

Around the Community

Devastating Update on Klatzkin Family

Many may recall the news in February of Beit Shemesh father of 9 Eliyahu Klatzkin. Klatzkin was diagnosed in 2016 with an aggressive case of cancer. For many months, the family fought for his survival, including flying to the United States to undergo extensive surgery to remove two cancerous tumors. After the tumors were removed, but the illness tragically remained, Klatzkin returned to Israel to begin what was then his only hope: medication which was not covered by the national insurance.

Thus began the family's terrifying monthly race, to acquire the \$14,000 per month necessary to procure the life-prolonging medication. In a desperate appeal to

the public, Eliyahu's wife pleaded: "Our kids need their Abba back." The 'race,' however, was not won.

We are pained to report that on Monday of this week, July 2nd, Eliyahu lost his battle with cancer. 9 children sat shiva now in their Beit Shemesh home. The youngest is just one year old.

A friend of the family recalls the bris of the youngest, which took place in a time when most knew that Eliyahu's survival was unlikely:

"There wasn't a dry eye as Reb Eliyahu was Sandek of his newborn son," he writes, "as everyone was thinking about the poor child, doomed to a life without a father, a life without anyone to walk him to Shul, a life with no one to learn with him at Avos Ubanim."



An emergency fund has been started on the widow's behalf. Mrs. Klatzkin is now on her own with a large family, and deeply burdened by immense medical debt, as well as the other expenses which went unpaid during their period of financial strain. During his lifetime, Rabbi Klatzkin took pride in providing for his family. Now, donations are being saved to help his wife pick up the pieces.

The campaign's goal is to allow the young mother to mourn her husband in peace, and to provide a stable future for herself and her children.

Please mail your Tax deductible contributions to Vaad Harabonim: 221 Regent Drive, Lakewood NJ 08701 Tax ID 37-1456890

Or call: 877.722.2646 and make your contribution to FUND 4346/ Klatzkin FUND

We Came, We Heard, We Will Conquer!

The Winning Edge 2018 was met with waves of positive feedback.

On Monday, June 18th, executives, entrepreneurs, and key business celebrities flocked to Montclair State University to spend the day learning strategies and tactics toward business growth.

Celebrated business expert and sought-after keynote speaker, Jeffrey Hayzlett, ushered in the day with an electrifying lecture on the art of being relentless, radical transparency, and key methods for overcoming the fear that stands in the way of success. With fascinating anecdotes and deep insights from his years of experience as CMO of Kodak, Hazylett addressed the necessity for business owners to define their core reason for existence and embrace customer behavior in order to drive change.

"Kodak's mistake is that they weren't in the business of film. They were in the business of memories," he shared.

The next portion of the day brought an engaging and interactive series of breakout sessions



Solomon N. Klein and Bradley Nash addressing business litigation issues

which addressed everything from financial, health, and legal matters, to leadership and marketing hacks. Presenters included Saul and Simeon Friedman of Saul N. Friedman and Co.; Michael Macintyre of HSBC; Bradley Nash and Solomon Klein of Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP; Dr. Firzouz Daneshgari, founder of BowTie Medical; Eli Rowe, CEO of World Medical Bank; Moishe Katz; founder of United Refuah HealthShare; Michael Langer, founder and CEO of Gulliver's Gate; Allen Fagin, Executive Vice President of the Orthodox Union; and Yitzchok Saftlas, founder and CEO of Bottom Line Marketing Group.

"At the end of the day, a leader



Stephen Shapiro, delivering his keynote on innovation

must be the one to make a decision in every situation." Allen Fagin shared, reminding us of Harry S. Truman's famous mantra that "the buck stops here!"

A trailblazer in the field of healthcare management, Eli Rowe, shared that leaders must know their weaknesses, step back, and surround themselves with teams of talent. He reminded attendees that even innovators like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and Mark Zuckerberg never finished college and are still extremely successful executives.

The day culminated with a riveting Brass Tacks panel followed by an engaging closing keynote address from "Innovation Instigator" and business advisor, Stephen Sha-



The engaging 'Rapidfire' session

piro. In his signature, captivating style, Shapiro provoked the audience out of their comfort zones and into new ways of thinking about change.

The overwhelming positive responses and still-palpable excitement following the conference are testimony to the great success of the Winning Edge 2018.

Attendee, Joel Whitehouse, President of Empire Benefits Solutions shared: "The diverse personalities, ideas, and opinions were so unique. I am excited to hit my desk this morning and start putting their advice into motion!"

Winning Edge 2019, here we come!