

Around the Community



Rabbi Ami Cohen, who gives simanei kashrus demonstrations around the country, visited YOSS this week in connection with Parshas Shmini. Rabbi Cohen brings with him a large array of hooves, heads, and horns from various kinds of kosher and non-kosher animals, giving a real life understanding about the different simanim.

Cincinnati Hosts Rabbi Daniel Glatstein

On Feb 25-27, Golf Manor Shul (GMS) in Cincinnati, Ohio, hosted Rabbi Daniel Glatstein in honor of Shabbos M'varchim Adar.

Rabbi Glatstein has a deep love for history and always seeks to find the exact source for every Torah idea he incorporates in his shiurim. In his little bit of free time on Friday afternoon, Rabbi Glatstein was determined to make it to the Klau library at Hebrew Union College (HUC) to explore the world's second largest collection of Jewish books including many rare seforim only available in Cincinnati.

As soon as Shabbos began, Rabbi Glatstein was hard at work. At the Friday night oneg, Rabbi Glatstein shared remarkable stories from his many international kevarim trips. Amidst the laughter and amazement was the clear message that having a connection with a Rebbe is critical to growing as a Jew and connecting to the authors of the seforim we learn brings their Torah to life. On Shabbos day, Rabbi Glatstein delivered the Shabbos drasha. He gave a class for women after kiddush, a shiur before Mincha, and a dvar Torah at Shalosh Seudos. On Motzei Shabbos Rabbi Glatstein spoke at the Melava Malka. Rabbi Glatstein's drashos and shiurim covered a broad range of topics all connected to the upcoming yom tov of Purim.

At the Melava Malka, Rabbi Alt, the



Rabbi Yosef Alt, rav of the Golf Manor Shul, with Rabbi Daniel Glatstein near Rabbi Eliezer Silver's kever in Cincinnati

rav of Golf Manor Shul, shared how impressed he was with all of Rabbi Glatstein's shiurim, "Every shiur has a source I've never heard before. Rabbi Glatstein's delivery is exceptional. He's funny, engaging, and inspiring."

On Sunday, GMS partnered with Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati

(JCGC) for a special trip to the cemeteries with Rabbi Glatstein. The first stop was in Cincinnati's Price Hill cemetery at the grave of Rabbi Yissachar Dov Illowy. Rabbi Glatstein described many fascinating details of the life and history of Rabbi Illowy. Rabbi Illowy was one of the earliest voices of Orthodox Jewry in Ameri-

ca. His pen was his sword with which he battled the tides of assimilation created by Reform. Rabbi Glatstein shared, "You may wonder, where are the shuls and schools that this great man created? They are nowhere to be found and they are everywhere! He devoted his life to maintaining authentic Judaism in America, it is in his credit that any and every Orthodox institution exists today."

The final stop was the grave of the famed gadol Rabbi Eliezer Silver, z"l. In addition to many of the familiar stories about Rabbi Silver, Rabbi Glatstein shared a personal connection he has. In Kew Gardens Hills, Rabbi Glatstein connected with a Talmud Muvhak (close disciple) of Rabbi Silver, Rabbi Shlomo Wahrman. Rabbi Wahrman published many seforim including his seven-volume masterpiece *She'eris Yosef*. It was due to Rabbi Silver's constant encouragement that Rabbi Wahrman became the accomplished author that he was. Rabbi Silver even personally reviewed his student's manuscripts before they went to print. Rabbi Glatstein in turn shared his manuscripts with Rabbi Wahrman before publishing his own seforim, connecting vicariously to Rabbi Silver through his student Rabbi Wahrman.

Many Cincinnatians were left forever touched, moved, and inspired by Rabbi Glatstein from his short visit to Cincinnati.