

Torah dedication

On Wednesday, 29 Kislev, 5764 (Dec. 24), a Sefer Torah was dedicated in the central synagogue - Rachamei Tirza - of Elon Moreh. The Sefer was donated by the Suburban Orthodox Synagogue of Baltimore, Maryland, in memory of Rabbi Shlomo Preis, zt"l, former rabbi of the congregation.

As was mentioned by Rabbi Elyakim Levanon, rabbi of Elon Moreh, and Rabbi Shmuel Silber, the new rabbi of the Baltimore congregation, the Torah signifies the special bond for Jews all over the world. Even more so for us, every time we will read from the Sefer we will be reminded of a special man and a special community.

Rabbanit Preis also spoke, expressing her thanks to the two communities in joining together on the Torah project, a true memorial to her late husband, who was dedicated to Torah and to helping others.

A group of over 50 members of the synagogue and several former Baltimorians now living in Israel joined in the celebration. The group was treated to lunch in the Chelkat Hasadeh Field School and was shown a video about the community. Then Menahem Brody, a professional tour guide and member of Elon Moreh, led the group on a tour of the community, including the Lunz Lookout, overlooking the city of Shechem.



Rabbanit Preis, Rabbanit Silber, Rabbi Silber, Rabbi Levanon and Dr. Fuchs



The group met Yael Lieberman, widow of Rabbi Hillel Lieberman who was killed while trying to get to Joseph's Tomb in Shechem, after the Israeli army abandoned the site.

Security

Several months ago the security vehicle of Elon Moreh overturned and Yossi Beilon, who was in charge of security, was killed. The vehicle was totally destroyed and a replacement had to be bought. The total cost was \$20,000 and understanding the emergency situation that this created, our friends from the Raritan Valley, NJ area raised more than half the total. Since it was extremely imperative that the vehicle be replaced as soon as possible it was decided that a loan for the balance be taken and the vehicle was purchased.



We wish to thank the members of Congregation Etz Ahaim, Congregation Ohev Emeth, Congregation Ohr Torah, Agudath Israel of Edison/Highland Park, Congregation Poile Zedek, Congregation Ahavas Achim and Young Israel of East Brunswick for helping us and participating in this project.

Contributions to cover the balance are still needed and would be appreciated.

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And Avram passed through the Land to the place of Shechem, to Elon Moreh
(BERESHIT 12:6)



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