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NEWS AND UPDATES

Union City Hatzolah to the Rescue



On Erev Shabbos Vayeilech, October 7th, at approximately 4PM, all traffic entering and exiting the Lincoln Tunnel ground to a halt as the Port Authority Police Department investigated what was later identified as a bomb hoax.

The closing of the Lincoln Tunnel created a commuter nightmare, and even more so for the many Passaic residents trying to get home in time for Shabbos. With Shabbos fast approaching, those still in New York City made arrangements to stay there for Shabbos. There were many who were stuck on buses in the tunnel and on the Rt. 495 Helix, who had nowhere to go. In desperation, many of them called local Rabbonim for advice, and Hatzolah of Passaic/Clifton EMS was also called for help. Since there was no time for a trip to the Lincoln Tunnel and return to Passaic before Shabbos, Avi Koplowitz, Hatzolah Coordinator, put in a call to Yanky Askal, Director of Union City (UC) Hatzolah for assistance. He advised Mr. Askal that many were stuck on busses with drivers who would not let them get off, and to prepare for the very high likelihood of hosting stranded travelers in Union City over Shabbos. UC Hatzolah, with assistance from Rabbi Yanky Meyer, Chaplain of the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD), contacted NJ Transit to ask the drivers to permit passengers to disembark the buses. UC Hatzolah with the cooperation of the PAPD, immediately began sending buses and ambulances to pick up the stranded passengers. Many were brought to Passaic in time for Shabbos with minutes to spare. Many others enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Union City Kehilla over Shabbos.

It is imperative that we recognize the Mesiras Nefesh of Mr. Yanky Askal who together with UC Hatzolah

and other dedicated residents of Union City, who ensured that most, if not, all were able to enjoy Shabbos in a most meaningful way.

Yom Kippur and Shmini Ateres Appeal

This past Yom Kippur and Shmini Ateres, all of the Shul's in Passaic and Clifton made an appeal for Hatzolah of Passaic/Clifton EMS. We would like to thank all those who participated in arranging the appeal and those who participated in it by pledging generous donations to Hatzolah. Your financial support makes it possible for Hatzolah to continue it's life-saving efforts. Tizku Lemitzvos.

As a reminder, Hatzolah will not be sending any bill or reminder in the mail. Please give your generous pledge to the Rabbi or to the designated person at your Shul.

YBH Hillel Touch – A – Truck



As in past years, YBH hosted a "Touch A Truck" which provided wholesome Chol Hamoed activity and allowed the community's children to get up close and personal with many various heavy duty vehicles that they see on a regular basis. Along with the Passaic Police and Fire Departments, Hatzolah of Passaic/Clifton EMS was proud to participate in this event. Many children (and adults!) enjoyed the opportunity to get inside the ambulance and to see the equipment that Hatzolah members use on a daily basis. Many took this opportunity to get new Hatzolah stickers for their home and cell phones (if you need stickers, please call the office at 973-685-4911). Please check our website for pictures of this and other events.