

Community Briefs

Uplifting Shabbos in Boro Park With Vizhnitzer Rebbe

The Vizhnitzer Rebbe, *shlita*, of Monsey, spent last Shabbos in Boro Park among his chassidim in that community. The Rebbe arrived on Thursday and stayed at the home of Reb Avraham Shlomo Einhorn. A special reception on behalf of the Vizhnitzer *kollel* was held at the home of the Rebbe's host.

The Rebbe conducted the *tefillos* and *tischen* on Shabbos in the Vizhnitzer *beis medrash* on 53rd Street.

During the Rebbe's stay in Boro Park, the chassidim had the opportunity to seek the Rebbe's *brachos* and advice. The Rebbe returned to Monsey on Tuesday.

Grandson of Rachmastrivka Rebbe Engaged

Rachmastrivka chassidim celebrated the engagement of Rav Mordechai Yehoshua Twersky, the youngest son of Harav Mordechai Twersky, *zt"l*, who was the oldest son of, *yblc"t*, the Rachmastrivka Rebbe, *shlita*, of Boro Park.

The *kallah* is the daughter of Harav Yehoshua Zeivald of Yerushalayim.

The *chassan* and *kallah* are first cousins, as their mothers are sisters — both daughters of Harav Velvel Twersky, *zt"l*, a younger brother of, *yblc"t*, the Rachmastrivka Rebbe, *shlita*.

The engagement took place in Yerushalayim.

The *chasunah* is expected to be held in the court of the *chassan's* paternal grandfather in Boro Park.

Toldos Aharon Rebbe Spends Shabbos in Brazil

For the first time ever, the Toldos Aharon Rebbe, *shlita*, spent Shabbos in Brazil.

Last week the Rebbe made the long journey to Brazil on behalf of the Toldos Aharon *mosdos* in Eretz Yisrael, which are in very dire straits at the moment.

During his stay, the Rebbe visited many local Rabbanim and *Roshei Yeshiva*.

The hope in Toldos Aharon is that this trip will bring the desired results and help the situation, as many of the *maggidei shiurim* haven't been paid in months.

Yahrtzeit of Tal Chaim Of Liska Marked

On Thursday night, 9 Iyar, the *yahrtzeit* of the Tal Chaim of Liska, Harav Chaim Friedlander, *zt"l*, will be commemorated by his descendant, the current Liska

Rebbe, Harav Tzvi Hirsh Friedlander, *shlita*.

The Tal Chaim succeeded his father-in-law, Harav Tzvi Hirsh Friedman, *zt"l*, the author of *Ach Pri Tevuah*, as Rebbe in Liska. Rav Chaim was famous for his vast Torah scholarship and extreme piety, and was *niftar* in 5664/1904. He is buried alongside his father-in-law in the *ohel* in Liska.

The *yahrtzeit seudah* is slated to be held on Thursday evening at 9 p.m. in the Liska Bais Medrash, at 1449 50th Street in Brooklyn.

Yahrtzeit of Harav Yeshayah of Kerestir Marked

Many chassidim traveled together with the Forshay Rebbe, *shlita*, to Hungary, where they spent Shabbos in Kerestir in honor of the *yahrtzeit* of Harav Yeshayah (Reb Shayaleh, as he was fondly known) of Kerestir. The *yahrtzeit* fell on Shabbos, 3 Iyar, and many *divrei Torah* and stories of Reb Shayaleh's greatness were discussed throughout Shabbos.

The Rebbe led the *tefillos* at the *kever* on Motzoei Shabbos, with many chassidim and family members in attendance.

In America, many also traveled to *daven* at the *kever* of the elder brother of Reb Shayaleh, Harav Yehudah Tzvi, *zt"l*, who moved to America over one hundred years ago. *Davening* at the *kever* of a relative of a *tzaddik* on the day of the *yahrtzeit* is brought down in *sefarim* as a way to beseech the *tzaddik* to intercede for those *davening*, through the relative.

Yahrtzeit of Harav Menachem Mendel Of Vitebsk Marked

The *yahrtzeit* of Harav Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk, *zy"ta*, the author of *Pri Ha'aretz*, was marked last Thursday, Rosh Chodesh Iyar.

Reb Mendel was a close *talmid* of the Maggid of Mezeritch. From Minsk, he was instrumental in spreading and teaching the ways of *Chassidus* throughout Belarus.

After the Maggid's *petirah*, Reb Menachem Mendel, along with fellow disciple Harav Avraham Kalisker, settled in Horodok. In 5537/1777, the two, along with 300 chassidim, traveled to Eretz Yisrael and settled in Tzefas. Later they moved to Teveriah. This was the beginning of Chassidic life in Eretz Yisrael.

Reb Menachem Mendel was *niftar* and buried in Teveria. His *kever*, in the plot of the *talmidei* Baal Shem Tov and many other

Rebbs, is frequented all year, notably on the day of the *yahrtzeit*, when many thousands make the trip to Teveriah to *daven* at his *kever*.

Large Crowd at Yampoli Rebbe's 95th Yahrtzeit

Monday, 5 Iyar/May 9, marked the 95th *yahrtzeit* of Harav Chaim Eliezer Rabinowitz, the Yampoli Rebbe, *zt"l*.

Hundreds traveled to the Mount Judah Cemetery in Ridgewood, Queens, to be *mispallel* at the *tziyun*.

Reb Eliezer Chaim was born in 5609/1849 to Harav Baruch of Yampoli, *zt"l*, who was a grandson of Harav Baruch of Mezhibuzh, *zt"l*, and a great-grandson of Harav Yechiel Michel of Zlotchov, *zt"l*.

When the Rebbe visited the United States in 1913, his intention was to stay here temporarily and continue on to Eretz Yisrael, but due to the outbreak of World War I he was forced to remain. He was *niftar* due to illness in New York on 5 Iyar 5676/1916.

Every year on his *yahrtzeit*, Yidden representing various communities in the New York area visit the *kever*. The Yampoli Rebbe's *kever* is visited throughout the year as well by those who wish to *daven* for *yeshuos* for both individual and communal needs in these challenging times.

The Rebbe's *tziyun* is located in close proximity to those of many other Torah luminaries.

Hachnasas Sefer Torah In Memory of Rebbetzin Auerbach

A *hachnasas sefer Torah* is slated to be held Wednesday night, 7 Iyar, to Yeshivas HaRan in Yerushalayim.

The *sefer Torah* is being donated to the yeshiva in memory of Rebbetzin Leah Auerbach, *a"n*, wife of, *yblc"t*, Hagaon Harav Ezriel Auerbach, *shlita*, and daughter of Hagaon Harav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv, *shlita*. Wednesday, 7 Iyar, marks twelve months since her passing.

The *Rosh Yeshiva* of Yeshivas HaRan is Harav Tzvi Weissfish, *shlita*.



The Viener Rav (C) gives a *pesichas hazman shiur* for *talmidim* of the Viener Yeshivah.



At a reunion for *talmidim* of Yeshiva Tiferes Dovid Skver, the Skverer Rebbe of Boro Park greets the *talmidim*.



A partial view of the crowd at the reunion of Yeshiva Tiferes Dovid Skver.



Harav Avraham Shlomo Yavo, Lemberger Rav of Williamsburg, and *talmid* of Harav Avigdor Miller, *zt"l*, speaks to an overflow crowd at the *yahrtzeit seudah* in his *beis medrash*, on the *yahrtzeit* of Harav Avigdor Miller, *zt"l*.

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