

UNITED LUBAVITCHER YESHIVA HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MELAVEH MALKA

On Motzaei Shabbos Kodesh Parshas Toldos, United Lubavitcher Yeshiva of Ocean Parkway held its annual *Melaveh Malka*.

This year, the *Melaveh Malka* was in honor of the Shloshim of Reb Shia b'r Yitzchok Zinger, a'h. Among those honored as Parents of the Year were his grandchildren, Shmuel and Etti Chein, co-honorees with Shmuel and Miri Greenwald. Mr. Heshy Reiss was honored as Alumnus of the Year. As he accepted his plaque, he said, "I must admit that if not for the caring and education of the yeshiva, I don't know where I would have been today."

Rabbi Yitzchok Y. Hecht, program director, emceed the evening, which hosted over 350 people. The *Melaveh Malka* opened, according to tradition, with a wonderful story of the Baal Shem Tov. In short, the story told of a wealthy man who wished to feel the same pain of poverty that his poverty-stricken guests feel each day. This is something we could also try out – we could imagine what it would be like to work regularly and not receive a weekly paycheck. Perhaps if we understood what it means to live that way, we would give more readily and generously.

The *menahel*, Rabbi S. Dechter, spoke about the significance of the name "Toldos," a direct reference to children, and its direct relevance to chinuch. Rabbi Dechter pointed out the significance of the fact that the

parsha in which the *Melaveh Malka* took place is named Toldos, whereas Parshas Noach, which also lists generations, is not so named. This is a lesson for us: a clue that the true *toldos* refers to those whose behavior is proper, to those who do *maasim tovim* (good deeds). We must understand from this how extremely

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important are our good deeds.

Mr. Shlomo HaLevi (Steven) Levy, a supporter and close friend of the Yeshiva and Rabbi Hecht, proprietor of a Jewelry store Christi Sothers in Manhattan then spoke. He told of the importance of education beginning in the home, with *negel vasser* and *Modeh Ani*, *brachos*, etc. But the predominant source of *chinuch* comes from the yeshiva, where the child spends most of his daytime hours. Within these walls, Torah, *mitzvos* and *midos tovos* are imbued, with love

and feeling, into each child.

We also merited to hear from Mr. C. Pendarvis, chairman of Cristal Construction, about a favorite project of his: the establishment of a trade school. Mr. Pendarvis has devoted time and effort to this and many other school projects.

Mr. Chezky (Terry) Oved, esq., spoke eloquently about a lifelong question of his that he finally was able to answer. He could never understand how such a holy union as Yitzchok and Rivka could have had a child turn out like Eisav. "Now," he said, "I see a true answer. Had there been Yeshivas Tomchei T'mimim in those days, Eisav would have been a *mentch*." He thanked his previous *rebbeim* in Lubavitch Yeshiva, enumerating them each by name.

The *Melaveh Malka* closed with wishes that the following *Melaveh Malka* will be in Yerushalayim Ir HaKodesh, and our Rebbe will be the main and only speaker.

Before leaving, the Oved brothers (from the law firm of Oved and Oved) fulfilled their pledge to repair the elevator, so that one of our dear students who is wheelchair-bound would no longer need to be carried up and down the steps.

The administration asks that all alumni of Yeshivas Tomchei T'mimim register so they can be invited to future functions. Call: (718) 859-7600 ext 101 (whether you learned in Bedford and Dean 770 or Ocean Parkway).

CONVOY OF PROTEST

Due to the terrible security situation in Eretz Yisroel, with the lives of millions of Jews in danger, *r'l*, a few young men and *T'mimim* from Tzfas put their heads together in order to come up with a way to fulfill the Rebbe's directive to protest talks with terrorists (never mind giving up land to our sworn enemies and recognizing their authority!). A protest at this time is even more essential when nobody opens their mouth to object or challenge the course the government is taking.

They finally decided to put together a convoy of vehicles which would circulate the main arteries of the country. They were on their way last Sunday (25 Cheshvan), leaving Tzfas for Rosh Pina, and from there to Akko, HaKiryot, and Chaifa.

According to the original plan, they were only going to cover the northern end of the country, but then somebody suggested they continue into the center of the country. The answer they received about this in the *Igros Kodesh*



said they shouldn't be satisfied with spreading the wellsprings "*b'makif ha'karov*" (nearby) but should also go to "*makif ha'rachok*" (far). So they went through Netanya, Tel Aviv, and Ramat Gan.

The plan is to go out with similar convoys, and to protest the abandoning

of Jewish lives, bringing this message to hundreds of thousands of additional people. "This protest was important," said one of the men, "because the Rebbe himself said to those who asked him what the point was in protesting that if not for protesting, who knows how far they'd go?"