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## **"A Community Awakening to Autism"**

**Keynote Speaker: Susan Senator** NO Registration FEE, but pre-registration in required

Susan Senator is Keynote Speaker at OHEL Bais Ezra Autism Seminar There is NO FEE, but pre-registration in required Susan Senator will be the keynote speaker at "A Community Awakening to Autism" the upcoming OHEL Bais Ezra's seminar in Kew Gardens Hills on Sunday morning May 18th, 2008. A writer, activist, and the mother of three boys, Susan has an eldest son Nat, who was diagnosed with autism at the age of three in January 1993. Susan's first hand insight, appeals to immediate families affected by autism, as well as extended families, friends, and the larger community who seek to help and support loved ones faced with great challenges. She provides useful strategies and resources that will help families, educators, therapists, and caregivers understand how to get through the daily living issues that autism brings. Her bestselling book, *Making Peace with Autism*, is a family story with universal truths about struggle, coping, discovery, and acceptance. Regularly interviewed on national television shows such as MSNBC, and FOX, Susan is a prolific national speaker on autism, captivating and inspiring audiences by her diverse presentation that includes such areas as getting through the early days, developing coping key strategies, helping to keep a marriage strong, what to do for siblings, how to deal with the school system, and how to have fun as a family with autism. The seminar which is FREE and open to the general public, has been made possible through a generous grant through the efforts of Councilman David Weprin. Breakfast and lunch will also be provided free of charge. There is NO FEE for the seminar, but pre-registration is required. To register or for more information please call OHEL Bais Ezra at 718-686-3283, visit our website at [www.ohelfamily.org](http://www.ohelfamily.org) or Email at [AutismAwareness@ohelfamily.org](mailto:AutismAwareness@ohelfamily.org) Patricia R. Schissel, LMSW President, AHA Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism Assoc. PO Box 916 Bethpage, NY 11714 516.470.0360 p [www.ahaNY.org](http://www.ahaNY.org) [info@ahaNY.org](mailto:info@ahaNY.org)