



THE Eliezer Project

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To the members of the South Shore L.I. Community:

Since we are aware that some in the community are not yet familiar with The Eliezer Project and its purpose and activities, we will take advantage of this first in a series of regular communications to introduce ourselves and describe our activities.

THE ELIEZER PROJECT is a local not-for-profit organization assisting families residing in the Five Towns, Far Rockaway and adjacent communities of Long Beach, Oceanside and West Hempstead who are experiencing economic hardship in restoring the financial stability of their households and particularly in managing and weathering the current economic crisis. Our offices are located at 466 Central Avenue (over the Capital One Bank, entrance on Spruce Street), Cedarhurst, NY 11516.

Numerous families in our community have unfortunately already been or will soon be impacted by the ever-growing economic crisis. A family that experiences the complete or partial loss of a job or a severe slowdown in their business may suddenly require urgent assistance and support at several levels. The Eliezer Project's Employment Director, Ellen Aronovitz, assesses each candidate's most viable opportunities, shares suitable job leads, provides access to the various resources available for job listings, provides training in job search techniques (resume writing, interview skills, etc.), refers clients to job fairs and networking events and assists with vocational retraining.

We also counsel the affected family in the management of its dwindling assets and resources, including informing them about insurance options and government programs and advising and even arranging to have them represented in dealing with mortgage, credit card and other consumer debt. Where needed, we call on our growing panel of specialist professionals skilled in the various areas where further assistance may be required. We will also refer families to healthcare and other service providers to tide them over the crisis. In addition, we may counsel a family in implementing more effective financial management skills so as to restore and, just as importantly, maintain their financial health. Where appropriate, individual and family counseling is also available. These professional services are provided on a pro bono or a reduced-fee basis.

If you are seeking employment or know of any job openings, please contact our Employment Director, Ellen Aronovitz, at ellen@eliezerproject.org. If you need any other services, please contact our Executive Director, Samuel Bergman at samuel@eliezerproject.org or our Financial Manager, Esthy Hersch, at esthy@eliezerproject.org.

You are invited to visit our website, Eliezerproject.org, to learn more about The Eliezer Project and our mission, to access client application forms and to view informative articles culled from various publications and blogs dealing with employment matters, the job search, family finances and related topics of interest.

Events and Programs

- Earlier this year, the Eliezer Project presented a three-session program at a local shul at which clients received counseling from an experienced HR professional in valuable job-seeking skills. The sessions were entitled:
 - Resume Writing in the Age of E-Commerce – Own Your Future!
 - Be Your Own Salesperson: The Art of Job Hunting with an Emphasis on Successful Networking Techniques
 - Preparing For and Acing Interviews
- Also earlier this year, we partnered with the Orthodox Union in conducting a resume revision session in a local shul at which clients worked one-on-one with HR professionals to revise and polish their individual resumes.
- In March, we co-sponsored Parnassahfest, a networking event held at a local shul where over 100 participants met other job hunters to exchange job search techniques and possible job opportunities, receive help in forming small businesses and connect with others in related fields.
- The Eliezer Project will join scores of other community organizations from the New York City metropolitan area in participating in the Orthodox Union's CHESED Community Day Fair to be held Sunday, April 26, 2009 at Lander College for Women, 227 West 60th Street, New York City.
- We will be launching a program in the coming weeks in which volunteer professionals and business people in our community will assist job seekers on a one-on-one basis by giving them access to their network of professional and business contacts.

We need your continuing help

- ✓ We encourage you to help us in our effort by making a generous contribution to The Eliezer Project and sending it to us at 466 Central Avenue, Cedarhurst, NY 11516, attn. Mrs. Esthy Hersch. Our application to the IRS for a tax exemption has been filed and is pending.
- ✓ We strongly urge you to inform us promptly of leads of all kinds both for jobs and for business opportunities.
- ✓ We need the services of volunteer professionals in various areas and ask you to consider completing and submitting the application form posted on our website.

We warmly thank the entire community for its ongoing encouragement and support and wish you all a chag kasher vesame'ach!

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