

COMMUNITY NEWS

NW London

Orah's 'Building Yourself, Building Your Home'

Orah recently presented an introductory seminar on the building blocks of marriage. Over 80 seminary and post-seminary girls from North and NW London came to the inspirational event entitled "The House That You Build." Tackling the theme of "Building Yourself, Building Your Home," the speakers covered several essential topics crucial to building a Jewish home. Particular focus was placed upon building and preserving relationships, self-knowledge, and the long term investment involved in creating a Jewish home.

Opening the seminar, Mrs. Ruthie Halberstadt addressed the topic "The Best You" urging each individual to discover their unique strengths before marriage. Rabbi Malcolm Herman of Seed presented an interactive session entitled "5 Key Tools to Bring to the Chupah." He pre-

sented thought-provoking situations and shared practical strategies.

In an address entitled "Making the Right Choice, Making the Choice Right," family and couples psychotherapist Mr. Jonathan Rabson explored the challenge and pleasure born out of the differences between husband and wife. These differences can distance couples but, if understood and appreciated, can become the springboard for growing closer to each other. In his insightful and entertaining way, Mr. Rabson illustrated what it truly means to be an *ezer k'negdo*.

The final speaker was Rabbi Dovid Roberts. In his talk, "The Sanctity of the Jewish Home," Rabbi Roberts expounded on the differences between *chochmah* and *binah* and on the specific role of the Jewish woman in her home. He imparted powerful insights into the *bas Yisrael's* vast potential and the rich resources she has available to her when building her relationships and

her home.

Golders Green

Brachos for Babies in GGS

Golders Green United Synagogue (GGS) held its first ever "Baby Blessing" last Shabbos, *parshas Kedoshim*. To celebrate the influx of young families and their new additions, *ka"h*, the *kehillah* invited all those blessed with a baby in the last year to participate in a brief ceremony. At the end of the regular *davenning*, Rabbi Dr. Harvey Belovski addressed the congregation with a special *drashah* stressing the importance of families.

He then invited families with new babies to join him at the front of the *shul*. Rabbi Dr. Belovski welcomed each of the 16 new babies individually, including two sets of twins, together with their parents, and then gave them a *brachah*. The moving event was followed by a special *kiddush*, sponsored by the partic-

ipating families.

Although GGS has had successful children's programmes on Shabbos mornings for many years, in the last couple of years, the growth of the younger end of the community has led to continuously increasing numbers in the programmes, particularly in the toddlers' service, which last week was attended by over 40 small children, *bli ayin hara*. Rabbi Dr. Belovski told *Hamodia*, "GGS continues to welcome members and new members of all ages. We are particularly delighted by the influx of young families and small children and hope that the Baby Blessing will become a regular annual event."

Manchester

New Menahel for Kollel in Manchester

One of the most prestigious *kollelim* in Manchester has made a new appointment to reinforce the strong *ruach haTorah* that pervades the Beis Hamedrash. The *kollel* in Prestwich was established 10 years ago by Rabbi Arye Ganz in the *beis hamedrash* of Shaarei Mordechai and has attracted an impressive group of eminent, mature *talmidei chachamim* and *landanim* who are dedicated to learn *b'iyun* through some of the most intricate *sugyos* in *Shas*.

Although many members of the *kollel* have responsibilities in positions of various fields of *rabbanus* and *chinuch*, the *kollel* has a full daily *seder* every afternoon. The learning takes place in the *beis hamedrash* of Shaarei Mordechai, by kind cooperation of the *shul* and Rabbi Leibish Rabinowitz, Rav of the *shul*, who also often enhances the learning with his presence.

The *kollel* has now appointed Rabbi Yaakov Rubenstein to the position of *menahel*. Rabbi Rubenstein has a wealth of experience in *rabbanus* and comes from a family with a long tradition of *limud v'harbatzas haTorah*. In his role as Rav of Central Shul and later in Stenecourt Shul, he was responsible for establishing successful, popular *shiurim*. In fact, he personifies the qualities deemed

essential for a Rav (*Mishnah Berurah*, ch. 53 s.k. 71), and fortunate are those privileged to be close to him. The *kollel* is honoured to be associated with Rabbi Rubinstein and looks forward to benefiting from his Torah personality and his unique abilities.

The *kollel* is directed by Rabbi Yanky Freifeld, Rabbi Ephraim Hochhauser, Rabbi Dovid Kestenbaum, and Rabbi Mordechai Rappaport. They have also announced that the *kollel* is prepared to give a stipend to another two suitable *yungeleit* for the new summer *zman*.

Pshevorsker Chassidus In Manchester

In recent years, Rav Moishe Yitzchok Leizer, a grandson of the renowned *tzaddik* Reb Yankele of Pshevorsk, *zt"l*, has brought the warmth of Pshevorsk *Chassidus* into Manchester. In the approach to Pesach, Rav Leizer was responsible for the first distribution of Kol Yaakov, a new *gemach* in town, to many grateful recipients.

Rav Leizer emphasized that the basis of the *Chassidus* of Reb Yankele, *zy"ta*, is to bring goodness into the world and to gladden the hearts of others. In keeping with this principle, the beneficiaries of Kol Yaakov were not necessarily families in dire poverty; rather, a great many families benefitted from the large distribution, which did indeed bring *simchah* to numerous hearts.

Rav Moishe Yitzchok Leizer has also attracted a large following to the inspiring *tischen* that are held periodically. On Chol Hamoed, a rousing *simchas hachag* was held in his home. The gathering was greatly enhanced by live music and interspersed with uplifting *divrei hisorerus* from Rav Leizer.

At the end of the last day of Yom Tov, the *Ne'ilas Hachag* lasted far into the night, as the participants eagerly absorbed the last moments of the waning *kedushas yom tov*. In fact, the inspiration of Pshevorsk *Chassidus* demonstrates that the whole of our life is filled with potential to bring *kedushah*

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Harav Tzvi Kuselevsky, *Rosh Yeshivas* Heichal Hatorah-Pressburg, delivers a guest *shiur* at Manchester's Torah Way programme on Monday morning.



Kids Meal Appeal raffle winners Family Wulwick (L. and C.) with their winning vouchers presented by Mr. A. Jacobson (R.), promoter of the raffle.



Rabbi Moishe Yitzchok Leizer, bringing the warmth of Pshevorsk *Chassidus* to Manchester.



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Rabbi Ben Zion Dansky conducts his annual free public *tefillin* check in Salford on Sunday morning.