

## Huge Turnout at Toronto Hatzolah Evening of Appreciation

Toronto's Evening of Appreciation of Hatzolah, which took place on May 14, 2007, at the Paramount, was, *baruch Hashem*, a huge success.

With over 800 people in attendance, the evening began with the "Save A Life, Save A World" cocktail reception featuring foods of the world. Guests were then welcomed to dinner and enjoyed a presentation by the keynote speaker, the Honourable Stockwell Day, minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.

Representatives from Toronto and York Region EMS, the Toronto police force and fire department, and the OPP were recognized for their assistance to Hatzolah and the Toronto community. The Hatzolah volunteers and Chief Bruce Farr of Toronto EMS were presented with plaques of appreciation, accompanied by the enthusiastic applause of the crowd.

In addition, Rabbi Hershel Weber, founder of the original Hatzolah unit in New York, attended the event. His contribution to the well-being of Jewish communities around the world was acknowledged.

The purpose of the evening was to spotlight and show recognition to the devoted vol-



A view of the crowd at Toronto's Hatzolah dinner.

unteers of Hatzolah Toronto — the men and women who work tirelessly, both in the forefront and behind the scenes, and give so generously of their time. Without their dedication, Hatzolah could not exist.

Hatzolah took the opportuni-

ty to honor the memory of Shmulik Reichmann, *a"h*, an active and devoted Hatzolah responder who embodied the true spirit of the Hatzolah volunteer. During the evening, the establishment of a program in Shmulik's memory was



Representatives from Toronto and York Region EMS, Toronto Police, Toronto Fire Department, and the OPP posing with Toronto Hatzolah.

announced. It will provide CPR training courses for teens in Toronto's Jewish high schools, which no doubt will one day help save lives.

An award was also presented to Chief Bruce Farr of Toronto EMS, in recognition of the

assistance and cooperation that he and the Toronto EMS have provided Hatzolah.

Guests were treated to a video presentation showing Hatzolah in action and all left inspired by the wonderful work of Hatzolah Toronto.

## Toronto Dinner Marks Laniado's 30th Year

By Shaindy Cohen Goldstein

Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital will be hosting a tribute dinner on Monday June 11, 2007, in Toronto, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the hospital. The dinner will be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Hilda Weil, *a"h*, wife of Dr. Joseph Weil, *a"h*, the first medical director of the hospital.

Laniado Hospital represents the realization of the vision set forth by the Klausenberger Rebbe, *zt"l*, who tragically lost his wife and eleven children in the Holocaust. After surviving the ordeals of the concentration camps, he vowed to dedicate his life to rebuilding the great religious institutions of learning and social welfare that had been destroyed.

He spent the following decades developing a wide range of services and facilities throughout Europe and the United States, his ultimate goal to build a hospital in Israel. This hospital would be a "holy institution" where the value and sanctity of human life would be preserved above all else. He envisioned a hospital where medicine would be practiced in complete accord with Torah principles, and with compassion, kindness and sympathy.

It would be an institution

where healing would be administered by highly trained professionals who exemplified the Jewish tradition of caring for the disadvantaged and the infirm.

In 1975, after years of planning, the Rebbe, *zt"l*, established Laniado Hospital in Netanya. The Rebbe had a partner in Dr. Joseph Weil, *a"h*, a Canadian physician whose lifelong dream was to make a tangible contribution to Eretz Yisrael through his medical knowledge and expertise.

Sought after by other more famous Israeli medical institutions, Dr. Weil chose the special challenge and unique potential of Laniado. He and his wife Hilda moved to Israel with their children, Yael, Dani and Uri, where he became the first acting medical director of the fledgling hospital.

In his three years with the hospital, Dr. Weil successfully turned Laniado not just into a recognized institution, but one that became acclaimed for its excellent medical standards and the compassion and dedication of its staff.

The Rebbe, *zt"l*, would say: "All of my *mosdos* are holy, but Laniado Hospital is the holy of holies."

For information about the dinner or to support the hospital, call (416) 785-8946 or email shaindy@rogers.com.

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mer, led by Rabbi Ephraim Hochberg of the Chicago Community Kollel. Rabbi Boruch Weinberg will once again lead the learning for the Wi-Fi building's summer internship program, in which those who want to join the workforce can do so in *Torahdig* surroundings.

### Passaic-Clifton Cheder/Bais Yaakov Inaugural Dinner

The inaugural dinner for the new *cheder* and Bais Yaakov in Passaic that serves the Passaic and Clifton areas will, *iy"H*, take place on Sunday, June 10. The featured guest speaker will be Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser, Rav of Khal Beis Yitzchak. *Divrei brachah* will be given by Harav Shmuel Kamenetsky, Rosh Yeshivas Philadelphia.

### Denver Kollel Continues Popular Torah for Tycoons Lectures

The Denver Kollel, in its next series of Torah for Tycoons lectures, presents the father-

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and-son team of Marvin and Andy Kark and *Rosh Kollel* Harav Shachne Sommers for a special presentation titled "Family Businesses: It's Business and It's Personal - How to Manage Both." The event will be held on Wednesday June 6, at noon at the East Side Kosher Deli.

### Harav Avraham Dreyfus Appointed Rosh Mesivta In Toledo

The Mesivta of Toledo, Ohio, announced that it has appointed Harav Avraham Dreyfus as *Rosh Mesivta*. Rav Dreyfus resides in Detroit and is a member of the Detroit Kollel Avreichim.

### Hachnasas Sefer Torah in Yeshivah Bnei Torah of Passaic

Yeshiva Bnei Torah of Passaic/Passaic Torah Institute celebrated the *hachnasah* of a newly written *sefer Torah* this past Monday.

The animated procession set off from the home of Harav Shlomo Singer, the Rosh Yeshivah, and made its way to the yeshivah accompanied by a

large crowd and lively music.

### Seattle Kollel Presents Special Lecture On Tefillah

The Seattle Kollel is featuring a special guest lecturer, Rabbi Menachem Nissel, whose talk is entitled "Prayer for the Overwhelmed: Getting the Most Out of Ten Minutes with Hashem."

Rabbi Menachem Nissel is the author of the acclaimed *Rigshei Lev: Women and Tefillah, Perspectives, Laws and Customs*. He has been inspiring audiences around the world to improve their *davening* with his dynamic and entertaining lectures on *tefillah*. He is presently a *rebbe* at Yeshivat Toras Shraga and a teacher at various seminaries in Yerushalayim.

### Arie Crown Hebrew Day School's Anniversary Banquet

The Arie Crown Hebrew Day School of Chicago will be holding its 60th anniversary banquet, *iy"H*, on Wednesday, June 20, at the Westin O'Hare Hotel.

Established in 1948, the Arie Crown Hebrew Day School continues a tradition of educational excellence and service to the community.