

# West Bay Jewish Times

Chabad CHAI Center

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## New Synagogue Center Gets matching grant from Mynde and Gary Siperstein

On Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, former RI Governor Sundlun, as well as many friends, Rabbis and supporters, from throughout New England were on hand, to launch and celebrate the new Chabad CHAI Center of West Bay's "\$100,000 campaign" and the beginning of the writing of a new Torah for the community.

Mynde and Gary Siperstein have generously offered to match contributions dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000, in order to reach the goal of \$100,000. The purpose of the campaign is to have a scribe write the community's very own new Torah and to help complete the upgrading and renovations, of the outside and inside of the center.



Rabbi Yossi Laufer, Gary and Mynde Siperstein, and Rabbi Kuperman, the Scribe.

It was encouraging to have Governor and Mrs. Sundlun present at the beginning ceremony of the new Torah. "We were honored to have the Governor address the crowd, inscribe a letter in the Torah and give his thanks to the Siperstein's for their support in this endeavor" said Rabbi Yossi Laufer, Director of Chabad of West Bay.

The Chabad CHAI Center will not only be able to have its very own new Torah "scribed" (each letter is hand written by a professional Torah Scribe) but a newly renovated facility to house it. The Torah is the most precious article in Jewish life and in times of need, prayers are offered in its presence.

Two years ago Chabad purchased its new location, with much support from the community and a \$20,000 grant from the RI Jewish Federation. The Center is now getting ready for upgrading and renovations. With the generous support of the Sipersteins and others, it will be finished soon.

Chabad CHAI Center's programs enrich lives of those from all Jewish backgrounds

and affiliations and membership is not necessary to participate. Its programs include: adult and youth education, holiday events and workshops, Shabbat services for beginners, hospital and informal visitations and chaplaincy to the incarcerated.

Any one wishing to support the Center during its \$100,000 campaign, is reminded that each dollar contributed will be matched by the Siperstein's dollar-for-dollar offer. For further information, contact Rabbi Yossi Laufer at the Center at 401-884-7888, Chabad CHAI Center is located at 3871 Post Rd. Warwick, RI 02888, and is affiliated with Chabad Lubavitch of RI.



Governor Sundlun "scribing" a letter of the new Torah. (Photos by EG Photo & Studio)

### Upcoming programs:

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Winter Camp	Feb 17-19
Jewish Cooking For women	Feb 25

For more information  
Call (401)884-7888

### Special points of interest:

- West Bay Jewish Community expresses interest in New Torah & Center
- The most joyous Jewish Holiday is Purim. The Jewish people were saved from the hands of Haman.
- Sending a Jewish child to a Jewish camp or Hebrew School, is vital to a Jewish future.
- Chabad CHAI Center Your source for everything Jewish.