

Hachnosas Kallah Tea—A Queens’ Tradition

BY LOREY FRIEDMAN

On November 10, The Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah Fund of Queens observed its 32nd Annual Tea with a delightful evening featuring fun, entertainment, good company and delicious food. Most of all on this rainy night, there was an “outpouring” of women from near and far that united together to support this worthwhile cause. Whether from Brooklyn, the Five Towns, Manhattan or Queens, women of all ages were present to support needy Brides



both here and in Eretz Yisroel.

In following what has become a tradition, the Electches-ter Electrical building was packed with women who support and value the importance of Hachnosas Kallah. Round tables with a beautiful “Fall” candle-lit décor added to the elegant and serene ambiance of the evening. Scrumptious salads, fruit, homemade soups and finger licking desserts were artistically displayed for all to enjoy. The united efforts of so many volunteers was once again spear headed by the talented and dedicated



Nechama Biderman. Tova Well, Master of Ceremonies for the evening, thanked Seasons of Queens for their generous donations to the Tea and for the display of Hachnosas Kallah tzedakah cans visible at all the checkout counters. Special thanks



was also given to the other sponsors of the evening.

High school students from Shevach High School walked around serving coffee, tea and delicious warm soup that was made by Nechama Biderman. Although the high school girls were asked to come, they sincerely feel good about what they are doing. As several girls said, “When a person helps Hachnosas Kallah he/she helps a whole house not just the kallah. You help a home become a home.”

While the Queens Hachnosas Kallah is a prime example of the unity of Klal Yisroel, it takes a unifier to bring it all together. The Queens community is fortunate to have that person be Mrs. Shifra Witty who leads the organization with all her heart, soul and with her calmness and diplomacy. Mrs. Witty expressed her appreciation to work with such a wonderful group of women. While Mrs. Witty typically does not single out specific names, tonight the unstoppable Roz Weinstein was recognized for all her devotion. Berty Herzka, the treasurer, was thanked for skillfully leading the organization and helping it to give out over \$100,000 every year to needy kallahs and their families. Rebbetzin

Ruth Schonfeld was recognized with heartfelt respect and love as the group’s founder. Devorah Hoch spoke poignantly about her grandmother, Julia Shafran, and her love of Torah and chesed.

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THE NEXT HACHNOSAS KALLAH TEA

will take place IV”H on
Monday, November 14, 2016
and will sponsored in memory of
Slava Frenkel z”l



SLAVA ROSA FRENKEL

Slava Rosa Frenkel, born on March 1, 1920 in Ozorkov, Poland, was one of two children of Israel and Frimit Kolofski and the only member of her family who survived the Holocaust. After being liberated from Auschwitz concentration camp, she married a “landsman”, Gershon Frenkel and moved to Luxeberg, Germany where they remained until 1952. They were able to emigrate to the United States and ended up in Birmingham, Alabama. Despite the great difficulties of observing Shabbos and Kashrus in such a limited Jewish community, she remained steadfast in her Yiddishkeit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frenkel built the family anew and raised three sons in Birmingham and finally moved to Kew Garden Hills in 1970 where she lived for the remainder of her life. Mrs. Frenkel was an active member of Emunah, and a member of Congregation Machzikei Hadas. She will always be remembered for her good nature and kind words to everyone. Throughout her life she was devoted to her family and to passing on the Mesorah to them. She was a true disciple of Aharon, a “Rodephet Shalom”, yet an admirer of Jabotinsky. She served as an excellent role model to her daughters-in-law, granddaughters and great-granddaughters.

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Hachnosas Kallah— A Unique Mitzvah

BY TOVA WELL

Many years ago, a family friend was very ill. In order to gain merit for her recovery, her children sent out letters to family and friends asking them to contribute money to Hachnosas Kallah. This was my first introduction to the special power of this mitzvah. Why is the Mitzvah of Hachnosas Kallah so unique?

Giving to needy brides is part of the concept of Gemilas Chesed—helping others. The trait of being a Gomeil Chesed, of looking out for and aiding those in need, is embodied in our very DNA. We are the children of Avrohom Avinu whose life was involved in extending kindness to others. Indeed we learn that if one is involved in Chesed he receives double benefits. He benefits in this world from the “interest,” but the principal benefit is awaiting him in the World To Come.

We are enjoined to walk in the ways of Hashem and to emulate Him. Just as He was involved in the mitzvah of Hachnosas Kallah, so should we be involved. How was Hashem involved in this mitzvah? The Midrash tells us that after He created Chava from Adam’s body, Hashem adorned Chava, prepared a Chupah and brought her to Adam. Thus we see that the foundation of the world began with this wonderful act of Chesed on the part of Hakadosh Boruch Hu.

The actual commandment of Hachnosas Kallah involves bringing the bride to the Chuppah, making it a very happy time for her, and arranging all the things with which she will begin her married life. This is all done according to the honor that she is due and there is no specific limit to the mitzvah. Not only is there no limit to the performance of this mitzvah, but we learn there is no greater tzedakah than “marrying off” a poor kallah or an orphaned one.

This commandment is so great that even objects that have been set aside as a donation to the Shul or even a Sefer Torah can be converted into money to help fund bringing a bride to the Chuppah. Learning Torah can be cancelled or postponed for the performance of the Mitzvah of Hachnosas Kallah, i.e. bringing the Kallah to the Chuppah. This mitzvah even takes precedence over a burial since the honor of the living takes precedence over the honor of the deceased.

Being part of the Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah Fund of Queens gives us a chance to participate in such a worthy cause. Over the years, we have been able to bring joy to the hearts of many needy Kallahs. We have had a chance to fulfill such a unique mitzvah and pray that Hakadosh Boruch Hu will let us continue for many years to come.

In honor of the righteous people who perform charitable acts anonymously,

As is well known, one of the foundations of the commandment to give charity is that the recipient does not know the identity of the donor and vice versa. In our generation when every deed is done publicly and with great fanfare, it is overwhelming to see that there are still people remaining who know what the true essence of charity is and understand the real desire of Hashem.

I was surprised and delighted to receive from you your gift given anonymously in such a special way that neither the donor nor the recipient know of one another. “Blessed is the nation that acts accordingly.” From your assistance one can see that you truly would like to “share in the burden of his friend,” from the warmth of your hearts. How glorious is the nation of Israel when we see that a Jew from a distant land extends help in a heartfelt way.

Blessed are you that you walk in the path of Avrohom Avinu who planted the pillar of Chesed in this world. Blessed is Avrohom Avinu who merited descendants who continue in his ways even after so many generations.

I can only conclude with a sincere blessing from the depth of my heart, in my name and in the name of the young couple that is meriting to build their new home with Hashem’s help together with your wonderful assistance, that you should always have the ability to give and help others rejoice.

Dear Mrs...,

No words can describe our feelings of הכרת הטוב for you and your wonderful organization for extending your assistance. It is only because of people like you that we can keep smiling through שמחה.

May Hashem repay you with only שמחה and נחת from your entire משפחה.

*With love,
XXXXXXX*

Dear Mrs...,

Thank you once again for the generous gift you sent לנכוד our daughter’s חתונה. May all the געבענטשט involved be בעלי חסד.

*Thank you very much,
XXXXXXX*



Paint It! Comes to KGH

Women of KGH welcomed winter with a Paint It! event hosted by the Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah Fund. The fun-filled night, instructed by Rivkie Devor, took place on December 20 in the basement of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim, with over 120 women in attendance! Spearheaded by Mrs. Kelsey Yachnes, and sponsored by the Diener, Weiner, and Yarmish families, the event was a fun evening out, as well as a benefit for Hachnosas Kallah.

The evening began with a beautiful and delicious dessert spread sponsored by Queens Pita and Aron's Kissena Farms. Upon admittance, each woman was given an apron and

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In an all new production, with an all-star cast, the play "So We're Getting Married" skillfully written by Zisi Naimark began. It's a moment the crowd anxiously awaits. The cast comprised of busy local moms, wives and professionals had the crowd laughing and smiling as they related to the songs and words of the creative script. The talented Mrs. Karen Daitchman played keyboard, as the women so beautifully sang. As it does each and every year, the play dazzled us with side-splitting comedy that also included heartwarming and thought provoking life lessons.

Terrific prizes were given out to the lucky raffle winners. The annual Hachnosas Kallah event once again did more than provide an exceptional "night out" for women. It granted a unique opportunity for us to partake the mitzvah to ensure that Jewish newlyweds begin their marriage with dignity and simcha.

a workstation, with all the supplies needed to create a peaceful winter scene. The scene featured two birds sitting on a post in the snow, with the moon glowing in the dark night. Among friends old and new, each 'artist' carefully followed Mrs. Rivkie Devor's step by step instructions and turned her blank canvas into an artistic creation. One woman commented how fascinating it was seeing all the steps come together. Walking around the room one could

see many similar pictures, since they were based on the same model, yet somehow each had its own unique look. Some painters even added their own touches, including one with a snowman and another with footprints.

All in all everyone had a fun time, while supporting an important cause. We look forward to the next paint night, perhaps with a summer scene.

(For more information about Paint It! Email paintitbyrivkie@gmail.com)

From the Kitchen of Nechama Biderman

Vegetable Salad

1 12 oz. package of frozen Edame soy beans (shelled)
 1 package of frozen corn on the cob (6 in a pack)
 1 bunch of dill
 3 scallions
 2 tablespoons of olive oil
 juice of 2 lemons
 salt and black pepper to taste

Leave frozen packages in the refrigerator overnight to defrost. Chop scallions into circles. On top of the beans, pour dill, oil, salt, pepper, and scallions. MIX WELL. At the end, cut corn into chunks and carefully pour over salad. Mix very slightly so it doesn't break.

Zucchini Soup

2 medium onions
 6-7 long zucchinis
 2 potatoes cut in cubes
 Salt and pepper
 water

Sauté onions until they're golden. Add potato cubes and sauté until they're soft. Add 1 teaspoon of salt and 1/2 cup of water. Scrub zucchini well, slice into cubes, and add to pot to sauté. Add another 1/2 cup of water and sauté until soft. If it gets too dry, add another 1/2 cup of water. Add pepper to taste. Cook for 20 - 30 minutes from the time the zucchini becomes soft. (If the soup becomes too thick, add a little more water.) Blend soup with a hand blender. Garnish with pumpkin seeds or croutons.



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Worst Day Ever?

**BY
CHANIE
GORKIN**

*Today was the absolute worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
And it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be attained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say
Today was a very good day*

Now read it from bottom to top, the other way,
And see what I really feel about my day.

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