



## HATZOLAH OF PASSAIC / CLIFTON EMS

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

### *Education*

Hatzolah is a volunteer, life-saving organization, composed of neighbors, co-workers, fellow Shul members and acquaintances always there when you need them and always willing to provide assistance. One of our priorities is ongoing Halachik and Medical Education training.

Recently, New Jersey allowed EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians), to administer Epinephrine in certain scenarios to victims of Anaphylactic Shock (Allergic Reaction). In the past EMT's had to wait for ALS (Advanced Life Support) to provide this life saving intervention. New Jersey required an intensive full day course on Epinephrine's administration. Hatzolah jumped at this new opportunity to save lives, and the course was set up immediately. Currently Hatzolah is licensed by New Jersey to carry Epinephrine on its ambulances.



### *New Executive Director*

The Board of Directors and the Rabbinical Board of Hatzolah of Passaic/Clifton is pleased to announce the appointment of George Matyjewicz as Executive Director, effective August 1, 2008.

George brings with him a wealth of business management experience having served as an executive and as an advisor to many organizations worldwide. He will apply his formidable skills learned in the business world to managing Hatzolah, helping us grow and continue to focus on serving our community.

We would like thank the outgoing Executive Director, Heshy Cohen.

On behalf of the Hatzolah Rabbinical Board, Executive Board, Operations Committee, First Responders and Dispatchers, welcome to the Hatzolah family.

### *Certification*

Maintaining our excellent relationship with various government agencies in Passaic and Clifton in general and specifically the Police, Fire and EMS departments is a very integral part of our daily routine. Currently Hatzolah of Passaic / Clifton EMS is certified by the city of Passaic to operate. Our members are authorized to utilize blue emergency lights, to provide emergency care and our ambulances are inspected by the OEMS of the State of New Jersey annually (in addition to other requirements) as outlined in the city ordinance.



### *Teddy Bear Saves Lives*

How do you get an oxygen mask on a child who is having trouble breathing? You bring Teddy to the rescue!

Teddy is a friendly, toy-like bear that is bubble-gum scented, squeaks and is designed with the ability to deliver oxygen with or without nebulization. The child holds Teddy and when the bear is squeezed oxygen flows.

"It has worked wonders" said Senior EMT Moshe Stareshfsky. "Before we had to struggle to get an oxygen mask on a child. Now Teddy comforts them and saves them." This is another example of how Hatzolah of Passaic / Clifton EMS goes out of its way to provide comfort and safety to its patients.