

The Kehilla in Sandy Springs and Kollel Ner Hamizrach of Atlanta Join Forces

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This past week, Sandy Springs, Georgia, a city just north of Atlanta on the cusp of developing a *frum* community, was witness to a unique event, celebrating the opening of a new *kollel*. The *kollel* is a joint project of the Kehilla in Sandy Springs and Kollel Ner Hamizrach of Atlanta.

Six years ago, Rabbi Karmi Ingber moved to Atlanta to build a Torah community in the beautiful environs of Sandy Springs. Rabbi Ingber was one of the founding members of the outreach training program known today as Ner LeElef and the founder of the Montreal Jewish Experience.

He came to Atlanta and saw the need for a new, young and vibrant community. He began running programs and events to attract motivated builders and visionaries to develop a model community, and so "The Kehilla" was born. As its name suggests, The Kehilla is a warm, welcoming environment with a unique flavor that encourages people from diverse backgrounds to bond and grow together in their love and knowledge of Torah. Although The Kehilla began as an outgrowth of the young adult program — and the shul mostly consists of young adults — the com-



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Kehilla in Sandy Springs president Dr. Menachem Joel at the opening of the new *kollel*.

munity has become an attraction for people of various ages because of the palatable feeling of *simchas hachaim* and the ability to access the beauty and joy of a Torah life.

Kollel Ner Hamizrach, a branch of Bais Medrash Govoha of Lakewood, opened in Elul 5774. It has already become a beacon of Torah light for Atlanta *bnei Torah* while, at the same time, enthusiastically reaching out to the under-serviced Jews of the Greater Atlanta area.



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L-R: Rabbi Abi Nadoff, Rabbi Karmi Ingber, Rabbi Eliezer Cohen and Rabbi Heshy Brody at the opening of the new *kollel* in Sandy Springs.

The *hanhalah* of the *kollel* recognized the potential of the Sandy Springs community, and felt the urgency to partner with The Kehilla in founding this community *kollel*.

Beginning with a night *kollel*, the *kollel* will *b'ezras Hashem* expand into a full-time *beis medrash*. Kehilla associates Rabbi Noah Muroff and Reb Ephraim Ross, together with Kollel Ner Hamizrach Rabbis Heshy Brody and Abi Nadoff, will

work jointly toward this goal. A nightly *kol Torah* can now be heard echoing through the Sandy Springs community, the seeds of a bright Torah future.

At the official inauguration of the Sandy Springs Community Kollel this past weekend, community members and Rabbanim from across the Atlanta community celebrated this milestone for Kollel Ner Hamizrach and The Kehilla in Sandy Springs.