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Another Simcha for PaL

PaL tutor Rivka and Miri have been **PaL** partners since 2012. Initially Miri was based in Holland and Rivka in Israel, however after a few months Miri moved to Israel. This gave them opportunity to meet each other and what started off as a learning partnership progressed into a friendship. Several months ago Miri got engaged and married. As the wedding was in Israel, Rivka attended and even made her sheva brachos.

PaL tutor Rivka describes the wedding and sheva brachos:

“When I walked into the hall I felt a mixture of happiness and pride - it was Miri’s wedding and somehow I felt connected to this wedding in a different way than other weddings I have attended. I have been

learning with Miri since before she got engaged, and then continued throughout her engagement period. We discussed and planned, both materially and physically, and when finally seeing her in that beautiful white dress it was the climax of it all - she was glowing. The wedding was a Sephardic one, and I found the different customs so interesting. It was a rooftop chuppa and the gathering was intimate in an atmosphere of great joy.

The dancing was exhilarating and it was so special to be able to join in my **PaL** partner’s simcha. I loved meeting Miri’s family and friends from Holland and Israel – it was great that everyone was there to join in the wonderful simcha.”



“Making the sheva brachos in my home was a fantastic experience. What a delight it was to see Miri with her husband - a married woman with a distinctive Sephardic head covering which suits her beautifully. It also gave my husband the opportunity to get to know Miri’s husband, Yuval. Sharing sheva brachos with Miri and Yuval was an opportunity to make our connection stronger - extending our **PaL** partnership to our husbands and friends as well as each other.”

PaL's bookshop promotions

As **PaL** continues to grow, we try to adapt in order to accommodate our fantastic partners and tutors. Since **PaL** was launched nearly 10 years ago, Torah Treasures, Golders Green, has been offering all **PaL** partners and tutors a 10% reduction when purchasing material for their **PaL** learning sessions. We are so grateful to Mr Wulwick from Torah Treasures for being such a supporter of **PaL**.

Since we have many tutors and partners based in Stamford Hill and Manchester we are delighted to be able to offer the same promotion for **PaL** partners and tutors in these areas.

Brauns in Stamford Hill and Judaica World in Manchester have now joined with **PaL** to offer 10% reduction for **PaL** partners and tutors buying books or other learning resources for their telephone learning. Many thanks to Mr Braun and Mr Horowitz for extending this special reduction to

members of **PaL**. 🕍

Please note these promotions are not to be used in conjunction with any other offers.



Keeping up the Pace

We are excited to announce that this year **PaL** is registered with Maccabi GB Community Fun Run. Would you like to participate in the Fun Run and help raise funds for **PaL** at the same time? The Fun Run consists of three distances – 1km, 5km and 10km – anyone can do it! To sign up visit <http://www.communityfunrun.org/> or call the **PaL** office on 08000 553 276 for more information.

We are so grateful that **PaL** Trustees Dov Harris and Danny Binstock as well as Judy Silkoff (previously Programme Coordinator of **PaL**) are participating in the run. To sponsor Dov, Danny or Judy, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/dannyanddov> <https://www.justgiving.com/judysilkoff>

If you are participating in the Fun Run, or coming to show support to a family member or friend who is participating please make sure to visit the **PaL** stand in the Charity Zone. 🕍



PaL profile

NAME

Tom

AGE

28

OCCUPATION

Student of history and politics at the University of Zurich

LOCATION

Zurich

GOAL ON SIGNING UP TO PAL

To be able to understand the background to Jewish traditions and to ask my tutor any questions which come up from week to week.

WHY LEARN THROUGH PAL?

With **PaL** I am able to continue my weekly learning partnership even while travelling abroad. Also I am able to choose what topic I would like to learn about.

HOW HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR LEARNING PARTNERSHIP SO FAR?

I find my tutor very inspiring, I have been privileged to spend a Shabbos with my tutor's family in Zurich. I find my learning sessions have made me lead a more religiously observant life where mitzvos have taken on a renewed meaning. 🕍



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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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