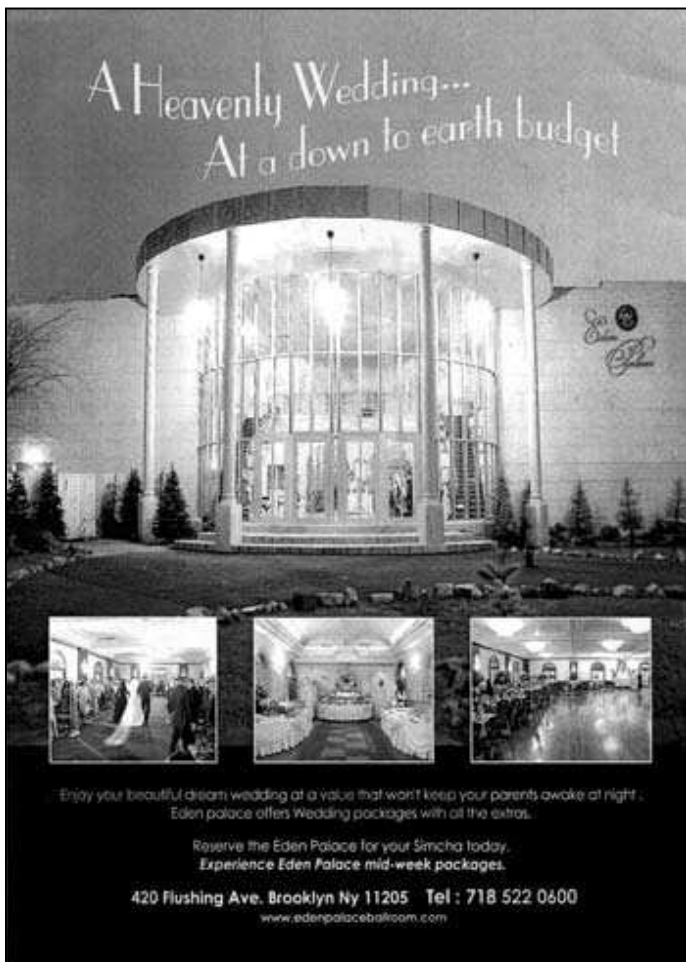

Oceanview's main objective in establishing this cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program is to rehabilitate, minimize disability, and maximize strength, endurance, and confidence, so that the individual can return home. ♦

Far Rockaway Community Comes Out For Chai Lifeline

The moving account of a family's crisis and Chai Lifeline's immediate response enthralled a large group of Far Rockaway-area *ba'alei batim* attending a reception at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Brown earlier this month.

Scores of rabbis and laymen crowded Rabbi Brown's home to inaugurate the period of *selichos*. They were moved to tears by Rabbi Zev Brown's story of personal tragedy and how the trained volunteers and professionals of Project C.H.A.I. assisted his family through the awful first days and weeks of their bereavement. His expression of *hakaras ha'tov*, coupled with a description of

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