

Lechu V'Nelcha Tenth Shabbos Of Inspiration

Lechu V'Nelcha Likras Shabbos – Lechu V'Nelcha, under the leadership of Rebbetzin Dinah Fink, invites you to its 12th Shabbos of Inspiration, Direction. Join scores of post-seminary girls of all ages who share your ideals and commitment to growth, for a Shabbos that is both physically rejuvenating and spiritually stimulating.

The full program of *shiurim* and workshops, the exclusive catering and extensive recreational facilities, combine to create that unique, incredible atmosphere for which past Shabbosos have been noted. The diverse group comprises some who travel in from various geographic regions, including Canada, England and Eretz Yisrael, gathering for an incredible experience.

A Lechu V'Nelcha Shabbos is planned both as an uplifting *ruchniyus* experience and as an opportunity for a change of pace. Expect the best in *shiurim* and workshops, in combination with all the amenities of a luxury hotel setting. From the moment of arrival, there is an air of festivity as welcome packages are distributed, and barely subdued exclamations of joy as guests greet familiar faces.

Throughout the Shabbos, food is plentiful and beautifully arrayed. Also worth special mention are the warm, exhilarating *tefillas: Kabbalas Shabbos* led by Lechu V'Nelcha participants, and Shabbos morning *tefillah b'tzibur* with the *minyan* on premises. Most important of all, the dedicated speakers, many of them joining Lechu V'Nelcha for a fifth or sixth Shabbos, share thoughts that ring true, each in their own inimitable manner.

Esteemed guest speaker Rabbi Todros Miller, *shlita*, of Gateshead Seminary, will once again honor Lechu V'Nelcha with his presence at the Shabbos. Rabbi Miller will address timely topics in powerful lectures that cut to the heart of attitudes and mindsets we grapple with daily. At each Shabbos, these *shiurim* spark animated discussions, as participants consider how their new understanding applies to real-life situations. A question and answer session, as well as individual meetings with Rabbi Miller, are

also scheduled.

This year, Lechu V'Nelcha is proud to welcome Rabbi Paysach Krohn, who will honor guests with his penetrating, uplifting insights, as well as the Rimmnitzer Rebbetzin, an outstanding personality with a repertoire of fascinating stories to share.

Among the beloved lecturers who will be leading concurrent, insightful workshops are Mrs. Yael Kaisman, an inseparable part of Lechu V'Nelcha since its inception; the dedicated Rabbi and Mrs. David Greenblatt of Gateways fame, and others. A Shabbos spent in the presence of these remarkable individuals is an experience in and of itself, and one to be treasured for years to come.

Continuing in the trademark style of Lechu V'Nelcha, the Motzoei Shabbos program is once again a synthesis of entertainment and inspiration: sports, swimming and roundtable discussions, followed by entertainment by actress/comedienne Marion Fine and a *kumzitz* with Malky Giniger.

The Shabbos will take place, *b'ezras Hashem*, on *Shabbos Parashas Vayishlach*, beginning on Friday November 30 through Sunday December 2, at a luxurious hotel in Somerset, NJ, just minutes from Brooklyn. In addition to the full program, attendees will enjoy the indoor heated pool, exercise facilities and deluxe rooming arrangements. Lechu V'Nelcha is strictly a non-profit organization, so guests receive this entire Shabbos at extremely reasonable rates.

But way beyond the details mentioned here, by far the most magical part of a Lechu V'Nelcha Shabbos is the one that must be experienced to be understood. The almost tangible spark, the charge of warmth, spirit and camaraderie, the tugging pull towards the next step in one's personal *avodah* – these feelings will linger long after you pack up and return home, long after you turn the page on your calendar, providing you with Direction for months to come.

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Boro Park JCC Sends Strong Message of Vibrancy

BROOKLYN, NY – Hundreds of communal figures, elected officials and organizational leaders gathered at the Lipschitz Hall on Sunday, October 28, to celebrate the newly-revamped Boro Park Jewish Community Council (BPJCC), under the leadership of the board and its new executive director, Rabbi Yeruchim Silber.

Boro Park has undergone great transformation, from the first generation of post-Holocaust survivors to a vibrant Chassidic community. Many of its large families grapple with tuition bills and daily expenses that often require governmental and other assistance. The Boro Park JCC has made itself into a “one-stop shop” for the social service needs of the greater Boro Park community, serving more than 7,000 clients a year.

Most of the speakers at the breakfast alluded to the vibrancy of the Boro Park community and the important role of the JCC in preserving its well-being.

Councilman David Greenfield, who represents the region, emphatically declared, “The Boro Park JCC is back.”

Council Speaker Christine Quinn presented the City Legislative Leadership Award to City Council Finance Committee Chair Domenic M. Recchia. She enthusiastically praised the JCC, stating, “The work the JCC does is a *mitzvah* after a *mitzvah*.” The speaker ended her remarks with the sobering thought that “if there aren't groups like the JCC of Boro Park, people will go unserved.”

Notable speakers and presenters included Congressman Jerrold Nadler, who also spoke of the need for the vital services provided by the JCC.



The newly constituted JCC Board along with Met Council and JCC Leadership and elected officials.

Awardees included Maimonides Medical Center, recognized as the premier source of health care in our community by Borough President Marty Markowitz; Investors Bank, awarded by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli; Fred Kreizman, Assistant Commissioner of the Mayors Community Affairs Unit, who received an award from the Hatzaloh CEO, Rabbi David Cohen, and Peter Rebenwurzel, who has served for nearly two decades as Chair of the Zoning and Variance Committee on Community Board 12, in addition to many other community causes, received the Community Service award from Dominick Stanzione, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Maimonides Medical Center.

Perhaps the most poignant moment was the award presentation of the Distinguished Citizen of Boro Park Award by Public Advocate Bill de Blasio to Mr. and Mrs. Avrohom (Alfred)

Schonberger. Mr. Schonberger spoke of his upbringing in Budapest, surviving the Holocaust, and how he and his wife decided to dedicate their lives to helping the poor and disadvantaged.

The breakfast concluded with a special presentation to all the new members of the Board who have done a remarkable job, together with previous board holdovers, Isaac Stern and Yitzchok Fleischer, in revitalizing the JCC.

Met Council CEO William Rapfogel, who along with the Met Council staff kept the JCC afloat during difficult times, was Program Chairman. The breakfast was sponsored by Maimonides Medical Center, Investors Bank, CenterLight Health Care, MJHS, Signature Bank, Astoria Federal Bank, Health Plus Amerigroup, and KRM Kollel Supermarket.

The Boro Park JCC is a proud affiliate of Met Council and UJA-Federation of New York.

OU Kosher Presents ‘Facing Illness: The Torah Approach’

On the heels of the success of previous OU Kosher webcasts, to which thousands around the world have tuned in, and in response to repeated requests for OU *poskim* to respond to issues and questions beyond the realm of kashrus, OU Kosher will present “Facing Illness: The Torah Approach,” featuring OU Kosher authorities and senior halachic consultants Harav Yisroel Belsky and Harav Hershel Schachter.

The webcast will take place Tuesday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. EST. Those who wish to view the webcast live should log on 15 minutes before that time. The program will take place at ou.org/webcast_kosher/.

In announcing the webcast, Rabbi Eliyahu Safran, OU Kosher's vice president of communications and marketing, noted the many requests from previous listeners “to have Rabbis Belsky and Schachter respond and comment on the many recur-

ring questions and issues in all areas of halachic concern and practice affecting both the individual and the community, as well as topics interrelating with kashrus.”

Topics that have already been suggested by listeners include Shabbos and kashrus issues for those who face illness, the kashrus of chewable pills, whether a *kohen* can ever visit someone in the hospital, whether all types of treatments are permitted and whether one can break Shabbos to treat the flu or a broken finger.

The webcast is part of OU Kosher's continuing educational outreach to the community. Among its many programs are the following:

- “OU Kosher Coming to Schools and Communities” program
- The highly informative and entertaining Kosher Tidbits postings, now numbering close to 200 on OU Radio. Recently

posted Kosher Tidbits include “Does Kosher Apply Even to Food?” featuring Rabbi Dovid Bistricer; “Where There's Smoke (or Vapor), There's Kashrus” with Rabbi Eliyahu W. Ferrell; and “Ownership: A Halachic Mine Field?” presented by Harav Schachter. The link for Kosher Tidbits is ouradio.org/ouradio/channel/C301.

• OU Kosher educational DVDs for home, schools, classrooms, synagogues and youth groups. The most recently released DVD, the sixth in the series, is “What's Wrong With This Chicken?” featuring Harav Belsky.

Webcast viewers should send in questions before the session starts to Rabbi Safran at Safrane@ou.org or to Rabbi Eliyahu W. Ferrell at Ferrelle@ou.org. Questions may only be submitted prior to the webcast.

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