

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Rachmistrivka Rebbe Of Yerushalayim Spends Shabbos In New York

The Rachmistrivka Rebbe of Yerushalayim, *shlita*, currently visiting the United States, led an uplifting and inspiring Shabbos in Williamsburg. Thousands of local residents and many guests who came specially for the Shabbos attended the Rebbe's *tisch* on Friday Night — which ended shortly before dawn, as well as *shalosh seudos*, which continued for many hours into the night.

Upon his arrival in the U.S. on Wednesday, the Rebbe traveled to the Catskills, where his Uncle, the Rachmistrivka Rebbe, *shlita*, is spending the week. The father of the present Rebbe of Yerushalayim, the Rachmistrivka Rebbe, Harav Yisrael Mordechai, *zt"l*, had an remarkably close relationship with his younger brother, *yblc"h* the Rachmistrivka Rebbe, and this close relationship continues between uncle and nephew.

After a lengthy visit with his uncle, the Rebbe of Yerushalayim returned to Brooklyn, spending some time in Boro Park before traveling to Williamsburg on Thursday night.

One of the many inspiring facets of this Shabbos were the numerous signs of the legendary *achdus* that marks the Rachmistrivka *kehillos*: The Rachmistrivka Rebbe sent two of his sons, Harav Dovid Moshe Twersky, Rachmistrivka *Rosh Kollel*, and Harav Nachum Twersky, to spend Shabbos in Williamsburg with their cousin. A number of the Rebbe's grandsons, and a large contingent of his Chassidim from greater New York and New Jersey also came for Shabbos.

At the *tisch*, the Rebbe of Yerushalayim was flanked by a *gabbai* that accompanied him from Yerushalayim, as well as one of his uncle's regular *gabbaim*. Standing behind the Rebbe during the lengthy *tischen* were two of the directors of the Rachmistrivka *mosdos* in the United States, who played a key role in facilitating the visit of Rebbe of Yerushalayim. Even the huge wooden bleachers for the Chassidim to stand on during the *tisch* were brought from the Rachmistrivka shul in Boro Park to Williamsburg by Reb Levi Yitzchak Yakob, the popular *shamash* of the Rachmistrivka court, who personally oversaw their installation.

During his visit, the Rebbe of Yerushalayim attended numerous fundraising events on behalf of the financially struggling but spiritually flourishing Rachmistrivka *mosdos* in Eretz Yisrael, which includes Yeshivas Meor Einayim with over 400 *bachurim*, and *kolle-*

lim in Yerushalayim, Bnei Brak, Beitar and Beit Shemesh. In addition to the large central shul in Yerushalayim, there are two Rachmistrivka shuls in Beitar, two in Beit Shemesh, and one in Bnei Brak.

Harav Yitzchak Tuviah Weiss to Attend Williamsburg Dinner

The annual dinner of Kollel Shomrei Hachomos is to be held next Thursday in Williamsburg's Ateres Avraham Hall. The highlight of the event will be the *hachtarah* of Hagaon Harav Yitzchak Tuviah Weiss, *shlita*, *Gaavad* of the Eidah Hachareidis of Yerushalayim, as *Chaver Kesser Nesius*. The *Gaavad* will be coming to America especially for the dinner and is slated to speak.

Hagaon Harav Shmuel Halevi Vosner, *shlita*, Rav of Zichron Meir and author of *Shevet Halevi*, will also be named *Chaver Kesser Nesius*. Rav Vosner will address the crowd via satellite from his home in Bnei Brak.

Dirshu Kinyan HaShas Participants Tested On 1,500 Blatt

On Thursday, April 23/29 Nisan, over 500 people in over a dozen cities around the world came together to take the eighth Kinyan HaShas test on almost 1,500 *blatt* of *Gemara*.

Dirshu's Kinyan HaShas is a cumulative *chazarah* program that ensures all participants continuously review all the material that they have learned since the program's establishment. The program offers bi-annual tests on all material learned thus far in the *Daf Yomi* cycle, starting from *maseches Brachos* through the present *daf*. The test consists of 90 questions spanning the entire learned portion of the current cycle of *Shas*.

Dirshu is privileged to have many *kollel yungeleit* and *yeshiva bachurim* participate in the Kinyan Torah program in addition to their regular *yeshiva* or *kollel* schedule.

Yahrtzeit of the Tal Chaim to Be Marked

This coming Sunday, 9 Iyar, is the 105th *yahrtzeit* of the Tal Chaim of Liska, Harav Chaim Friedlander, *zt"l*, who was known throughout Hungary as a true Torah scholar and was revered for his piety and humility.

He succeeded his father-in-law, Rav Tzvi Hersh of Liska, commonly referred to as the Ach Pri Tevuah.

The *yahrtzeit seudah* is scheduled to take place at Khal Ateres Tzvi M'Liska, 1449 50th Street in Brooklyn, this coming Sunday at 7:30 p.m., where his descendant, the current Liska Rebbe, Harav Tzvi Hersh Friedlander, will conduct a *yahrtzeit tisch* and deliver *divrei Torah*.

Harav Yisrael Hager At Shabbos Hisachdus In Yerushalayim

Thousands of Vizhnitzer chassidim from all over Eretz Yisrael, alongside thousands of Yerushalmi Yidden, took part in an uplifting *Shabbos Hisachdus* in Yerushalayim, headed by Harav Yisrael Hager, *shlita*, son of the Vizhnitzer Rebbe, *shlita*, of Bnei Brak.

The Shabbos marked 50 years since the establishment of the Vizhnitzer Talmud Torah in Yerushalayim.

The *tefillos* and the *seudos* were held in Beis Malkah, the Belzer girls' school, with an overflow crowd at all events. Harav Hager led the *tefillos* on *Leil Shabbos* in the *Vizhnitzer nusach*, and after the *davening*, the chassidim filed past to wish him "Gut Shabbos."

The *botte* on *Leil Shabbos* was attended by a number of Rebbes, Rabbanim, *Roshei Yeshiva*, and a huge crowd of chassidim, as was *seudah shelishis*, which extended late into *Motzoei Shabbos*.

Harav Hager traveled to Yerushalayim at the end of last week and visited Rebbes and Rabbanim, notably his brother-in-law, the Belzer Rebbe, *shlita*. He remained in Yerushalayim after this historic Shabbos, and Vizhnitzer chassidim used the opportunity to receive his *brachos* and sage advice.

Nikolsburger Rebbe at Kivrei Avos in Europe

The Nikolsburger Rebbe, *shlita*, traveled to Europe last week to *daven* at *kivrei avos*. The Rebbe and a group of chassidim who traveled with him spent last Shabbos in Nikolsburg in order to mark the *yahrtzeit* of the Rebbe Reb Shmelke of Nikolsburg, which fell on Rosh Chodesh Iyar.

The Rebbe left New York last Sunday and began his trip with stops at *kivrei avos* in various towns across Hungary, including Kaliv and Ujhel. From there the entourage traveled to Poland, and then to Nikolsburg in Czechoslovakia.

After Shabbos, the Rebbe went to Kerestir in honor of the *yahrtzeit* of Harav Yeshayah Kerestirer, *zy"a*, which fell on Monday. The *yahrtzeit* in Kerestir is observed annually by a large



HESHY RUBINSTEIN

The Rachmistrivka Rebbe of Yerushalayim in Williamsburg



Some participants at Dirshu's bi-annual Kinyan HaShas *bechinah* at the Boro Park location.



TZVI WURZBERGER

Harav Bentzion Zilber, *Rosh Yeshiva*, Toldos Yeshurun in Eretz Yisrael and son of the legendary *tzaddik* Rav Yitzchok Zilber, *zt"l*, at Yeshivas Ohaley Yaakov, Moscow.

crowd, with a large *hachnasas orchim* organization preparing food and lodgings for visitors.

Satmar Rebbe Spends Shabbos in Williamsburg

The Satmar Rebbe, Harav Aharon Teitelbaum, *shlita*, spent this past Shabbos among his chassidim in Williamsburg in honor of Shabbos Rosh Chodesh. The Rebbe conducted the *tefillos* and *tischen* in his *beis medrash* on Hooper Street.

Harav Moshe Shapiro And Harav Bentzion Zilber Visit Moscow

This past week the *tzaddik* Harav Bentzion Zilber, *shlita*, *Rosh Yeshivas* Toldos Yeshurun in Eretz Yisrael and son of the legendary *tzaddik* Rav Yitzchok Zilber, *zt"l*, visited many of the *mosdos* in the Moscow community to give *chizuk*.

Separately, Harav Moshe Shapiro delivered a *shiur* on Chol Hamoed Pesach to the *bnei Torah* of Moscow in Kollel Birkat Yitzchok.

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