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Dora 'Dvora' Lipshitz, A"H

Growing up in Montreal we lived in a neighborhood that was initially home to many Shoah survivors. Eventually as families and friends became wealthier, they moved to more affluent neighborhoods. This precipitated many conversations in our home, especially about wealth. My parents, A"H, resisted moving to a bigger and fancier home.

My sister and I asked, "Don't you want a nicer house? Don't you want to be rich?" My mother's reply was that she had a nice house and only wanted to be wealthy enough to be able to do *chessed*.

My mother, Dora, Dvora bat Moshe, was the oldest daughter of 11 children. She and one sister were the only ones who survived the war. They managed to stay together through the concentration camps and the forced march. They would separately tell stories of how each saved the other at different points of their slavery. They insisted they survived because they didn't let anyone know they were sisters.

My mother was a woman with 'Goldene Hent,' golden hands. Besides cooking and baking, my mother could sew dresses, knit and crochet, fix chairs and anything around the house, garden, organize, and make fur coats. This last skill was her precious visa to Canada from Sweden where she had recuperated after the Shoah. In Sweden, if you didn't come in on *continued on page 2*



The next tea will take place, **IV"H, on Tuesday, November 12** l'ilui nishnas **Dora Lipshitz, A"H, and Hoshanah Hacohen, A"H,** through the generosity of their children, **Yisrael and Sandi Hacohen**

Hoshanah Leah (Eliovson) Hacohen, A"H

Hoshanah Leah (Eliovson) Hacohen was born on the festival of Hoshanah Rabah to a family whose essence for generations was an intense, devoted love of Eretz Israel. Both her grandparents, originally from Lithuania, emigrated to Eretz Yisrael over a century ago.

Her father, Moshe Tuvia, was the youngest son of Yehoshua and Beelah Eliovson, who were among the first 60 families to move out of Jaffa and establish what would become the city of Tel Aviv.

On her mother Shulamit's side, Hoshanah's grandfather was Rabbi Moshe Leib Bernstein, who was known as an Illui (child prodigy) in the Volozhin Yeshiva. His wife Dina was a descendant of the Gaon of Vilna. They settled in Jerusalem.

Hoshanah always radiated Jewish national pride. As a youth, she went to the Tel Aviv beach to witness the disastrous tragedy of the Altalena and told her teacher her dream was to join the Etzel. Fittingly, the man she would eventually marry was at the time a fighter in the Irgun Zevai Leumi.

After completing high school in Israel, Hoshanah attended Hunter College in New York, majoring in political science. While active with the campus Young Israel organization, Hoshanah went to the Jewish Agency office in New York to *continued on page 2*



The Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah of Queens Annual Tea 2018

BY LOREY FRIEDMAN

Each year smack in the middle of Succos and Chanukah, between the months of October and December, we have come to rely on the Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah Tea filling our November with anticipation and excitement. As the leaves are changing colors and falling, the consistency of knowing that the Tea will take place is something that the entire Queens com-

munity depends on. That's why, this year on November 13, despite three neighborhood weddings, the Electchester Municipal building was packed with women of all ages, from all neighborhoods who wanted to support the incredible work that our local Hachnosas Kallah does. Hachnosas Kallah is the address parents and kallahs turn to for help to assure that the start of building a Jewish home, is the happiest time of their lives. It relieves the financial burden that comes along with the making of simcha for so many.

Rebbetzin Peri Schonfeld and the President of Hachnosas Kallah, Mrs. Shifra Witty, thanked our wonderful community for their support and gave special thanks to Mrs. Nechama Biderman who each year pours her heart and soul into the success of the Tea. So many devote themselves to the organization: The officers, the treasurer, secretaries, computer coordinators, shul coordinators and board

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From the Tea: Shifra Witty's Welcome and D'var Torah



Good evening ladies and welcome to the annual tea of the Erna Lindenfeld Hachnosas Kallah of Queens. Tonight is the result of the efforts of many dedicated volunteers under the leadership of Nechama Biderman.

But, our organization is busy all year long, hearing stories of struggling couples looking to build homes in k'lal Yisrael. They and their families know that we are an address for their needs. We take our responsibility to them very seriously, distributing over \$10,000 each month, money collected tonight and at other fundraisers throughout the year.

No one doubts the importance of our mission – Hachnosas Kallah. It is listed as one of the mitzvos “שאין להם שיעור,” that have no limit. And no one wants to see a young bride or groom crying for lack of items needed to set up their Jewish homes. That was the reason that our founder, Rebbetzin Ruth Schonfeld, ע"ה, together with the family of Erna Lindenfeld, ע"ה started our organization.

This week's parsha tells the story of the marriage of Yaakov Avinu and his two wives, and the building of the שבטי קה. Unlike Eliezer, the servant of Avraham, who came to find a wife for Yitzchak with many gifts, Yaakov Avinu came empty-handed. The Midrash relates that Esav sent his son, Elifaz, after Yaakov to kill him. Elifaz did not want to kill Yaakov. Yaakov told him that “עני השובר כמת,” an extremely poor person is like one who is dead. Thus, Yaakov gave all his possessions to Elifaz and arrived with no bridal gifts to bestow on his bride.

The goal of the mitzvah of Hachnosas Kallah is to help young couples start their lives together with joy, and that is our mission at Hachnosas Kallah of Queens.

Thank you,
Shifra Witty

Dora 'Dvora' Lipshitz, A"H *continued from page 1*

Shabbos, don't bother coming in on Sunday. Even though my mother would make up the work on Sunday, she decided that Sweden was inhospitable to Shomrei Shabbos and applied for a visa to Canada. She came alone to Montreal and started her life again, waiting for her sister to join her.

She met my father, Elimelech Lipshitz, in Montreal and had 2 daughters. She was a stay-at-home mother who did fur repair at home, but spent her time volunteering in B'nai Brith, whose members welcomed her so warmly when she first arrived, and later on in Emunah and the Young Israel of Montreal Sisterhood.

Dvora bat Moshe loved to bake challahs and share them with homebound people; she did Meals on Wheels. Eventually when her furrier skills were no longer needed to supplement my father's income, she volunteered in the hospital flower shop. My mother also loved to walk and swim, which she learned at age 60!

We were a small family, but there was a core group of other survivor friends, and when they would visit, we were asked to leave the room so the grown-ups could talk. Well, like all kids, we eavesdropped at the door and heard some sad and some very brave stories.

Why this Tzedakah, Hachnosas Kallah?

The part of the timeline I skipped was when my mother was introduced to my father in Montreal. They met on a post-Kol Nidrei *Shpatzir*. My father asked my mother out and they dated for 3 years before she agreed to marry him. “3 years! Ma, why did you make Daddy wait so long?”

Her answer with a sad smile, “After the war I had no one really to ask about marriage, to go to, to see if this was right. ‘Nisht kein Mama, Nisht kein Tate.’ I felt I had to do it all by myself.” My father, the persistent type, convinced her and took care of his family, *b'nachat*, for the rest of their lives.

So, I know that this chessed would call to her—that she would want all the kallahs in Am Yisrael to have it easier, nicer, and to feel special and beautiful. I know she would love the idea of supporting an organization that spends almost nothing on itself and helps brides, however they need it.

Yasher Koach to all organizers, volunteers, and contributors. Thank you for this kavod to Dvora bat Moshe.

Hoshanah Leah (Eliovson) Hacohen, A'H *continued from page 1*

arrange a speaker for an Israel themed event. A chance encounter during that meeting led to her introduction to her future husband, Mordechai Hacohen.

The couple married and raised their family in New York. Their children: Israel, Ariel, Naomi (A"H) and Yael attended Yeshiva of Central Queens where Hoshanah taught. For many years, Hoshanah also took the lead in preparing the YCQ floats and advising many additional Jewish schools on costume design and preparation for the annual Salute to Israel Parade in Manhattan.

Following her children's graduations, Hoshanah completed a Master's Degree in Hebrew Literature at Hunter College and taught courses at Touro College. Her home was always a revolving door for dinner and Shabbat guests. She was an engaging, dramatic instructor and enjoyed tutoring weak students, instilling a love of Lemudei Kodesh and developing their self-confidence. She hosted a Shabbat Parshat Hashavuah study group in her home and often volunteered to chauffeur elderly community members to medical appointments and shopping trips.

Soon after her husband Mordechai's passing and burial in Jerusalem, Hoshanah realized her lifelong dream of returning to live out her life in Israel. At the age of 80, she emigrated to Achuzat Bayit in Raanana, an independent senior residence community where she enjoyed a very active social life, participating in organized trips throughout Israel, lectures, concerts, and enjoying daily lunch and Shabbat meals with new friends.

Hoshanah Leah Eliovson Hacohen will always be remembered for her warm smile, the sparkle in her eyes, and her indomitable love for her family, friends and Eretz Yisrael. Hoshanah Leah Eliovson Hacohen passed away this past Tzom Gedalyah at the age of 85 and was buried beside her husband on Har HaMenuchoth, Jerusalem.

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members along with community volunteers on the day of the tea. Hakoras Hatov was expressed to Chaya Lew, a talented party planner, for making the room look as elegant and beautiful as it did.



This year's Tea was sponsored through the generosity of the Katten family in memory of Phyllis's mother Mrs. Senta Ermann, a"h, and by the Blitz family in memory of Judy's mother Rebbetzin Sadie Klavan, a"h. Erna Lindenfeld, of whom the organization is named, was honored by her grandson who spoke about how his grandmother loved helping others and what a perfect tribute to her is reflected in Hachnosas Kallah. The chesed that this organization does keeps Erna Lindenfeld's memory alive.

Throughout the program, raffle prizes were given out. Whether it was gift certificates, a foot massager, a crock pot or various other prizes, lucky winners were thrilled to have their arms full of wonderful prizes.

As is the case every year, the highlight of the Tea is the play that is written by community member, Zisi Naimark, and whose cast consists of wives, mothers, and professionals who sing, dance and pour hours upon hours of practice time into rehearsals for the play. This year's musical comedy was entitled "You're Invited To Girl's Night Out." Chaya Sara Hammer, Shoshie Koslowitz, Naomi Lamb, Rivkie Lutz, Rochie Moskowitz, Zizi Naimark, and Tova Zern were delightful and special kudos to the talented, energetic and devoted Rena Greenberg for her superb musical accompaniment.

From one Tea to the next, may Hachnosas Kallah of Queen continue its good work.

Pirkei Avot D'var Torah

BY CHAVI DICK

As we enter into the summer months, we continue reciting פרקי אבות. During these months we give special attention to working on our לחבירו בין אדם לחבירו.

The ספר יסוד ושרש העבודה says in order for a Yid to serve the הקב"ה on the highest level, he needs to do 2 מצוות: a) ואהבת לרעך כמוך b) בצדק תשפוט עמיתך. These 2 מצוות are the key to the תורה, says the יסוד ושרש העבודה to serve the הקב"ה one needs to do these 2 מצוות לחבירו בין אדם לחבירו. Thinking about others, being sensitive towards others and not thinking about אנכי – the "I".

The גמרא שבת tells over a story about a גר who comes to בית שמאי. He asks בית שמאי, can you teach me the entire תורה on one foot? I'll stand on one foot and you'll tell me the whole תורה. בית שמאי says goodbye to the גר. There are no short cuts to the תורה. In order for one to be מצליח בתורה, one needs to toil and sweat. So, the גר leaves and goes to בית הלל. The גר asks בית הלל can you teach me the תורה on one foot? בית הלל answered, "Of course, my pleasure. The only thing you need to know about the תורה is 'whatever you don't want done to you, don't do to others.'" This is the whole תורה. The rest is an explanation on this statement.

The גר wants the master key to everything. We know there are many different keys for many different locks. But the master key can open up all the locks. So חז"ל tell us just to know that the יסוד of the תורה is whatever you don't like done to you don't do to someone else.

When someone doesn't know something or when a person is not doing something right the תורה gives us the tools, the guidelines in how to help and treat others. We are not alone, we are surrounded by others. We need to have sensitivity and thoughtfulness towards others.

the רב משה אהרן שטרן quotes ראש ישיבה גמרא "כל ישראל ערבים זה לזה" – סוטה: all of ישראל are physically separate but in fact, we are all 1 unit – 1 גוף.

A young man approached Rav Shteinman זצ"ל, to get a ברכה and some advice, as he was planning on opening a kallah wedding gown gemach. Rav Shteinman said I will give you a ברכה on one condition; no kallah gown may be worn more than 3 times. The young man of course would listen to the Rav. He asked the Rav why out of curiosity. Rav Shteinman said after a white gown is worn 3 times it begins to lose its freshness, its newness. We want a kallah especially on her יום חופה, on her wedding day, to feel extra special. After 3 times the white gown looks used, frazzled at the edges. We want the kallah to have that extra height of שמחה on her wedding day. We see the sensitivity a גדול displays towards a כלה. This is what a גדול is busy with while he shoulders so much for the כלל.

In זכות of giving צדקה to these needy chossonim and kallahos, as we show our sensitivity, may the הקב"ה display in return sensitivity and shower us with ברכות כמון שפע. Just as we take care of our אחים and demonstrate לרעך כמוך ואהבת לרעך כמוך, in that זכות we should be זוכה to בביאת גואל צדק במהרה בימינו אמן.



Popular Hachnosas Kallah Tea Salads



Ramen Noodle Salad Kosher By Design

- Lettuce
- Grape tomatoes
- 1 pkg. Ramen noodles, crushed
- ½ c. slivered almonds
- 2 T. sesame seeds

Toast the noodles, almonds and sesame seeds in the oven.

- 1/3 c. oil
- 3 T. soy sauce
- 3 T. rice vinegar (1/2 regular + water)
- 3 T. sugar
- 1 clove crushed garlic
- Salt and pepper

Chopped Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing

Kosher by Design Entertainment



- 5 oz. lettuce
- Handful craisins
- 2 small cucumbers
- 1 red pepper
- 1 avocado
- 1 mango
- 12 grape tomatoes, halved
- ¼ c. mayo
- ¼ c. honey
- ¼ c. canola oil
- 2 T. apple cider vinegar
- 1 T. spicy brown mustard

In large mixing bowl toss lettuce, craisins, cucumbers, red pepper, avocado, mango, and tomatoes. Set aside.

Whisk mayo, honey, oil, vinegar, and mustard until emulsified.

Pour the dressing over the salad as desired and toss.

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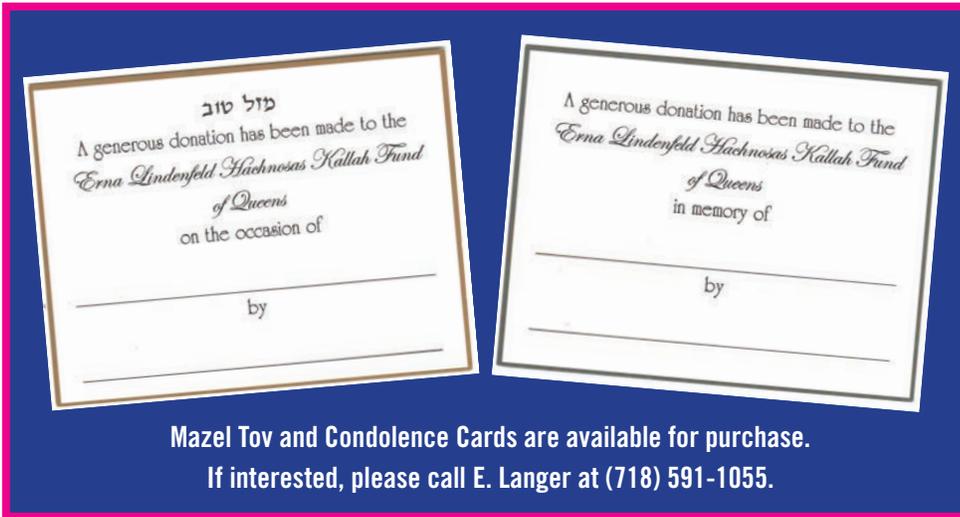
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