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*Rabbi Howard Buechler*

For twenty-eight years Rabbi Buechler has been the spiritual leader of the Dix Hills Jewish Center here on Long Island. Originally from New Jersey, he received his undergraduate study degree (B.A.) from Rutgers University. Rabbi Buechler was ordained as a Rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (1985), received a Master of Arts during his studies at JTS. Eventually Rabbi Buechler received his Doctor of Divinity from JTS in 2011. Over the years, Rabbi Buechler has held several leadership and Rabbinical governance positions in the New York Metro area.

Among them are

- 1) President, Rabbinical Assembly of Nassau-Suffolk
- 2) President, Suffolk County Board of Rabbis
- 3) NY Board of Rabbis Board of Governors
- 4) Board Member, United Jewish Appeal of Eastern Long Island
- 5) Chair, Rabbinic Cabinet of Eastern Long Island UJA-Federation
- 6) Executive Board Member, Solomon Schechter Day School of Suffolk County

Rabbi Buechler has consistently been recognized for his creative family education and visionary Jewish and community programming winning numerous United Synagogue awards, both nationally and regionally.

He has also traveled extensively to Israel (eighty times), led numerous congregational trips and has explored Jewish communities throughout Europe visiting over 450 synagogues from Toledo to Krakow, Szeged to Cherasco. His ability to bring a Jewish historical perspective to these tours have inspired many of his congregants in search for their own roots.

With his wife Laura, they are the proud parents of five children and three grandchildren:

- Rabbi Yael Buechler (Rabbi at The Leffell School, Westchester) married to Dr. Yair Kramer, (grandsons Lev & Nadav),
- Aviva, a vice-principal in New York City,
- Hillel, a graduate of NYU Law, married to Jaclyn, (granddaughter Liana)
- Rabbi Eliezer, (Assistant Rabbi of the Jewish Center in NY), married to Tamar
- and Noam a Federal officer of the Capitol Police.

Rabbi Buechler extends a Mazel Tov to his fellow honorees- Jasmine and Jacob - for also being acknowledged. He is also grateful to the Dix Hills Jewish Center community and to the New York Metro Region of the FJMC for this recognition.