RABBI’S MESSAGE

If one were asked to capture the essence of Purim in a single phrase, no doubt the two most expressive Hebrew words are "VeNahafoch Hu"—"It was turned about" (Esther 9:1). The entire story of Purim is about a sudden, and comprehensive, change of fortunes and events. One moment the Jews are at death's door; a moment later they have gained the upper hand. One moment Haman is singing; soon thereafter he is, well, swinging. Our custom of dressing up for Purim—"turning ourselves about"—is supposed to be a visual manifestation of the historical transformation.

The transformation of Purim is not limited, however, to the physical salvation of the Jewish people. Our Sages comment that the Megilla opens with a depiction of a deeply assimilated Jewish society. The lavish feasts prepared by Achashverosh are unflichingly attended by the Jews of Persia, the non-kosher food and entertainment notwithstanding. By the Megilla's end, the Jews have "turned about." "Hodor kibluho bimei Achashverosh"—"In the days of Achashverosh the Jews re-accepted the Torah upon themselves willingly." Just as suddenly as they had been saved, the Jews suddenly realized the central role that Torah must play in our individual and national existence.

This latter story of "VeNahafoch Hu" is the story of Yiddishkeit in America. It is hard to us to imagine the extent of the change. Torah Judaism has experienced a remarkable success story over the past forty years. The upcoming Siyum Daf Yomi, at Madison Square Garden and countless other locations nationwide, will demonstrate not only our strength of numbers but the power of our commitment. One never ceases to marvel at the sheer number of makeshift office minyonim all over Manhattan—and the constant flow of committed daveners who fill them. Just a few decades ago, all of this was a pipe dream, as the nay-sayers confidently predicted the imminent demise of Orthodoxy. No one could have imagined how wrong they truly were.

Here in the Lower East Side, much of that transformation was spearheaded by our own late Rav Yitzchok Aharon Singer Zt"l, who gently but effectively played a major role in instilling a love for Torah in a generation which had yet to warm to the idea. When we recently commemorated Rav Singer’s Yohrzeit in Shul, Yossie Singer recounted how his father discovered that the minutes between the weekday Mincha and Ma’ariv were spent in conversation. "Why don't we learn something?" he gently suggested—and so the Ein Ya’akov shiur was born. That in turn spawned a Chevra Mishnyatos and a Chevra Shas, assiduously devoted, under Rav Singer’s direct instruction, to shining the light of Torah for all those who yearned for it. "VeNahafoch Hu"—Slowly but surely, Torah learning took its (continued on page 2)

Bialystoker’s Spectacular Dinner Celebration

By: Brief Staff Writer

On Sunday evening, December 5, 2004, at the luxurious Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, approximately 500 members, friends and guests gathered to celebrate the Bialystoker Synagogue’s 125th anniversary as an established traditional Orthodox congregation. At this historic celebration, the congregation and community witnessed the formal installation of Harav Zvi Dovid Romm as rabbi and spiritual leader of the shul and paid tribute to its Guest of Honor, the Hon. Sheldon Silver, NYS Assembly Speaker and a Vice-President of the synagogue.

Ably led by Honorary President Norman Dawidowicz, Co-Chairperson, the 125th Anniversary Dinner Celebration Committee planned a memorable evening of elegance that began with a gala reception. It was a wonderful opportunity for the guests to enjoy the gourmet food presentations, greet friends and family and meet the many prominent rabbis, community lay leaders and government officials who came to honor our renowned historic synagogue and its eclectic congregation, its scholarly rabbi and its nationally prominent guest of honor.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies, Honorary President Martin Shulman welcomed the assembled in the Sheraton Ballroom and began the dinner program introducing Harav Reuven Feinstein, Rosh HaYeshiva of the Yeshiva of Staten Island. With warm words of encouragement and bracha, this world renowned Torah leader conducted the formal installation of Harav Romm, the Bialystoker’s youngest rabbi. Rabbi Romm’s installation address focused on the Bialystoker’s 125 years of service to the Lower East Side Jewish Community, the enormous contributions of the late Bialystoker Rav, Harav Yitzchok Aharon Singer, (continued on page 3)
Bringing Torah Alive: 
Rabbi Romm’s Women’s Shiur

What would motivate 15 – 25 women to come to the Bialystoker Synagogue every Monday night, in the rain, snow, freezing cold, and at what at times feels like the middle of the night?

They come to recharge their spiritual batteries and sate their thirst for Jewish scholarship. They have cut out a tiny island of time in their busy lives to reflect on, and grow in Judaism by attending Rabbi Zvi Romm’s weekly Women’s shiur.

The participants are women of all ages, mothers and daughters, Rebbitzins and baal teshuvas, from a spectrum of LES synagogues. They are from all levels of observance and Jewish education, but they share one commonality – all participants feel comfortable and welcomed in his class. The women have an opportunity to discuss Jewish issues in an environment that is intellectually challenging. They feel at ease asking questions, and bringing their own insights to the topic at hand. Many times their comments and insights anticipate those of the Biblical commentators. Sometimes the participants contribute interpretations unmentioned by Chazal. Rabbi Romm thoughtfully answers all questions so that everyone feels that they have come away from the class with an insight that is personally meaningful.

He brings in the original sources to illuminate the history, structure, and meaning of the topic under study. He systematically translates the sources from the original Hebrew and Aramaic. He presents and discusses the scholars and their commentaries in such a way that whether of recent vintage, or hundreds and thousands of years old, they appear fresh and relevant today. Topics have ranged from halachah, hashkafah, mussar and tefilla. We have discussed the Jewish concept of the world to come, resuscitation of the dead, redemption from the Geula, the halachah governing the separation of the sexes in various social and religious setting, the Jewish holidays, and the structure of prayer. The class is currently systematically studying the tefillot of the Shacharis service.

He brings primary sources from the Talmud, Shulchan Aruch, Mishna Bruah, Midrash, and the meforshim. The commentaries are from scholars including the Rama, Ramba”m, Vilna Gaon, Maharal of Prague, Abarbanel, R. Moshe Chaim Luzzatto, R. Israel Salanter, The Sfas Emes, and Rabbi Tam. Modern scholars include Rav Dressler, the Chazon Ish, the Chofetz Chaim, and Rav Soloveitchik. Chassidic, Ashkenazi, and Sephardi scholars and interpretations are given equal time. Kabbalistic sources and interpretations are brought in when appropriate.

When asked how he prepares for these classes, he states there are not too many secondary sources that discuss the nature/structure of Tefila. Therefore, he prepares for our class in the same way that he prepares for his Yeshiva classes – by reviewing in class the original sources in Hebrew/Aramaic. What are his goals? To reinforce central Jewish beliefs and promote growth in Yiddiskeit through enhanced understanding, awareness, and appreciation of the Torah.

All of the women interviewed for this story commented on the Rabbi’s encyclopedic knowledge of the commentaries, and appreciated the comprehensive preparation that goes into each class. All were impressed by his encouragement of questions and the interactive nature of his teaching style. They all commented on how the class has been instrumental in enhancing their davening by revealing the deeper meaning of the tefillot.

Some of the comments by the women include one by Leila Weil. She said: “Rabbi Romm gives us all the sources for his classes. Where else would I learn about the Maharal’s particular interpretation of a posuk in the Krias Shema, and have that impact on my davening. All the things that we have been saying, almost by rote, we can now understand and appreciate on multiple levels.” Bonnie Keller said: “The Monday night class is one of the highlights of my week. Rabbi Romm shares his encyclopedic knowledge with us in such a clear manner that women of all backgrounds and on all levels can appreciate and grow from it. My davening has been greatly enhanced by everything we learn.” Miriam Katz said: “The class have given me insights that change the whole way I daven, and make me appreciate the greatness of Hashem, and the greatness of the world. We appreciate the loads of work that goes into preparing each class.”

Rabbi Romm is a master melamed (ha melamed Torah l’amo Yisrael), and we are blessed to have him as our teacher. His passion and reverence for Judaism are contagious. One comes out of these classes rejuvenated in their faith and in awe of Hashem’s greatness. The Rabbi’s class is a unique addition to the learning opportunities for women on the Lower East Side, and b’ezras Hashem, we will be zoche to learn from him for many years to come.

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rightful place as the lynchpin of the Bialystoker Synagogue’s activities.

It is only fitting, therefore, that Rav Singer’s legacy be eternally linked with Bialystoker Synagogue through the medium of Torah study. With this in mind, we have been zoche to formally establish the Rav Singer Chevra Mishnayos daily between Mincha and Ma’ariv. Learning Mishnayos each day, our goal is to finish a seder (order) of Mishna every year on or around Rav Singer’s Yohrzeit. As of this writing, we have close to finishing our first tractate – Masechta Berachos. We are especially grateful to the Singer family who have graciously provided us with beautiful new editions of the Mishnayos to facilitate our learning. Even if you are unable to attend the Shiur between Mincha and Ma’ariv in Shul, please consider being part of our “Virtual Chevra.” We study a Mishna or two each day; bring a Mishnayos to the office, learn a bit during the lunch break, and you can be part of this exciting Torah enterprise, while honoring Rav Singer and enhancing your neshoma—all at the same time.

We look forward to completing Seder Zero’im this coming thirteenth of Teves.

Meanwhile, we invite you to join us in what will certainly be a personal transformation.

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z’tl, who led our “anchor” synagogue for over forty years, and Harav Romm’s vision for Bialystoker’s future as a premier center for tefilah (prayer), limud haTorah (Torah study) and gemilus chasodim (enhancing quality of life projects). Rabbi Romm then publicly acknowledged his appreciation for his life partner, Shira, his three beautiful children, his parents, Diane and Rabbi J. Leonard Romm, Shira’s parents, Judith and Harry Pfeffer, the Rabbi’s grandparents and his extended family who participated in the dinner celebration.

As part of the program, Harav Romm then recounted the close relationship that the Hon. Sheldon Silver and his beloved family have had with Bialystoker. “Shelly” plays a valuable role not only in the daily affairs of the shul but also in the daily lives of all the City and State citizens and residents as one of New York’s most prominent political leaders. Upon concluding his presentation remarks, members of the celebration committee joined the rabbi in presenting Mr. Silver with a beautiful painting depicting the Old City of Jerusalem. Strikingly, the artist had highlighted three Hebrew letters within the painted word Yerushalayim which spells out the Hebrew pronoun “sheli”, rendering this painting especially appropriate for Shelly, our esteemed neighbor and friend to Bialystoker and the greater community this shul serves.

Speaker Silver initially greeted government officials, members of the Judiciary and members of the clergy who honored the congregation with their presence at this well-attended function. Shelly summarized his family’s inter-generational connections with the Bialystoker Shul and shared wonderful anecdotes of his life-long association with this landmarked edifice on Willet Street. Mr. Silver expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him while repeatedly focusing his attention on his wonderful wife, Rosa, his children, his beautiful grandchildren and his mother –in-law, Mrs. Bertha Mandelkern who all joined him in celebrating this simcha.

Concluding the first half of the dinner program, Judge Shulman proceeded to thank the members of the 125th Anniversary Dinner Celebration Committee for making this function so successful: Moshe Davidowitz, Malkie Gotlib, Dr. Gerald Nagel, Sheila Tennenbaum-Rubinfeld, Dov Goldman, Judah Engel-mayer, Shul President Jacob Goldman, Esq., Tova and Yosef Peretz, Diane and Rabbi J. Leonard Romm, Executive Vice President and Dinner Co-Chair, Rabbi Leonard Greher, Fran Shulman, Dr. Mayer Sinensky, Rabbi Zecharyah Eisenbach, Mr. Simcha Beck, Shul staff members, Aviva Mermelstein and Annie Glassberg. Mareley Schneider, Ph.D., was publicly thanked for single-handedly conceiving, designing and editing the pictorial dinner journal commemorating Bialystoker’s historic celebration. Dinner committee members Marion and Benny Tuchman and Karen Wolfson were given a special honorable mention for the tremendous amount of time they devoted to making this dinner so successful. Judge Shulman finally thanked Dinner Co-Chair Norman Dawidowicz for his constant leadership in projects such as this historic celebration which are so critical to the synagogue’s ongoing vitality and growth.

After a sumptuous dinner was served, Judge Shulman began the second half of the program by introducing Harav Mordechai Willig, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University’s Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Rosh Kollel of its Wexner Kollel Elyon who eloquently extended moving divrei bracha (words of blessing) on this auspicious occasion.

Harav Yeshaya Siff, rabbi and spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Manhattan, made a special presentation on behalf of the distinguished Roshei HaYeshivos and Rabbonim of the Lower East Side Jewish Community to the Bialystoker’s spiritual leader of a duly inscribed rabbinical proclamation on the occasion of Rabbi Romm’s formal installation. In addition to extending words of collegiality and friendship, Harav Siff read the calligraphied proclamation and announced the rabbi-signatories. Honorary Presidents Nathan Rosner (the shul’s “elder statesman” and parliamentarian) and Ira Miller (whose able leadership as shul president led to the appointment of Rabbi Romm) joined Rabbi Siff in making this special presentation to Harav Romm.

Synagogue President Yankie Goldman made a final presentation on behalf of the Bialystoker congregation to Rebbeitzin Bluma Singer and the Singer family of a sterling silver keter (Torah crown) which was dedicated in memory of Harav Yitzchok Singer, z’tl. This promises to be the first of future endeavors to perpetuate the late rabbi’s memory and preserve his glorious chapter in the Bialystoker’s 125th year history.

As a fitting coda to the dinner program, the assembled were privileged to view a special video presentation produced by award-winning documentary film producer, Elliot Caplan. Rabbi Romm and Hon. Sheldon Silver were prominently featured in the video presentation. However, the “star” was the magnificent land-marked Bialystoker Synagogue. With artistry and interviews, this film captured the rich history of the shul, and with a palpable air of excitement projects the brilliant future which G-d willing lies ahead. May we merit to take part in that brilliant future until the arrival of Moshiach (messiah) speedily in our time.
Youth Department Activities

This past year has been an exciting and eventful one for the youth department. We’ve had a lot of new programs and we’ve improved the Shabbos groups. All this has resulted in a tremendous increase in attendance to all youth group activities.

We began with two very enjoyable Havdalah programs at the Rabbi and Rebbetzin’s home. The Rabbi made Havdalah for the children, told a story and sang songs, and the children made besamim boxes to take home with them.

We had pre-Pesach and pre-Rosh Hashanah activity afternoons where parents dropped their children off at the shul for a few hours and the kids had fun making projects.

There was an outing to the Staten Island Yankees – getting to the stadium on the ferry was half the fun!

On Simchas Torah, we had an ice cream party in the sukkah, with more than 30 neighborhood children joining us.

This year’s Chanukah chagigah brought more than 150 kids to the Orenstein Building. The highlights included face painters, a balloon man, and a $100 raffle to Toys ‘R Us. We also collected an incredible amount of toys for the Ohel Children’s Home for Chanukah, teaching our children that it is more important to give than it is to get.

We finished the year with a pizza party for the children who attend Shabbos groups. It was an exciting night. The children had a great time eating pizza, creating their own arts and crafts projects and listening to a D’var Torah from Rabbi Romm.

The secular new year has begun and we have already had two more successful havdalah programs at the Rabbi and Rebbetzin’s home.

On Shabbos, we have seen an increase in regular attendance by many children. We have structured both the preschool groups and the lower school groups so that the children not only play, but also daven and talk about the parshah. The groups are monitored and children are not allowed to wander around the shul anymore. For the parents, it has created a sense of comfort, as it allows them to daven without being distracted or interrupted by their children.

The children enjoy going over the davening and parshah that they learn in school, seeing their friends and group leaders and, of course, the snacks at the end of davening. In February, we will be adding a third group for boys in the middle school grades (ages 9-12). The curriculum will be age-appropriate, so the boys will daven, learn and have some fun too.

This is just the beginning of the Youth Department evolution. We anticipate many more programs and events in the future. We are very excited about the response that we have had so far, and are looking forward to an increase in participation by both children and parents.
**Mazel Tovs**

**Births**

- Mazel tov to Kenny & Ilene Keller on the birth of a granddaughter, Penina Yael, a daughter to Aviva & Jeff Ney.
- Mazel tov to Ezra & Chavie Turkel on the birth of a son, Yaakov. Mazel tov to the extended Rosenbaum & Weinstock families.
- Mazel tov to Harry & Etta Packer on the birth of a granddaughter, Batsheva Miriam, a daughter to Rabbi Chaim & Shira Packer.

**Engagements**

- Mazel tov to Rabbi Moshe and Malkie Machlis on the engagement of their son, Aharon Dovid to Tova Praeger. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Herman & Gussie Gewanter.

**Marriages**

- Mazel tov to Meir Greenwald & Ziona Hochbaum on their recent marriage.

**More Mazel Tovs**

- Mazel tov to the Hon. Sheldon Silver on being elected and sworn in for the 7th time as Speaker of the Assembly.

Please Note: These were events that were called into the office, and we regret any omissions. If you would like your simcha to be added in the next issue, please let us know.

**Condolences**

- Shoshana Sanders on the loss of her father, Dr. Herbert (Hillel) Goldstein.
- Paula From on the loss of her father, Jacob Goldstein.

**Thank You**

J. Israel Kahlenberg for his constant help in and around the shul; For opening the shul for tours when Judah is unavailable and on erev shabbos. For his help preparing the Sefer Torahs for special occasions, and for putting the white mantel on the Torahs for the High Holidays.

Naftali and Leah Solomon for sponsoring platters of fruit for Tu' Beshvat

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**Sponsorships**

**Shabbos Parshas Sheimos, January 1**

*Kiddush* (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Amy Shevlin in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father Sam Steinberg’s 1st yahrzeit.


**Shabbos Parshas Vayerah, January 8**

*Kiddush* (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Moshe Wachsman in honor of his birthday.

*Shalosh Seudos*: Yitz & Deena Ritter in commemoration of his grandfather Reuven Ben Yitzchok’s yahrzeit.

**Shabbos Parshas Bo, January 15**


*Kiddush (2nd Minyan)*: Co-Sponsored by Gilad & Idit Gittelman, Yitz & Deena Ritter and Yeruchum & Michal Rosenberg in honor of Peter & Keren Avery’s move to NJ.

*Shalosh Seudos*: Sponsored by Martin & Karen Wolfson in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Dr. Dennis Wolfson.

**Shabbos Parshas Bishalach, January 22**

*Kiddush (1st & 2nd Minyan)*: Sponsored by Rabbi Reuven & Sheila Feinstein in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her parents, Rabbi & Mrs Avraham and Ita Devorah Kaplan.

*Shalosh Seudos*: Sponsored by Stephen & Annie Glassberg in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Nat Glassberg. Sponsored by Aaron & Judy Mitran in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Avraham Ben Moshe Hacohen.

**Shabbos Parshas Yisro, January 29**

*Kiddush (2nd Minyan)*: Sponsored by Yitzy & Deena Ritter in Commemoration of the yahrzeit of his grandfather, Boruch ben Tzvi

*Shalosh Seudos*: Sponsored by Jerry & Diane Reich in commemoration of his father’s yahrzeit.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

We would like to wish a happy birthday & happy anniversary to our members

FEBRUARY
Mr. Dovid Adams
Mr. Peter Avery
Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Davidowitz (Anniversary)
Mr. Norman Dawidowicz
Mrs. Raschelle Palace Frankel
Mr. Meir Greenwald
Mr. Meir Hornung
Miss Samantha Sinensky
Mr. Kenneth Wieder

MARCH
Mrs. Mindy Benjamin
Mr. Yaakov Davidowitz
Mrs. Yehudis Dube
Mr. & Mrs. Yaakov Frankel (Anniversary)
Mr. Yaakov Frankel
Mr. Kenneth Fried
Mrs. Aliza Ginsberg
Mr. Barry Goldsammler
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Grape (Anniversary)
Miss Estie Hagler
Hon. Shlomo Hagler
Mr. David Himber
Mr. Yehoshua Mermelstein
Mr. Yehoshua Mermelstein
Mr. Jonathan Miller
Mr. Michael Rapfogel
Mr. & Mrs. Mel Rosenbach (Anniversary)
Miss Emily Sinensky
Mr. Leonard Solomon
Mr. & Mrs. Naftali Solomon (Anniversary)
Mr. Avraham Warga
Mr. Jason Weinberger
Mr. Ezra Avraham Wolfson

Is your birthday missing from this list, or coming up? Let us know at bialystoker@verizon.net

Community Events

• The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8th, if you have any questions, or concerns regarding the shul, please feel free to discuss it with a board member before the meeting.

• Singles Shabbaton March 4th & 5th for orthodox singles 28 – 44. please contact Janet Riesel 212-673-0238, janet.riesel@ey.com or Tova Peretz 212-353-3956, jperetz@quixnet.net for more information. If you know anyone who would like a flier for this event please let us know

• Lower East Side Shidduch Group Do you know someone looking for a shidduch? If so, come to our next monthly Shidduch meeting on February 16th. If unable to attend, you can still provide us with the details. Contact Tova Peretz (jperetz@quixnet.net) or Allison Silver for more information.

• The annual Mikvah Melayah Malka/Chinese Auction will take place on Motzei Shabbos, March 12th.

• Bialystoker/UJC Purim Carnival will be on Sunday, March 20.

Sisterhood News

The sisterhood kicked off its 2005 season on January 25th. Despite the inclement weather, we had a nice turn out. Elections were held, and the following peopel were elected as sisterhood officers: Presidents Karen Wolfson and Deborah Goldman; Treasurer Tova Peretz and Secretary Hadasah Nagel. Sisterhood dues of only $18 were also collected.

We set an agenda for the up-coming year full of social and fund raising events. For example we are running the matanos l'evyonim tzedaka campaign again this year, if any one is interested in being a volunteering or sponsor of the project please contact the sisterhood.

We ended the meeting on a funny note when a number of members who attended decided to do some stand up comedy. overall the meeting was enjoyable for all.

Our next meeting is sceduled for Tuesday February 15, 2005.
Please join us (and bring some jokes).

HATZOLOH APPEAL

On Shabbos Vo’eira we conducted our annual appeal for Hatzoloh of the East Side. All of us in the neighborhood realize how vital a role Hatzoloh plays in our community life. I urge all of our members and friends to contribute generously to this important community institution.

Checks can be made out to Hatzoloh of the East Side and mailed to Bialystoker Synagogue.

In the zechus of our support may we merit to never personally need Hatzoloh.

Rabbi Zvi Romm
The Bialystoker Synagogue and
Kollel Bais Simcha Aharon
are pleased to announce
a special Shabbos with our Scholar-in-Residence

**RABBI DR. DOVID GOTTLIEB**

Having received his Ph.D. at Brandeis University, Rabbi Gottlieb went on to become Professor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. Today he is a senior faculty member at Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem. An accomplished author and lecturer, Rabbi Gottlieb has electrified audiences with his stimulating and energetic presentations on ethical, moral and philosophical issues.

**February 25-26, 2005, Parshas Ki Sisa**

**Friday night, February 25, 8:30 PM**
Oneg Shabbos with Rabbi Gottlieb on "Why is there a World?"

**Shabbos morning, February 26, 10:40 AM**
Special Drosha on "The Philosophy of Chassidische Ma'ases"

**Shabbos afternoon Drosha, 4:15 PM**
"Biblical [Mis]understandings—The Golden Calf and Others"

**Shabbos afternoon at Shalosh Seudos**
Rabbi Gottlieb will join us for a special "Siyum" in honor of our completion of over two years' study of Hilchos Shabbos

*Rabbi Gottlieb will be available Motzoei Shabbos for private meetings (please leave a message at (212) 473-1000 to set up an appointment.)*

All programming will be held at Bialystoker Synagogue

*This Shabbos is dedicated to the blessed memory of Rabbi Dr. Moshe Krasner*
Bialystoker Synagogue
Legal Holiday Shiur Series

is pleased to present

RABBI YONA REISS
Director, Beth Din of America

who will be speaking on

"Last Wills and Testaments: The Halachic Issues"

Monday, February 21, 2005  9:30 A.M.

Bialystoker Synagogue
7-11 Willet Street

Men and women are welcome

A light breakfast will be served
Rabbi Romm and the Bialystoker Synagogue

invite all neighborhood youth between the ages of 10 and 17 to join us on

Shabbos, February 12
for a special
Youth Shalosh Seudos
in the
Bialystoker Beis Medrash

Mincha is at 4:55 upstairs followed by Shalosh Seudos downstairs.

Join us for an elevating mix of Zemiros, stories, and inspiration!
THE LOWER EAST SIDE COMMUNITY

cordially invites the entire neighborhood to the sixth in a series of 10 lectures to be given monthly by

Harav Yitzchok Lichtenstein
Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Nesivos HaTorah, Staten Island

Tuesday, February 15th (6 Adar 1) 9:00 PM

"The Structure and Content of Tefilah: Birchos Hashachar and Birchos Hatorah"

to take place at
The Bialystoker Synagogue
7-11 Bialystoker Place (Willet Street)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

This program is sponsored by all the major shuls on the Lower East Side
The Bialystoker Sisterhood presents a

Gala Singles Shabbaton

March 4-5, 2005

for Orthodox singles ages 28-44
at the historic Bialystoker Synagogue
with Rabbi Zvi Romm

: Glatt Kosher Catered Meals and Kiddush
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: Sholosh Seudos
: Saturday Night Comedy Event
: Ice Breakers and Home Hospitality

Cost: $125 per person until February 20th; $135 thereafter.

Reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Home hospitality will be provided; hotel accommodations are available.

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New York, NY 10002
Attn: Shabbaton

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