

Welcome We welcome our new students to a great year of Seminary! This year our Seminary students hail from Montreal, Monsey, Zurich, Lakewood, Milwaukee, Providence and Toronto! It is already starting out as an exciting year! We wish them all Hatzlocho Rabba.

Orientation The Seminary girls got a taste of Seminary and got to know each other last Monday night at the Orientation meeting. They watched a short video about a day in Seminary and played a game. Snacks were served and the evening was very enjoyable.

Shalosh Seudas. An opening Shalosh Seudas was hosted by and in the house of Mrs. Mendlowitz. The girls prepared all the food in the Seminary on Friday morning and what a beautiful job they did! Shabbos afternoon all the girls walked from the different Montreal areas and met at the Mendlowitz's. There was a beautiful atmosphere of Achdus as they really enjoyed each other's company. There was singing and chilling. The guest speaker, Mrs. C.B. Gross captivated all with her insightful words on the topic of Rosh HaShana.

Yom Iyun. As we go to press, Mrs. Glustein and Mrs. Kuhnreich are putting the final touches on their preparation for a Yom Iyun which will be held at the Seminary tomorrow, Tuesday. For a sneak preview we asked Mrs. Kuhnreich for a comment or two. There will be an interactive game which the girls will play in groups. The object is for each girl to realize her own potential and the gifts that Hashem gave her to help her reach her Tefikid. There will also be an inspirational speaker Rav Y. Whitman from Lakewood, NJ who will address the students.

Maaolt The Maalot students, who are pursuing their B.A. degree, have also started classes last week. The Kodsh classes have started and the Secular courses will begin after Sukkos. Besides the many Montreal girls in the program, we are also joined by 2 girls from overseas, Bracha from France and Deena from Eretz Yisroel, who were in here Seminary last year.

SAVE THE DATE !!!!! Announcing a very exciting event that will IY"Y take place very soon! We are planning to make our **first ever Seminary Reunion Melava Malka in Boro Park on Motzoei Shabbos November 20th, Parshas Vayishlach.** Details to follow. It's been 43 years since the Seminary opened its doors and this will surely be a fun time to meet your old Seminary friends and many other Seminary students. Rabbi Aisenstark and many of your former teachers will be on hand to greet you. **PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE.** Mrs. Glustein is hard at work putting this together. If you would be able to help out in any way please let her know, either at the Seminary number (514) 738-2100 or by calling her at home (514) 738-5300. This is not a fundraiser. While there will be a small cover charge to help cover costs, there will be no fundraising done at the Melava Malka. We hope that all those living in the tri-State NY area and many others will circle this date on their calendars.

A Rosh Hashana Vort

Moshol: (based on Sefer Bilvavi Mishkon Evne)

There was once a family who had an amazing uncle, let's call him Uncle Sholom. This uncle was known far and wide as being a caring and generous person. Even before someone approached him, he had a way of sensing their situation and of quietly helping out.

Imagine the joy when they received notice that Uncle Sholom was coming to visit them! He did not specify the length of his visit, but they assumed that he would be there for a week or so. They made the nicest room in the house available by cleaning it up, emptying a few drawers, and changing the linens.

Although there were quite a few challenges facing them, they put these aside in order to respect and enjoy their guest.

The day finally arrived and they were not disappointed, to say the least! Uncle Sholom arrived with good grace and many presents and with his joyful countenance the whole

house was soon transformed to a place of happiness. During his stay his hosts outdid themselves to give him anything that would please him.

After a few weeks, Uncle Sholom asked to speak with the father and proposed that he move in on a more permanent basis. He did not need a big room and would be happy to help with any household responsibilities, since he would now become a member of the household.

Now things were going to be different. While he was a guest, his room had not been completely emptied and the furniture was not changed. The paint had been pink and the walls were adorned with pictures befitting a girls' room. Now they had the room repainted, the furniture changed and the whole room was completely emptied to allow for all of Uncle Sholom's belongings.

With Uncle Sholom now being a part of the family came many new responsibilities, especially since he was a leading figure in the community. Certain ways had to be changed to allow for his dignity, but it was all worth it since Uncle Sholom brought stability and happiness to the whole family.

NIMSHOL:

During the month of ELUL Hashem comes to visit us as a DOD, a beloved Uncle. Chazal tell us that the word ELUL is an acronym for ANI L'DODI V'DODI LI, I am to my beloved (Uncle) and He is to me. When we reach Rosh Hashana we do not find the title of DODI any more, now Hashem is referred to as AVINU MALKAINU, our Father our KING. How does this transformation work and how can we facilitate this?

As in our Moshol, Hashem comes to visit us during Elul as an Uncle. He comes with all sorts of gifts and He is always watching out for everyone. There are certain actions that we must take to welcome Him. We clean up and are on our best behaviour, we give Him space within ourselves and act as His host.

After a few weeks, Hashem lets us know that He would like to move in on a more permanent basis. Shlomo Hamelech tells us in Shir Hashirim 5 "KOL DODI DOFEK -our Uncle is knocking on the door, PISCHI LI- open up for me. The famous Medrash tells us there that Hashem does not expect us to make great changes all at once, PISCHI LI PESACH K'CHUDO SHEL MACHAT-open a door as wide as a pinhead, and I will do the rest.

When Rosh Hashana comes, we must confirm that now Hashem is welcomed to stay, not merely as a guest-DODI, but as AVINU MALKAINU, our Father our King. He belongs; He is a part of the family. For this we have to rearrange the house. We have to "clean out" a "room" in our heart that will now permanently be His. It may start with only a tiny pinhead sized place but that place has to be pure and it has to be permanent.

The place in our heart dedicated to Hashem may be small but it cannot be for only this period of the year, it has to be for always.

Once we succeed in this transformation, Hashem now has the responsibility to do His part since He is now part of the "house". He will then grant us all the "tools" necessary to be successful.

Let us use the last few days of Elul to get close to our beloved Uncle, by treating Him the way He deserves; and let us make for Him a permanent place in our heart for Him to be our Father our King. He will then surely give us Bracha and Hatzlacha and bentch us we a SHANA TOVA U'MESUKAH.

E-mail addresses. Once again, please forward any other e-mail address that we may have lost and of those you feel would like to receive this Shmooze, so that I can build up the list again. Thanks!



I wish you a meaningful Yomim Noraim and may Hashem give each and every one of you all of your hearts desires and may He bring the Geulah quickly. L'Shana Habah B'Yerushalayim.

Rabbi Yossie Treisser

