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ANNUAL
DINNER

JEWISH HERITAGE CENTER
OF QUEENS AND LONG ISLAND
Rabbi Naftali Portnoy, Rabbi Moshe Turk - Directors

Evening of Inspiration

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Dear Friends,

In spite of coronavirus – because of coronavirus – we need you to join us at this Dinner more than ever before.

The Jewish Heritage Center has been hit particularly hard by the recent crises.

With the loss of our Pesach and Shavuot Hotel Programs and the lack of a viable Ballroom Dinner with its usual Honorees, our annual budget has taken a hit in excess of a half a million dollars.

On the other hand, our life saving work is more critically sought after now than ever before. With the lack of open safe havens like our Brooklyn Drop in Center, our hundreds of Brooklyn youth, in Boro Park and Flatbush are feeling in more difficult straits than before. Many secular Long Island families have more open time on their hands and are even more accessible to us these days through Zoom and other social media forums.

Just a few of the ways our dedicated staff has reached out during the past several weeks of Covid-19:

- **21** weekly kids zoom sessions for Long Island Outreach reaching over **70** different children.
- Over **100** Torah study Zoom sessions.
- Over **1,000** meals delivered by our staff making personal visits to struggling Brooklyn Youth
- Nearly **100** Zoom therapy sessions for Youth rebuilding their lives
- Countless hours of phone calls, facetimeing, and Zoom sessions providing emotional and spiritual guidance to our 30 years of alumni students and family.

This makes this year's Dinner Campaign more critical than ever before.

We can't sit together at this year's Dinner. We don't have the income from Dinner Honorees. We therefore turn to you, our friends and supporters, who know the work we are doing, to reach deeper this year with donations and/or annual pledges. Our goal for this Dinner Campaign is to raise \$250,000 sorely needed to sustain our growing initiatives already in place.

The highlight of the campaign will be its culmination on Monday June 29th at 8:30 PM with an online evening of inspiration featuring Mr. Charlie Harary, Rabbi YY Rubinstein and Rabbi Moshe Weinberger.

Please consider this a personal request from each of us to each of you. Please give and pledge generously in the commemorative Journal and join us at the online event. Please help us spread this critical campaign to your friends and family.

We need your help now more than ever! We appreciate your support now more than ever!

Thank you,

Rabbi Naftali Portnoy

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