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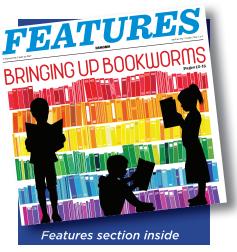


Kinderlach from area yeshivos, together with Rabbanim and askanim, gathered in Boro Park on Tuesday to daven for Klal Yisrael. (Inset) L-R: Harav Mattisyahu Salomon, shlita, Mashgiach, Beth Medrash Govoha, Lakewood; Harav Yechezkel Roth, shlita, Gaavad of Karlesburg Beis Din.



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Regional Briefs

Teen Honored for Helping Homebound Feed Pets

TRENTON - A girl who helps homebound people feed their pets was named Tuesday a "New Jersey Hero" by First Lady Mary Pat Christie, The Associated Press reported. Jordyn Cascone, 16, is founder of Jordyn's Cause 4 Paws.

3 People Dead, Over 100 Rescued From Rough Stormwaters

SEASIDE PARK, N.J. - Summer-like weather and 8-foot waves made for a dangerous weekend at the Jersey shore, where three people died and over 100 had to be rescued as Hurricane Maria churned off the coast, NJ.com reported.

New Jersey Borough Hit by 1.5 Magnitude Earthquake

MORRIS PLAINS, N.J. - A small earthquake rocked part of northern New Jersey Monday afternoon, The Associated Press reported. The magnitude 1.5. quake would normally not be felt but this tremor was noticeable because its epicenter was directly beneath Morris Plains. There was no reported damage.

Disabled Man to Get \$2M For Being Dragged Off Bus

SYRACUSE - The city of Syracuse will pay \$2 million to a disabled man who police shocked with a stun gun in 2013 before dragging him off a bus for refusing the driver's order to sit down, the Post-Standard reported. The local council on Monday approved the settlement with Brad Hulett, 39.

Gov. Cuomo Speaks at Las Vegas Labor Convention

ALBANY - Gov. Andrew Cuomo was in Las Vegas Tuesday to address a labor gathering, continuing a recent pattern of out-of-state travel after having avoided it since becoming governor, The Associated Press reported. The travel is fueling speculation about Cuomo's interest in running for president.

NY Launches Competition for Canal Improvement Ideas

SYRACUSE - Gov. Andrew Cuomo launched a competition Monday to improve the New York State Canal System. Up to \$2.5 million will be awarded for the best ideas to reimagine the 524-mile system. The main component is the Erie Canal, which began construction in Rome, N.Y., on July 4, 1817.

Misaskim Holds *Asifas Tehillim* for *Tinokos Shel Beis Rabban*



Hillel Engel/Misaskim

Jewish children joined together to daven for yeshuos for Klal Yisrael, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn.

YOSEF GESSER

The 24th annual Asifas Tehillim for children took place at the Bobover beis medrash in Boro Park on Tuesday, 6 Tishrei/Sept. 26. The children, who represented a variety of New York-area yeshivos, were joined by many Admorim, Roshei Yeshivah, Rabbanim and askanim.

Held annually during Aseres Yemei Teshuvah, the gathering is coordinated by Misaskim, known for its outstanding work in providing support and assistance with compassion and professionalism to those facing crisis or tragedy, R'l,.

The asifah began with the recital of pirkei Tehillim led by Harav Moshe Tuvia Lieff, Rav of Agudas Yisroel Bais Binyamin. Minchah was led by Harav Leibush Rubin, Glogover Rav and Menahel of Spinka Yeshivah. Harav Yitzchak Isaac Tirnauer, Rav, Khal Shomrei Shabbos, led Avinu Malkeinu, which was followed by the piyut of the Yud Gimmel Middos Harachamin led by Harav Yechezkel Roth, shlita, Karlsburger Rav, and Kabbalas Ol Malchus Shamayim led by Harav Mattisyahu Salomon, shlita,

Mashgiach of Bais Medrash Govoha in Lakewood, who participated in the asifah with mesirus nefesh in view of his delicate state of health.

While the purpose of the asifah is to enable the tefillos of tinokos shel beis rabban to bring about refuos and yeshuos for cholei Yisrael and the many others in Klal Yisrael who suffer adversity, the recent spate of tragedies nationwide and globally—including earthquakes in Mexico and hurricanes in Florida and Houston—made this year's gathering even more critical.

A most stirring and unforgettable scene was created by the vast sea of children united in fervent *tefillah*, their voices loudly reverberating in the huge shul. One can only imagine the impact that these entreaties, coming from these unsullied *neshamos*, had in *Shamayim* on behalf of *acheinu Bnei Yisrael*. The *achdus* that was manifest since these youngsters hail from various communities surely contributed to the overall success of the event.

The *asifah* was also connected via telephone hook-up with approximately 130 communities around

the world; consequently, tens of thousands of children were davening concurrently, pleading with the Borei Olam to send refuos and yeshuos for Klal Yisrael.

In the past, the transmission has included cities such as Baltimore, Cleveland, Chicago, Dallas, Memphis, Milwaukee, Montreal and Toronto, as well as sites in the states of California, Connecticut, Indiana, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Worldwide, it has reached enclaves in London. Manchester. Gateshead and locations in Holland, as well as in Mexico City and sites in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama and Venezuela. It was also transmitted via the Kol Mevaser phone line.

Numerous Yidden, wherever they were, paused to recite *perakim* 13, 20, 79, 121, 130 and 142 of *Tehillim* at the same time as the *asifah* was taking place. All who participated gleaned much *hisorerus* and inspiration from the event that they hope will bring, *b'ezras Hashem*, many *yeshuos*.