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A View FROM THE Podium

BY TOVA WELL

It was that time again! After much work and planning, phone calls, meetings, buying, delivering, and schlepping, we prayed our Tea would be successful. Once again our Tea coordinator, Mrs. Nechama Biderman, outdid herself with beautifully decorated tables filled with salads and a multitude of mouthwatering pastries.

From the podium I had a chance to look out at a sea of over 500 women of all ages, women with their daughters and granddaughters as well as many good

mother of Margie Glatt, Ronnie Korn, and Karen Zimilover. Karen encapsulated her mother's life in two words, love and laughter. She noted that the Tea was a fitting memorial for her mother's life as it brings joy and cheer to needy brides as well as to our attendees at the Tea.

The Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah Fund of Queens was founded in memory of Erna Lindenfeld. Over the past thirty years we have enjoyed the support of the Lindenfeld family. Each year a member of the family speaks in her memory. This year Dr. Shelly Lindenfeld spoke beautifully on behalf of the family.

The play "Hakol B'Seder" was directed by Na'ama Rosenberg, with musical accompaniment by Karen Daitchman. The actresses, Chaya Sarah Hammer, Leah Sarah Itenberg, Sherri Kaye, Naomi Lamb, Na'ama Rosenberg, and Avigayil Strauss, outdid themselves once again!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who put so much work into this evening and a special thank-you to the Shevach High School students who volunteered to graciously serve coffee and tea.

After calling out raffle numbers, I thanked the audience for coming and wished them a good year, until the next Tea which is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2014.



friends out together for the evening. People came from many Queens communities and beyond, to share in this special mitzvah of Hachnosas Kallah.

After Mrs. Shifra Witty, our beloved president, thanked everyone for coming and supporting the efforts of our Hachnosas Kallah organization, she shared how this year alone over \$150,000 was distributed to needy brides in the United States and Israel!

In the past few years, we have had the privilege of having a family underwrite the cost of the Tea in memory of a loved one. This year the family of Mrs. Ethel Korn donated to Hachnosas Kallah in her memory. Rebbitzin Ruth Schonfeld spoke lovingly of her close friend, Mrs. Ethel Korn. Mrs. Korn was the proud



OUR
NEXT

Tea

Monday, November 10, 2014



Our upcoming Tea will be sponsored by David and Paula Berger and their children, in memory of their mother and grandmother, Sara Zissel Berger, z"l.

SARA ZISSEL BERGER, Z"l

11/22/1935 - 10/24/2012



Sara Zissel Berger, z"l, was born on November 22, 1935 to Shmuel and Chaya Lieba Davidovic in Humenné, Czechoslovakia. A light to her parents and four older siblings, her enduring smile became her hallmark.

Having survived the war together with her mother, she was reunited with her three older sisters back in Humenné, only to learn of the death of her father and brother at the hands of the Nazis, yemach sh'mam. Eventually making her way to the new State of Israel, she served in the fledgling country's army at the tender age of 16.

While traveling to Australia to visit her sister, she met her future husband, Tibi Berger. They married and immigrated to the United States, and settled in Forest Hills, New York, where they raised their three sons, Robert, Peter and David. Known in the Queens community for her quick wit, ready smile, and open home, Sara Zissel never stopped spreading her light. Even after her untimely passing on October 24, 2012, her children and grandchildren continue in her path of chesed and simcha. She rests in Har HaMenuchos in Jerusalem.

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BRINGING *Kedusha* INTO THE *Home*

BY REBBETZIN ROCHELLE HIRTZ

*Principal of Shevach High School
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It is interesting to note that the Kedushin entered into by a Chosson and Kallah is related to the Kedushas Shabbos. In the Parshios at the end of Sefer Shemos, Shabbos is presented as the backdrop to the building of the Mishkan. As we know from Parshas Bereishis, Shabbos is the culmination of the Hashem's work of Creation. When we read the Torah's account of the Creation, it appears that all had been completed at the end of six days. Yet the Torah tells us that Hashem actually completed the world on the seventh day. What had been missing from the Creation? The world was missing rest. When Shabbos came, rest came. Then the work of Creation was complete.

HaRav Eliyahu Meir Bloch provides a beautiful insight to the concept of Bah Shabbos Bah Menucha. While Menuchas Shabbos provides us with tranquility and peace of mind so that we can reflect on the source of everything that happens in the world, it accomplishes even more. The

Midrash teaches us that all the days of the week are blessed because of Shabbos. The spiritual energy that is gained over the course of Shabbos, rejuvenates us and provides us with a healthy outlook on the entire week's activities. The Midrash likens this model to a Chosson (groom) and Kallah (bride). While the Chosson prepares himself for marriage over several years, a marriage canopy is meaningless without a Kallah. The Kallah completes and complements the life mission of the Chosson. She is not only a source of calm and comfort in the relationship, but provides a constructive perspective on all the Chosson has achieved.

Just as Shabbos creates an atmosphere of spirituality throughout the entire week, so too, the Kallah contributes her unique insight and appreciation to every aspect of the home that they will build together.

Shabbos provides us with the opportunity to bring Kedusha (holiness) into our homes on a weekly basis. That spirituality will then extend itself to impact the mundane activities of the coming week. Similarly, when a Chosson and Kallah find each other, they are discovering the partner who will assist them in building a Bayis Ne'eman B'Yisroel filled with Kedusha and Tahara.

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POPULAR *Recipes* FROM OUR TEA FAVORITES

Salmon Tidbits Salad

BY AVIGAIL (OELBAUM) SCHUSTAL

- 1 bag romaine lettuce
- 1/2 container of grape tomatoes halved
- 1 orange pepper cubed
- 1/2 purple onion diced
- 2 slices of salmon (fillet and skinned)

DILL DRESSING: (DOUBLE IT)

- 1/4 cup mustard
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/8 cup vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 dill cube

Mix with hand blender

DIRECTIONS

Bake 2 slices of salmon with lemon and salt for 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees. Cut it into tidbit sized pieces.

In a large bowl mix lettuce, grape tomatoes, orange pepper, purple onion, and salmon bits.

When ready to eat pour on dressing and mix

Garnish with Terra sweet potato chips.

ENJOY!!

Zucchini Salad

BY NOEMIE WEALCATCH

INGREDIENTS:

- ❖ 4-5 small zucchini squash, scraped and sliced thin
- ❖ 4-5 carrots, peeled and sliced thin
- ❖ 1 can of whole baby corn, cut into 1/3's
- ❖ 1 green pepper, sliced in strips
- ❖ 1 yellow pepper, sliced in strips
- ❖ 1 red pepper, sliced in strips
- ❖ 1 red onion, sliced in strips

DRESSING:

- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/3 cup oil (preferably olive oil)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Shake in small container

Mix all vegetables in a large bowl.

Add dressing
2-3 hours
before serving



T H E *Hachnosas Kallah* F U N D

The Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah Fund of Queens (ELHKF) was established about 30 years ago by Rebbetzin Ruth Schonfeld of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills along with a handful of dedicated Shul members who decided to institute a network of chesed in the community in memory of their beloved friend and YIKFH member, Erna Lindenfeld. This chesed organization provides financial help to an ever growing number of needy families trying to make a wedding.

At their first meeting there were about a half dozen women. At the next meeting they decided to invite women from other Queens's synagogues. Then there were discussions about how to raise funds so they

decided to produce a play. The very first play was the first successful community-wide fund raiser that drew a large audience and was a smashing success.

When Rebbetzin Schonfeld first organized the ELHKF, she did not expect the organization to grow so rapidly. The willingness of the community to step forward and lend a helping hand was in itself a uniquely rewarding experience. She does, however, attribute much of the success to their president, Shifra Witty, who, according to Rebbetzin Schonfeld, is their driving force. The organization continues to thrive due to her selfless dedication and commitment on behalf of Hachnosas Kallah.

Every month a dedicated committee

of women, headed by Shifra Witty, meets to discuss the many cases referred to them by an elaborate network of local representatives, which include Rabbis, Rebbetzins, community leaders, and other members. Each and every request is given careful consideration before being acted upon. The funds are forwarded to those in need in a discreet manner which protects the privacy of both the donor and recipient.

All of the members volunteer their time — as there are no paid employees, office or administrative staff. All donations go directly to the needy couples. In this merit may the neshama of Erna Lindenfeld be zoche to an aliya.

Dear Rebbetzin Witty,

Mazel Tov — an engagement! What a simcha! But financial difficulties changed these moments of joy to a time of stress, discomfort and worry. However, your financial help alleviated this burden. Simcha can once again reign supreme. Accordingly, expressions of gratitude are unequal to the task of thanking you.

May Hakodosh Baruch Hu, the Makor Habracha, bless Rebbetzin Witty and her helpful kehilla with Kol Tov, Parnassah, Nachas and Gezunt.

May your Gemilus Chesed of Helping Anachnu Bnei Yisroel from all walks of life, display to Hakodosh Baruch Hu our Achdus and bring the Goel Tzedek Bimhaira Vyamainu.

*With Much Appreciation
XXXXX*

Dear Mrs. Witty,

In the name of my family and the Chosson and Kallah, I would like to thank you for being instrumental in getting the generous wedding gift for them. This is an important brick in the building of their Bayis Ne'eman — where the need is very great. May Hashem Yisborach bless you with Kol Tov for your kindness.



Tefilos Booklets are available for rental to use at your wedding.

The booklets are provided in memory of Mrs. Joan Maybruch, a"h.

For information, please call Chanie Jakubowicz at (718) 263-3873.

With much hakaras hatov, we would like to thank Mr. Mark Frankel and

Mr. David Graubard for the many hours they devote to Hachnosas Kallah.

Their dedication to the klal has been immensely helpful to our organization.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of an engagement, wedding or other occasion, Hachnosas Kallah can send a card or letter to the Baal Simcha on your behalf. Cards are also available for purchase. For information, please call Sura Censor at (718) 575-5447.

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INTERVIEW WITH

Perrie Nordlicht

BY SURA CENSOR

SURA CENSOR: Perrie, what got you involved with Hachnosas Kallah?

PERRIE NORDLICHT: I was approached by my favorite Rebbitzin, Ruth Schonfeld, and her friend Shifra Witty, telling me that they had just formed a new organization, the Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah Fund of Queens. They were looking for a fun activity that would get people to come to an evening that would also be a fundraiser.

SURA: So, did you have any ideas for them?

PERRIE: I consulted with my daughter, Shira Schwartz, and asked her if she would like to join me in writing a musical comedy about weddings, shidduchim, machatonim, etc.... And, she agreed.

SURA: So, how did that work out?

PERRIE: We didn't have to make up a thing; we just included all the strange things that had happened to her, her sisters and her friends in the process of finding their mates, making a wedding, setting up a home, etc. Thus was born "Machatastenista Meine", the first of our joint productions.

SURA: Yes, I've heard about "Machatastenista Meine," that was a big hit!

PERRIE: Yes, Boruch Hash-m. And, that was followed by a play about several young women graduating from high school, that followed them as young women, then into their "mature years" and thus was born "The Girls Most Likely To," followed by many others, all direct from our own experiences, because we couldn't possibly have made up the unlikely activities we created. Like they say, sometimes truth is stranger than fiction!

Boruch Hash-m, people came. And came. Soon we became famous, other groups called us for our plays and we sold them our scripts. That became another source of income for Hachnosas Kallah. I've been privileged to be able to help this worthwhile organization for many years, and encourage your readers to become involved as well.

SURA: Thank you, Perrie. And, may you and Hachnosas Kallah continue your wonderful work for many, many years.

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