

News Of The Neighborhoods

Police Watch Over High Holy Days

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly announced additional uniformed and plainclothes police officers will be patrolling Jewish communities on High Holy Days beginning with Rosh Hashanah at sundown on September 12 and ending with Yom Kippur on September 22. NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence David Cohen said his unit has reviewed all credible intelligence available and "have not identified any credible threats to any Jewish community in New York City". Cohen said the extra patrols are necessary because, "Even in the absence of specific credible threats, we realize that New York City remains the single most important terrorist target."

Kelly added local precincts will increase foot and vehicle patrols along streets in Jewish neighborhoods and around Yeshivas and Synagogues.

'Labor On Wheels' Program Debuts

State and local officials gathered in Jackson Heights on August 31 to turn the key on a new program designed to educate immigrant workers of their rights and to introduce them to services they may obtain from New York State.

Under the Labor on Wheels Program, state workers will travel through neighborhoods in vans packed with information on minimum wage, unemployment

benefits, job training, job safety requirements and other bilingual outreach materials.

In making the announcement, Governor Eliot Spitzer said Department of Labor (DOL) officials would also establish temporary offices in each borough, where bilingual staff will provide much needed, basic resources to immigrant workers.

Most outreach will take place on weekends, when immigrant workers have some free time to visit the offices or take advantage of van services, Spitzer said.

Roxanna Diaz, from the Department of Labor, said the program will also provide outreach to undocumented immigrants who are often afraid to approach government agencies for assistance.

Chung-Wa Hong, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition, said the program is a great first step in reaching out to the immigrant community. "This program shows that New York State is willing to go where the problem is, [go] where the workers are." Hong also expressed her hope that city officials will expand on the program to widen its outreach.

For more information on the Labor on Wheels Program go to the Department of Labor Web site at www.labor.state.ny.us or contact the Bureau of Immigrant Workers Rights at 212-352-6243.

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*As the New Year
approaches I pray
for good will to all.*



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