

Summer Scholar-in-Residence Program Features Rabbi Mordechai and Mrs. Craindell Mannes

Summer may be a time when things slow down as people relax, but the Denver Community Kollel helped ensure that people had the opportunity to learn and be inspired during down time.

The Kollel held a Scholar-in-Residence Program during the Nine Days, a period of mourning over the destruction of the Temple that culminates with the Ninth of Av fast day. Rabbi Mordechai and Mrs. Craindell Mannes of Chicago came to Denver to teach and inspire the Jewish community in Denver from Friday, July 17th through Wednesday, July 22nd.

Rabbi Mannes is a 10th-grade Rebbe in Yeshivas Telshe-Chicago. Mrs. Mannes, daughter of Rabbi Chaim Dov Keller, Dean of Yeshivas Telshe-Chicago, is the principal of Bais Yaakov High School of Chicago. Both bring decades of experience in educating adults, teens and children.

Rabbi Mannes gave a number of classes and talks to men throughout Denver. He delivered a special *Learn 2 Learn* class at the Kollel's Southeast Torah Center, and also led a morning study session for men and older teens.

"It was a privilege and a joy to have met Rabbi Mannes," said Mike Weiss, a *Learn 2 Learn* participant. "He has has a great enthusiasm for gemara and love of teaching. His presentation of the topic was witty, clear for those who are not experts in gemara, and was done with humor. It was a real treat, and I hope to have the opportunity to learn with Rabbi Mannes again. Thank you!"

"Rabbi Mannes' *geshmak* (delight) in Torah study and his broad knowledge

created a real *rischa d'Oraisa* (fire of Torah) in the Kollel Bais Medrash," says Kollel Dean Rabbi Aron Yehuda Schwab. "His love of learning and the wisdom he shared left an indelible mark on many here in the community."

Mrs. Mannes delivered many talks and classes for women throughout Denver on topics ranging from *Chinuch* (Child-Raising) in *Out-of-Town Communities* to *Defining and Refining Relationships*.

"Mrs. Mannes' words of Torah, illustrated by personal examples, were inspiring and energizing," said Naami Zuckerman. "It's clear that she brings decades of wisdom as an experienced Jewish wife, mother, and educator to her lectures. In speaking with other women, I think we all gained tremendously from hearing her. Thank you so much to the Kollel for bringing Mrs. Mannes to the Denver community."

"I attended the educator's workshop," said Aliza Chernitzky. "I really enjoyed Mrs. Mannes's professional yet warm style. I gained from hearing her experiences and advice. I found brainstorming together with other educators in the community very beneficial. Thank you."

"I thoroughly enjoyed and gained from Mrs. Mannes's lectures," said Avigail Steinharter. "She bubbles over with enthusiasm and positive energy. Her original way of thinking and presenting ideas is so refreshing!"

"Mrs. Mannes is a funny, straight-forward speaker," said Chaya Major. I loved how she wove *divrei Torah* (Torah thoughts) into her speeches while applying them to the issues we all are

dealing with today."

Kollel Director Rabbi Moshe Heyman was a driving force behind bringing Rabbi and Mrs. Mannes to Denver. "People were so stirred by them – for some, the experience was life-changing. Their presence here made a big difference in the community. We hope they return again to bring more growth and inspiration to Denver." ❏



Mrs. Mannes speaking at Aish



Rabbi Mannes speaking at Kollel West Side Bais Medrash



Mrs. Mannes delivers a class

Denver Community Kollel's Donor Appreciation Event Marks 18th Year

The Denver Community Kollel's annual Donor Appreciation Event took place on Sunday evening, September 20th at the home of Drs. Joel and Goldie Cohen in Englewood, CO. The Donor Appreciation Event is a time when those dedicated to the Kollel gather to show their support, as well as an opportunity for the Kollel to express its appreciation to its supporters.

This year's event was held in the beautiful and spacious home of Drs. Joel and Goldie Cohen. The Kollel's friends and supporters turned out in droves to attend this unique occasion.

At the event, Kollel Dean Rabbi Aron Yehuda Schwab discussed that the Kollel is celebrating its 18th year of bringing Torah to Denver Jewry. He explained that the significance of the number eighteen, the numerical value of the word *chai*, is because *chai* means life. The breath of life imbued by Hashem into Mankind, said Rabbi Schwab, is explained by the commentators as referring to the capacity of speech. And a most elevated form of speech, he concluded, is speaking words and thoughts of Torah.

Rabbi Mordechai Fleisher, the Kollel's Senior Educator, discussed a

number of new and exciting programs the Kollel is undertaking. The most notable program, he said, is the Kollel's M.B. Glassman Foundation GOLD Senior Division, dedicated to bringing joy and meaning to the lives of Jewish seniors through Torah. Dr. Philip Mehler, President of the M.B. Glassman Foundation, discussed the genesis of the GOLD Division. He explained that Mr. Bud Glassman a"h, who had created the trust, was committed to improving the lives of seniors. The M.B. Glassman Foundation, he announced, will be considering the Kollel's proposal for the GOLD Division at its next meeting. "Our goal," said Dr. Mehler, "is to cause this program to grow in multitudes over the next number of years... and we hope to be able to carry on the legacy that Bud Glassman had. We need to take care of the youth, but we also can't forget about the seniors, and we applaud the Kollel for its efforts and wish them much success."

The event featured *Delectable Delights*, a culinary experience artistically designed by the Kollel women. Everyone enjoyed the food, the camaraderie, and the opportunity to come out and show support for an organization that has,

and continues to, bring Torah learning, Torah teaching and Torah living to Denver Jewry. ❧



Dr. Philip Mehler discusses the M.B. Glassman Foundation GOLD Division



Specially-made cake marking the Kollel's 18th year



L. to r., Simmy Sonstein and Shoshana Gelt

Kollel Ushers in Rosh Hashana with East Side Shabbaton

The Kollel held its 3rd annual pre-Rosh Hashana East Side Shabbaton on Shabbos Parshas Ki Setze, August 28-29, just days before Rosh Hashana. Eight Kollel families were hosted by the Eastside community, and the Kollel scholars and Kollel women offered a number of classes and talks focused on the *Yamim Nora'im* (Days of Awe) at Bais Yisroel, DAT Minyan and EDOS.

"I really enjoyed spending Shabbos with the members of the Kollel, and it's

always a pleasure to hear their words of Torah," said DAT Minyan member Josh Baraban. "The DAT community benefits tremendously from our warm relationship with the Denver Kollel."

"Everyone on the East Side is so welcoming and appreciative," says Gitty Mozes of the Kollel. "It's inspiring to see so many people looking to grow in their Judaism."

"I'm a native of Denver, and even though my family went to the West

Side to visit my great-grandmother who lived on Irving, we never had any connection to the Jewish community on 'that' side of town," explains East Side resident Ellyn Hutt. "The Kollel has changed all that, creating a bridge that has brought me and my husband into a relationship with Kollel rabbis, rebbetzins, and other West Side, and, now, Southeast, families. We're grateful for their teaching, their programs and their presence." ❧