

Community Briefs

GOLDERS GREEN

On March 17, Ezra Youth Movement, ORAH and Ahavas Yisroel hosted an evening of inspiration for women and girls to commemorate the 80th *yahrtzeit* of Sarah Schenirer, *a"h*. The evening took place in Golders Green and consisted of a choir run by girls from the Ezra youth movement, as well as a video presentation and a *shiur* by Rabbi Dovid Roberts, Rav of Netzach Yisroel, Edgware.

The evening began with the stirring last words of Sarah Schenirer to her students, in which she reminded them that Hashem is always guiding them, and urged them to guide the souls of *Klal Yisrael*. This was followed by Rabbi Roberts, who spoke animatedly of how Sarah Schenirer sought not merely to introduce women to the technical aspects of learning Torah, but rather she had a greater goal: to re-infuse the young girls with the purity of the *Yiddishe neshamah*. She realised and taught her students that this purity has the power to uphold the entire generation.

The evening was inspired by Rebbetzin Tamar Sokol of Ateres Bnos Yerushalayim, who heads the annual inter-seminary Sarah Schenirer *yahrtzeit* event in Jerusalem along with the Ateres student body. Former Ateres students were so inspired by last year's event – which included talks by Rebbetzin Rina Tarshish and Rebbetzin Blimie Birnbaum – that they felt it appropriate to continue this tradition, spreading the message of Sarah Schenirer to the London *kehillah*.

The aim of the evening was to demonstrate to women and girls that Sarah Schenirer's story remains unfinished, and that it is their duty to continue her legacy by inspiring and enthusing the next generation in their *Yiddishkeit*. Various events were held worldwide in commemoration of the 80th *yahrtzeit* this year, including Ateres' 5th annual event held in Jerusalem to an audience of over 1,000 people, and a gathering of 15,000 women and girls in the Barclays center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Pre-Pesach Events at Keshet

Pesach is more than getting rid of the *chametz*, and this message is apparent at the variety of courses run at Keshet

this Yom Tov season. In addition to a welcoming Shabbos *kehillah davening*, Keshet runs a variety of stimulating educational programmes.

Rabbi Rashi Simon, in his articulate manner and with his wealth of halachic and Torah knowledge, has been giving several *shiurim* as part of this year's "Let My People Know" series. This is community-wide and open to men and women. In addition, on Monday nights Rabbi Simon has a *chavrusa* and small group-learning programme for men who want a tailor-made learning program.

Women are in on the action, too, with a Wednesday morning class for ladies who want a midweek dose of Torah inspiration.

This week Keshet's Women's Connection ran "Taming the Taskmaster" – an evening devoted to learning tips to declutter our homes and our souls. Whether a woman can be crowned Queen

of Clutter, knows the King of Clutter, or seeks to de-clutter physically and spiritually, ladies flocked to hear Debra Gold, home stylist and professional de-clutterer. Rebbetzin Ruthie Simon also spoke, teaching ways to use the Pesach season to de-clutter and shake off more than the dust from our homes, our minds and our souls. Fascinating, practical, edifying and entertaining, Debra and Ruthie left the listeners wanting more.

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Communities Minister Visits Holocaust Survivors Centre

Lord Ahmad, the Communities Minister, visited Jewish Care's Holocaust Survivors' Centre in Hendon last week, with ambassadors from the Holocaust Education Trust.

The government minister said, "Learning about the Holocaust is not easy. Not easy because it means reliving the horrors that are sometimes too shocking for words.

"Over the past 70 years the survivors who have made the U.K. their home have done Britain and the world a great service. Not only have they made the country their own, they have also rebuilt their lives, contributing significantly to their local community.

"They speak not of hate and malice but to keep the memory alive. They are helping all of us learn the terrible consequences of when tolerance, respect and fairness are forgotten."

Bringing a Kosher Flavour To the IFE

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Last Thursday a fund-raising breakfast was held at Crowland Road shul to support David Lammy, MP for Tottenham, in his bid to become the next mayor of London. Hosted by Shmuel Davidsohn, the event was attended by long-standing supporter of the South Tottenham shul and former Mayor of Haringey, Councillor Sheila Peacock.



Rabbi Alex Chapper (third L) and congregants from Ilford Federation at the Minyanaires Dinner.



Rabbi Dr. Harvey Belovski, Rav of Golders Green United Synagogue, spoke to the Shema programme in Manchester on Sunday on the topic of "A Night of Tensions? Seder Night and Authentic Redemption."