

# Tahareinu Presents an Unprecedented Evening of Inspiration in Yerushalayim

## *Empowering women, thousands at a time*

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When you walked through the doors of Binyanei Ha'umah on Sunday evening, Dec. 4, the first reaction was awe. Throngs of women, thousands of them, were entering the hall at an hour that usually heralds bedtime, baths, and dishes. For every participant, tonight would be a night like no other.

After enjoying a delectable meal from Hekelman's Caterers, the crowd took their seats in the auditorium, eager to be entertained, to be inspired, to be enlightened. The Tahareinu evening did not disappoint. From the eclectic variety of engaging speakers to the riveting presentations, every facet of the program flowed seamlessly from one into the next. The aura of professionalism and appreciation for the audience's precious time was awe-inspiring.

The esteemed MC, Mrs. Rikki Rabinowitz, appropriately launched the event with a chapter of *Tehillim* that stirred every woman in the packed room. "*Eshtecha kegefen poriya...*" With their minds on those not yet fortunate to have built their own nest, the crowd spent several moments in the position of Zareinu's esteemed team, thinking of those who are awaiting their *yeshuos*.

The wise words of Rabbi Moshe Klein of Hadassah Hospital were followed by an enlightening presentation by the renowned Professor Simcha Yagel, head of the women's department at Hadassah, who described the myriad revolutionary services that the medical center provides. This acclaimed hospital's contribution and close collaboration with Toras Hamishpacha had a large part in making this groundbreaking event possible.

In his soft-spoken yet powerful delivery style, Rav Yitzchak Berkowitz then offered profound words, lauding Rabbi Yitzchak Melber of Tahareinu for his selfless dedication to the *klal*. He highlighted the importance of the organization's existence as an address for struggling couples.

The riveting video presentation that followed offered illuminating snippets of inspiration regarding the Jewish woman's power. From Rebbetzin Chaya Levine, the audience learned about a woman's power to deal with any trying situation. In her engaging style, Rebbetzin Dina Schoonmaker

enlightened the women about their power as wives.

Rebbetzin Tzipora Heller's presentation was loaded with advice and inspiration about an *eishes chayil's* power of *tefillah*, and Rebbetzin Rina Tarshish offered an impassioned talk about the woman's unique influence on the Torah and *Yiddishkeit* of her future generations.

These presentations, each one sharply honed to deliver a concise message that would sear into the hearts of the audience, were only one way in which Tahareinu successfully achieved its goal of empowering women on this special evening.

When Rabbanit Yemima Mizrachi took her place at the podium, a hushed silence fell over the crowd. The speaker, who has become renowned for her dramatic presentations that are saturated with brilliance, wit, and a dash of humor, did not disappoint.

Comparing today's self-sufficient women to the sun, the Rabbanit highlighted the importance of an *eishes*

*chayil's* role as the clouds. Her timeless message of the characteristics of a solid marriage brought insight and a smile to every riveted listener in the room.

The audience was then privileged to hear a few words from the esteemed director of Tahareinu, Rabbi Yitzchak Melber, whose tireless work on behalf of the *klal* was only partly highlighted throughout the evening.

Rabbi Melber utilized the opportunity to express his gratitude to Hashem for the success of an organization that has helped thousands of families around the globe maintain their health and harmony.

There was not a dry eye in the room when the keynote speaker, Rabbi Yissocher Frand, shared the story of Rebbetzin Bluma Bloch's final *mesirus nefesh* for her precious children.

"It's in your DNA," the esteemed *Rosh Yeshivah* of Ner Israel in Baltimore stated simply.

Lauding the Jewish women for their behind-the-scenes role in building the nation, Rabbi Frand expressed his

admiration for the "enablers," the ones who make it all happen without fanfare.

To complete the consummate roller-coaster of emotion that every woman in the crowd experienced on this magnificent evening, the Kalifa Sisters then graced the stage with their charming voices and messages of hope.

Their stunning medley of songs, which highlighted the power of the Jewish woman, had the audience clapping and swaying along, many of them daring enough to raise their voices in harmony. What an evening!

As the crowds headed back home to their *mikdash me'at*, the imprint that this evening left on their hearts was palpable. Every woman left feeling charged with a mission, a privilege, a *zechus*. Being a Jewish woman, she learned, is her unique opportunity to elevate her seemingly mundane obligations into a spiritual honor.

The recording of the Tahareinu event is available for purchase. Be inspired!  
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(L to R) Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz, *Rosh Kollel* Kollel Yerushalayim, delivers *divrei brachah*; Rabbi Yitzchak Melber, founder and director of Tahareinu, Toras Hamishpacha; Rabbi Yissocher Frand, *Rosh Yeshivas* Ner Israel, Baltimore, keynote speaker.



Hundreds of boys gathered together in YHS hall on Motzoei Shabbos for the Agudas Yisroel Pirchim Siyum.