Rabbi Rosenfeld Yahrzeit Gathering

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Rabbi Rosenfeld was a modern-day pioneer of the Breslov movement who brought the Chassidus to American shores and nurtured its growth among American-born students for more than thirty years. Rabbi Rosenfeld's lineage traces back to Reb Aharon, the Rav of Breslov, and Reb Shmuel Yitzchak, the Rav of Tcherin, both of whom were among the most prominent followers of Rebbe Nachman.

Many of today's English-speaking teachers of Breslov were students of Rabbi Rosenfeld. He also pioneered the translation of Rebbe Nachman's teachings into English, beginning with Rabbi Nachman's Wisdom (Breslov Research Institute), which Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translated at Rabbi Rosenfeld's behest and Rabbi Rosenfeld himself edited.

He had an immense love for the Holy Land and wished to settle there himself. The one thing which always held him back was the new students that kept joining his classes each year. He once decided that should a whole year go by without a new student being attracted, he'd move to Jerusalem. Stricken with cancer at age 56, he finally moved to Jerusalem in the summer of 1978, thereby giving himself a few months to prepare for his passing.

The 11th of Kislev is the yahrzeit of Rabbi Zvi Aryeh Rosenfeld z"l. He brought many to the teachings of Rebbe Nachman. He enriched every mitzva and every nuance of kedusha with down-to-earth excitement, total faith and bitachon. We are sincerely grateful for a rabbi who was one-stop source for amazing ruchnious and gashmious advice. So many years after his passing we still feel a deep void.

The following are recordings from this year's gathering, <u>click</u> here to download.