

# Brooklyn Borough President visits Shema Kolainu-Hear Our Voices in recognition of Autism Awareness Month

*School and center for children with Autism hosts a observation tour for Eric L. Adams*

BROOKLYN, NY, KINGS, April 20, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, Friday April 20th, 2018, /EINPresswire.com/ -- Shema Kolainu - Hear Our Voices, A School and Center for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), was pleased to host Brooklyn Borough President, Eric L. Adams, as an honored guest.

The Borough President was warmly greeted by Dr. Joshua Weinstein, SK Founder and CEO, Mr. Ezra Friedlander, CEO at The Friedlander Group, Mrs. Suri Gruen, the Program Director and Mrs. Gili Rechany, the Educational Director. Mr. Adams was guided through the school and was introduced to the various classrooms, activity areas, and sensory therapy rooms the model school offers. Mr. Adams was particularly impressed with the Daily Living Skills Center, where children are taught to become more independent by learning practical life skills in an applicable environment. The room is set up to practice tasks such as laundry, cooking, making the bed, and even operating as a mock grocery store. Mr. Adams inquired about the range of potential improvement that takes place in

a child's duration a child's stay at the school. Dr. Weinstein responded by explaining how the school has been very successful over the years improving the life of our students by giving them the tools and providing therapy geared toward their personal needs. In fact, many children that have come to Shema Kolainu that were non-verbal, began speaking or learned to communicate and connect using AAC (Alternative and Augmented Communication device). This is made possible through the consistent practice and learning techniques provided by the school's dedicated therapists and teachers. Dr. Weinstein added, "every child has a range, our goal is to give them a way to



Borough President meets students at Shema Kolainu



Staff at Shema Kolainu present Eric Adams with student artwork

communicate". He recalled a personal experience of encountering a child struggling to speak, which was the driving force behind initiating a specialized and intensive speech program.

Mr. Adams was amused to hear children from two separate classrooms refer to him as "Mr. Policeman" because of the blue jacket he wore. As a special thanks, a piece of artwork created by one of the students, was framed and presented as a gift and he happily responded, "Thank you, I really like it, I'm going to hang it in my office."

Shema Kolainu is a non profit, multi-cultural school providing quality treatment, education, professional training and mentoring. Shema Kolainu offers a broad spectrum evidence-based education and therapeutic programs to children with ASD and related disabilities in a warm and nurturing environment.



Mrs. Gili Rechany, the Educational Director of Shema Kolainu discusses the tools students learn in Daily Living Skills classroom

Shema Kolainu offers a series of Free Autism Workshops to families and educators at Touro College in New York City, on a monthly basis. This October, 2018, the organization will be sponsoring a national conference on job training and workforce placement for individuals with Autism and all disabilities. For more information please visit [www.shemakolainu.org](http://www.shemakolainu.org)

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