

Rachel Imeinu

**Educational Campus
at Kever Rachel**



World Bat Mitzvah Center

Kever Rachel Visitors Center

Yeshiva Bnei Rachel



“Thus said G-d: A voice is heard on high, wailing, bitterly weeping, Rachel weeps for her children; she refuses to be consoled, for they are gone. Thus said G-d; Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears; For your work will be rewarded; They will return from the land of the enemy.”

There is hope for your future, says G-d, your children will return to their borders.”

(Jeremiah 31:14-17)

”כה אמר ה'

קול ברמה נשמע נהי בכי תמרורים
רחל מבכה על בניה מאנה להנחם
על בניה כי איננו.

כה אמר ה'

מנעי קולך מבכי ועיניך מרדמעה
כי יש שכר לפעולתך נאם ה'
ושבו מארץ אויב.

ויש תקוה לאחריתך נאם ה'
ושבו בנים לגבולם”

(ירמיה ל"א, ט"ו-י"ז)

To embrace her.
spirit



| *Kever Rachel before 1998*



| *Kever Rachel after 1998*



Rachel, our Mother

Loved and adored was her spirit

Gracious and generous her soul

Noble in her death, she bore
the roots of we the Jewish nation.

For millennia she stood as the signpost for her returning children

Embracing them and protecting them

Weeping when they tarried

Consoled when they returned home.

She did not forget. Nor was she forgotten.

She is eternal. The wellspring of our nation.

The source from which our future draws its strength.

Kever Rachel embodies this spirit.

| *Kever Rachel around 1900*



To Return

With its ancient stone walls and raised dome, Kever Rachel has served the multitudes within the Jewish nation as a refuge for prayer, comfort, solace and hope.

It was here that the last of our forefathers, Yaakov, buried his beloved wife, Rachel, while journeying home. It was here that she was to remain. To ensure that her descendants, to be exiled from their land, would return.

We have returned. To remain.

Now we have an opportunity to create a permanent Jewish presence at the place where Mother Rachel, Rachel Imeinu, has watched over the Jewish people for more than four millennia.

With the generous help of friends throughout the world, the purchase of the property adjacent to Rachel's Tomb, has been made possible.



The Vision

The goal:
To transform this area
into The Rachel Imeinu
Educational Campus and
home to

World Bat Mitzvah Center
Kever Rachel Visitors Center
Yeshiva Bnei Rachel

Together, these entities will serve as a tribute to Rachel

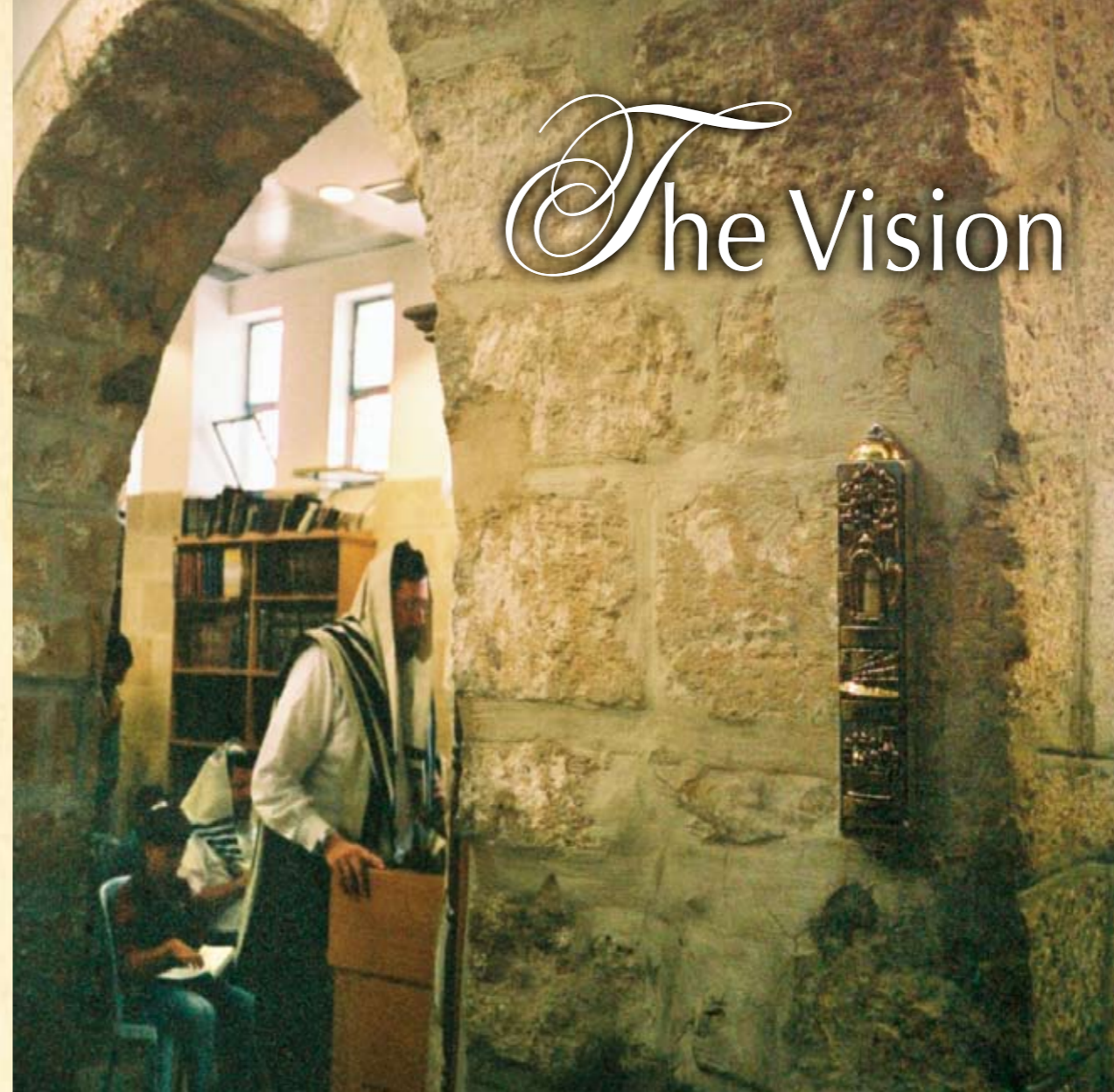
- conveying to all segments of the Jewish people the values inherent in our heritage as a people and as a nation, and
- bringing the segments - however separated geographically or spiritually - closer together.

The Rachel Imeinu Educational Campus needs

Work. Planning. Vision.

The Rachel Imeinu Educational Campus needs

Your vision.
Your help.



To Connect

Kever Rachel connects us to our roots.



This parochet at Kever Rachel was sewn from the gown that Nava Applebaum was to wear at her wedding. On the eve of her wedding, September 9, 2003 she was murdered, along with her father, by Palestinian terrorists in the heart of Jerusalem. May her life as a pure Jewish soul be an inspiration for all Jewish women.



Kever Rachel Visitors Center

Here, Rachel weeps as her people go into exile. Here, she embraces and welcomes them as they return home.

Rachel Imeinu belongs to us all. We are all links in the Jewish chain of generations. The Kever Rachel Visitors Center will make that connection come alive by helping to connect us all through Rachel and her descendants.

The Kever Rachel Visitors Center will offer:

- an opportunity to explore, experience and connect with our heritage
- state-of-the art displays (both permanent and temporary)
- technologically advanced audio-visual presentations
- interactive computer programs
- innovative programming
- special educational and cultural programs for Jews from all backgrounds
- customized programming for all visitors
- a souvenir and educational store so visitors can share their experiences with families, communities and educational institutions

The Jewish Nation: Connecting through "Mama Rachel."

Kever Rachel 1803



Key to Kever Rachel, 1906

To Inspire

Rachel is the essence of Jewish motherhood. While Rachel belongs to all the nation of Israel, there is a special place for our daughters within Rachel's embrace.

No other venue expresses Jewish womanhood more nobly than Kever Rachel.



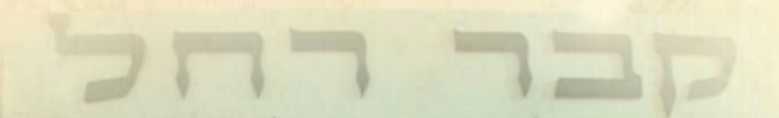
World Bat Mitzvah Center

The Rachel Imeinu Educational Campus will house an innovative World Bat Mitzvah Center which will provide:

- unique ceremonies, where the Bat Mitzvah and her family, working hand in hand with professional staff, can play an active role in preparing and implementing the ceremony
- multi-sensory experiences
- special permanent and temporary exhibits
- varied in-house learning and study sessions
- innovative and exciting interactive programming
- catering facilities to make the spiritual and educational experience complete

The Center will enable girls coming of age, as well as women of all ages, to express their own voice and find their true neshama in the process of defining their Jewish womanhood.

The World Bat Mitzvah Center will provide the inspiration they need.





To Learn

A continual commitment to Torat Yisrael



Yeshiva Bnei Rachel

A single chain woven throughout history, whose links have all been joined by our people's unwavering commitment to Torat Yisrael.

The Chain cannot be broken:

Torat Yisrael, as it impacts Am Yisrael in Eretz Yisrael.

The unique contribution and legacy of Rachel Imeinu, King David, Ruth, Boaz and other Jewish role models, is the focus and inspiration of the Bnei Rachel Yeshiva.

The Yeshiva students intensify both our and their commitment to Torah learning and Jewish values.

Their physical presence, as children of Rachel (Bnei Rachel), will give voice to the Jewish people's permanent presence at Kever Rachel and imbue it with the unique spiritual character it deserves.

These students will play a prominent role in the educational and cultural programming, take part in the on-site activities and programs and serve as guides and facilitators in the Visitor's Center.

The Yeshiva's presence and the students dedication to studies, learning and outreach will serve to reinforce our nation's eternal connection to Rachel Imeinu.





To Build

Rachel Imeinu Educational Campus

Rendering of Proposed Rachel Imeinu Educational Campus



It is rare that the Jewish people are presented with such an extraordinary opportunity.

This is the time to transform an area so strongly rooted in tradition into a vastly expanded entity pulsating with new life.

Formerly a unit of storefronts, the property was purchased from its Arab owners and is now undergoing extensive renovations. Secure and unfettered access to the facility is enabled by means of the security barrier encompassing the whole area of Kever Rachel as well as parking facilities.

You can be part of this exciting and bold enterprise. An enterprise that promises to transform the heritage of Rachel, our Mother, into a vibrant and dynamic force among the Jewish people worldwide.



*Building >
(viewed from back)
to be converted to the
Educational Campus.*



^ Front

< Back



-  IDF Security Barrier
-  Kever Rachel
-  Campus Building
-  Educational Campus

The Educational Campus coordinates with local and national government bodies, religious authorities and the Israel Defense Forces.

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