



BUSINESS NETWORKING EXTRAVAGANZA AT INVESTORS BANK

More than 150 Brooklyn entrepreneurs gathered on Tuesday, July 13, for an exciting business networking reception that included wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. The event was hosted by Investors Bank, located at 1201 Quentin Road, and co-sponsored by the JCC of Marine Park, the Boro Park Jewish Community Center and the Crown Heights Young Entrepreneurs. Participants heard business and networking tips from Mr. Yitzchak Saftlas, founder and president of Bottom Line Marketing Group, host of the "Mind Your Business" radio program on 77WABC and author of "So, What's the Bottom Line?"



SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF ARNOLD JABLON

The JCC of Marine Park, in conjunction with Khal Zichron Mordechai (Rabbi Sherer's shul) and Maimonides Medical Center (MMC), held a special summer blood drive on Wednesday, July 20, in memory of Arnold Jablon, z"l, father of Douglas Jablon, special assistant to the president of MMC. The blood drive was an urgent appeal as many members of our community are away for the summer months, while the need for safe blood donations remains constant. Those participating, men and women between the ages of 16 and 75, were given a free meal along with a nice gift for their act of kindness.

JCCMP BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

The JCC of Marine Park will sponsor its second annual Back-to-School street fair in early September at its 3415 Quentin Road location from 12 to 5 p.m. In addition to exciting carnival rides and games, knapsacks filled with school supplies will be given out free of charge to the first 500 children who come to the fair in order to help kids in our community get off to a fantastic new year of learning. Refreshments and nosh will be available for purchase. Those wanting to sponsor this event or for more information can call Yosef Segal at (718) 407-1832.

SENATOR FELDER'S BILL TO PROTECT UNCLAIMED DECEASED BODIES

A three-year joint effort by State Senator Simcha Felder (Brooklyn) and State Assemblyman Mike Simanowitz (Queens) has resulted in the passage of their bill in both the State Senate and State Assembly to prohibit the release of unclaimed bodies without the consent of the deceased's spouse or next of kin. The bill still has to be signed into law by Governor Cuomo. A New York City mortuary school that has depended on gaining possession of unclaimed bodies for teaching their students has protested the potential law. Senator Felder said, "currently, unclaimed bodies can be released after only 48 hours. In many cases, families would object to what takes place after the body is released. People want to bury their loved ones according to their own traditions, but by the time they discover their loss, it's often too late. Rabbi Yaakov Meyer, director and founder of Misaskim, applauded Senator Felder's bill saying, "Just as New York State requires a signed consent for donating organs, it should certainly require consent before allowing a body to be used for teaching purposes."

