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Rabbi Krohn's annual visit to London for PaL

Over 1,100 people streamed into Finchley United Synagogue a couple of days before Rosh Hashanah, to hear the inspiring words of Rabbi Paysach Krohn at the annual **PaL**, pre-Rosh Hashanah lecture. The title of Rabbi Krohn's lecture this year was 'Enhancing our Image – Kick-starting Kiddush Hashem', and focused on how after the recent events in Israel, we have no choice - we must change for the better in the year 5775.

PaL chairman Dov Harris welcomed the large gathering. He explained that throughout the past 9 years we have seen that the organisation's main premise has been tried and tested and proved successful: bringing two people together, one looking to learn more about Judaism, the other with a stronger Jewish background, for an hour a week of learning over the phone. He spoke of the heart-warming dedication that **PaL** tutors have shown toward their learning partners, going above and beyond the hour of learning they originally committed to.

As always, Rabbi Krohn brought a repertoire of new stories with him to the UK, designed to highlight how people can, and should display exemplary levels of Kiddush Hashem, bringing a

good name to the Jewish people. He urged us to do this by going the extra mile to put others at ease, making a positive influence on people we come into contact with, or by reaching out to teach about Judaism to those who want to learn more.

Everyone who attended was handed a beautiful bookmark with the slogan 'Disconnect to reconnect' designed to be used in a siddur, to reiterate the importance of switching off our phones when connecting to Hashem.

As always, the annual lecture was a wonderful opportunity for the **PaL** staff to meet many of the **PaL** partners and tutors who are often only known as voices on the phone. It was also very encouraging to see many **PaL** tutors and partners attending the event together.

Throughout the evening there was a facility to text the keyword 'LEARN' to a specially dedicated **PaL** number which dozens did during the course of the evening and have continued to do so in the days since then. The **PaL** team are looking forward to welcoming new tutors and partners to the **PaL** family.



Rabbi Paysach Krohn at the **PaL** evening / © Shuli Smus



PaL trustees and **PaL** tutor Geoff Dennis with Rabbi Krohn / © Shuli Smus

During Rabbi Krohn's 24 hour visit to London, he visited a number of schools in North West London and was able to inspire the students and provide them with chizuk and much food for thought just days before Rosh Hashana. To listen to the lecture please visit www.phoneandlearn.org/events.php 📞

Tutor Training Forum

Exciting new tutor training programme

Tutors volunteering with **PaL** will soon be benefitting from tailor made tutor training forum sessions. This new and exciting training programme will allow **PaL** tutors to meet up with each other, and at the same time, give them the opportunity to receive training from various Jewish Outreach experts.

The sessions, which will be starting in the next few months, will be a fantastic opportunity to get guidance, advice and resources from a range of Jewish Outreach experts. It will also give tutors the chance to meet other **PaL** tutors, and discuss any issues that arise in their learning sessions. The topics discussed at the sessions will range from, establishing good rapport when speaking on the phone, to how to deal with complex questions about halochah, hashkafah and more. Each session will be based on questions from the tutors participating.

The initial sessions will take place in London, but plans are in place to extend this further afield. **PaL** Programme Coordinator Rivka Graham explains, 'At **PaL** we pride ourselves on the high level of support we provide not only for our partners, but also to our dedicated tutors, without whom we would not be able to function. The more resources that are available to our tutors, the more successful the learning sessions will be. Here at **PaL** we are so excited for this new programme, as it will give tutors the opportunity to discuss ideas with each other and to meet other tutors in similar situations.'

It is hoped that the **PaL** tutor training forums will benefit the tutors who attend, and by definition their learning partners. More details to follow shortly. ☺



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