

## FELDER INAUGURATION DRAWS HUNDREDS

Hundreds of people, including prominent community leaders and elected officials, packed into Toras Emes Hall in Flatbush on Wednesday, February 13 to attend the inauguration of Senator Simcha Felder.

### ATTENTION: CO-OP AND CONDO OWNERS

If you received an erroneous letter from the New York City Department of Finance stating you are no longer entitled to an abatement because your unit is not your primary residence, please call our office for assistance.

### UNSOLICITED CIRCULARS

Please contact or stop by our office to obtain a Do Not Place Unsolicited Circulars On This Property sign for your residence.

### SENIOR CORNER

IT-210 and IT-214 forms are available. If you need assistance completing these forms, please call or come by our office. We can help.



Senator Felder is sworn in by Brooklyn Supreme Court Judge Leon Ruchelsman.



Senator Felder addresses the crowd of attendees.



Rabbi Nosson Scherman brought greetings to those assembled.



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**State Senator Simcha Felder**

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Senator Felder poses with a constituent and Ms. Marilyn Ramos from the MTA at the Reduced-Fare MetroCard event.



Senator Felder, Ms. Nina Padmore, R.N., and Ms. Julie Winslow, M.Ed. from Beth Israel Medical Center. The Senator learned about the importance of maintaining a healthy blood pressure and had his pressure taken.

## FELDER HOSTS TWO EVENTS FOR SENIORS

Senator Felder recently hosted a blood pressure screening and a Reduced-Fare MetroCard event for seniors at his district office.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) personnel were on hand to assist constituents who wished to apply for a Reduced-Fare MetroCard or who required intervention with an existing Reduced-Fare MetroCard account. "A Reduced-Fare MetroCard can make all the difference to elderly people living on a fixed income," Senator Felder said. "It enables them to travel and maintain their independence without overly depleting their financial resources."

The blood pressure screening event was held in conjunction with registered nurses from Beth Israel Medical Center. "Early detection is a key factor in avoiding serious health problems later on," warned Senator Felder. "Everyone, regardless of age, should visit their physician regularly to ensure they have no underlying health issues," the Senator added.



### SAVE THE DATE!

Additional Reduced-Fare MetroCard events will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. at the district office. Please call our office to find out about our next health screening event.



**YES! I want to receive important updates about the following issues from Senator Simcha Felder:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Or visit our website at [www.felder.nysenate.gov](http://www.felder.nysenate.gov)

#### Constituent Priority List. Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Disability Issues
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Higher Education
- ☐ Health Issues
- ☐ K-12 Education
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Property Taxes
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Senior Citizen/Aging Issues
- ☐ Special Education
- ☐ Transportation Issues
- ☐ Tuition Relief
- ☐ Veterans Issues
- ☐ Welfare Reform
- ☐ Women's Issues
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## SIMCHA FELDER FIGHTS BUDGET CUTS IN ALBANY

Senator Felder was joined by his colleagues and advocates for the disabled at a rally to protest a proposed \$120 million cut to funding for programs for the disabled population. "I am committed to getting these vital funds restored in the budget," said Senator Felder.



Featured (L-R) are Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, Senator David Carlucci, and Senator Simcha Felder.

## CASES FROM THE FELDER FILES

### Ain't Gonna Work on Saturday



Mrs. V., a Jewish woman in her 50s, had always worked on Saturdays as a lab technician in a Brooklyn hospital. But when Mrs. V. became observant, she notified her supervisors that she could no longer work on Saturday. Yet, the hospital refused to accommodate Mrs. V. and continued to schedule her to work on shabbos.

Mrs. V. contacted her rabbi, Gil Frieman of the Jewish Center Nachlath Zion, for help. Rabbi Frieman asked three other elected officials to intervene on Mrs. V.'s behalf, but none of them would take on her case. Finally, Rabbi Frieman contacted Senator Felder who called the hospital administrator. Within 24 hours, the hospital reversed its previous stance and assigned Mrs. V. new hours to work which did not include shabbos or Jewish holidays.



We are pleased to report that in response to the snarling traffic along Avenue K, the Department of Transportation has notified Senator Felder that the signal timing on Avenue K between East 8th

## FELDER PUSHES FAMILY TAX CUTS ACT

Senator Simcha Felder joined Republican Leader Dean Skelos and Conference members to unveil the Family Tax Relief Act, a package of tax relief and reform measures designed to provide a major economic boost to New York's struggling middle class families.

The Senate Republican plan would increase tax breaks that have not kept pace with inflation, and, in some instances, haven't been adjusted for more than 25 years. The plan also restores the STAR property tax rebate check program to provide real and direct relief to millions of New Yorkers who pay some of the highest property taxes in the country.



"For far too long, New York State has treated us like an ATM machine," said Senator Felder. "It is high time that we stop asking New Yorkers to withdraw their hard-earned monies and turn it over to the government to support our bloated budget. The Family Tax Relief Act puts money back where it belongs – into the pockets of financially over-burdened families – and sets New York on a good course to fiscal health."

The Senate plan would more than double the value of the Dependent Exemption; increase the Child Tax Credit and provide an additional \$500 child tax credit; increase the value of the Dependent Care Credit; and restore STAR property tax rebate checks.

and East 10th Streets and between East 12th and East 19th Streets has been modified. This will improve coordination with the signals at the intersection of Coney Island Avenue and Avenue K.





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Dear Friend,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Albany. As your new Senator, I am delighted to share this newsletter containing important information. Our district office is now open and conveniently located at 1412 Avenue J on the second floor.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming events, and complete the form on the back of this newsletter to receive regular updates from me.

With the advent of spring, I want to extend my best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and healthy Passover festival and Easter holiday.

My staff and I eagerly look forward to serving you. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simcha".

Simcha Felder  
Senator, 17th District

