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A double helping of pre Rosh Hashana inspiration

It was an honour to host two evenings of inspiration in the week before Rosh Hashana with the renowned speaker and author Rabbi Paysach Krohn. The first evening was in Yesodey Hatorah Girls School in Stamford Hill, and the following evening at Finchley Synagogue in North West London. Both events were extremely well attended, with over 800 ladies in Stamford Hill, and some 800 men and women streaming into Kinloss the following night. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to meet many of our wonderful partners and tutors who attended.

Although each event had its own distinct flavour and topic, there was an overriding theme running through both events - that of using the High Holy Days to grow in our connection, both to each other and to Judaism. In Stamford Hill, Rabbi Krohn focused on using Tefilla to feel connected to Hashem, explaining how we are able to improve the quality of our davening by really understanding the words we say. Rabbi Krohn shared the meaning of various parts of our daily tefillos and regaled the audience with inspiring stories in connection to these tefillos. The topic for the second evening was 'Can We Enjoy Life As We Endure Its Challenges?'

Rabbi Krohn highlighted the importance of feeling Hashem's presence by recognizing *hashgacha pratit* in our everyday life, and of being B'Simcha whatever hardships come our way. The Maggid Speaks author urged the crowd to enrich their life by doing a Chessed every day and to stay focused on goals that ensure they know where they are heading. As always, Rabbi Krohn brought a repertoire of new stories with him to the UK, all designed to bring these important messages to life.

At both events, we reiterated the constant need for more tutors to sign up. In Stamford Hill PaL tutor Rebbetzin Blimi Jungreis introduced Rabbi Krohn and explained to the packed audience what it means to be a PaL tutor, and encouraged them to sign up. Specifically, now there is a need to fill a shortage of female tutors between the age of 30 - 70. Many attendees signed up and will be starting their learning sessions shortly. Dov Harris, chairman of PaL remarked, "It is so touching to see how many people have been signing up to learn with another Jew to share the beauty of Judaism with them." Rabbi Krohn also urged the audiences to register as PaL tutors to help PaL reach its full potential,



Rabbi Krohn with some of the PaL trustees

'Being a PaL tutor enables you to learn Torah and do a Chessed,' he concluded.

As in previous years, these events saw an increased number of new partners signing up to PaL to learn more about Judaism. During Rabbi Krohn's 48 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.tinyurl.com/RabbiKrohnPaLevent2017

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The past year has seen the PaL team working harder than ever to find new ways to make Jewish learning available to every Jewish person. Using social media campaigns, communal events, building connections with community leaders in the UK and beyond, we have seen a surge in numbers of people signing up to begin learning on a weekly basis.

Over the past few months when doing our regular follow up calls, we received lots of positive feedback. Partners and tutors alike are benefitting from their weekly commitment and are thoroughly enjoying the learning sessions.

"I love PaL because it helps me learn, at a good time, I don't have to rush to a class, and it's one-to-one."

ADAM, 19, BUSHEY

"My learning PaL Debbie is lovely, committed and warm. Even when the timing doesn't quite work out she is always happy to be flexible. Our learning sessions together are informative and interesting and gives me a spiritual focus for the week."

NOMI, 50, BOREHAMWOOD

"I love PaL because of its flexibility and the fact that no matter how hectic life gets, it guarantees that I'm involved in learning at least once a week."

JACOB, 32, BOREHAMWOOD

"I love PaL because I get to learn the topics I want, when I want, where I want and make a friend along the way."

FRANCESCA, 29, BOREHAMWOOD

"After 5 years learning with my PaL partner we are now great friends and I love the time we spend learning together - it keeps me inspired throughout the week!"

NOA, 22, LEICESTER

"I started learning with my partner, Ari 7 years ago. We started with studying Gemara and then moved on to studying Nevi'im. PaL has kindled a warm friendship that unites us over the study of Torah, even when we're not studying."

EZRA, 26, HUNGARY

"I love how PaL works around you so weekly learning is feasible. I can plug into spirituality mid-week with a great friend for as short as 10mins, but with the right chevruta you'll wish it'll never end!"

LUCY, 26, KENTON

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