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Visions of Unity: Words Building Worlds
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When it comes to fostering unity among Klal Yisrael, it's our words that make the difference – that was the message delivered by Rabbi Paysach Krohn at the annual PaL Pre-Rosh Hashanah lecture on September 5th 2010. Speaking to a full house at the Finchley United Synagogue just three nights before Yom Tov, Rabbi Krohn kept the 1000-strong audience spellbound for close to two hours with his trademark mix of heart-warming stories and inspiring anecdotes.

Urging the audience to start on the road to teshuva this year by signing up to PaL, Rabbi Krohn emphasised "We need you!" His refrain echoed the words of Dov Harris, PaL's chairman, in his introduction to the event – in a plea to the audience to register with PaL he had commented that "what may seem basic to you may be the yiddishkeit that your brothers and sisters so desperately crave". Indeed, PaL represents the perfect model for Rabbi Krohn's theme of "Visions of Unity; Words Building Worlds" – in order to bring achdus we must reach out to each other, and we can do this by elevating the way in which we communicate with one another. Similarly, PaL unites people from across the entire spectrum of the Jewish community through Torah learning on the phone, utilising the power of communication.

This year's PaL event was dedicated l'ilui nishmas Lady Amelie Jakobovits a"h. In an emotional introduction to his lecture, Rabbi Krohn outlined his personal relationship with the Jakobovitses, whom he knew from their days at the 5th

Avenue Synagogue in New York. Dov Harris also emphasised the close bond between Lady Jakobovits a"h and PaL and thanked Rabbi Krohn as the founder of PaL for his deep-rooted support of the organisation.

At the end of the evening every member of the audience was able to take away a free PaL magnet depicting the tefilla one says when searching for a lost object. They were also asked to take home a PaL 'Jewish Unity' business card containing the organisation's contact details. "Take the card, make the call" was Dov Harris' rallying cry for the evening – PaL is still looking for tutors to share the beauty of yiddishkeit with as-yet-unaffiliated Jews. ❧



Photos: Shuli Smus Photography

Becoming PaLs with EdgwareK!

Back in August PaL began working with the EdgwareK group, offering members of the London Jewish community the opportunity to sign up to PaL at the same time as registering their interest in the popular email information service.

Thanks to this innovative scheme, anyone who begins the EdgwareK registration process can simply click a fast-track button indicating their interest in learning or tutoring through PaL, and within days (if not hours) they receive a phone call from the PaL team to get the ball rolling.

EdgwareK receives dozens of new registration applications weekly and has already proved to be a popular way of publicising PaL to a wider audience!

New PaL partner BH from Kenton, commented: "I hadn't heard about PaL before signing up to EdgwareK but it's a great programme and I love the idea of being able to learn more about Judaism no matter where I am or what I'm involved with at the time." ☺



PaL on the Road

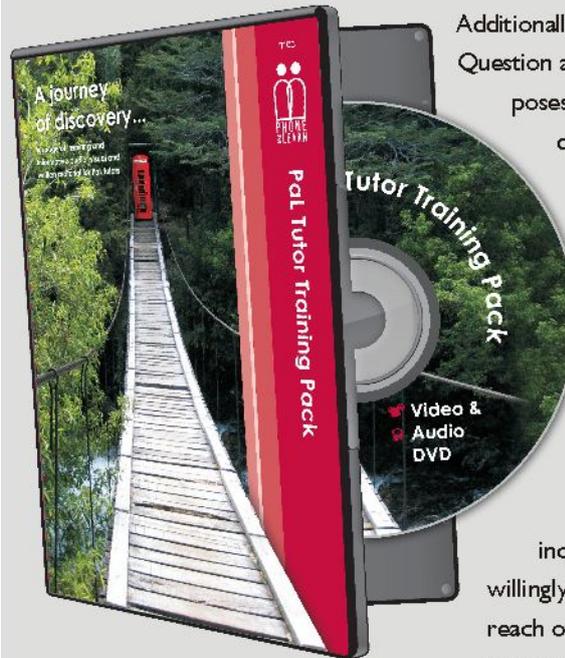
September and October were busy months for PaL – in addition to the annual pre-Rosh Hashanah lecture, the PaL team were invited to attend the JLE Autumn INSET day before Yom Tov. There, chairman Dov Harris and Programme Coordinator Judy Silkoff spoke to Rabbonim and staff once again about Phone and Learn, presenting further opportunities and ideas for the two organisations to work together, further augmenting the already warm relationship between them. JLE Rabbonim and staff frequently recommend PaL to JLE users who would also benefit from one-to-one telephone learning at a time and place to suit them.

In October, PaL was once again invited to make presentations at the UJIA's annual Yeshiva and Sem fairs in Manchester and London, offering sixth form students the opportunity to brush up on their textual skills and Jewish knowledge through PaL before heading off to sem and yeshiva. ☺

PaL's Groundbreaking Training Resource For Kiruv Tutors

Tutors volunteering with PaL are to be the beneficiaries of a new PaL Tutor Training Pack, a first for kiruv organisations in this country.

The pack, which will be sent to all PaL tutors, comprises a six-disc jewel case, which includes four audio shiurim (from Rabbi Mordechai Becher, Rabbi Zev Leff, Rabbi Dovid Refson and Rabbi Dr Akiva Tatz) and a video dvd. The three shiurim on the DVD were given by renowned speakers Rabbi Leib Keleman, Rabbi Dovid Roberts and Rabbi Yehuda



Silver and were recorded exclusively for PaL.

Additionally, the pack comes with a handy Question and Answer booklet. The booklet

poses some of the most common

questions raised in one-to-one kiruv

training, with responses coming

from Rabbi Roberts and Rabbi

Silver, as well as Rabbi Aubrey

Hersh.

PaL Programme Coordinator

Judy Silkoff explains: "At PaL we

pride ourselves on the high level

of support we provide not only to

our partners, but also to our

incredibly dedicated tutors, who so

willingly make time in their busy schedules to

reach out to others in the wider Jewish

community. Ongoing training is extremely

useful for those who engage in one-to-one learning, but with our tutors spread all over the country and even further afield, it's almost impossible to arrange group seminars that can accommodate everyone. That's why we're so excited about the PaL Tutor Training Pack. Our tutors will be able to listen to the audio lectures in their cars, during their lunch hours or at home, and can also dip in and out of the video dvd when convenient."

It is to be hoped that the PaL Tutor Training Pack will continue benefiting tutors, and by definition their learning partners, for the foreseeable future! ☺

PaL Library List Goes Live

In direct response to requests from tutors replying to the PaL Survey in July, PaL has distributed a comprehensive list of Jewish libraries in North and North West London and Manchester to all those teaching under its auspices. The list means that tutors will now be able to 'try before they buy' – borrowing books to use for the first couple of learning sessions with their partners before making a firm decision on what to study and taking advantage of the 10 percent discount already offered to PaLs at its official Judaica distributor, Torah Treasures, with stores in Hendon and Golders Green. ☺



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www.partnersintorah.org, a unique Jewish identity-building initiative committed to fostering unity among Jews of all backgrounds. PaL matches Jews who want to know more about their heritage with a friendly, knowledgeable tutor for an hour a week of Jewish study and discussion, over the phone.

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