

HFPJC

Bulletin

a.k.a. Avoyseinu
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A brief overview on our weekly activities



Facts & Stats

753 cemeteries with precise "status report" on current condition

329 restored cemeteries in 20 years of HFPJC

424 cemeteries in various stages of reconstruction

180 cemeteries in the HFPJC maintenance program

Over 10,000 people participated in HFPJC projects to date

7,650 donors enabled HFPJC to facilitate ongoing projects

22 Ohelim renewed or rebuilt

103,012 gravesites rescued from desecration

11 European countries where HFPJC is active

20 years since HFPJC founding

500 trusted weekly bulletins to update news and projects

Our Duty to Honor Kivrei Avos

From the words of
Our Sages

"Furthermore, the Torah tells the story of Avrohom Avinu and the Ma'aras Hamachpelu, to inform us about the kevarim of the Avos, for we are obligated to honor the kevarim of the holy Avos."

(Ramban, Chayay Sorah)

Yohrtzeit Honors



This column is dedicated in memory of the holy tzaddikim whose yohrtzeit is this week and whose gravesites are being restored by Avoyseinu:

18 Teves: R' Menachem Mendel son of R' Yehuda Freidlander zt"l from Nagyvarad | **20 Teves:** R' Yehuda son of R' Shimon Kain zt"l from Egerbegy | R' Bentzion son of R' Amrom Blum zt"l, Rav of Berettyoujfalu | **21 Teves:** R' Yosef son of R' Leib Shotzkes zt"l Rav of Brody | R' Shmuel son of R' Yehuda Brach zt"l, Rav of Nyirmada | **22 Teves:** R' Shmuel Dovid son of R' Shraga Fayish Halevi Yungreis zt"l, Rav of Fehergyarmat | R' Dov Berish Avrohom son of R' Yashaya Benat zt"l, Rav of Nagykallo | **24 Teves:** R' Meyer son of R' Yehuda Leib Eisenshtadt zt"l, Rav of Ungvar | R' Chayim Yakov son of R' Avrohom Ahron Zvi Fried zt"l, Rav of Tiszalok | R' Yekusiel Yehuda son of R' Moshe (Arugos Habosem) Greenwald zt"l, Rav of lara, his kever in Ungvar

Sena, Slovakia:

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חודך תש"פ

Breakthrough after 20 years

In this חג"ק רבי יצחק יהודא ובנו הגה"ק רבי שמעון ליבערמאן זצ"ל.

Chairman of Rabbinical Vaad: Harav דומ"ץ דושינסקיא shlita / Headed by the venerable brothers יעמערניג אב"ד in Brooklyn, and קהילות אב"ד קהילות, in S. Paulo, Brazil. / Harav סאטמאר-קליימער אב"ד שעינא, Harav דיין סאטמאר-קליימער einiklach of Reb Isser Z"l and his brother Reb Chaim Leib Greenfield Z"l.

This cemetery was the pioneering project that led to the founding of HFPJC – Avoyseinu twenty years ago. At that time, it was only possible to rescue and repair the main section of the cemetery and extended work was still needed to complete the project. Since then, the vaad and family didn't give up and persevered with constant intervention to extend the fencing around all sections of the cemetery. Finally, this week, local authorities granted permission to fence in the entire cemetery. Family members are elated and eager to complete the fencing and thus fully secure the holy resting place.



Highlights

of 2 decades

and

500 bulletins

Back in 2000, the Vaad HaRabunim and the descendants of Seña, Slovakia, started working on restoring the beis hachaim in the shtetel of their ancestors, giving the impetus to the subsequent founding of HFPJC-Avoyseinu. Ten years later, in 2010, Avoyseinu broadened the scope of its work to include scores of neglected batei chaim from other cities across Europe, and launched a weekly newsletter titled Avoyseinu Bulletin, featuring constant updates about the organization's multitude of projects. This week, Parshas Shemos, 20 years and 500 bulletins later, it is only fitting that we fervently proclaim: "Baruch Shehechianu V'Kiymanu..." and "Baruch Hatov V'hameitiv..."

Avoyseinu Bulletin, which adorns the walls of hundreds of shuls and is being emailed to thousands of recipients worldwide, mirrors the avodas hakodesh on the ground: The relentless work of restoring batei chaim on the European continent. Avoyseinu has merited receiving many brachos and much praise from leading gedolim and community leaders. Over the past 20 years, Avoyseinu has impacted thousands of extended families in hundreds of cities, and is m'kadash Shem Shamayim with the mitzvah of chessed shel emes by restoring respect to the deceased in dilapidated cemeteries.

Indeed, the cemetery in Seña is but a most telling example of Avoyseinu's unique approach to this venerable work, and the amazing siyatta dishmaya the organization sees. When Avoyseinu started working in Seña, many restrictions limited the scope of what they could do to restore the beis hachaim. Giving up was not an option, though. Small steps grew into larger ones, and little by little, the cemetery was restored to its rightful condition, spanning over two decades to achieve that goal.

Our ancestors are meilitz yosher for all participants in Avoyseinu's vital work who take pride in supporting such a praiseworthy cause. As Chazal tell us, chessed shel emes is one of the largest mitzvas- Ashrei Luhem V'ashrei Chelkum! Much bracha will be heaped upon those who participate wholeheartedly in this avodas hakodesh and upon their children and grandchildren.

The weekly Avoyseinu Bulletin has thus merited a trusted place in Shuls all over, with a reader-base of many thousands across the spectrum of Yiddishkeit, as we are all invested with these activities and updates.

To get the Avoyseinu Bulletin every week, to sponsor a special project, or to drop us a comment, email us at: hfpjc@thejnet.com

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