

## Community Briefs

### Vizhnitzer Rebbe Spends Shabbos in Tzfas

The Vizhnitzer Rebbe, *shlita*, spent last Shabbos in Har Knaan, Tzfas. The Rebbe is to stay on in Tzfas for a brief rest, ahead of Lag BaOmer, when he will return to Bnei Brak.

On Motzoei Shabbos, the Rebbe traveled together with several hundred chassidim to Meron, where they *davened* at the *tzivun* of the Rashbi. Later, the Rebbe visited the home of Harav Meir Stern, Rav of Meron.

### Son of Belzer Rebbe To Lead Shabbos In New York

Harav Aharon Mordechai Rokeach, son of the Belzer Rebbe, *shlita*, will lead Shabbos for the Belzer chassidim in New York this week.

Rav Aharon Mordechai is coming as a representative of his father, to deliver words of *chizuk* to the chassidim.

The Shabbos with the Rebbe's son is slated to be held in the hall on New Utrecht Avenue in Boro Park, where hundreds of chassidim will join the *tefillos* and *seudos*.

### Engagement of Skulener Rebbe's Grandson

The engagement of the grandson of the Skulener Rebbe, *shlita*, was celebrated recently.

The *chassan* is Rav Menachem Zev Portugal, son of the Rebbe's youngest son, Harav Shmuel Mordechai Portugal.

The *kallah* is the daughter of Harav Chaim Meir Braunstein, son of Harav Shlomo Eliezer Braunstein, *Rosh Kollel* in Vizhnitz, Monsey.

The *shidduch* was celebrated at the home of the Vizhnitzer Rebbe, *shlita*, in Monsey.

### Yahrtzeit of Harav Yeshayah of Kerestir Marked

Many chassidim traveled to Kerestir, Hungary, last week in honor of the *yahrtzeit* of Harav Yeshayah Steiner (Reb Shayaleh, as he was fondly known) of Kerestir, *zt"l*.

The *yahrtzeit* fell on Wednesday, 3 Iyar, and many stayed on for the following Shabbos.

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 discussed in *sefarim* as a way to beseech the *tzaddik* to intercede for those *davening*, through the relative.

The Kerestir Rebbe also conducted a *tisch* and made a *siyum hashas* in honor of the *yahrtzeit*. The *tisch* was hosted by Keser Nursing and Rehab Center in Williamsburg.

### Yahrtzeit of Harav Menachem Mendel Of Vitebsk Marked

The *yahrtzeit* of Harav Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk, *zy"a*, the author of *Pri Ha'aretz*, was marked last Monday, 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 Tzfas. Later, they moved to Teveria. 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 Rebbes, is frequented all year, notably on the day of the *yahrtzeit*, when many thousands make the trip to Teveria.

### Large Crowd at Yampoli Rebbe's Yahrtzeit

Friday, 5 Iyar/May 9, marked the 96th *yahrtzeit* of Harav Chaim Eliezer Rabinowitz, the Yampoli Rebbe, *zt"l*.

Hundreds traveled to the Mount Judah Cemetery in Ridgewood, Queens, to be *mis-pallel* at the *tzivun*.

Reb Eliezer Chaim was born in 5609/1849. His father was 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 *tzivun* is located in close proximity to those of many other Torah luminaries.

### Yahrtzeit of Sereter Rosh Yeshivah Marked

The *yahrtzeit* of Harav Moshe Hager, *zt"l*, *Rosh Yeshivah*, Yeshivas Seret-Vizhnitz, son of the Mekor Baruch of Seret-Vizhnitz, was marked on Monday night and Tuesday, 9 Iyar. On Monday night, his brother, the Seret-Vizhnitzer Rebbe, *shlita*, conducted a *tisch* in honor of the *yahrtzeit* in the main *beis medrash* of Seret-Vizhnitz in Haifa, attended by many chassidim and family members.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Rebbe traveled to Bnei Brak to *daven* at the *kever* of his brother in the *ohel* of the Vizhnitzer Rebbes, *zy"a*.

Last Thursday, the Seret-Vizhnitzer Rebbe also traveled to Bnei Brak, where he *davened* at the *kever* of his mother on her *yahrtzeit*.

### Yahrtzeit of Tal Chaim Of Liska Marked

On Tuesday, 9 Iyar, the *yahrtzeit* of the Tal Chaim of Liska, Harav Chaim Friedlander, *zt"l*, was 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* was held in the Liska *beis medrash* in Boro Park.



Harav Avraham Schorr speaks at Kollel Toldos Elazar Faltichan in Boro Park in honor of the new *zman*.



Mispallelim of the Belzer *shtiebel* on Ninth Avenue in Boro Park begin to dance following the announcement this past Motzoei Shabbos of the purchase of a new building for their shul.



Hundreds of Williamsburg residents at an *asifas chinuch* in the Continental Hall in Williamsburg.



Mispallelim at the *kever* of Harav Yeshayah of Kerestir in Hungary.

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