

*The  
Frum Voter's Guide*



for the  
NEW YORK CITY AREA  
- November 2010 -

## Summary – Tear This Out and Take to the Polls!

**Governor:** Carl Paladino

**Attorney General:** - leave blank -

**Comptroller:** Harry Wilson.

**US Senate:** Joe DioGuardi, Jay Townsend.

**US House:** Bob Turner, Michael Grimm, Susan Kone, and write-in (19<sup>th</sup>) Neil DiCarlo.

**BROOKLYN.** Williamsburg. Senate: Michael Freeman-Saulsberre; Joseph Nardiello.

Assembly: Jacqueline Haro; Byron Orozco; Khorshed Chowdhury.

Bensonhurst. Senate: Martin Golden.

Assembly: William Colton; Peter Cipriano.

Boro Park. Senate: Martin Golden; Avrohom Rosenberg; Allan Romaguera;

Jeffery Lodge or Brian Kelly.

Assembly: Alfred Caccamo; Peter Cipriano; Dov Hikind; Henry Lallave.

Kensington. Senate: Martin Golden; Jeffery Lodge or Brian Kelly.

Assembly: Alfred Caccamo.

Flatbush. Senate: Martin Golden; Avrohom Rosenberg; Rose Laney.

Assembly: Dov Hikind; Joseph Hayon; Alfred Caccamo; Alan Kesler;

Robert Maresca; Allan Bellone.

Sea Gate. Assembly: Jerry Amalfitano.

Crown Heights. Senate: Allan Romaguera.

Assembly: Menachem Raitport; Annette Robinson.

**QUEENS.** Jamaica Estates Senate: Frank Padavan

Forest Hills Senate: Richard La Salle; Joseph Addabbo.

Far Rockaway Senate: Samuel Benoit.

Kew Gardens Hills Senate: Robert Schwartz

Queens Assembly: Timothy Furey or Robert Friedrich; Aleksander Powiertzynski or Joseph Tiraco; Michael Miller; Harold Paez.

**LONG ISLAND.** Senate: Dean Skelos, Kemp Hannon, Carol Gordon

Assembly: Robert Germino, Jr., Brian Curran OR Dermond Thomas; Joshua Wanderer

**MANHATTAN.** Senate: Saul Farber; Jon Girodes OR Keesha Wiener; Joseph Mendola; Donald

Yardbrough. Assembly: Glenda Allen; Paul Niehaus OR Gregory Lundahl; Dena Winokur; Michael Chan.

**STATEN ISLAND.** Assembly: Nicole Malliotakis OR Marietta A. Canning; Lou Tobacco; Danny Panzella.

**BRONX/ WESTCHESTER.** Senate: Frank Vernuccio; Joseph McLaughlin.

**UPSTATE.** Senate: William Larkin; Scott Vanderhoef; John Bonacic.

Assembly: Frank Sparaco; Thomas Morr; Ann Rabbitt.

**Vaad L'Shmor Kehillasenu**

*Brooklyn and Queens, New York*

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Rabosai:

The State of New York voted on a bill this month that proposed changes in the law to give government recognition to people who engage in same-gender relationships, calling it "marriage." Same-gender relationships violate the prohibition against immoral unions, giluyai arayos, which are forbidden to Jews by the Torah and which are forbidden to the gentiles by the Sheva Mitzvos bnai Noach. The Torah clearly states that Hashem, may His Name be blessed, expelled the Canaanim from Eretz Yisroel due to the sinfulness of their relationships, and our Chazal explain that there is a direct relationship between separation from erva, forbidden relationships, and kedusha, holiness.

In an open miracle, Hashem thwarted the will of nearly every top elected leader of the state, causing this bill to be voted down in the Senate. In the push for its passage, however, there were many politicians who came out strongly in favor of same-gender marriages, and who also have contact with our communities.

We can no longer continue to support or elect leaders who have publicly showed their approval for giluyai arayos, activities that stand exactly opposite of all our work as Jews to increase the awareness and influence of Hashem the Almighty in this world. Furthermore, it is not within the power of legislature, the courts, or, for that matter, any individual or group to redefine the language. Marriage is a word that has a definition accepted by all the world from time immemorial: it means the legalized union between a man and a woman for the purpose of forming a family. Human lives have meaning to the extent that they reflect the values taught by the Torah. No government has the power to create meaning by bestowing new definitions to behaviors that are abhorrent to the Torah.

Therefore, all politicians that have voted in favor of laws that seek to normalize the forbidden relationships of giluyai arayos, or who have made documented, public statements in support of such laws, should be cut off from our support. No money, no public displays of approval, and no votes should be given to politicians who have made documented, public statements or who have voted in favor of laws that seek to normalize the forbidden relationships of giluyai arayos. The Judge of all the Worlds should bring us to live under His sole authority in the merit of our reserving our allegiance to those who do not work to undermine the Torah.

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*ישראל הלבי בלסקי* *חיים קראוס*

*AVROHAM YAAKOV NELKENBIAM NOACH ISAAC DELBAUM*  
*אברהם יעקב נלקנביאם נחאי יצחק דלבוים*



**THE CHESHBON (for the greater New York City Area).**  
**By Dovid Z. Schwartz, editor.**

This year, a number of laws were passed in the New York that should be a source of shock, anger and shame to our communities. The elected leaders of our communities took a public position, and helped to pass, laws that directly undermine all the work we do as Yidden to increase the awareness of malchius Shomayim in the world.

These range from some of the most infamous gezeiros raos (toeiva marriage, which has prompted universal condemnation from Gedolei Yisroel) to some of the lesser known (the recently enacted Dignity for All Students Act, which forces all schools to teach respect and tolerance for other religions and toeivas, from kindergarten and up.)

This guide was put together to inform the oilam of the things that our elected leaders have been doing with the trust and authority which we have placed in their hands. But also, worthy of applause, are those few, faithful servants who have stood up against a tidal wave of rishus to strengthen our values in the eyes of the law.

**URGENT UPDATE!**

There have been rumors circulating that Ha Rav A.L. Shteinman, shlita, poskined that it is mutar to vote for a candidate who supports toeiva, if that candidate would be better for our mosdos.

On a phone call to Bnai Brak, one of Rav Shteinman’s chief gabboyim, Rav Yisroel Friedman, told the Guide’s editor, Dovid Z. Schwartz, that Rav Shteinman said he doesn’t know enough about this parsha to poskin, and the Rosh Yeshiva has said nothing about the election. Rav Shteinman refuses to paskin on how we should vote in America, despite whatever other people might have said over in the Rosh Yeshiva’s name.

**NOTE: SHOW UP TO VOTE, EVEN IF FOR NOBODY!**

It’s crucially important that we all mechazek our kehillas by voting, even if we like none of the candidates. In fact, its important to show up at the polls on election day, even if you simply sign your name in the book and cast a blank ballot. The government and party officials pay careful attention to the numbers of people who actually show up to vote, and this tells them how seriously they should regard us, either as an ally or as a threat.

This guide consists of two main parts. First is the cheshbon, the rating which we assigned to the different candidates based upon their public stance on moral issues. That cheshbon is represented by the rating, from “Chaver” to “Avi Avos Ha Tumah” based on how good or bad the record is on moral issues.

The second part is identifying the Issues. We detail besides the candidate a Torah analysis of the positions the candidate has taken on important moral issues. With the issues, please note that it's not meant to be a direct translation of the issues into Hebrew, rather more like a limud as to the impact of these laws from the Torah perspective.

**Please refer to the Keys below to read the Guide.**

### **Key to the Cheshbon.**

**Chaver.** Our best defenders.

**Tinok Shenishba.** Trustworthy but lax in some places.

**Pareve:** No information one way or the other.

**Rishon L'tumah:** More bad than good.

**Avi Avos Ha Tumah:** One who sins and causes others to sin.

**Mamish:** Personally sponsored one of the Issue bills.

### **Key to the Issues.**

**Kineged Kiddushin/ Shomer Kiddushin:** Voted for toeiva marriage / or against it. (also called “marriage equality.”)

**Kineged Mishpachos/ Shomer Mishpachos:** Voted for toeiva adoption/ or against it. (also called “same-gender adoption”)

**Kineged tznius/ Shomer Tznius:** Voted for promoting cross-dressing at work/ or against it. (also called “GENDA: making illegal to fire or not hire based on cross-dressing”)

**Marbitz Ritzicha/ Kineged Ritzicha:** Voted for shifchas dum b'ubarim/ or against it. (also called expanding abortion)

**Marbitz Apikorsos/ Kineged Apikorsos:** Voted to force apikorsos in schools / or against it. (also called “The Dignity for All Students Act”)

These issues are also used with candidates who took public positions supporting such measures, even if they did not personally vote on these issues themselves.

Please see the Discussion at the close of this Guide to read about the details of these Issues.

This Guide only covers contested races, so you might not find candidates for your neighborhood listed here if they are running unopposed.



## NEW YORK STATEWIDE AND U.S. CONGRESS ELECTIONS

### **New York State Governor**

**Carl Paladino:** (Republican/Conservative). *Tinok Shenishba.*

*“I support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity and dignity of innocent human life.” (campaign website).*

*Mr. Paladino voiced a strong rejection of toeivas to a Williamsburg oilam. Although he later apologized for his language, he maintained his opposition to toeiva marriage and did not retract his opposition to toeivas b’clal.*

**Andrew Cuomo:** (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*“We must protect a woman’s right to choose, achieve marriage equality, enact tough anti-discrimination laws.” (campaign website).*

*Mater ritzicha, Kineged kiddushin.*

### **Attorney General**

**Dan Donovan:** (Republican/Conservative). *Rishon L’Tumah.*

*Took a public position for “civil unions” for toeivas.*

**Eric Schneiderman:** (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*“Eric strongly supports marriage equality for same-sex couples. As Attorney General, Eric will keep fighting to make sure that every New Yorker has the fundamental civil rights that come with a marriage license.” (campaign website).*

*Mevatel tznius, Mater ritzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachos mamish, Marbitz apikorsis mamish.*

### **Comptroller**

**Harry Wilson:** (Republican). *Pareve.*

**Thomas DiNapoli:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Kineged kiddushin, mater ritzicha.*

### **U.S. Senate**

**Jay Townsend:** (Republican). *Pareve.*

**Sen. Charles Schumer:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Av Hatumah.*

*Mater ritzicha, Kineged kiddushin.*

**Joe DioGuardi:** (Republican). *Chaver.*

*Kineged ritzicha.*

**Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Av Hatumah.*

*Mater ritzicha, Kineged kiddushin.*

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> District**

**Susan Kone:** (Republican). *Pareve.*



*Kineged ritzicha.*

**Rep. Jerrold Nadler:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah.*  
*Mater ritzicha, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Marbitz apikoros mamish.*

### 13<sup>th</sup> District

**Michael Grimm:** (Republican). *Pareve.*

**Rep. Michael McMahon:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Av Hatumah.*  
*Kineged kiddushin.*

### 9<sup>th</sup> District

**Bob Turner:** (Republican). *Chaver.*

*Kineged ritzicha.*

**Anthony Weiner:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah.*  
*Kineged kiddushin, mater ritzicha.*

### 19<sup>th</sup> District

**John Hall:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Kineged kiddushin, mater ritzicha.*

**Nan Haywood:** (Republican). *Av Ha Tumah.*

*Kineged kiddushin, mater ritzicha.*

**WRITE IN:** (Yes, write it yourself in the ballot!) Neil DiCarlo *Chaver.*

*Kineged ritzicha.*

## NEW YORK STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

### WILLIAMSBURG SENATE

#### District 17

**Michael Freeman-Saulsberre:** (Republican/Conservative). *Pareve.*

**Martin Dilan:** (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Mevatel tznius, Mater ritzicha, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachos,  
Marbitz apikorsis mamish.*

#### District 25

**Joseph Nardiello:** (Republican) *Pareve.*

**Daniel Squadron:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Mater ritzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish,  
Marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

### WILLIAMSBURG ASSEMBLY

#### District 50

**Jacqueline Haro:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.*

**Joseph Lentol:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznius, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikorsos.*

### **District 53**

**Byron Orozco**: (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Vito Lopez**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznius mamish, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikorsos.*

### **District 54**

**Khorshed Chowdhury**: (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Darryl Towns**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Kineged Kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznius mamish, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikorsos.*

## **BENSONHURST SENATE**

**District 22** (Flatbush, Boro Park, Bensonhurst)

**Martin Golden**: (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer mishpachos, Marbitz Apikorsos.*

**Michael DiSanto**: (Democratic) *Rishon L'tumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin.*

## **BENSONHURST ASSEMBLY**

**District 47**

**William Colton**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Tinok Shenishba*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer mishpachos, Kineged tznius, Marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

**Phyllis Carbo**: (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**District 49**

**Peter Cipriano**: (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Kineged ritzicha.*

**Peter Abbate**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Tinok Shenishba*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer tznius, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikoros.*

## **BORO PARK SENATE**

**District 20**

**Allan Romaguera**: (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Eric Adams**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged tznius, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz Apikorsos Mamish.*

**District 21**

**Jeffrey Lodge:** (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Brian Kelly:** (Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Kevin Parker:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

**District 22**

**Martin Golden:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer mishpachos, Marbitz Apikorsos.*

**Michael DiSanto:** (Democratic) *Rishon L'tumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin.*

**District 44**

**Alfred Caccamo:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**James Brennan:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged mishpachos mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**District 27**

**Avraham Rosenberg:** (Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Carl Kruger:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Rishon L'Tumah*.

*Mater retzicha mamish, Shomer kiddushin, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**BORO PARK ASSEMBLY****District 48**

**Dov Hikind:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Chaver*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer tznus.*

**Brian Doherty:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**District 49**

**Peter Cipriano:** (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Kineged ritzicha.*

**Peter Abbate:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Tinok Shenishba*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer tznus, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikoros.*

**District 51**

**Henry Lallave:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Felix Ortiz:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin mamish; Kineged tznus mamish; Kineged mishpachos; Marbitz apikorsos.*

**FLATBUSH SENATE****District 22** (Flatbush, Boro Park, Bensonhurst)**Martin Golden:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver.**Shomer kiddushin, Shomer mishpachos, Marbitz Apikorsos.***Michael DiSanto:** (Democratic) *Rishon L'tumah.**Kineged kiddushin.***District 19****Rose Laney:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.***John Sampson:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.**Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikorsos.***District 27****Avraham Rosenberg:** (Conservative) *Pareve.***Carl Kruger:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Rishon L'Tumah.**Mater retzicha mamish, Shomer kiddushin, Kineged mishpachos, Marbitz apikorsos.***FLATBUSH ASSEMBLY****District 48****Dov Hikind:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Chaver.**Shomer kiddushin, Shomer tznus.***Brian Doherty:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.***District 41****Alan Bellone:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.***Helene Weinstein:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.**Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin, Kineged tznus, Kineged mishpachos,**Marbitz apikorsos.***District 42****Alan Kesler:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.***Rhoda Jacobs:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.**Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged mishpachos,**Marbitz apikorsos.***District 44****Alfred Caccamo:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.***James Brennan:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.**Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged**mishpachos mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.***District 45**

**Joseph Hayon:** (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver.*

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer tznus, Kineged retzicha, Kineged apikorsos.*

**Steven Cymbrowitz** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Marbitz apikorsos, Shomer kiddushin.*

### District 59

**Robert Maresca:** (Conservative) *Pareve.*

**Alan Maisel:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Kineged kiddushin, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.*

## SEA GATE ASSEMBLY

### District 46

**Jerry Amalfitano:** (Conservative) *Pareve.*

**Alec Brook-Krasny:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Kineged kiddushin, Kineged tznus, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

## CROWN HEIGHTS SENATE

### District 20

**Allan Romaguera:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.*

**Eric Adams:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged tznus, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz Apikorsos Mamish.*

## CROWN HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY

### District 56

**Annette Robinson:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Tinok Shenishba.*

*Shomer mishpachas, Kineged tznus mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**Gamsey Alston:** (Republican) *Pareve.*

### District 43

**Karim Camara:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Tinok Shenishba.*

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer Mishpachas, Kineged tznus, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**Menachem Raitport:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.*

## QUEENS SENATE

### District 11 (Jamaica Estates)

**Frank Padavan:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Tinok Shenishba.*

*Shomer kiddushin, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**Tony Avella:** (Democratic) *Rishon L'Tumah.*

*Kineged Kiddushin.*

**District 13 (Forest Hills)**

**Richard La Salle:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Jose Peralta:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Marbitz apikorsos mamish, Kineged mishpachas.*

**District 15 (Forest Hills)**

**Joseph Addabbo:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Tinok Shenishba.*

*Shomer kiddushin, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

**Anthony Como:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**District 14 (Far Rockaway)**

**Samuel Benoit:** Republican) *Pareve*.

**Malcolm Smith:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Av Hatumah..*

*Kineged kiddushin, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**District 16**

**Robert Schwartz:** (Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Toby Ann Stavisky:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Mater retzicha mamish; Kineged kiddushin mamish; Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**QUEENS ASSEMBLY****District 23 (Far Rockaway)**

**Harold Paez:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Audrey Pheffer:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Kineged kiddushin, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Kineged tznius mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**District 24**

**Timothy Furey:** (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Robert Friedrich:** (Conservative) *Pareve*.

**David Weprin:** (Hillcrest) (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Kineged mishpachas mamish, Kineged tznius, Kineged kiddushin, Mater retzicha mamish.*

**District 28**

**Aleksander Powiertzynski:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Joseph Tiraco:** (Independence ) *Pareve*.

**Andrew Hevesi:** (Forest Hills) (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznius mamish, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**District 38**

**Michael Miller:** (Incumbent) (Democratic/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Kineged Ritzicha, Shomer Kiddushin, Shomer Tznius, Kineged Mishpachas, Marbitz Apikorsos.*

**Donna Caltabiano:** (Republican) *Pareve*.

**LONG ISLAND SENATE****District 9 (Five Towns)**

**Dean Skelos:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Tinok Shenishba*.

*Shomer kiddushin,\* Shomer Mishpachas, Marbitz Apikorsos.*

\*Senator Skelos has vowed to bring Toeiva Marriage to the Senate floor for a vote should the Republicans retake the Senate.

**George Sava:** (Democratic) *Av Hatumah..*

*Kineged Kiddushin.*

**District 6 (Hempstead/ Plainview)**

**Kemp Hannon:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**Francesca Carlow:** (Democratic) *Pareve*.

**David Mejlas:** (Working Families) *Pareve*.

**District 8 (Hempstead)**

**Charles J. Fuschillo:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Tinok Shenishba*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**Carol Gordon:** (Democratic) *Pareve*.

**LONG ISLAND ASSEMBLY****District 13 (Roslyn/Plainview)**

**Robert Germino, Jr.:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Charles Lavine:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah..*

*Mater retzicha Mamish, Kineged Kiddushin Mamish, Kineged Tznius Mamish, Kineged Mishpachas Mamish, Marbitz Apikorsos*

**District 14**

**Dermond Thomas:** (Democratic) *Pareve*.

**Brian Curran:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**District 20 (Five Towns)**

**Joshua Wanderer:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Harvey Weisenberg:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tumah*

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznus mamish, Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

## **MANHATTAN SENATE**

### **District 26 (Upper East Side)**

**Saul Farber** (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Liz Krueger**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish.*

*Marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

### **District 28 (Upper East Side)**

**Jon Girodes**: (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Keesha Wiener**: (Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Jose M. Serrano**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz*

*apikorsos mamish.*

### **District 29 (Upper West Side)**

**Thomas Duane**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*.

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, kineged mishpachas mamish, mater retzicha mamish, marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

**Joseph Mendola**: (Republican) *Pareve*.

### **District 30 (Upper West Side, Washington Heights)**

**Donald Yarbrough**: (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Bill Perkins**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*.

*Kineged tznus, Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged Mishpachas,*

*Marbitz apikorsos mamish.*

## **MANHATTAN ASSEMBLY**

### **District 71 (Washington Heights)**

**Glenda Allen**: (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Herman Farrell**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*.

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

### **District 73 (Upper East Side)**

**Paul Niehaus**: (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Gregory Lundahl**: (Working Families) *Pareve*.

**Jonathan Bing**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*.

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Kineged tznus mamish.*



*Marbitz apikorsos.*

### **District 74 (Lower East Side)**

**Dena Winokur** (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Brian Kavanagh**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*.

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged mishpachas. Marbitz apikorsos.*

### **District 75 (Upper West Side)**

**Michael Chan**: (Republican) *Pareve*.

**Richard Gottfried**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Ha Tum ah*.

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged tznus mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.*

## **STATEN ISLAND ASSEMBLY**

### **District 60**

**Nicole Malliotaki**: (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve*.

**Marietta A. Canning**: (Right to Life Party) *Pareve*.

**Janele Hyer-Spencer**: (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin, Kineged tznus, Kineged mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

### **District 61**

**Dave Narby**: (Libertarian) *Rishon L'tumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin, mater retzicha.*

**Matthew Titone**: (Incumbent) (Democratic). *Avi Avos Hatumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Kineged tznus mamish.*

*Marbitz apikorsos.*

### **District 62**

**Lou Tobacco**: (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer tznus, Shomer mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**Albert Albanese**: (Democratic) *Pareve*.

### **District 63**

**Danny Panzella**: (Libertarian) *Pareve*.

**Michael Cusick**: (Incumbent) (Democratic/Conservative) *Rishon L'tumah*.

*Kineged kiddushin, Shomer tznus, Shomer mishpachas.*

## **BRONX/ WESTCHESTER SENATE**

### **District 34 (Riverdale)**

**Frank Vernucci**: (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver*.

*Kineged Retzicha.*

**Jeffrey Klein:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged mishpachas, Kineged Tznius, Marbitz Apikorsos.*

### **District 35**

**Liam J. McLaughlin:** (Republican) *Pareve.*

**Andrea Stewart-Cousins:** (Yonkers) (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged mishpachas.*

## **BRONX ASSEMBLY**

### **District 81 (Riverdale)**

**Joseph McLaughlin:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.*

**Jeffrey Dinowitz:** (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged tznius mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.*

## **UPSTATE SENATE**

### **District 39 (Monroe, Kiryas Yoel)**

**William Larkin:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver.*

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer mishpachas, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**Harley Doles:** (Democratic) *Pareve.*

### **District 42 (Catskills)**

**John Bonacic:** (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) *Chaver.*

*Shomer Kiddushin, Shomer Tznius, Shomer Mishpachas, Marbitz Apikorsos.*

**David Sager:** (Democratic) *Rishon L'tumah.*

*Kineged kiddushin.*

### **District 38 (Monsey)**

**Scott Vanderhoef:** (Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.*

**David Carlucci:** (Monsey) (Democratic) *Av Hatumah.*

*Mater retzicha, Kineged kiddushin.*

## **UPSTATE ASSEMBLY**

### **District 94**

**Frank Sparaco:**(Republican/Conservative) *Pareve.*

**Kenneth Zebrowski:** (Monsey) (Incumbent) (Democratic) *Avi Avos Hatumah.*

*Kineged kiddushin mamish, Shomer tznius.*

### **District 95**

**Thomas Morr**: (Republican/Conservative) ***Pareve***.

**Ellen Jaffee**: (Monsey) (Incumbent) (Democratic) ***Avi Avos Hatumah***.

*Mater retzicha mamish, Kineged kiddushin mamish, Kineged tznius mamish, Kineged mishpachas mamish, Marbitz apikorsos.*

**District 95 (Monsey/ Monroe)**

**Ann Rabbitt**: (Incumbent) (Republican/Conservative) ***Chaver***.

*Shomer kiddushin, Shomer tznius, Shomer mishpachas.*

**Myrna Kemnitz**: (Democratic) ***Pareve***.

### **DISCUSSION: Why make everything hang on the moral issues?**

Some people might ask, “We’re in golus. Who are we to impose our Torah on the goyim?”

This is a very bad mistake. We’re not fighting to impose our Torah. We have to stand up to protect our Torah from direct attacks that are threatening our schools and businesses, with very real and direct attacks. Further, if the people who are against Torah have their way, they may be able, chas vshalom, to steal the hearts and minds of the rest of the world to make them think our Torah is just a backwards relic of a forgotten era.

Our adversaries claim to be more compassionate, more open-minded and better people than us. If they get their way, we risk a horrible loss of kovod Shamayim. One of the few zechusim of the goyish world is their respect for Torah. How can we expect the nochrims to respect Torah if they were to see frum yidden themselves are willing to be mevater on apikorsos in exchange for money or kovod?

Another big lie: “The liberal politicians are better for our mosdos.” There’s been a constant fight against the liberal politicians to make good on their promises for our schools or to support vouchers, because the liberals are so beholden to the public school teacher’s unions, they have very little interest in supporting private schools. A candidate who takes brave positions on moral issues should be much more credible as someone who would be willing to help our schools and other mosdos.

### **The avodah zara of this generation is called “tolerance.”**

In Eretz Yisroel last year we saw a tremendous Kiddush Hashem. The government of the State of Israel accused a religious school in Emanuel of “discrimination” because they created separate classes for charedi students and their more modern classmates. The government pretended that the school was discriminating against Sefardi girls, when in fact, there were several Sefardi girls who were enrolled in the charedi classes.

Ultimately, the charge of racism and discrimination was really just an excuse for the state to exert its authority and interfere with the right of the school officials to teach their children as they see fit. As a result, a brave group of parents allowed the government to send them to prison as a protest for the sovereign authority of religious Jews to control the teaching of their children.

This exact scenario appears to be poised to be re-enacted in New York State as well, chas vshalom.

### **Attacking the Freedom to Teach Our Torah in Our Schools: The Dignity for All Students Act.**

This summer, Governor Paterson signed into law a measure that demands that all schools teach a program about eliminating “discrimination.” With no exemption for religious schools, the law says that all schools must teach respect, tolerance and dignity for the toeivas of mishkav zachar and avodah zarah.

This is part of a broader effort nationally by people who hate Torah to disguise their own intolerance of religious values by marching under the flag of “equal rights” and “non-discrimination.” But the Torah tells us that certain things are not worthy of our respect or tolerance, and the Torah calls us to reject those who stand for these things in the strongest possible way.

Make no mistake. While it might look like a simple little law, this Education law may be the boldest attack on religious values in recent history. The law requires in no uncertain terms that all schools must teach a set of principles that are in direct contradiction to our religious values.

Every incumbent NY state Senator and Assemblyman deserves to be roundly criticized for the vote on the Dignity for All Students Act, which could disastrously affect even private schools, forcing them to teach toeivas and other religions as worthy of respect.

### **Toeiva Marriage.**

Erva, the following after taivos, is a direct contradiction to kedusha. The efforts to include mishkav zachar in the state definition of marriage amounts to nothing less than attacking the foundation of all kedusha, which is the ability for men and women to direct their loving relationships in the context of building a family. Any politician who espouses support for toeiva marriages has shown that he or she has dangerously little regard for Torah values and can easily turn against us in other matters as well.

### **“Gender non-discrimination”**

Another tactic has been to teach that there really is no difference between men and women, and therefore, it should be called illegal discrimination for an employer to fire or refuse to hire a male employee who dresses like a woman or a woman who dresses like a man. Under the GENDA bill, a Jewish businessman could face a lawsuit if he finds out that the woman he hired as a bookkeeper is really a man in disguise, and fires him.

### **Babies before birth.**

People who are against Torah view anything that stands in the way of their taivos as a needless bother. They strongly defend and try to expand the ability for women to have their babies terminated before they are born. Although we would shudder to think of such things in our communities, we still have to face the rest of the society that would allow such murderous practices, as long as politicians who support spreading znus and hefkeros are allowed to continue.

### **Toeiva Adoption.**

The cruel masquerade of the baalei toeivas is to pretend that they’re just like any other relationships. As an effort to blur the distinction between kosher relationships and

toeivas, a law was passed in New York this past term to allow adoption of children by toeiva pairs.

**Emasculating the U.S. Army.**

On a national level, the liberal candidates stood beside President Obama's call to force the U.S. military to repeal its "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, to now accept soldiers who openly identify as toeiva menuvalim. Up until recently, the military would not inquire about toeivas by the soldiers ("don't ask") provided that a soldiers doesn't go around telling people that he is a toeiva menuval.

Beside the effort to make toeivas normal, a grave national threat may be posed by the decrease in moral strength and the camaraderie of our armed forces if soldiers are forced to fraternize with fellow soldiers who are morally corrupt.



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