



Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb, general studies principal, addressing the *talmidim* during Rabbi Eliezer Myski's first-grade *Tehillim siyum* in Yeshiva Darchei Noam.

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Ezras Torah Annual Breakfast Event

On Sunday morning, June 5, *Parashas Bamidbar*, Ezras Torah's annual breakfast event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoffnung on Jay Court in Monsey. The breakfast was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Arthur Hoffnung, z"l.

The guest speaker at the event was Rabbi Avrohom Schnall, who is the Rav of Congregation Reyim Ahuvim.

Ezras Torah, a Torah relief society, provides housing assistance, emergency medical grants, interest-free loans, *hachnasas chassan v'kallah*, Shabbos and Yom Tov grants as well as maternity grants which are awarded on behalf of impoverished Torah scholars and their families.

In Eretz Yisrael alone, ten thousand families a year are aided by grants and loans provided through Ezras Torah. Due to the unsettling political and economic situation in Eretz Yisrael, the number of requests grows on a daily basis. Ezras Torah tries to respond to every request, and Monsey's annual breakfast helps support Ezras Torah's many activities.

For further information on Ezras Torah and the many endeavors they undertake throughout the year or to help with Ezras Torah funding, please call 212-349-6638.

Wolfe and Cornell Demand Shut Down Of Indian Point

Rockland County Legisla-

tors Alden H. Wolfe and Harriet Cornell are calling for the closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plant after noting repeated safety concerns at the four-decade-old facility.

"The facts show that there should be NO future for this plant," said Legislature Chairman Wolfe (D-Montebello). "Indian Point was not built to withstand a catastrophe such as a terrorist attack, an earthquake or a pipeline explosion, and there is a long list of continued safety problems, the latest of which involves missing and damaged bolts in the Unit 2 nuclear reactor.

"Not just any bolts, but the very lynchpins that mean the difference between a safe operating temperature and a nuclear melt-down, with the release of deadly radiation that would spread to the surrounding area and everyone living and working in it," Mr. Wolfe said.

He pointed out that the bolts are just one problem in a long and growing history of truly frightening safety concerns: multiple unplanned or emergency shutdowns; spiked concentrations of radioactive tritium-contaminated water leaking into groundwater; the spilling of 3,000 gallons of oil into the Hudson River; leaking fuel pods ... and more.

Ms. Cornell (D-West Nyack), who chairs the Legislature's Environmental Committee, said the list of problems stretches back decades and in 1984, when she joined the Legislature, she authored legislation to create a Citizens' Commission to Close Indian Point.

Ordinary citizens working with grassroots organizations have repeatedly demanded more attention be paid to Indian Point as the efforts to

close it have continued.

The latest incident involving the bolts highlights the

increasing concern by residents, she said, noting 1 out of every four bolts in the Unit 2 reactor were degraded or missing entirely!

Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Cornell submitted written comments to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as part of the agency's annual assessment meeting to discuss Indian Point's safety record of the previous year; in this case, 2015.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the situation is not all doom and gloom because thanks to the efforts of many, including Governor Andrew Cuomo, we are seeing an increase in the inclusion of alternative renewable energy sources in our power portfolio. By

2030, 50 percent of New York State's power mix will include renewables such as wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectric power. Wolfe has asked the PSC not to consider nuclear power generation as "clean" energy or to include it in the state's milestones.

Indian Point can produce about 2,000 megawatts of power, but new reports indicate that the New York Power Authority doesn't purchase electricity from Indian Point anymore, as it has found cheaper electricity elsewhere.

Mr. Wolfe also pointed out that Indian Point's energy generation largely benefits residents of New England, not New York State.

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