

THE DENVER COMMUNITY KOLLEL KOLLEL UPDATE

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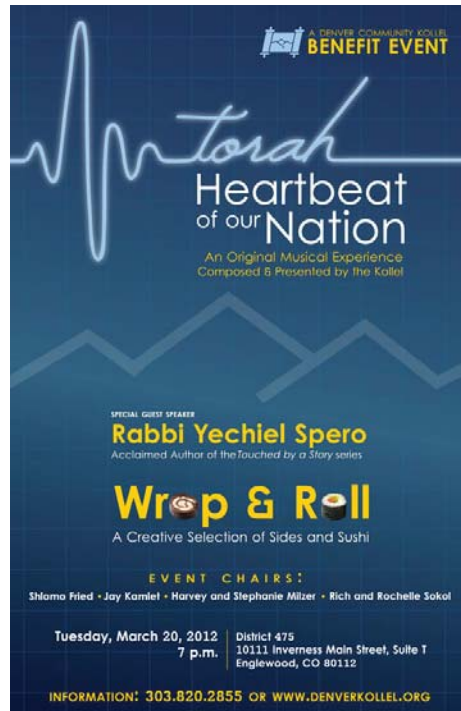
Kollel to Celebrate 14 Years of Torah in Denver

The Denver Community Kollel will hold its annual Benefit Event at District 475, 10111 Inverness Main Street, Suite T, on Tuesday, March 20th, 2012 at 7 pm.

The Kollel is presenting the premier showing of *Heartbeat of Our Nation*, an original musical and visual experience, created, composed and produced by the Kollel. "We're very excited about this production," enthuses Rabbi Mordechai Fleisher, Director of Community Education for the Kollel. "There's a lot of talent and effort being invested in it, and it promises to be a wonderful presentation that will complement a wonderful evening."

The event will also feature noted speaker and author Rabbi Yechiel Spero, author of the acclaimed *Touched by a Story* series. The Kollel women are presenting "Wrap &

Roll: A Creative Selection of Sides and Sushi", sure to appeal to the



discerning palates of the Kollel's supporters.

"At this year's Event, the Kollel is focusing on the centrality of Torah study and Torah life to the Jewish nation throughout our history and specifically to Jews in Denver today," says Kollel Dean Rabbi Aron Yehuda Schwab. "The Benefit Event is the annual opportunity for the community to support the Kollel's mission to infuse Torah into Denver and throughout Colorado."

The event is chaired by Shlomo Fried, Jay Kamlet, Harvey & Stephanie Milzer, and Rich & Rochelle Sokol. The deadline for ads in the annual journal is March 4th, 2012.

To make reservations, place an ad in the journal, or for more information, please visit the Kollel's website, www.denverkollel.org, email journal@denverkollel.org, or call 303-825-2800. 

Record Numbers Attend 13th Annual Chanukah Extravaganza

The Denver Community Kollel's 13th annual Chanukah Extravaganza, held on December 25th, enjoyed an estimated 750 participants this year.

"We love [the Extravaganza]



The ice skating was enjoyed by young and old alike.

because it offers enjoyable activities for all ages," said event participant Cheryl Kutzer. "This gives us an opportunity to spend time with amazing Jewish families. We've been involved with the kollel for a long time. We love all the kollel families."

For the first time, the event was held in the South Suburban Family Sports Center in Centennial. The 150,000-square foot venue held attractions for kids of all ages.

"My favorite thing here was laser tag," said Harrison Guigui, a fifth-grader at Cottonwood

Creek Elementary School. Zach Biederman, a sixth-grader at Campus Middle School, also enjoyed the laser tag. "If we hadn't come here, we'd probably just be sitting at home," he added. The extensive arcades, obstacle course, and full-size ice skating rink were also popular with the older kids. Younger children, meanwhile, appreciated the rides in Lollipop Park, a mini-amusement park geared toward kids ages 3-10.

"It's so nice to see friends from across the spectrum, all in one place,"

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Parents - and Children - Benefit from Life-Changing Class

It's 11:30 on a Tuesday morning. Eight women lean forward around a table, listening, taking notes, and voicing questions and comments as they sip steaming cups of coffee and tea. The topic? Raising children.

The class, titled "Liberated Parents, Liberated Children," is based on the teachings of world-renowned child psychologist Dr. Haim Ginott. Avigail Steinharter of the Denver Community Kollel teaches the class.

"As a psychologist and a mother of three, I have read many books and attended several courses on



Happy participants of the Liberated Parents, Liberated Children course, l to r: Sharon Pincus-Abrams, Pearl Grinberg, Dana Licht, Wendy Greenwald, Kollel Instructor Avigail Steinharter, Mimi Pomeranz.

parenting. This program is by far the best!" says class participant

Pearl Grinberg. "This program fosters a more harmonious household, stronger relationships and independent children. Avigail's compassion and insight are truly inspirational, making her classes an absolute pleasure to attend."

"Teaching the parenting class is always refreshing and invigorating for my own parenting," says Avigail, mother of six. "There's a sense of optimism in the air... I love the feeling of helping people find their strengths to be the most skilled mothers they can be."

The weekly class, held at the Barnes and Noble on Colorado Boulevard, draws participants from all over Denver.

"This morning, [my daughter] Amanda said to me, 'Mom, you've been friendlier lately,'" shares Dana Licht of Southeast Denver, class participant and mother of three. "What I've been learning in [this] class is obviously the reason she feels that way. It's the best parenting class I've ever taken, and I've taken a lot of parenting classes over the last twelve years."

The class integrates the Torah's

timeless wisdom with the approach of Dr. Ginott. Topics covered in the class include Siblings: Roles and Relationships, the Ideal Opportunity for Discipline, and Active Listening.



A light moment during a class. Counter-clockwise beginning with the bottom right: Wendy Greenwald, Mimi Pomeranz, Kollel instructor Avigail Steinharter, Karen Zidwick (partially obscured), Tanya Appel, Jolie Eisen (back to camera).

"This class helped me remember what kind of parent I set out to be," says participant Amy Rittenberg. "I highly recommend this class to all parents!"

Due to popular demand, the class is now continuing a second series. For more information or to register for a future series please call 303-820-2855. 📞

Extravaganza

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said Abigail Hirsch, a psychologist who came to the event from Lowry with her three boys. "This is such a great tradition."

After four hours of fun, the participants gathered to watch a menorah-lighting ceremony conducted by Kollel Rabbi Yehuda Amsel and event participant Brad Licht. The crowd joined together to sing Chanukah classics "Maoz

Tzur" and "Al Hanisim." Hot latkes were distributed, and a raffle



Families enjoying the Extravaganza, from l to r, Chaya Rochel Heyman, Rabbi Moshe Heyman, Esther Tova Heyman, Yehudis Heyman, Jodi Basch, Ari Basch, Donnie Basch.

drawing brought the event to a close.

"This is such a nice event," commented Meira Zussman, a mother of five who attended from Denver's West Colfax neighborhood. "It's for the community, by the community." 📞