

Agra d’Pirka’s Upcoming Decade Dinner – Historic Event Celebrates Ten Incredible Years

Agra d’Pirka, the organized morning *kollel* program that has revolutionized *limud haTorah* for *baalei batim* in America, will be holding a Decade Dinner celebrating ten years of Torah illuminating nine communities.

How did it all get started? When and where did it all begin? R’ Ezra looks back at ten incredible years and reminisces about the early days.

“The program began ten years ago in Flatbush,” says R’ Ezra Klein, founder and Rosh HaKollelim, noting that “there were no mid-morning *shiurim* that I knew of in Flatbush. There were *daf yomi* groups and also *chavrusa* programs, but nothing quite like Agra d’Pirka.”

However, Agra d’Pirka doesn’t run on autopilot, and there’s a full staff of employees and volunteers who work tirelessly to make it happen. These people, under the direction of R’Chaim Fuhrer, arrange the light breakfast that is available at most locations, schedule the speakers, enlist substitute *maggidei shiur* when necessary, and – most noteworthy – coordinate the highly anticipated special Legal Holiday programs that draw large crowds.

R’ Ezra says he’s running Agra d’Pirka like a business, a Torah business. “And we’re doing it on a shoestring budget.” There are currently a total of fifty five staff members, including representatives at each location who manage the pro-



grams and report directly back to the central office. All these people are vital to the program, of course. But the ones who really make it happen are the *shiur* participants who show up day after day, week after week, to be a part of this awesome endeavor.

It’s not easy. “Most of the *shiurim* are on a high level,” R’ Ezra points out. “And you have to make an effort to keep up.”

Join Agra d’Pirka’s Decade Dinner celebrating ten years of Torah illuminating nine communities. The Dinner will be held Sunday evening, November 24th at Ateres Riva Hall in Brooklyn. For more information, contact Agra d’Pirka at info@agradpirka.org or call 212 661 9157.

From the outset, R’ Ezra realized that in order to attract bright and dedicated participants, he would have to offer engaging and articulate lecturers. He hand-picked his *maggidei shiur*, choosing exceptionally talented and knowledgeable *talmidei chachomim* for his program.

With this winning formula and great *siyata dishmaya*, Agra D’Pirka continues its mission.



EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 9 • **Talmud Torah of Flatbush** - Speaker: Rabbi Yaakov Glasser
- 9 • **Peninim** - Evening of Inspiration
- 14 • **Yeshiva Ateres Shimon** - Siyum
- 15-17 • **Project Inspire** - Shabbat Retreat
- 15 • **BJX** - Shabbos Project
- 16 • **Talmud Torah of Flatbush** - Speaker: Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik
- 17 • **Shuvu** - Annual 5 Towns/Far Rockaway Breakfast
- 19 • **H.O.P.E. & Hands on Approaches** - Women’s Health Awareness Event
- 23 • **Talmud Torah of Flatbush** - Speaker: Rabbi Dr. Jacob. J. Schacter
- 23 • **Nefesh Chaya Bikur Cholim** - Melave Malka
- 24 • **OU** - 7th International Jewish Community Fair
- 24 • **Agra D’Pirka** - Decade Dinner
- 26 • **Shuvu** - Annual Lakewood Reception
- 24 • **Ohel** - 50th Gala
- 24 • **Yeshiva Derech Chaim** - Chinese Auction

DECEMBER

- 1 • **Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem** - 113th Annual Dinner
- 7 • **Talmud Torah of Flatbush** - Speaker: Dr. David Luchin
- 7 • **Nechama Comfort** - 3rd Annual Dinner
- 12-15 • **Nefesh** - 23rd International Conference
- 14 • **Talmud Torah of Flatbush** - Speaker: Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz
- 15 • **Mirrer Yeshiva** - Annual Dinner
- 15 • **Rivkah Laufer Bikur Cholim** - Annual Boro Park Luncheon
- 17 • **H.O.P.E. & Hands on Approaches** - Women’s Health Awareness Event
- 30-1 • **Agudath Israel of America** - Pre-Siyum Yarchei Kallah

JANUARY 2020

- 1 • **Agudath Israel of America** - The Siyum
- 11 • **TEAM** - Annual Shabbos Event
- 12 • **Yeshiva Darchei Torah** - Annual Dinner

FEBRUARY

- 9 • **Dirshu-North America** - World Siyum 2020

MARCH

- 7 • **Shuvu** - 29th Annual Dinner

MAY

- 24 • **Yeshiva Derech Chaim** - Annual Dinner

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