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KMS in Israel

Strengthening Akko— Strengthening Israel

by Naftali Reznikovich and Ina Lerman*

hroughout Israel there are communities of young adults whose life-choices are imbued with the Zionist spirit of building Israel through significant social change on a community-by-community basis. Known as garinim (seeds) these groups of young adults commit to planting significant seeds of change in the communities in which they live. The KMS Israel Committee has decided to use our tzedakah to support Garin Ometz Akko, the modern Orthodox garin in the northern city of Akko.

Although an ancient city, Akko experienced decades of economic neglect and social distress in the late twentieth century. Since the founding of Garin Ometz Akko in 1997, 150 families have moved to Akko, living all over the city and volunteering significant effort to create a wide range of programs in five areas—community-building, strengthening education for at-risk populations, providing for the welfare needs of



Larry Lerman on the "fruit-and-vegetable assembly line" with the Hesed Center volunteers

the city's poorest residents, and acting as a center for Torah study.

In the coming issues of Kol MevaSer, we will highlight different aspects of the garin's activities in Akko, all of which are being supported with

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Eight Years After Aliya

by Judi Felber

bout a month ago, on one of my too-infrequent trips abroad to visit my relatives, I spent Shabbat with the warm KMS family. In shul, I saw many



dear, close friends, and it seemed as if I hadn't been gone eight years. Still, I was not surprised that when I entered the synagogue, there were lots of new and unfamiliar faces. I did see a neighbor from Raanana, who was in Kemp Mill

visiting her sister. What a small world!

When we moved to Israel, Daniel was fourteen years old and about to start high school. Twelve-yearold Adina was in the midst of teenage angst (we all survived), and Nathaniel was a little nine-year-old.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We Can All Shine Together

by Benny Berkowitz



t has been a challenging couple of months for us as a community. We are still processing a tragic loss and a betrayal of our trust. In addition, the conditions in Israel are precarious. Chanukah provides us with an opportunity to celebrate with our families and light the menorah to brighten our lives. As we light the menorah candles let us all

remember that each of us represents a unique candle in the candelabrum of our community, shining together in celebration. Whether with our families and friends, in our relationships to other individuals in the community, or amongst Jews generally, the menorah teaches us the importance of creating and dedicating a special place where we can all shine together.

A unique aspect of lighting a candle is the ability for one candle to light another without the first candle's losing any of its strength. The menorah shows us that we can all help each other and still shine brightly on our own. We can all help each other and never be diminished. The importance of this message is highlighted by the various story-lines that intersect at this time of the year. These stories are not random coincidences in our calendar, but serve to highlight the importance of learning the proper lessons of the menorah.

First, this time of year describes the story of Joseph and his brothers. The tension among the brothers was so strong that the Torah says the brothers could not even speak peacefully with Joseph. The lack of peace between the brothers ultimately led to the sale of Joseph. This story shows the destructive force and the unnecessary rift that can result if we do not dedicate ourselves to respecting and properly connecting with others in our own family.

Second, after Chanukah, we encounter the fast of the tenth of Tevet. This fast commemorates the beginning of the destruction of the Temple, when the walls of Jerusalem were surrounded by the enemy. Our rabbis teach that the second Temple, the one we still mourn, was destroyed because of sinat chinam, unnecessary hatred between Jews. Although the enemy is sent by God to destroy Jerusalem, our tradition places the blame for the destruction on Jews who could not properly live together in peace. The tenth of Tevet reminds us that we must constantly strive to maintain the bonds within our community and avoid divisive, disrespectful speech and actions.

Lastly, there is the story of Chanukah itself. Although we often discuss the conflicts between the Maccabees and the Greeks, the underlying story reveals a conflict between two groups of Jews. There is a struggle between the Maccabees and the Jewish Hellenists. Because these two groups of Jews could not maintain their peace, the Greeks were drawn into the story. Although we celebrate the victory of the Maccabees, we must be wary of how strife within our community can bring upon us difficult conflicts and dangerous conditions.

These three story-lines highlight the importance of maintaining a unified community despite our differences. Conflicts can create rifts in our families and the greater community, bringing unnecessary difficulties on us all. The lighting of the menorah, one candle at a time, reminds us that we can all live together in peace and harmony. Each of us has something unique to provide. There is a place in our communal menorah where all of our lights can shine together.

As we enter the next phase of the rabbinic search, let us all rededicate ourselves to building and maintaining our community. Let us maintain the sense of collegiality and support that has helped us weather the past few months. By continuing the strong sense of unity that we have developed, we can use our communal menorah full of our own unique candles to light our path in the respectful selection of our next rabbi and the maintenance of our community.



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Simhat Torah Honorees

his year KMS proudly honored Rabbi Yaakov Bieler as Chatan Torah, Joel Tabin as Chatan Bereishit, Tsvi Lieber as Chatan Maftir, and kallot Miriam Guggenheim, Daphna Raskas, and Adina Goldberg.

Rabbi Bieler, a distinguished educator and scholar, was appointed as mara d'atra of KMS in 1993. Rabbi Bieler was raised in Bayside, Queens, where he attended local public schools. Following graduation from the James Striar School for Jewish Studies, he attended Yeshivat Kerem b'Yavneh in Israel. Rabbi Bieler then continued his education at Yeshiva University, where he was ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and received an M.A. in Jewish education from the Ferkauf Graduate School. After graduating from Yeshiva University, Rabbi Bieler served on the faculty, and was Chair of the Talmud Department, of the Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz from 1974 to 1988. In 1984, during his tenure at Ramaz, Rabbi Bieler received the Gruss Outstanding Educator award. Concurrently, Rabbi Bieler served on the faculty of the Adult Education Institute of the Lincoln Square Synagogue from 1971 to 1977, and as permanent scholar-inresidence of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun from 1977 to 1988. In 1985 he received a Jerusalem Fellows award and spent the year with his family in Jerusalem. In 1988, Rabbi Bieler assumed the position of Lead Teacher and Chair of Judaic Studies at the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington, now the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy. He became the Upper School Assistant Principal for Judaic Studies in 1991. Rabbi Bieler has published numerous articles on Jewish education and on issues facing Judaism today, especially ones concerning Modern Orthodoxy. Examples of Rabbi Bieler's writings and scholarship can be found on his web site, *Rayanot Yaakov* (rayanotyaakov.wordpress.com).

Joel Tabin has been a member of KMS since his arrival in Kemp Mill eleven years ago. During this time, Joel has been an active member of the synagogue's lay leadership. He has been a weekday and Shabbat gabbai for the past eight years, and served as Vice President of Kehilla from 2010 to 2012, and then as Vice President of Development from 2012 to 2014. Joel lives with his wife Jen, and his children David and Sarah, both of whom attend the Berman Hebrew Academy.

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From the Executive Director

Let's Celebrate

by Allison Newfeld



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Three Questions For Rabbanit Chana Henkin

by Fran Kritz

ast month, following the events that occurred at the National Capital Mikvah in Washington, DC, Rabbanit Chana Henkin spoke at the Kemp Mill Synagogue about the need to strengthen every community's commitment to Taharat HaMishpacha, and critical changes needed for mikvaot and women in our own and other communities. Rabbanit Henkin is the founder and dean of Nishmat, a highly lauded center for women's Torah scholarship in Jerusalem, which also created and operates the Yoetzet Halacha program that has trained over 100 women to teach and advise on Taharat HaMishpacha and women's health. Yoatzot Halacha now serve throughout the world.

Kol MevaSer spoke to Rabbanit Henkin following her talk, about concerns that events might lead some women to stop going to the mikvah, and about needed changes in the leadership of mikvaot.

KM: There is concern that the events that transpired at the National Capital Mikvah in Washington, DC, might result in some women's choosing not to return to the mikvah. What should the community's response be to that?

Rabbanit Henkin: I would hope that if there is a decrease in mikvah attendance in Georgetown and other surrounding communities, that it reflects that women are using different mikvaot rather than choosing not to go at all. It's unthinkable that women would permit a rabbi who is alleged to have committed a sickening crime to take the mitzvah of mikvah away from them. This is a time when women need to express their ownership of the mikvah, to channel the events positively to expand the role of women in mikvah supervision, and not permit what happened to discourage women from using the mikvah.

Let's bring what transpired to a good ending and turn it into a catalyst for needed changes.

KM: What changes would you like to see to help strengthen the security and sanctity of the mikvah?

Rabbanit Henkin: I would like to see women as regional

mikvah supervisors, and for women to take leading roles together with rabbis in setting mikvah policy. Also, conversion procedures need to be revisited. I think this issue has raised awareness of the need to appoint women professionals to accompany women though all aspects of conversion. I hope that halachic authorities will reach the conclusion suggested in the 1920's by Rabbi Uziel, that following the convert's declaration before bet din of her acceptance of the mitzvot, that her tevilah in the mikvah should be before other women.

KM: What roles will Nishmat be taking to help strengthen communities' observance of Taharat HaMishpacha?

Rabbanit Henkin: I think that we have to move forward on several levels. The first is educational: we cannot permit the mitzvah of tevilah by a woman to be hijacked by a sick act. Mikvah has been observed by women for thousands of years, often under conditions of great difficulty and self-sacrifice, and is a central tenet in the religious life of Jewish women. That is its rightful place, and we're not going to permit it to be dislodged.

Nishmat is continuing to train Yoatzot Halacha, both in Israel and in a satellite program in the U.S. under the auspices of Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center. The Yoatzot are there to make Taharat HaMishpacha accessible to thousands of couples, by addressing the issues couples confront in observing this mitzvah. As women, they have a unique ability to inspire, with halachic scholarship melded with a feminine perspective. In addition, we are about to begin training women in the laws of mikvaot in addition to the current training in the laws of niddah, and in the next few months we expect to certify women in the laws of mikvaot in order to qualify them for positions of supervision.

Finally, we are enhancing our website (www.yoatzot.org) to give it further functions and make Yoatzot Halacha more accessible worldwide. It is critical for the Yoatzot—a female halachic address—to be visible wherever Jews are.

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Among the things whose fruits a person enjoys in this world but whose principal remains intact in the world to come are acts of kindness, visiting the sick, and bringing peace between people

Masechet Shabbat 127a

Thanks to the entire KMS community for your love and support

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the help of our donation of more than \$12,000. The KMS Israel Committee hopes that every KMS member will feel connected to and proud of the garin's accomplishments.

(See the sidebar for information on getting to know a member of the garin through our new pen-pal program. Contact Ina Lerman for information about volunteering at the garin's Hesed Center during your next visit to Israel.)

HIGHLIGHTS OF GARIN OMEZ AKKO: THE HESED CENTER

"We open the year with Hesed! The Hesed Center of Garin Ometz Akko distributes hundreds of food packages to needy families for the New Year. Together, we make sure that this year no one will be hungry." (From the flyer seeking volunteers, food donations, and tzedakah for the Hesed Center)

The Hesed Center, one of the most important projects of Garin Omez Akko, is a lifeline for needy residents. The Center distributes food to hundreds of people weekly, including poor families, the infirm, the homebound, elderly, and disabled residents. Economic empowerment programs, financial consultations, and other social programs help families find a permanent path out of poverty.

By the numbers:

- 350 food packages are distributed weekly to families and individuals. 200 clients receive their food at the garin's new warehouse and volunteers deliver packages to 150 homebound clients.
- 500 sandwiches are distributed to children from needy families in 13 local schools across the city every school day.
- 1,000 food packages are distributed before Rosh Hashana and Pesah, thanks to the assistance of soldiers, students, and additional volunteers.

The Hesed Center operates entirely on the good will, dedication and hard work of volunteers, some of whom are supported

by the Center themselves. The volunteers' holy work begins each morning at 6:30 am, with the preparation of hundreds of sandwiches for school children who would literally starve all day long without this lunch meal. The Center is managed by David Abadi, a volunteer who received the Akko City Award for his important work at the Hesed Center.

"The Hesed Center is a lighthouse of grace in the city. Children, adults, religious, secular, all participate throughout the year and are educated in the center about giving to others and concern for others," says Abadi.

"The combination of the Hesed Center with other projects of the garin in the city create a comprehensive solution to raise the family out of

Announcing The KMS Israel Pen Pal **Program For All Ages**

You can get personally acquainted with the members of Garin Ometz Akko by participating in KMS' Pen Pal Program. We will match you up with a member of the garin and you can correspond as often as you like to learn more about day-to-day life in northern Israel, what it's like to be part of a garin, or just as a way to create a unique connection between Kemp Mill and Israel. We are putting together teento-teen, family-to-family, and adult-to-adult pen pal relationships. Contact Gary Isen to learn how you can participate.



David Abadi prepares to deliver food packages to homebound clients in Akko.

poverty," explains Naftali, one of the garin members. "Just like the expression 'give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime,' we help the families with food distribution and with education, guidance, and most of all a lot of care for the families."

^{*}Naftali Reznikovich is a member of Garin Ometz Akko. Ina Lerman is of course a member of KMS.

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Tsvi Lieber served as the first gabbai of KMS during the administrations of Jack Rozmaryn and Richard Joel, when the shul was located in the house on Hermleigh Road. Tsvi worked with the Rabbinical Committee, consisting of Rabbis Altshul, Bieler, and Hecht, to establish KMS' Seder HaTefilla, and to get a daily Shacharit minyan. He is a proud graduate of the Yeshivah of Flatbush, and studied at Bar Ilan University in its machzor rishon (first year). Tsvi holds degrees from Yeshiva University, Syracuse University, and Columbia University, and taught Public Administration and Environmental Policy at American University. Now married to Marcy, and previously to Vera z"l, Tsvi has two married daughters, Chana and Julie. His sukkah features a movable (kosher!) upper glass roof.

Miriam Guggenheim served as chair of the KMS Women's Tefilla Group from 2012 to 2014. Prior to her term as chair, Miriam coordinated laining both of Torah and of megillot for the Women's Tefilla Group. Miriam and her husband Achi have lived in Kemp Mill for over twelve years with their children Sharona, Judah, and Benjamin. Miriam is a partner in the DC law firm Covington and Burling, where she practices food regulatory law.

Daphna Raskas has served on the KMS Board of Directors

and was chair of the KMS Rabbinic Transition Committee. Daphna is also a past president of the Berman Hebrew Academy and is the current president of Sunflower Bakery, a nonprofit kosher bakery that trains individuals with cognitive or developmental disabilities for employment in the baking industry. Daphna holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior, and consults with nonprofit organizations in the Greater Washington area. She recently completed the Family Firm Institute Certificate in Family Business Advising. Daphna has lived in Kemp Mill for 17 years with her husband Dan and their children Etan, Leora, Hadassah, and Eliana.

Adina Goldberg, her husband Ari, and their children Zachary, Maya, and Simon, have lived in Kemp Mill and been KMS members since 2002. Adina joined the KMS Board of Directors in 2008 and was appointed to the Executive Committee in 2011 as Vice President of Administration. Currently Adina serves on the Rabbinic Search Committee. She has worked in the professional services industry for over twenty years as a human resources leader and enjoys volunteering, especially for projects and activities in which she can apply her professional expertise. Adina is honored to have been chosen as a Simhat Torah Kallah, and appreciative of her family and their support of her volunteer activities.



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Neither Joe nor I had passed the half-century mark (and one of us still hasn't).

Now, the kids are all growing up. Let me tell you a bit about where we are eight years into our Israel adventure.

We just attended the ceremony for Adina's graduation from officer's training. Adina is our twenty-year-old daughter, who, eight years ago, couldn't imagine her life in Israel. Now she has two more months of training before becoming an officer

in the Foreign Relations unit of the IDF. She is self-confident Eight years ago she couldn't imagine and three girls. I am the comand speaks Hebrew fluently with her friends.

ceremonies because Daniel, now twenty-two and almost finished with the army, has taken part in

many of them: swearing-in, finishing basic training, finishing commanders' training. He will finish the army in December as a commander in the combat engineering unit.

Israeli society is much more casual than that of the US, and military events are no exception. Our first experience was Daniel's swearing-in ceremony for basic training almost three years ago. We invited Avi Mayer to join us because he had known Daniel as a child in Silver Spring. Before the ceremony, while the soldiers were preparing for the ceremony, the parents assembled in an auditorium to meet the commander of the base. A high-ranking soldier came in and introduced himself, "Hi, my name is Golan[his first name] and I am thirty-six years

> old. I have six children, three boys mander of this base." I couldn't believe how casual everything circumstance when meeting such an officer.

> > Golan then asked if the parents

had anything to say. Because of what we thought we were hearing the other parents say, we were sure we just hadn't understood the Hebrew correctly, but Avi assured us that we

her life in Israel. Now she has two We've been to many army more months of training before was. I expected some pomp and becoming an officer in theIDF.

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Silver Spring, MD www.aftctravel.com email: aftctravel@gmail.com had. One parent said that her child did not get enough sleep during basic training. Another complained that the tents leaked. Still another said that her child complained about the quality of the food. Where were we? Summer camp? I guess when you live in a country full of Jewish mothers, what can you expect? We are all overprotective.

At the ceremony, the other soldiers swore (Daniel, and the other religious soldiers, promised, that is, "מצהיר") their readiness to defend the State of Israel and Jews everywhere. We watched in all earnestness. It was quite emotional.

Before the ceremony, friends suggested that we bring food for the family celebration afterward, as all other parents would be doing this. A few cookies and snacks are not enough. We've seen families having barbeques and bringing spreads of food like a fancy reception, including folding tables and chairs for their guests. I still have trouble knowing what to bring. At subsequent ceremonies, we've gotten better at knowing what to expect. Now we are much more casual.

Adina's officer's training ceremony was quite impressive.

The soldiers did lots of marching in order, the army band played during the ceremony, and impressive high-ranking officers spoke to the soldiers about their responsibility and the hardships they will encounter (no questions from the parents this time).

With more than 400 soldiers getting their officers' pins, it was hard to see Adina. After the ceremony, we celebrated with bagels and cream cheese (that's what Adina wanted) and candies I'd bought during a trip to the US a week earlier.

Our other family military news: This past summer, during Protective Edge, Daniel's unit was quite busy in Gaza, but he was not. His job is to protect the Egyptian border near Eilat, so he didn't see any action, much to his dismay and my great joy. Unfortunately, he lost a few acquaintances in battle.

We have one more soldier-to-be. Nathaniel, our seventeenyear-old, has already met with the army and told them he wants to be an infantry soldier. I'll hold my heart in my hands as I proudly watch him grow and mature into a young man willing to defend the State of Israel and Jews everywhere.



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- Coordinate any additional equipment rentals needed (KMS provides tables and chairs as part of your rental fee).

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