



**RABBI JOEL KENIGSBURG**

RABBI OF BEIT KNESSET HANASSI, JERUSALEM

**SPECIAL GUEST ARTICLE**



## Remembering Rabbi Wein zt”l

Two weeks have passed since we received the bitter news of Rabbi Berel Wein zt”l’s passing, and I still struggle to comprehend that he is no longer with us.


Over the past three years I have had the distinct privilege of serving as Rav of Beit Knesset Hanassi, alongside Rabbi Wein, who graciously stepped into the role of Senior Rabbi when I joined the community. Before accepting this position I had never met him in person, though like so many, I had long admired him from afar. He was a legend in the Jewish world - his books and audio lectures known in every corner of the globe. But meeting the man himself was an experience of an entirely different order.

I vividly recall my trial Shabbat at the shul, when delivering a Gemara shiur before Shacharit - and there, sitting quietly

at the back, was Rabbi Wein. Once I became the rabbi, it was always daunting to speak in his presence, yet he listened with the same attentiveness and respect as though he had never heard the material before. Afterwards, he would offer a warm comment that conveyed to the entire audience that my words carried weight.

What struck me most was his warmth and humility. For a man of his stature, it could not have been easy to relinquish the pulpit to a young rabbi more than fifty years his junior. Yet if he felt any discomfort, he never showed it. On the contrary - he treated me as an equal colleague from the very first moment. If a congregant approached with a halachic question, he would direct them to me. When the gabbai asked who should receive a special aliyah or honor, he pointed my way. Before the first night of Selichot, when the shul would be awaiting words of chizzuk from its rabbi, he simply turned to me and said: “*You’re the Rav - you do it.*”

Some of my most cherished memories of Rabbi Wein are not from his words, but from his simple gestures. After I delivered a drasha on Shabbat morning, he would often catch my eye, nod approvingly, and give a discreet thumbs-up. He knew exactly


 **Always wanted to sell ארבעת המינים?**

**This is your chance! 🍋**

**Join us for a fun job selling ארבעת המינים!**

**At a location near your home 📍**



 **Info – Shmaya**  
**058-6655916**

how much that meant. In his final months, when he was rarely able to attend shul during the week, he would take my hand on Motzaei Shabbat, wish me *Shavua Tov*, and hold on tight for a moment - as if to say, “*You’re doing a great job. Keep it up.*” Occasionally he would articulate it, but the silent encouragement of that handshake said it all. I will miss it terribly.

For several weeks before his passing, Rabbi Wein was absent from shul due to his declining health. But walking in this past Shabbat and seeing his seat now permanently empty, was especially painful. As I took my seat, alongside where he would sit, I began to tear up.

Chazal teach us that even the “casual conversation” of Torah scholars carries meaning. With Rabbi Wein, there was hardly any casual talk at all; every word was measured, every phrase imbued with decades of Torah insight and life wisdom. I treasure the Friday nights I accompanied him on the walk home from shul. I remember once as we passed two women on the street, one whispered in awe to the other: “*Was that Rabbi Wein?*” Yes, it was. A giant in our midst who graced our community, our streets and our lives. And I had the privilege to walk beside him.

Rabbi Wein leaves behind a void that can never truly be filled. But we will do our utmost to remember him by living our lives in the light of his teachings: to recognize our place in the great sweep of Jewish destiny, to draw on the wisdom of the past in order to shape the future, and to hold fast - in faith and conviction, as he was so fond of reminding us - that “*it will yet be good.*”

*Yehi zichro baruch.* ■




**ISRAEL'S PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY MATCHMAKER**

**LET YOUR JOURNEY HOME BEGIN WITH US**

**GREAT DEALS IN JERUSALEM**  
 With limited supply, endless demand, and unmatched spiritual value, a home in Jerusalem is an investment in both your future and your heritage.

<b>MEKOR CHAIM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 bedrooms</li> <li>• New building</li> <li>• Sukkah</li> <li>• Parking &amp; storage</li> </ul> <p>₪4.5M / \$1.35M</p>	<b>GERMAN COLONY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harakevet Street</li> <li>• New building</li> <li>• 3 bedrooms</li> <li>• Sukkah</li> <li>• Parking &amp; storage</li> </ul> <p>₪7.95M / \$2.39M</p>
<b>ARNONA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cottage</li> <li>• Over 150 SQM</li> <li>• Parking &amp; storage</li> <li>• Turn key</li> </ul> <p>₪6.8M / \$2.04M</p>	<b>TALPIOT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New project</li> <li>• Presale opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Starting Price ₪4.3M / \$1.29M</p>
<b>RAMOT BET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fantastic family home</li> <li>• Private Pool</li> </ul> <p>₪8M / \$2.41M</p>	<b>REHAVIA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duplex</li> <li>• 5 bedrooms</li> <li>• Great location</li> </ul> <p>Price on Request</p>

**For many more opportunities across Jerusalem and Israel, please don't hesitate to reach out**



**+972-54-441-5704** 

KimBashRealEstate.com   