



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Simcha Felder

## Felder- Shomrim Bike Helmet Giveaway Saves Child's Life

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On Sunday, June 10th, Senator Simcha Felder, Councilman Chaim Deutsch and Flatbush Shomrim Volunteer Safety Patrol, hosted a wildly successful bike safety event. The crowd far exceeded expectations as families turned out in droves to enjoy the fun while registering their bikes with the NYPD and receiving free bicycle helmets. Before the day's end, Shomrim had distributed 1500 free helmets sponsored by Senator Felder to children and teens of all ages.

“Our kids’ safety is always my highest priority and this is clearly a necessary and lifesaving initiative. I appreciate Flatbush Shomrim’s efforts to make sure every child riding a bicycle has a good helmet to wear,” said Senator Felder. “This year we gave out many more helmets than last year and we hope to reach even more children next time.”

On Tuesday evening, at 5:31 pm, a call came into Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance Service, reporting that a car had clipped a 13-year-old boy on a bicycle. The impact threw him backward off his bicycle and his head hit the road. Responders rushed to the site of the accident on Ave. S in Madison only to find that, thank G-d, the young boy was perfectly fine. His helmet had cracked right down the middle as it absorbed the impact and protected his skull from serious injury.

The next day, the young man called Senator Felder’s office to say thank you for the free bike helmet he received just two days before the accident that may have just saved his life.

You can hear his heartfelt message here: <https://bit.ly/2sXjKK1>

“Flatbush Shomrim is grateful to have partnered with State Senator Simcha Felder on our annual bike registration/carnival event that always attracts a crowd who enjoy the great family fun, and it really increases safety awareness. We look forward to working together with Senator Felder on next year’s event,” said Bob Moskovitz, Executive Coordinator of Flatbush Shomrim.

"I am thankful that with G-d's help we were able to avert a tragedy this time. I strongly encourage all bike riders to wear a helmet every time they ride. They're not expensive and can save your life!" concluded Senator Felder.