

THE DENVER COMMUNITY KOLLEL KOLLEL UPDATE

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Kollel to Launch 'Year of Joy' at Sept. 13 Donor Event

"The Secret of Joyful Living" is the theme of the Kollel's 3rd Annual Donor Appreciation Event, to be held Mon., Sept. 13, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the home of William Silvers, M.D., in Englewood. The event pays tribute to the Kollel's devoted donors, and will serve as a kickoff for a year of Kollel programming that will focus on bringing joy to ourselves, our families and our communities.

"This year we are going to center many of our programs around the theme of joy, and give people practical ways for living more meaningful, more joyous lives," explains Kollel Dean Rabbi Aron Yehuda Schwab.

At the DAE, Kollel Outreach Director Rabbi Yehuda Amsel will deliver an interactive address on the evening's theme. The event will also feature "Beyond Sushi: A Kosher Japanese Dining Experience," prepared once again by the Kollel women.

DAE committee members are Dr. Neiel Baronberg, Amity Cooper, Shoshana Gelt, Ruthie Krausz, Rochelle Block Sokol, and Bob Weiss.

Kollel Continues to Expand in Southeast Denver

Thanks to the commitment and perseverance of a dedicated group of Southeast community members, led by Zvi Gelt and Serge Herscovici, the Kollel is now further expanding its presence in the Southeast Jewish community.

Kollel Dean Rabbi Shachne Sommers and his family moved to the area this summer, and a new Kollel family will be joining the community later this month.



New Kollel-Aish Family Rabbi Mordechai and Zeldy Mandel with Chavy, 5; Yehuda, 4; Naftoli, 3; and Rochel, 1.

This expansion is due in large part to the generosity of a several local residents who value what the Kollel families bring to the community and are eager to expand the Kollel's presence there. The Kollel has also received a two-year grant from a large national funder to help support the Southeast expansion initiative.

The newest Kollel family, Rabbi Mordechai and Zeldy Mandel, currently of Lakewood, NJ, will arrive in Denver at the end of August. Rabbi Mandel will dedicate his mornings and afternoons to Torah study at the Kollel in West Denver, and will spend his early mornings, evenings, weekends and other hours during the week studying one-on-one and in small groups with Southeast residents. The Mandels will also be opening their home to community members for Shabbos and

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3rd Annual Donor Appreciation Event
"The Secret of Joyful Living"
LAUNCHING *A Year of Joy* FEATURING
A year of Kollel programming dedicated to bring true joy to ourselves, our families and our communities. & An Interactive Address by
Rabbi Yehuda Amsel
Kollel Outreach Director
PLUS
Beyond Sushi
A Kosher Japanese Dining Experience

Monday, September 13, 2010 7:00 p.m.	At the Home of William Silvers, M.D. 6325 E. Tufts Avenue Englewood, Colorado
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AN EXCLUSIVE EVENT FOR THE KOLLELS DEVOTED DONORS.

"This event is the Kollel's opportunity to thank all those who have gone the extra mile to support the Kollel," says Kollel Dean Rabbi Shachne Sommers. "Today, more than ever, their support makes the difference."

For information or to RSVP, please call 303-820-2855 or visit www.denverkollel.org

Three Scholars Move On



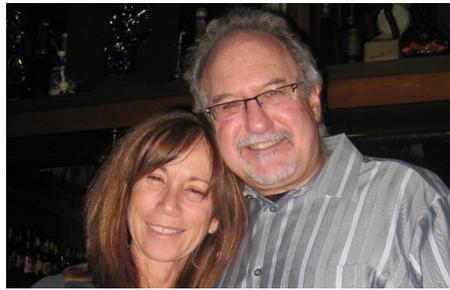
Kollel Alumnus Rabbi Avraham Abrams (r.) with Gemara Class participant Mike Weiss.

Three scholars who have been a mainstay of the Kollel for the last several years are moving to new positions this fall: Rabbi Avraham Abrams, Rabbi Ari Jakobowicz, and Rabbi Michel Levitansky.

Rabbi Abrams, who joined the Kollel in 2002, will assume the position of third-grade rebbi at Hillel Academy of Denver. Rabbi

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Eight New Bequest Givers Help Ensure Future with Live On



(l. to r.) Dr. Dan Abrams and Sharon Pincus, Harvey and Stephanie Milzer, and Dr. Dimitri and Kathy Kaufman are three of the new couples who are helping ensure the future of the Kollel - and the Denver Jewish community - through recent Live On bequests.

Eight couples and individuals, concerned about the future of Jewish life in Denver, have taken a concrete step to help ensure it by joining the Kollel's Live On program this year. They have included the Kollel in their wills so the Kollel's members can continue learning Torah, teaching Torah and living Torah for many years to come.

Live On was founded four years ago by Rose Community Foundation in an effort to help local Jewish organizations secure their futures through estate gifts. The Kollel secured eight bequests in 2007-08, and secured an additional 3 in

2009. The new bequests bring the total to 19. The Kollel has formed a Live On Legacy Society to honor its bequest givers.

This year's bequest givers are Dr. Dan Abrams and Sharon Pincus, Graeme and Irit Bean, Dr. Dimitri and Kathy Kaufman, Harvey and Stephanie Milzer, Izzy and Peri Sonenreich, and three anonymous donors.

"I have gained much knowledge of Torah, which has improved the quality of life for myself, family, friends, business associates, and community," says Harvey Milzer, explaining why he

and he is wife made a bequest.

Kathy Kaufman said she and her husband likewise made their bequest because of the impact the Kollel has made on their lives.

"The Torah knowledge that we gained through our association with the Kollel has been invaluable," she says. "The Kollel is a vital part of the Denver Jewish community. Our hope is that this organization continues to do its important work for many generations to come."

To find out more about Live On, contact Rabbi Schwab at rays@denverkollel.org

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Abrams, who is well-known for his broad Torah knowledge, made his mark as a teacher of beginner's Gemara in both East and Southeast Denver.

Rabbi Jakubowicz, who joined the Kollel in 2003, will serve as a fourth grade rebbi in Scranton, PA. Rabbi



Kollel Alumnus Rabbi Ari Jakubowicz with members of his acclaimed Navi class for women.

Jakubowicz's quick mind added much to the Kollel *beis medrash*. He also led an acclaimed women's Navi class, which ran for many years in East Denver.

Rabbi Levitansky, who joined the Kollel in 2004, will be studying in Kollel and teaching in Chicago, IL. Rabbi Levitansky's meticulous scholarship and diligence, coupled with his lively personality, endeared him to many. He dedicated much of his time to learning one-on-one with couples and teens, inspiring many to grow Jewishly.

"All of these scholars have made tremendous impact on the Denver Jewish community through their



Kollel Alumnus Rabbi Michel Levitansky leading a Fathers-and-Sons group.

Torah study, their teaching and their outreach," says Kollel Dean Rabbi Aron Yehuda Schwab. "At the same time, the community has significantly impacted them, helping them develop and grow in many areas.

"They will be sorely missed," he says.

Kollel Brings New

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holiday meals.

Rabbi Mandel, 30, is a native of Queens, NY. He spent the last seven years studying at Beth Medrash Govoha

in Lakewood, NJ. He also studied in Mir Yerushalayim and Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim.

Mrs. Mandel, 27, is a Brooklyn native. She has a master's degree in early childhood education, and has

worked for the last several years as a preschool teacher in Lakewood and Deal, NJ.

The Mandels have four children: Chavy, 5; Yehuda, 4; Naftoli, 3; and Rochel, 1.