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Hatzolah of Rockland County Holds Annual Dinner

Hatzolah of Rockland County held its annual dinner on Sunday, November 10, at the Atrium Plaza in Monsey. This year's partnership dinner honored Dr. James Israel, who received the Doctor of the Year Award, as well as Laibel Layman and Shmuel Zanvil Weinberger, who were the recipients of the Hatzolas Nefashos Award. Tovi Mermelstein and Dovid Wanounou served as the Dinner's Chairmen. The dinner served as a tribute in memory of six of the chaburah: Michael Eisenberg, z"l; Ari Lazarus, z"l; Yossi Lebovits, z"l; Rabbi Shmuel Avrohom Myski, z"l; Yehuda Vorcheimer, z"l; and Rabbi Shmiel Amrom Weissmandl,

Pirchei Agudath Israel's' Annual Avos Ubanim Learning Program

Pirchei Agudath Israel, in conjunction with Yeshiva of Spring Valley, began their Motzoei Shabbos Avos Ubanim Learning Program on Motzoei Shabbos Parashas Vayeitzei/November 9. The program begins every Motzoei Shabbos two hours after shekiah at the Yeshivah of Spring Valley Boys building on 121 College Road in the Zakarin Beis Medrash on the second floor. The program includes 50 minutes of learning seder as well as prizes and raffles that are awarded weekly. Pizza is served every Shabbos Mevorchim.

The learning program is open to boys and men of all ages. Participants bring their own *sefarim* and appropriate Motzoei Shabbos attire is worn for the *beis medrash* learning. For more information and sponsorship opportunities contact Rabbi Motty Braun at (845) 445-5167.

Bais Torah's Annual Avos Ubanim Program

Bais Torah began its annual Avos Ubanim program on Motzoei Shabbos Parashas Vayeitzei/November 9. The



First-grade rebbi Rabbi Eliezer Myski with his class at the Yeshiva Darchei Noam has'chalas Chumash celebration.

program begins weekly on Motzoei Shabbos at 6:45 p.m. in the shul's library, and includes Torah learning, hot pizza and prizes for all. Children and grandchildren are welcome.

A special guest scheduled to appear on November 23 at 6:30 p.m. is the "Mad Scientist." Sponsorship is \$50 for an evening's learning. Contact

Jonathan.Rosenstock@ yahoo.com or the shul office for information or to sponsor a week of learning.

Bnos Agudas Yisroel Of Monsey Holds Sixth Annual *Melaveh Malkah*

Bnos Agudas Yisroel of Monsey's sixth annual melaveh malkah took place on Motzoei Shabbos Parashas Vayeitzei/November 9 at the Yeshiva of Spring Valley Girls' **Building on Grandview** Avenue, for all girls in grades one through eight. The event's theme was "Lights Up Your Life," and featured a Laser Light Show. The melaveh malkah was emceed by Rabbi Avi Frank and included pizza, raffles and prizes. Pirchei Agudath Israel's melaveh malkah will follow next Motzoei Shabbos, November

Community-Wide Emergency Medical Fund Drive

There was a communitywide emergency medical fund drive on Sunday, November 10, at the home of Mrs. Rachel



At the Filterthon in Monsey: Rabbi Zev Shain, organizer, with Tuvia Lieberman.



At the Filterthon

L. Tauber at 10 Jeffrey Place. The emergency medical fund drive included a hot buffet lunch and a delectable milchig smorgasbord. Renowned singer Suri Gluck gave a soulstirring performance, accompanied by Susan Lust of Young@Heart Dancercise. There were deeply riveting words of chizuk by the esteemed and beloved Mrs. Miriam Lapides. There was balloon sculpting by Kiki Katzman, followed by ideas on how to creatively entertain children on the long winter nights.

The event was hosted by Rebbetzin H. Halberstam, Rebbetzin Y. Weissmandl, Rebbetzin R. Wetttenstein, Carole Feldheim, and Rebbetzin Schneebalg, as well as Ruchy Klein, Rana Deutch, Blimi Klein, Frimet Steiner, Ruchy Jacob, Zissi Brody, Breindy Weiss, Baily Markowitz, Fraidy Rosenfeld, Rachel Leah Tauber, Chaya Mezei, Faigy Roettenberg, Chayie Luria, and Faigy Berger.

Leah Golomb Speaks At L'Chaim Manor

Leah Golomb, an internationally renowned speaker from Eretz Yisrael, delivered an inspiring *shiur* on the topic of "Transforming Your Words Into Actions!" Leah Golomb grew up in New Jersey, one of four children in a modern Orthodox family. Through the events of her life, she embarked on a journey of discovery that continues to this day. Leah moved to Eretz Yisrael in 1977 and has been

living in Moshav Meor Modiim ever since. She is married to Michael; they have six grown children, including triplets.

Leah has been inspired by the teaching of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, z"l. Leah has a unique perspective on Hashem and Torah woven into her life. Her humor and personality shine through as she offers information and food for thought while encompassing a vast, detailed knowledge of Torah and deep insight into our world. Leah teaches on her moshav, in Yerushalayim, and elsewhere in Israel. She also comes to other countries to teach.

Most of her classes are given on the current weekly parashah in Torah and the Jewish calendar year. They provide thought-provoking questions and entertaining perspectives on spirituality and the practicality of a Torah life. Leah also gives classes on other topics of choice.

On Sunday, November 10, Leah spoke at L'Chaim Manor on the topic of keeping one's Rosh Hashanah *kabbalos*, in light of the fact that most people set resolutions and goals during the months of Elul and Tishrei, but many have already lost that focus and zeal.

Leah's vast knowledge and unique style of teaching Torah helped put her listeners back on track towards whatever those goals might have been, through her inspirational words, wisdom and passionate delivery. The event was hosted by Zeva Citronenbaum, LCSWR, in honor of the 14th yahrtzeit of Ruchama Leba Chana bas Chaim Dov (Ruchama Citronenbaum).

Swastikas Mark Campaign Signs

On Monday morning, November 4, campaign signs for David Fried, Democratic candidate for Rockland County Executive, were found with swastikas spray-painted on them. The damaged signs, covered with orange spray paint, were reported to police, who are currently investigating the vandalism. The police department is asking anyone with relevant information to call (845) 357-2400 or the Ramapo PD confidential tip line at 1-888-998-8477.

According to police, the signs were found at the following locations in Monsey: the intersection of Maple Avenue and Route 306; the intersection of Blauvelt Avenue and Route 306; and the intersection of Carlton Road and Route 306. The incidents are being investigated as a hate crime, with a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who committed this crime.

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Wesley Hills Shul Boutique

Wesley Hills Shul is seeking vendors for a pre-Chanukah boutique that is scheduled to take place on November 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information email ljkornblum@gmail.com.

An Evening of Glamour And Giving

Just in time for Chanukah, there was a Motzoei Shabbos event at the home of Rorie Weisberg. The event featured a "second-chance" sale of gently worn, high-end consignment wigs at greatly reduced prices. The sheitels were sold l'iluy nishmas Miriam Proctor, a"h. All proceeds went to tzedakah.

Also featured was the artistic elegance of handcrafted jewelry by Amy Kanarek, and Arbonne botanically-based cosmetics and skin care by Aliza Abel.

Rabbi Dani Staum Speaks for Ohr Monsey

On Wednesday, November 6, Rabbi Dani Staum spoke for Ohr Monsey on "Maintaining Our *Emunah* Through the Roller Coaster of Life." The women's event was hosted by Devorah Goldstein at 6 Tokay Lane. For information on future Ohr Monsey events email ohrmonsey@gmail.com.

Ohr Somayach Monsey Sponsors Outreach Seminar in Westchester

This past weekend Ohr Somayach Monsey's family division, Ora V'Simcha, hosted families from Mamaroneck, White Plains and Purchase, N.Y., for an inspiring weekend of Torah discovery, run in conjunction with JEP of Westchester and the Young Israel of East Northport.

JEP of Westchester, headed





by Rabbi Boruch Zaitchik, has been a powerful vehicle of kiruv in the suburban Westchester community of Mamaroneck for almost 30 years.

According to Rabbi
Zaitchik, one of the greatest
obstacles to helping older
established Jews become
more observant is their lack of
exposure to yeshivah communities and consequent inability to witness and experience
the beauty of religious family
life.

His sentiments were

echoed by Rabbi Chaim
Bausk, Rav of Young Israel of
East Northport, who has pioneered many Jewish outreach
activities across Long Island.
Together they initiated contact with Ohr Somayach and
planned a weekend of Torah
discovery for the many families affiliated with their shuls
who were hesitant about getting more involved in
Orthodoxy.

There was tremendous excitement at the retreat, where many participants decided to strengthen their observance. Key presenters included Mrs. Chani Juravel, Rabbi Label Lam, Rabbi Avrohom Braun, Rabbi Mordechai and Rebbetzin Miriam Shira Swiatycki, and Rabbi Naftali Reich, director of Ora V'Simcha.

At the end of the retreat, participants completed a sur-

vey analyzing their experience and providing feedback to the program organizers. They expressed overwhelming gratitude to Ora V'Simcha, with many pledging to enhance their observance of Shabbos and to return for further learning opportunities at the yeshivah.

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