

# ELDERCARE II: AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

Eldercare II, Achiezer's long-awaited eldercare conference, was a runaway success in every sense of the word. From all walks of life they came: middle-aged children, doctors, *rabbonim*, spouses, residents of New York City, Williamsburg, Monsey, Connecticut, Clifton and Lakewood. All with one goal in mind: to provide the best possible care for the seniors in their lives.

"Even if I had left half an hour into the first session, it would have been 110% worth coming," reported one enthusiastic participant.

The sessions surpassed all expectations. People were turned away at the doors of several sessions, as the wall-to-wall crowd

-**Asset Protection Planning**, led by eldercare attorney Ronald Spirn, which covered virtually every aspect of elder law. The session ran twice, both times to an overflow crowd.

-**Medicare and Retirement Planning**, led by Steven Kass and Shlomo Bassalian. The room was jammed with middle-agers and seniors eager to learn all they could about planning for the future.

-**Dealing with Dementia**, led by neurologist Dr. Marshall Keilson; dementia specialist Susan Methal, RN; and Mrs. Henny Friedman, RN, whose husband currently suffers from dementia. The large number of attendees highlighted the extreme need for

filled with caregivers of dementia patients, who headed directly from the dementia information session to this one for a much-needed dose of *chizuk*.

-**When Home May Not Be An Option**, led by Brian Rosenman, Mrs. Gittie Neufeld and Dr. Zev Carrey, provided illuminating direction and guidelines regarding the difficult decision of placing a loved one in a rehabilitation or nursing facility.

-**Hospital-Based Challenges of the Critically Ill Patient**, led by Rabbi Dr. Aaron Glatt, assistant rabbi of Young Israel of Woodmere; Dr. Beth Popp, Director of Palliative Care and Hematology/Oncology at Maimonides Hospital; and Jonathan

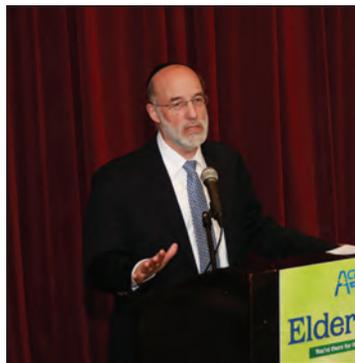
to home health aides, pharmaceutical products to nursing homes, life insurance to estate planning, and much more. An expansive sushi and dinner buffet, compliments of Gourmet Glatt and Simply Sushi, kept the attendees sated and energetic throughout

even more comprehensive.

*Achiezer offered its appreciation to Caring Professionals, the primary corporate sponsor of Eldercare II. Audio recordings of the concurrent sessions as well as video footage of the keynote address will be available at www.*



Brian Rosenman



Dr. Marshall Keilson



Rabbi Yaakov Bender



Jonathan Rikoon



Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro



Eli Weiss, Rabbi Yaakov Bender, Rabbi Boruch B. Bender, Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro and Shalom Jaroslawicz.



Ronald Spirn and Pinny Heller.

took up every available inch of space.

The concurrent sessions included:

information and support in this particular area.

-**Caring for the Caregiver**, led by Dr. Rachel Lowinger, was

Rikoon, JD, partner at Loeb & Loeb, served as a perfect blend of *halachic*, medical and legal information for caregivers of patients in critical care situations.

All of the sessions offered a question-and-answer session at the end, featuring questions penned by listeners during the sessions.

The evening was topped off by the keynote session, presented by Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro and Rabbi Yaakov Bender, whose words of *chizuk* and inspiration left the crowd inspired and empowered to continue in their difficult but potentially uplifting role as caregivers.

Over thirty vendors manned booths offering every product and service available in the field of eldercare, from *Shabbos* ramps

the evening.

The overwhelming feedback and enthusiastic response have energized Achiezer to already begin planning ahead to next year's conference, which promises to be

*achiezer.org in the coming days or by contacting the Achiezer office at 516.791.4444. All questions, comments and feedback are welcome via phone or online contact.*

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### YESHIVA DARCHEI TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of Yeshiva Darchei Torah will take place on Sunday, 20 *Teves*/January 11, at the *yeshiva*. Mr. and Mrs. Yossi Preiserowicz will receive the Alumnus of the Year Award, Mr. and Mrs. Yumi Kleinbart will receive the Hakoras Hatov Award, Mr. and Mrs. Yoav Taub will be the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Eytan Feldman will receive the Parents of the Year Award, and Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Lubart will receive the Harbotzas Torah Award.

### NINETEENTH ANNUAL DINNER OF YESHIVA KETANA OF LONG ISLAND

The Nineteenth Annual Dinner of Yeshiva Ketana of Long Island will take place on Monday, 21 *Teves*/January 12, at the Sands of Atlantic Beach. Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Teitelbaum will receive the Harbotzas Torah Award, Dr. and Mrs. Yuri Usher will receive the Kesser Shem Tov Award, and Mr. and Mrs. Yitzie Englander will receive the Hakaras Hatov Award.

### BNOS BAIS YAAKOV TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

The Twenty-First Annual Dinner of Bnos Bais Yaakov will be held on Monday, 27 *Shevat*/February 16, at the Sands of Atlantic Beach. Mr. Samuel Bergman, Mr. Moish Hirth and Mr. Mel Zachter will be the guests of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Shabse Fuchs will receive the Kesser Shem Tov Award and Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Bender will receive the Parents of the Year Award.

### MADRAIGOS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Madraigos will hold a fundraising basketball tournament on Sunday, 13 *Teves*/January 4. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. General admission is \$10 for twenty-minute games. There will be a trophy presentation and raffle at the end of the tournament.