

Monsey Matters

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Bas Mikroh Girls School Tribute to Rabbi Shimon Rosengarten

On *Motzoei Shabbos Parashas Vayakhel*, February 22, Bas Mikroh Girls School paid tribute to Rabbi Shimon Rosengarten z"l, founder, *menahel* and guiding hand of Bas Mikroh Girls School for the last thirty years. It was not for nothing that Harav Yaakov Kamenesky, zt"l, called Rabbi Rosengarten, a *mechanech* of thousands, a "magician of *chinuch*."

The tribute, which was held at Bas Mikroh, was attended by family, school parents, former school parents, students, staff and all those who felt a *kesher* with Rabbi Rosengarten. The inspirational event included *divrei hisorerus* and *chizuk* regarding *chinuch habanos*, as well as a beautiful song and video presentation about the life and accomplishments of Rabbi Rosengarten.

Mrs. Rivka Aderet, principal, introduced the evening's program, noting that now the school needs many people to accomplish the work that Rabbi Rosengarten used to do, with seeming ease, and always in the background. Mrs. Aderet was the first to mention the recurring theme of the evening, Rabbi Rosengarten's deep sense of *bitachon*.

Rebbetzin Rivka Rosengarten spoke next, describing how her husband started the school for their daughter and how he direct-



School-wide Social Studies Fair at Yeshiva Darchei Noam.

ed all of his *kochos* to every student as if she were his own daughter as well. She spoke of how her husband would avoid the limelight and concentrated instead on helping to mold so many future *Imahos* in *Klal Yisrael*. He placed a special emphasis and focus on *hashkafah* lessons through the highly memorable Friday *parashah* class that he taught to

the graduating class.

During the video, teachers and parents described Rabbi Rosengarten as someone who had a soft voice but was a strong person. Mrs. Bashie Dear, kindergarten teacher, mentioned that Rabbi Rosengarten had brought stones from Eretz Yisrael to put into the foundation of the school when it was first built, to infuse Bas Mikroh with *kedushah*. Mrs. Dear said that it was a privilege to work in a place of such *kedushah*, stemming from this meaningful act by Rabbi Rosengarten.

Chaya Rosengarten spoke about her grandfather's last Shabbos, which was spent in the hospital. It took her grandfather hours to finish *davening*, because he was weak and had to rest frequently, but he would not eat anything until he had finished all of *davening*.

Rebbetzin Ausband from Riverdale addressed those attending on the topic of: "Guiding Our Children to Follow in the Proper Path of *Avodas Hashem*." Rebbetzin Ausband talked about Rabbi Rosengarten's respect for his Rebbetzin, whom he included in all *chinuch* matters both at home and in Bas Mikroh; through his actions, he showed how significant a woman's *koach* is, for it is the women who influence and create the environment in the home. This focus on the *koach* of women was a constant theme.

Rebbetzin Ausband went on to talk about Rabbi Rosengarten's legendary *bitachon*. Rabbi Rosengarten was a man of action by nature and did not simply let things happen, something that can easily be attested to by the fact that he started Bas Mikroh rather than let his daughter attend a school that wasn't up to his standards of *chinuch*.

He did what needed to be done



Bulletin Board at Bas Mikroh l'iluy nishmas Rabbi Shimon Rosengarten.

by asking, "What does Hashem want from me?" When he felt he had the answer to that question, he did it, a lesson that Rebbetzin Ausband urged everyone to take to heart.

Gathering at Purple Pear To Benefit Adin's Closet Pesach Packages

On Tuesday, February 25, a group of women gathered at the Purple Pear's Party Room for a luncheon to benefit Adin's Closet Pesach packages. The money raised at the event went towards buying basic clothing as well as *yarmulkes*, *tzitzis* and other sundry items for families in Monsey who are unable to purchase these for their children. The packages will also accompany boxes of gently used clothing that are carefully chosen with each family's specific needs in mind.

In addition to raising funds, the event served as an opportunity to discuss how the women could help with the Adin's Closet organization during its busy season. Any gently used spring or Yom Tov clothing that families no longer need was collected at the event, to be included in the accompanying boxes.

For further information on the organization email: adinscloset@gmail.com.

Yeshivas Ohr Reuven Holds Annual Alumni Melaveh Malkah

Yeshivas Ohr Reuven held its annual alumni *melaveh malkah* on *Motzoei Shabbos Parashas Pekudei*, Rosh Chodesh Adar II, March 1. The *melaveh malkah* was held at Yeshivas Ohr Reuven on Grandview Avenue.

Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv Event

Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv hosted an entertaining and inspirational event at the home of Mrs. Judy Glick on Grandview Avenue on Sunday, February 23. Mrs. Frumy Horowitz, the founder of Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv, spoke about the organization.

Mrs. Surie Engleberg shared a personal experience with the crowd, "Surviving the Impossible." The guest speaker, Mrs. Chany Felbrand, daughter of Mrs. Judy Glick, spoke in memory of her father. In addition, the all new comedy entertainment group, including Miriam Lapides, Hindy Hausman and Yides Krausz, performed for the appreciative audience.

Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv was founded sixteen years ago and since then, their team of volunteers has become a familiar presence in all the major New York City hospitals. They are well known for the emotional, financial and physical support they offer anyone who reaches out a hand in need. Over the years, Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv has gradually transformed itself into an internationally renowned organization that is still directed and managed by one person, who has an open phone line 24/7 for all patients and their families.

Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv's program is dedicated to providing respite and comfort to patients and their families. They have two Bikur Cholim apartments that are fully stocked with fresh linen, weekly domestic cleaning help and various amenities. Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv offers numerous apartments for those coming from abroad or local residents who need a place to stay near the hospital.

Bein Ish provides ongoing support throughout the year with visits to the hospital, food and gifts, hand-delivered Shabbos and Yom Tov packages, and an unforgettable Shabbaton Getaway. There is also a summer program in the Catskills with bungalows for patients and their families to relax and enjoy, as well as a mini-summer camp, Camp Shmeichel, for girls during treatments.

Bein Ish Ubein Uchiv has started a hotline offering words of inspiration and personal stories of inspiration. The number is 712-432-1202, pin number: 1038070#.

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