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PaL presents to Gap Year students in Israel

As many of the UK students were finishing their gap year, PaL's Israel representative Abigail Burman was invited to introduce PaL to the UK and European students in these programmes.

Over 25 girls from various seminaries on the Neve Campus attended the event and Abigail explained how they could benefit from signing up to PaL. The students - from UK, South Africa, Switzerland, Italy and Belgium - were treated to a delicious lunch and were delighted to hear that they could continue their Jewish learning with a PaL learning partnership on their return home.

Chaim Burman (Abigail's husband) was invited to the weekly 'British supper' at Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh. The boys who attended were very pleased to hear about the learning opportunities PaL provides upon their return to the UK. Jamie Collins commented, "It is wonderful to know that PaL will offer me an opportunity to continue my growth and learning even though I anticipate having an extremely busy schedule in University next year."

At Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi, Chaim presented PaL's Whenever, Wherever, Whatever flexible learning opportunities. Many of the boys who attended have already signed up and are being registered to begin their learning partnerships in September.

PaL hosted a coffee morning at Sam's Bagels in Geula, Yerushalayim. Girls from various seminaries

were invited and signed up to PaL - while enjoying a free ice-coffee. The informal environment proved to be an excellent opportunity to talk to the students individually about their plans for the year ahead, and how learning with PaL could enhance them.

In the Old City, Abigail met girls attending the Bnei Akiva programme and from Midreshet Harova. Many of the students will be studying in Universities across the UK next year and were happy to hear about the flexible learning available to them wherever they are based.

The final event was "Closing the Gap" hosted by United Synagogues' youth branch, Tribe where PaL presented details of the learning options available to the students who attended.

Tremendous interest was generated by these events in Israel. Some students felt that after participating in a gap year learning programme, they would like to impart their knowledge to others who would like to learn more. Others felt that their Israel experience had sparked an interest in a specific topic and would like to continue their Jewish learning on their return to the UK. 🇮🇱





PaL tutor Ezriel Weller with Rabbi Krohn and Yehuda Wittenberg

Manchester Tutor award for outstanding dedication

On Shabbos Beha'alo'secha, **PaL** was honoured to host world renowned speaker and author, Rabbi Paysach Krohn in Manchester. Rabbi Krohn spoke in various communities introducing the concept of **PaL**, and inspiring the packed venues with his fantastic repertoire of stories and words of encouragement.

Shabbos culminated with a 'Thank you' event for all past and present **PaL** tutors based in Manchester. To an overflowing crowd Rabbi Krohn gave an emotionally charged lecture on the importance of becoming a 'Kos Shel Brocha' – an overflowing "cup of blessing". This event was the perfect opportunity for **PaL** to express gratitude to the organisations' fantastic tutors. Without their dedication and commitment, **PaL** would not be able to make Jewish learning accessible to hundreds of people every week.

PaL trustee Yehuda Wittenberg, presented a special award to super-tutor Mr Ezriel Weller. Ezriel has been a **PaL** tutor since 2007 and currently learns with no less than three **PaL** partners on a weekly basis. His dedication and commitment is an inspiration to all of the **PaL** community.

Since then, many new partners and tutors from Manchester have signed up, some of whom have already started their weekly learning partnerships. 🕍



PaL trustees Danny Binstock and Dov Harris at the finish line

PaL goes the extra mile

PaL, maintained a very high profile at the Maccabi GB Community Fun Run this year. The event attracted over four thousand runners and spectators to Allianz Park from across the spectrum of the Anglo-Jewish community, who were running either 1km, 5km or 10km to raise money for one of the 69 Jewish charities participating.

At the charity fair, the **PaL** stand featured a fantastic Havdala candle making activity, where kids were able to take home their own Havdala set. The **PaL** stand was crowded with people asking questions about the telephone learning programme, while enjoying this year's promotional gift - delicious **PaL** cupcakes. It was great to hear positive feedback from the many **PaL** tutors and partners who visited the stand.



PaL Trustees, Danny Binstock and Dov Harris ran 10km, and **PaL**'s former Follow Up Coordinator Leah Heimann participated in the 5km event with her **PaL** partner Luz Toff. Wearing their eye-catching **PaL** running outfits they completed the course in excellent time. **PaL** Programme Coordinator Rivka Graham commented: "This event offered us an exciting opportunity to engage with so many people from all parts of the Jewish Community. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity and learned more about Havdala and its significance. We look forward to welcoming to the **PaL** family those new partners who signed up to learn. I would like to thank all our runners for their hard work, which involved training before the run, and getting sponsorships to raise money for **PaL**." 🕍

For those of you that still want to sponsor our runners, the JustGiving pages are:

<https://www.justgiving.com/PaL-Trustees>

<https://www.justgiving.com/Leah-Luz-PaL>



PaL partners Leah Heimann and Luz Toff



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