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## KNIGHTS OF NIGHT

Meet Monsey's Protectors

## THE CLASSIC SUKKAH STAR IN 3-D

An enjoyable craft to enhance your Sukkah

## AN ODE TO SUMMER

A reminiscent pictorial of the season we love





# SLEEP TIGHT;

## Everything Will Be All Right



Eleven thousand Monsey families are sleeping soundly. Their cars are parked. Their homes are locked. The lights are out. Everyone's in dreamland

Who's protecting them?

There's a secret group of twenty of Monsey's strongest and most selfless men. A group who has surrendered the comfort of rest to watch over our community, your homes, your children, your assets, your life.

Who are those twenty men?

They are between the ages of 23-40, young fathers of growing families, dedicated husbands and sons. They give up their night's sleep and they learn. All night.

What do they do by day? They learn by day, too!

Walking into 2 Howard Drive, you will find them working hard, sweating, making sure that Monsey is safe. Starting at 12:45 promptly, they each immerse themselves in the sea of Torah. Some learn on their own, others bechavrusa; yet some others participate in the Dirshu program. A dayan and maggid shiur are on premises to answer sheilos and discuss questions.

Welcome to the World of Kollel Chatzos.

**T**he basic concept of night learning is as ancient as Torah itself. The world exists because of Torah, and to sustain it, there has to be round-the-clock learning. The Zohar and many other gedolim of the past have praised those who learn nightly, since their Torah upkeeps the worlds and adds protection to their community.

The Kaf Hachaim writes that if someone cannot learn at night, he should pay a talmid chacham to learn instead and he will merit special brocha in his life. That's why yidden across the globe call 1855 CHATZOS to sponsor nightly learning on their behalf. Next to every talmid chacham is a list of the sponsors' names that they keep in mind while learning. The lists are short so that the talmidei chachamim can truly focus on each one. If a name is taken off the list, they will notice and even ask about whether they were helped.

After several consecutive hours of learning, they gather for davening at daybreak. A shacharis, after so many hours of sacrifice, is priceless. The Kollel Members daven again for the names on their list.

### How It All Began

When founder Rabbi Nechemye Hoffman was learning in The Mir as a bochur, he became acquainted with a talmid chacham and bal mechaber who introduced him to the life-changing world of Zohar. He was intrigued. "I noticed that the mention of Torah at chatzos haleilah is one of Rabbi Shimon's most oft discussed topics."

Rabbi Hoffman decided to try it. He began waking up every midnight and immediately felt the special kedusha. But then he got married and joined a day kollel. "I couldn't forget about it. I missed the night time learning immensely." After hearing so much about it, his wife urged him to open his own kollel with the little money they had saved up. Within two weeks, fifteen yungeleit were enrolled.

### Behind Every Man

The kollel life is challenging, but imagine a kollel life when the man of the house learns at night, as well. "It's not easy," Mindy, a kollel wife and mother of four, says. "But we signed up for it because it's the greatest gift I can give to my husband." When someone applies to join the kollel, his wife has to sign that she agrees to this decision.

Understanding the toll this takes on these wives, the kollel founded a support group for the women to give advice and share their experiences. They also give discount coupons for the women Erev Yom Tov. "We never forget

## Q & A

Rabbi Nechemye Hoffman

**Q: How did one small kollel grow into four locations?**

**A:** After the first zman, the initial funds were exhausted. Once, meeting a new father, I mentioned the Kollel. The father gave me \$30, so that the kollel should learn on the night of the child's vachnacht. I realized that this was my solution to continue the growth of the Kollel. Soon enough, word spread and we had to set up a proper office to handle the volume of calls. From there we grew to four locations and plans to roll out more soon.

**Q: What is the most memorable story in your mind?**

**A:** Two years ago, we had two top talmidei chachamim leave the kollel since their families grew and they joined the workforce to provide for their families. I met them a couple of month later and asked them if they felt more rested. Both complained that they don't accomplish nearly as much as they used to. This story reminds me that being part of Kollel Chatzos actually changes your day, not only your night!

**Q: What is your vision for Kollel Chatzos?**

**A:** Simple. A kollel in every city.



Avreichim arriving to Kollel at 12:45am



A recent event organized for the dedicated wife's of the kollel



Kollel members reciting Ketores at the kever of Arizal



An avreich davening for the sponsors.

who makes it all possible,” says Rabbi Hoffman.

### The Stories

Walking up to one of the yungeleit to hear what they have to say, it's shocking to listen to their perspective. “It's the stories of yeshuos that keep us going,” one avreich says. He tells a story of a rich Los Angeles businessman who called the kollel because his expecting wife was diagnosed with cancer. The secretary listed all the sponsorship opportunities, but he said he wants something special. They told him about the Yissaschar/Zevulun partnership, and he took to it immediately. “We became close friends,” the avreich recounts. “He calls me once a week to hear what I've accomplished. He discusses questions with me, asks me for advice, and updates me on his personal life. His wife B”H made a complete recovery and gave birth to a healthy baby.” This businessman keeps up his partnership and continues to build on their friendship.

### Perfect Timing:

It's Rosh Chodesh Elul. The carefree of summer fades into the austerity of the approaching Yom Hadin. We're all in search of more mitzvos to tip the scale in our favor.

What if there was a marketplace you can buy mitzvos at? What if you can literally fill your shopping cart with zechusim?

Actually there is! By sponsoring Nightly Torah Learning or Partnering with Kollel Chatzos you can get the mitzvah of limud Hatorah and bring special siyata dishmaya your way. Here are many different ways you can become connected to Torah:

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### Chatzos Partner

Partner with Kollel Chatzos! For a small amount of \$50-850 you can either be a partner for a night, week, month or year in one of the four locations. The entire kollel will daven for you to bring bracha and shemura into your life.

#### KAF HACHAIM:

Yidden who can't get learn nightly themselves should give money to those who do.



### Yessuscher Zevulun

The partnership that goes back to the days of the shevatim: access the bracha of sponsoring the nightly learning of one of these extraordinary talmidei chachamim to bring mazel onto yourself, your business and your family!

#### DAMESEK ELIEZER:

If one is occupied with business and cannot learn at night, he should give money to a talmid chacham, thereby become a partner in his torah.



### Amukah

A Meron Kollel member will learn and daven for you at the kever of R' Yonasan Ben Uziel to find your bashert.

**MEKUBALIM:** R' Yonasan's kever is an long known for it's immense power to help people find their bashert



### Lumdei Mishnayos L'neshomah

You can sponsor a night l'eilu nishmas or have an avreich finish a mesechta in time for a loved one's yahrzeit.

**THE ZOHAR:** Hashem and the departed neshamos of this world listen to the kol of Torah that is studied at night.



### Bar Yochai

Gather brachos as a group of the most pious talmidei chachamim of our generation gather nightly in Miron to learn at the tzion of Rabbi Shimon.

**RABBI SHIMON:** Yidden who learn Chatzos haleilah are friends of Hashem and the malachim are afraid to stand in their way!



### Ketores Segulah

A lengthy avodah of over a half an hour, the kollel members can recite this segulah mentioning your name as a protection against all illnesses and disease.

**RABBI YITCHOK KADURI:** Cancer is a decree from Heaven, one thing you can do is the Ketoras Segulah!

### Zera shel kayamah

When you donate, the chaburah will daven for you to be blessed with the gift of zera shel kayamah.

**THE BEN ISH CHAI:** a childless couple should donate for a chaburah that learns at night to be blessed with children.



### Pidyon Rashash

The kollel member recite the pidyon on 160 pure silver coins as a segulah for all kinds of yeshuos.

**THE RASHASH:** It was tested 1000 times and it never failed!



### Vachnacht shemirah

Have your city's most devout talmidei chachamim protect your son the night before his bris.

**THE ZOHAR:** On the night before the bris the father should gather a minyan of talmidei chachamim and learn Torah all night.

**FOUR** LOCATIONS

MONROE MONSEY  
BROOKLYN MERON

**95** KOLLEL MEMBERS

**756** SUCCESS STORIES

REAL REGARDS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

**\$1,432,000** TOTAL YEARLY BUDGET

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CALL 1855 CHATZOS TO BECOME A PARTNER IN THE ZECHUS AND BRACHA OF TORAH!

