

פ' וישב • PARASHAT VAYESHEV

20th of Kislev 5771 • November 27, 2010 • Shabbat Begins: 3:58pm • Shabbat Ends: 5:04pm

PARNESS HAYOM KISLEV

These Days of Learning have been dedicated to the memory of the following by members of their family.

2 Kislev

Mayer, Stark & Bloch Families in memory of husband and father, Abraham Mayer (Avraham Dovid ben Chaim Meir z'l)

13 Kislev

David Novoseller in memory of his grandfather, Morris Dowben (Mendel ben Yisrael z'l)

15 Kislev

Mark Wainberg in memory of his father, Abe Wainberg (Avraham ben Yitzchak Zeev, z'l)

17 Kislev

Dr. David Zukor in memory of his father, Leslie Zukor (Yitzchak Chaim ben Yosef z'l)

22 Kislev

Dr. Alex Spira in memory of his father, Abraham Spira (Avraham Eliezer ben Yeshiah Zvi z'l)

27 Kislev

Joel King in memory of his father-in-law Ben Hymer z'l

For more information on the KTM Parness Hayom Project, please call our office at 514 486 5718.



Increasing the Light

Every year, the *parashiyot* in the Torah dealing with the story of Yosef Hatzadik are read during or around the time of Chanukah. This is hardly coincidental. Yosef experienced miracles that resembled the miracles that were performed for the Jews of the Second Commonwealth. He was thrown into a pit filled with snakes and scorpions, and somehow emerged unscathed. He lived in Egypt among corrupt people submerged in the “forty-nine gates of impurity” and still remained righteous. He was sent to a dungeon, yet ultimately rose to greatness, to the position of vizier of the Egyptian Empire. The Jews of the Second Temple era, too, were controlled by the Greeks. They had no political independence – the Greeks and the Hellenists relentlessly tried to have the Jews devoured by the Greek Empire, to erase their Jewish identity and cast the Torah and its commandments into the trash bin of history. The Jews truly resembled a person sitting in a dark, dreary dungeon surrounding by snakes and scorpions. But a miracle occurred, and the Chashmonaim defeated the Greeks; the few triumphed over the many; the feeble were victorious over the mighty. After the war, they kindled the *menorah* in the *Beit Hamikdash*, demonstrating to all that the Jewish nation had emerged from the darkness to light. And the light of the Jewish people continued to shine forth from Jerusalem.

We give thanks to Hashem not only for the miracles that He performed for us centuries ago, during the time of the Greeks, but also for the miracles of our generation. We must open the eyes of our souls to see how Hashem performs miracles for us, bringing us *השועות ונחמות* (“salvation and comfort”) just as in the time of the Chashmonaim. After two thousand years, we have emerged from the “dungeon” of the dark exile, which was filled with “snakes and scorpions.” The Jewish nation survives despite the countless attempts made by the other nations and faiths of the world to “bite” us and “sting” us, and to poison the soul of our people. Just like Yosef Hatzadik, we have risen from the deep dungeon to the highest rooftop,

from the Holocaust to national renewal, from a poor country that had to ration its resources to an internationally recognized economic and military power.

But it is not enough to be economically and militarily strong. We must strengthen ourselves Jewishly, spiritually and ethically. And we have faith in the Almighty that He will foil the all the attempts to wash away our identity, singularity and destiny as the eternal nation that has come to illuminate the earth, and that nobody will succeed in extinguishing the flame of Israel.

But it is our obligation to increase the light, the light of Torah, the light of love, the light of faith, to learn to recognize our identity and destiny throughout the generations, and especially in our time, and we will thereby be worthy of beholding the “new light” that God will shine upon Zion, speedily and in our days, *amen*.

Shabbat Shalom & Chanukah Samei'ach!

Rav Nadav Levin, KTM

TRIBUTE CARDS

With your donation of \$18.00 or more KTM will send a card to mark the occasion of a birth, anniversary, engagement, marriage, speedy recovery, holiday greetings, birthday, or in memory of.

Everyone on their way to...

FAMILY MELAVEH MALKA

Parent-Child Learning Program

Warm up to a full hour of learning, music, treats, prizes and fun.

This year's theme: Shabbat for Grades 1-6

Only 3 Sessions left!

November 27
Family Melaveh Malka - 6pm @ KTM

December 4
Community-wide Chanuka Party - 6pm @ BIBA

December 11
Special Havdalah Program - 6pm @ KTM



The Living Beit Midrash

A Vibrant Community Learns Together

MONDAYS—THURSDAYS, 8-10PM (MAARIV 9PM)
For more information on other learning opportunities,
please contact us.

Mondays, 8:30-9pm
Sefer HaKuzari with Rav Ido Tauber

Tuesdays, 8-9pm
Shiur Parashat Hashavua with Rav Nadav Levin

Tuesdays, 9:15-10pm
Masechet Brachot with Rav Nadav Levin (HEBREW)

Youth Events

ii High School Chanukah Party
Thursday, Dec. 2 — 7:30pm @ KTM

iii Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat & Tisch
Friday Night, Dec. 3 — Mincha: 3:55pm @ BIBA
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat @ 7 p.m.
At the home of Rabbi Poupko (5850 Av. Marc-Chagall)

iii KTM-B.A.-H.A. Community Youth Minyan
Shabbat Miketz — Shacharit: 9:30am @ KTM
Followed by Kiddush



19 Kislev — Yahrtzeit of HaRav Moshe Tzvi Neriya, zt"l

By Osnat Weinberger

Rav Neriya was born in Lodz, Poland. In 1930, when he was 17 years old, he was informed that Rav Avraham Yitzchak Hakohen Kook, the Chief Rabbi in *Eretz Yisrael*, was working to rescue Jews from communist Russia and to secure immigration visas for them. Rav Moshe Tzvi turned to Rav Kook's son, Rav Tzvi Yehuda Kook, and soon received an immigration visa and ticket for the trip to *Eretz Yisrael*.

Rav Neriya studied in Yeshivat Merkaz Harav and in a teachers training institute. Like many of Rav Kook's students, Rav Neriya went on to work in public leadership in the spirit and with the vision of Rav Kook. After delivering a talk in a Bnei Akiva branch, Rav Neriya sensed the need to become involved in the organization. He accepted the task of dealing with the many questions, struggles, and aspirations that engage the minds and hearts of youngsters. Over the course of his involvement with Bnei Akiva, Rav Neriya realized that there is no substitute for a yeshiva as a fortress and blockade against secularization. He therefore decided to establish a yeshiva of a new kind, which would be suitable for the youngsters of his time; a yeshiva that combined the sacred and the mundane.

The first yeshiva that Rav Neriya established was Yeshivat Kefar Haro'eh. As a result of the yeshiva's great success, many other yeshivot, girls' schools and hesder yeshivot opened in its wake.

Rav Neriya did not want to join the Knesset, but facing a budget crisis in educational institutions, especially the yeshivot, Rav Neriya decided to join the Knesset. In 1978, Rav Neriya was awarded the Israel Prize for his contribution to the advancement and development of the State and Israeli society.

Rav Neriya passed at the age of 82 on 19 Kislev, 1995, leaving behind a generation of devoted students who disseminate his Torah and educational approach in dozens of institutions throughout Israel. His final words expressed his love for *Eretz Yisrael* and its unique sanctity: "I am cold; warm me with words of holiness. Take hold of *Eretz Yisrael* and its holiness. Allow me to bid farewell to *Eretz Yisrael*, and to say 'goodbye' to her, with love, joy and eagerness. I seek holiness; I seek the holiest of holies; I seek holiness. Give me the holiness of *Eretz Yisrael*, give me the holiness of the love of Israel, give me the feeling of *Eretz Yisrael*, give me the holiness of *Eretz Yisrael*."

May we be privileged to learn from this most significant personality, and experience, to even the slightest degree, the love he felt for the Land of Israel.



**WOMEN'S
BEIT MIDRASH**

with Rabbi Sydney Shoham
Tuesday, November 16, 23 & 30
Topic: "Chanukah: Then and
9:30 am @ Kollel Torah MiTzion
5700 Kellert Ave. Cote St. Luc

Tehilim Group
completion of the entire
Book of Tehilim, and prayer
for those who are ill.
Tus. 10:30 am

We hope to see you
soon in the Kollel!



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Kollel Torah Mitzion has a faculty of graduates from Hesder Yeshivot in Israel who come here to serve as teachers and role models in our community. The core of the Kollel is the Beit Midrash which features a full schedule of classes as well as a drop-in center with a warm atmosphere where all, regardless of background, feel comfortable.