

# Misaskim Matters

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## Our Crisis Support System

*At The Scenes and Behind The Scenes*

DISASTER / ACCIDENT RECOVERY

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Dear Misaskim Friends,

In the recent past, we have been privileged to service the community with so many ordinary and extraordinary “Misaskim Matters.”

In this news bulletin, we present several Misaskim highlights. As you peruse through these snapshots of Misaskim’s dedication to kindness, you will visualize the sense of communal responsibility and compassion which pulsate behind every Misaskim undertaking.

You will also understand why, when requested to be there for an atypical cause, Misaskim answers, yes. Because we care - not just about our organization’s cause, but about Klal Yisroel’s cause.

So, when the organizers of the Rubashkin pidyon shevuyim rallies needed a sophisticated speaker system, they borrowed Misaskim’s.

When Telshe Yeshiva of Riverdale was at a loss when their electricity was downed during a rainstorm this past March, they called out to Misaskim for help. They needed to restore their power, so as not to prolong the mass bittul torah and also because they had an event scheduled that evening. Misaskim supplied a generator, restored the Bais Midrash’s electricity temporarily, and earned the zechus of two hundred bachurim’s torah learning – and a successful gathering.

And when a desperate family was stranded in an airport in Rome, they contacted Misaskim. Through an extensive network of connections, Misaskim was able to supply them with kosher provisions to tide them over until they would reach their destination.

Indeed, Misaskim is unique in its focused dedication to our community... whether we are advocating for kovod hames with federal agencies in Washington or coordinating a yesomim chol hamoed gathering in NY or delivering gemach nichumim apparatus to your neighbor’s house, we’re doing our best to be there for you... and for Klal Yisroel.

Sincerely,  
**The Misaskim Board**



MISASKIM'S GENERATOR  
RESTORING POWER AT  
TELSHE YESHIVA OF RIVERDALE  
AFTER A RAINSTORM IN MARCH, 2010



MISASKIM  
MEETING  
WITH  
FDNY  
OFFICIALS

# MISASKIM VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT KLAL YISROEL... ONE CRISIS AT A TIME.

**Unfortunately,** this past Sunday, Lag Ba'omer, Klal Yisroel experienced more than "one crisis at a time." Yet, Misaskim made sure to be there for each individual, family and community.

**On this day,** 119 people sat down to shiva at twenty-two locations. Misaskim's delivery trucks traveled from Long Branch to South Fallsburg; from Staten Island to Monsey; from Manhattan to Boro Park, Flatbush, Williamsburg, Sea Gate and Crown Heights. Each beis avel received individualized care from Misaskim volunteers. Each family received the comprehensive Gemach Nichumim kit. Each avel felt as if Misaskim truly understood the magnitude of his personal loss, that his pain was not paled by a backdrop of multiple tragedies.

**Misaskim's** chevra kaddisha also set up two levayos, with sound systems and all. In addition, Misaskim coordinated the levaye of R' Avraham Abba Gorelik zt"l, the legendary Rosh Yeshiva of South Fallsburg, which took place in Kennedy Airport. Misaskim received special permission from airport officials to

designate a secluded area in the airport for the levaye and parking of the attendees. This was a befitting tribute to this adam gadol.

**On that same day,** Misaskim spent five hours with a Crown Heights family whose son had died in a jet ski accident in Tampa, Florida. Misaskim untangled a legal maze to enable the family to receive the death certificate and have the body transported in a timely fashion.

**On a happier note,** Misaskim was called upon to pick up the Kharlsburg shul's five stolen sifrei torah, which had been returned to the Brooklyn District Attorney's office.

**On this one Sunday,** Misaskim mobilized thirty volunteers, dispatched six trucks and distributed close to one thousand chairs to help Klal Yisroel. Yet, despite the massive scope of its undertaking, Misaskim remained focused on providing each individual with the support needed to withstand his crisis. Yes, even when the crises are not "one at a time," Misaskim is there to help, one individual at a time. 💧




## ANOTHER DAY AT MISASKIM WITH EXTREME SIYATA D'SHMAYA

This past winter, on a short Friday, a person passed away in Florida. His circumstances of death necessitated the intervention of the medical examiner. With the help of Rabbi Koppelman, Misaskim's Florida contact, Misaskim enabled the body to be released in a timely manner and expedited the processing of the death certificate.

By the time the legal work was in order, there was not enough time to transport the body back to New York via a commercial flight and arrange for a levaye before Shabbos.

So, in an impressive undertaking to accord dignity to the deceased, Misaskim gave the family the innovative idea to have a private plane fly the body into Linden, NJ, the closest airport to the cemetery and switch the levaye from Boro Park to Edison, NJ. As soon as the body arrived, Misaskim's chevra kaddisha swung into action. They performed the tahara, coordinated the levaye and even brought the body to kevurah in record timing.

Only after all the necessary arrangements were made did the volunteers race back to their homes, hoping to arrive before Shabbos. The body arrived in New Jersey at 1:35. The volunteers pulled up in Boro Park at 4:50.

Shabbos was 5:05. 



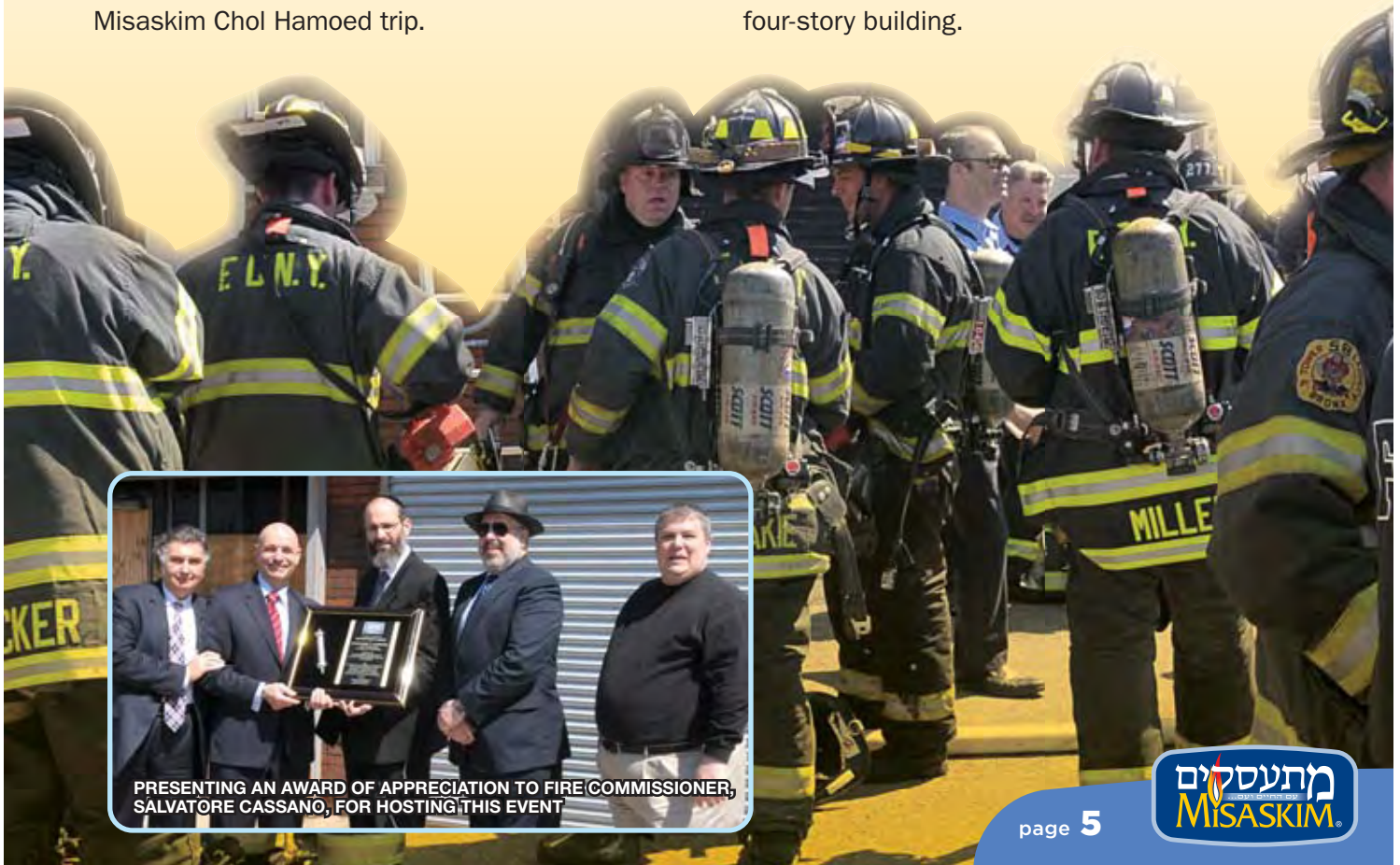
# MISASKIM'S CHOL HAMOED TRIP

## MISASKIM SPREADS CHOL HAMOED JOY YEAR-ROUND



For the close to six hundred privileged participants to the NYFD Training Academy on Randall's Island, it was a day of warm memories which will remain emblazoned in their hearts forever. For the almost two hundred firefighters who helped coordinate and perform for the children, it was a day to be remembered as a rare honor to utilize their life-saving stunts to imbue life and joy into the hearts of so many yesomim and Misaskim volunteers. For the Misaskim trip coordinators, it was a day to be marked as yet another astoundingly successful Misaskim Chol Hamoed trip.

The Misaskim group was divided and the children rotated between the different spectacular shows. One show staged an impressive high-angle rescue. Another show gave the group a chance to see a simulated car fire, and the children actually had turns to man the hoses to practice extinguishing the fire. At a third show, firefighters enacted the extrication of a victim from a car. At the fourth show, they demonstrated a rope rescue from a four-story building.



PRESENTING AN AWARD OF APPRECIATION TO FIRE COMMISSIONER, SALVATORE CASSANO, FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT

In the middle of these thrilling presentations, Misaskim was honored by the presence of Salvatore Cassano, Commissioner of the New York City Fire Department, who was presented with an award. Commissioner Cassano thanked Misaskim for giving the FDNY Academy the opportunity to host such a remarkable event.

The trip to the Fire Academy climaxed with a most awesome M.O.E.D. drill, in which approximately sixty fire fighters and nine trucks simulated a real fire. It was sight to behold, as firefighters rushed everyone, in an effort to overcome those fiery flames... They seemed to hold the audiences breath in their hands

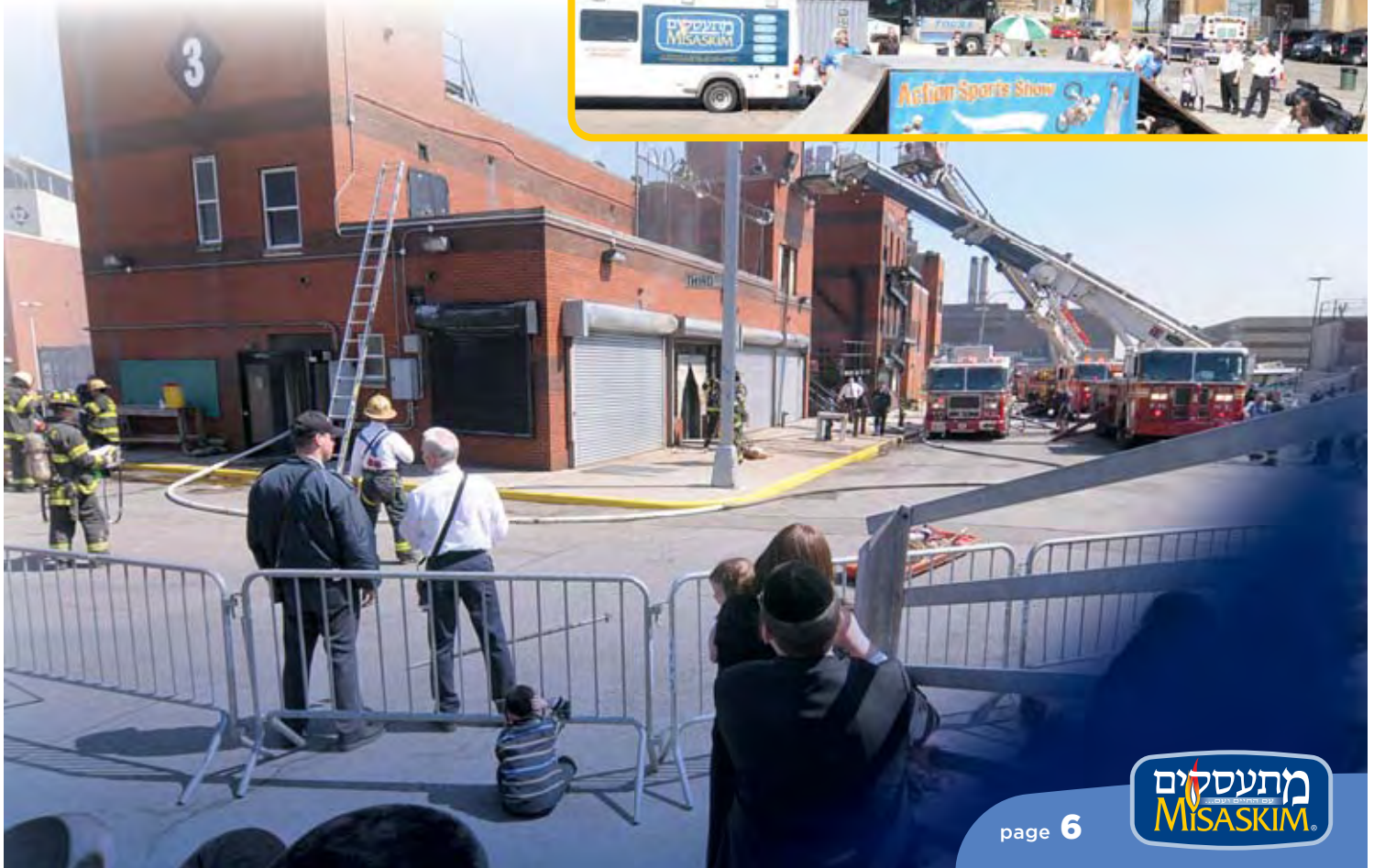
until, at long last, the final whiffs of smoke disappeared.

Following the trip to the Fire Academy, the Misaskim group enjoyed a relaxing lunch in a nearby park. Then, they were once again bedazzled by two amazing shows; a most unusual bike show, performed by Jason Rodriguez and an entertaining magic show by the famed Sam Jacobs.

Indeed, this day will be remembered as one of treasured memories - of fires, stunts... and sun burns! 🔥



**FIREFIGHTERS DEMONSTRATING  
A ROPE RESCUE FROM A  
FOUR-STORY BUILDING**



Misaskim Matters

# GRAND RAFFLE

1 WEEK LEFT UNTIL DRAWING

1 TICKET FOR \$100

2 TICKETS FOR \$180

3 TICKETS FOR \$250

6 TICKETS FOR \$360

10 TICKETS FOR \$540



**OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS MISASKIM!**



**WE DIDN'T SAY NO TO YOU, PLEASE DON'T SAY NO TO US!**

לאחינו בני ישראל הגתונים בצרה... לאחינו ולאחינו  
*Understanding Tragedy with Compassion.  
Coordinating Crisis with Expertise.*



PURCHASE A TICKET FOR \$100 AND ENTER A DRAWING TO WIN

*Your choice of:*



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**OR \$20,000 CASH**

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**OPTION 1**  
**\$18**

PER ENTRY INTO DRAWING FOR  
2 Round Trip Tickets to Eretz Yisroel

**OPTION 2**  
**\$36**

PER ENTRY INTO DRAWING FOR  
6 Round Trip Tickets to Eretz Yisroel plus Car Rental and Hotel **OR** Up to \$6,000 towards rental of bungalow

**OPTION 3**  
**\$54**

PER ENTRY INTO DRAWING FOR  
2 Entries into Option 2

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# MISASKIM *IN ACTION*

MISASKIM VOLUNTEERS AT THE SCENE IN TEANECK, NJ DURING THE STORM IN FEB. 2010 WHERE TWO PEOPLE WERE NIF TAR.



MISASKIM VOLUNTEERS AT A FATAL CITY BUS/BICYCLE ACCIDENT IN THE BRONX





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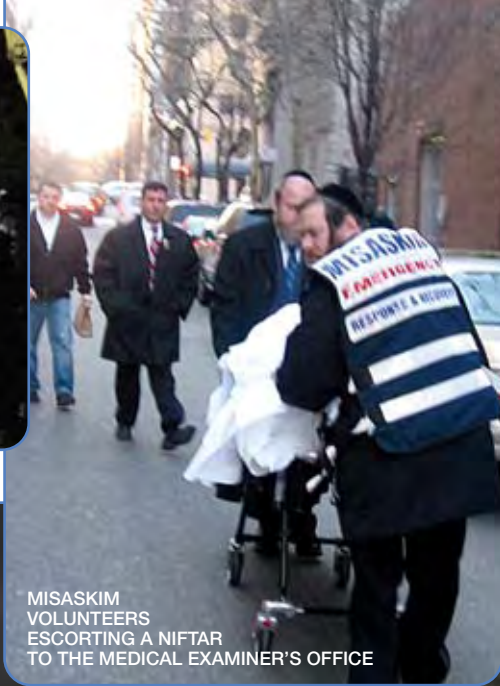
A TRAINED MISASKIM VOLUNTEER CLEANING A BULLET & ITS FRAGMENTS IN THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE



הרה"ג ר' יחזקאל ראטה שליט"א  
EXAMINING THE HEIGHT OF MISASKIM'S SHIVA CHAIRS



MISASKIM ASSISTING AT A FIRE SCENE IN MONSEY, NY.



MISASKIM VOLUNTEERS ESCORTING A NIFTAR TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE



MISASKIM ILLUMINATING A NIGHT TIME LEVAYA IN MONSEY, NY