

# GET YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVED



LEARN THE 89 DAYS OF  
'PRAYING WITH FIRE'

WHAT MAKES THE COMMUNITY TEFILLAH INITIATIVE  
**SO SUCCESSFUL? IT'S...**

## EFFECTIVE

- 95.7% said learning *Praying With Fire* helped them **daven better**
- 88% said their understanding of tefillah **improved**

## ENJOYABLE

- 95.7% said they **enjoyed learning** *Praying with Fire*
- Teens also enjoyed learning *Praying With Fire- For Teens*



## FLEXIBLE

- Daily lessons take 3-5 minutes to learn
- 73% learned *Praying With Fire* by themselves
- 24% learned with a friend or family member
- 3% learned with a group

## EASY TO LEARN

97% said they **would recommend** *Praying With Fire* Initiative to others communities

**"THIS SEFER IS VITALLY  
NECESSARY..."**

*HaRav Mattisyahu Salomon, Shlita,  
Mashgiach Beis Medresh Gevoha*

**"EVERY SHUL SHOULD BE  
ENCOURAGING ITS MEMBERS  
TO LEARN 'PRAYING WITH FIRE'"**

*Rabbi Yissocher Frand*

**"THIS SEFER IS GEVALDIK."**

*Rabbi Mordechai Willig, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva  
University, Rabbi at Young Israel of Riverdale*

## OVER 155 SHULS HAVE PARTICIPATED

• Agudath Israel Anshei Kielec South (Toronto) • Agudath Israel Greenspring (Baltimore) • Agudath Israel North (Toronto) • Agudath Israel Park Heights (Baltimore) • Agudas Israel of Staten Island (Staten Island) • Agudas Shomrei Hadaas (Staten Island) • Ahavat Achim (Fair Lawn) • Ahavath Torah (Englewood) • Anshe Emes (Los Angeles) • Arzei Darom (Teaneck) • Bais HaKnesses Ohr HaChaim (Baltimore) • Bais Hamedrash Chasedai Bobov (Toronto) • Bais HaMedrash Ohel Moshe (Baltimore) • Bais Lubavitch (Baltimore) • Bais Medrash of Bergenfield (Bergenfield) • Bais Medrash of Rancholeigh (Baltimore) • Bais Yisroel (Minneapolis)\* • BAYT (Toronto) • Beit Yaakov (Safra) (Baltimore) • Beth Abraham (Bergenfield) • Beth Tefillah (Paramus) • Brnai Jacob Shaaeri Zion (Baltimore) • Chabad Lubavitch of Baltimore (Baltimore) • Clanton Park Machzikei Hadas (Toronto) • Community Kollel of Baltimore (Baltimore) • Cong. Beth Aaron (Teaneck) • Cong. Bnai Yeshurun (Teaneck) • Cong. Machzikei Torah (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Cong. Shaaray Tefila (Lawrence) • Cong. Zera Avraham (Denver) • Darchei Tzedek (Baltimore) • East Hill Synagogue (Englewood) • Etz Chayim (Baltimore) • Etz Chaim (Teaneck) • Kehilath B'nei Torah (Baltimore) • Kehilath Keshet (Englewood) • Kehilla Marine Park (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Keter Torah (Teaneck) • Kahal Ahavas Yisroel Tzemach Tzedek (Baltimore) • Kahal Yereim (Toronto) • Keneseth Israel (Minneapolis) • Khal Adath Jeshurun (Paramus) • Khal Bais Mordechai D'Berch (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Khal Bnai Torah (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Khal Bnai Torah of Marine Park (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Khal Tiferes Avraham D'Zidichov (Marine Park, Bklyn) • K'hal Avodas Yisroel (Baltimore) • K'hal Keser Yisroel Mordechai (Flatbush, Bklyn) • Kollel Bais Avraham David (Toronto) • Kollel Bnai Torah (Brooklyn)\* • Kollel Toronto (Toronto) • Kol Torah (Baltimore) • Machzikei Torah (Baltimore) • Merkaz Yisroel of Marine Park: The Marine Park Jewish Center (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Ner Tamid Greenspring Valley (Baltimore) • Ohel Shalom (Dallas) • Ohr HaMizach (Baltimore) • Ohr Hatorah (Bergenfield) • Ohr Hatorah (Dallas) • Ohr Somayach JEP • Rinat Yisrael (Teaneck) • Sephardic Congregation of Nostrand Ave. (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Sephardic Torah Center (Dallas) • Shaare Tefillah (Teaneck) • Shaare Tefilla (Dallas) • Shaarei Orah (Teaneck) • Shaarei Shomayim (Toronto) • Shaarei Tefillah (Toronto) • Shearith Israel (Baltimore) • Shiff Shul (Toronto) • Shoavei Mayim (Toronto) • Shomrei Emunah (Baltimore) • Shomrei Emunah (Englewood) • Shomrei Mishmeres HaKodesh (Baltimore) • Shomrei Shabbos Chevra Mishnayos (Toronto) • Shomrei Torah (Fair Lawn) • Suburban Orthodox Torah Chaim (Baltimore) • Tehilla L'David (Toronto) • The Marlee Shul (Toronto) • The Village Shul (Toronto) • Tiferes Yisroel Bais David (Baltimore) • Toras Emes Cong. (Toronto) • Yeshiva Gedola Ohr Yisroel of Marine Park (Marine Park, Bklyn) • Young Israel of Aventura (Aventura) • Young Israel of Bedford Bay (Flatbush, Bklyn) • Young Israel of Dallas (Dallas) • Young Israel of Fort Lee (Fort Lee) • Young Israel of Hewlett (Hewlett) • Young Israel of Long Beach (Long Beach) • Young Israel of Passaic Clifton (Passaic) • Young Israel of Scarsdale (Scarsdale) • Young Israel of Staten Island (Staten Island) • Young Israel of Teaneck (Teaneck) • Zichron Mordechai (Teaneck) • Zichron Schneur (Toronto)

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# DATA PRESENTS DALLAS AREA COMMUNITY TEFILLAH SHABBATON

Guest Speaker:

## Rabbi Heshy Kleinman

*Author of Praying With Fire 1 & 2, Praying With Meaning, Praying With Passion*

### Shabbos Parshas Beshalach JANUARY 18-20

#### FRIDAY - JAN. 18

8:00am

**Akiba Academy of Dallas**

8:30am

**Yavneh Academy of Dallas**

10:00am

**Torah Day School of  
Dallas Boys Division**

10:20am

**Torah Day School of  
Dallas Girls Division**

12:15pm

**Mesorah High School**

#### SHABBOS - JAN. 18 - 19

##### FRIDAY NIGHT

After Kabbalat Shabbat

Congregation Shaare Tefilla

*Prayer: Is Anyone Listening?*

##### FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG

Home of Rabbi Shaya  
and Shani Fox

6207 Lafayette Way  
(corner of Lafayette and Whitley)

8:45pm

*Resolving Unanswered Tefillos*

##### SHABBOS DAY DRASHA

Ohr HaTorah

Before Mussaf (approx. 10:15am)

*Tefillah: The Key To Feel  
Hashem's Loving Hand*

##### SHABBOS DAY AFTER KIDDUSH

Ohr HaTorah

Approximately 11:30am  
(babysitting available)

*The Immeasurable  
Power of Prayer;*

*Your Tefillah Truly Matters*

##### WOMEN'S AFTERNOON ADDRESS

Home of Miriam Goldfeder  
6307 Preston Crest Lane  
4:00pm

*Am I Wasting My Time?  
Digging Deeper Into  
The Purpose of Prayer*

##### SEUDA SHLISHIT

Young Israel of Dallas  
After Mincha

*Feeling The Impact of Your Tefillah*

##### MELAVA MALKA IN PLANO

Home of Joey and Tziporah Benami  
8:30pm

*Tefillah; Not Just Lip Service*



For details about the Shabbaton and the Community Wide Tefillah Initiative or to be a sponsor  
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Rabbi Heshy Kleinman, author of the *Praying With Fire* series, at Congregation Ohr HaTorah in Dallas on Sunday morning, saying goodbye to Mr. Eli Hammerman, one of the hundreds of people he inspired over the Tefillah Initiative weekend.



Rabbi Heshy Kleinman addressing the fourth- and fifth-graders at Torah Day School of Dallas during his visit to Dallas. After speaking to the middle school students, the fourth- and fifth-grade boys were disappointed they didn't hear Rabbi Kleinman, so without hesitating, Rabbi Kleinman went into their classroom and gave them a private *drashah*.

chim proved the incredible nature of *Klal Yisrael*, the dedication and responsibility to one another that is intrinsic to us as a people.

Shas for Shidduchim led to an influx of *tefillos*, love, and support for those feeling so helpless in their (or a loved one's) search for their *bashert*. Participants were invigorated to make renewed efforts to help make *shidduchim*, as Rav Bender reminded the crowd, "*Shidduchim* can come from the funniest places."

The crowd, who gathered from all walks of life, from different backgrounds, in different attire, were blown away by the amazing sense of unity that Shas for Shidduchim brought upon *Klal Yisrael*. "We all feel for each other, we're all *davening* for each other, it's truly a display of *Kol Yisrael areiveim zeh lazeh*," said Mr. Marc Geller, a Chicago resident and Shas for Shidduchim participant.

"If we're all in this together, our *zechuyos* are pooling up and hopefully we'll be *zocheh* to see *yeshuos*!"

After an intense 24-hour learning marathon, the completion of *Shas* was celebrated by a beautiful *siyum HaShas*.

The *simchah* in the air was palpable, as hundreds of community members gathered together to celebrate this incredible accomplishment, filled with the hope that there will be many more occasions to celebrate!

A special thank you to all the Shas for Shidduchim *lomdim* and sponsors who really made this happen, either by actively learning, contributing services, or supporting the cause. We truly could never have accomplished this feat without you.

Following the incredible dedication of *Klal Yisrael* to each other and to *limud haTorah* that we saw in the Shas for Shidduchim event, may we be *zocheh* to celebrate many *simchos*!

Let's gear up for Shas for Shidduchim 2020!



Partial view of the crowd at Aish Denver, as Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, *shochet* from Chicago, demonstrates concepts from *Maseches Chullin*, in conjunction with a *Daf Yomi* project. The event was presented by the Scroll-K Vaad Hakashrus of Denver and Agudath Israel of Colorado.

### Dallas Area Community-Wide Tefillah Initiative And Shabbos

On *Shabbos Parashas Beshalach*, 15 local Orthodox organizations in Dallas participated in a "Tefillah Initiative," a weekend of meaningful study and awakening to the timeless message of *tefillah*, sponsored by the Dallas Kollel.

Rabbi Heshy Kleinman, the author of the renowned series *Praying With Fire*, was brought to Dallas to expose those of all ages to a higher connection to *tefillah*.

The Shabbos was organized with one goal in mind, to help enable everyone throughout the community, each in his own way, to be elevated, inspired and add meaning to their *tefillah*.

One goal of the initiative is for participants to read a five-minute daily meaningful lesson regarding *tefillah* for 89 days.

In order to make this possible, Rabbi Kleinman's *sefer*, *Praying With Fire* was disseminated to adults, and *Praying With Fire*

*For Teens*, was disseminated to students in Akiba and Torah Day School, Yavneh and Mesorah high schools.

This was made possible by subsidies provided by the Dallas Kollel and other generous donors.

An additional portion of the initiative is to give people the opportunity to use a free *Kavanah Kuntros*, produced by Rabbi Kleinman's organization, Va'ani Tefillah, a fantastic in-depth translation of *Shemoneh Esrei*, with the suggestion to improve *Shemoneh Esrei* slowly, one or two *brachos* each week, until the meaning of each *brachah* is "second nature."

Rabbi Shaya Fox of DATA, project coordinator, arranged 13 different speeches in 10 different locations in the Dallas Area. Rabbi Kleinman began on Friday morning by speaking at Yavneh Academy, and addressed the entire school about the importance of each person's *tefillos* and how they can make a difference.

Later in the day, Rabbi Kleinman addressed the students of Akiba Academy, and subsequently, Torah

Day School, about how the *tefillos* of young children can be extremely potent.

He then moved on to Mesorah High School and spoke to the girls about how their Father in Heaven always wants to hear from all, regardless of their spiritual level.

On Friday night during *Kabbalas Shabbos*, Rabbi Kleinman spoke at Congregation Shaare Tefilah, delivering a short inspirational talk about the connection through *tefillah* to "our Father in Heaven." Later that night he addressed a group at a Friday night *oneg*.

Rabbi Kleinman spoke twice at Ohr HaTorah during *Shacharis* and Young Israel of Dallas during the *seudah shelishis*, drawing large crowds at both locations. Shabbos afternoon, he held a meaningful women's talk about women and *tefillah* at a local home.

Lastly, after Shabbos at a *melaveh malkah*, Rabbi Kleinman addressed DATA of Plano about the important question of unanswered *tefillos*, as well as engaging individuals about their personal struggles with *tefillah*.

Many local Rabbanim have said that the *Shabbaton* was a huge success, as many congregants and students really took Rabbi Kleinman's words to heart and were inspired to join the initiative to improve their *tefillos*.

Rabbi Kleinman remarked, "I was so inspired by the Jewish community of Dallas and I'd like to model this weekend in 35 other cities in the United States. Dallas set a precedent which other cities should learn from and strive to emulate."

He also emphasized the tremendous *achdus* which was fostered by so many diverse institutions joining together with the common bond of *tefillah*.

The organizers hope that the 89-day reading of the powerful book *Praying With Fire* will continue this unity and will spark a fire

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