

etzion UPDATE

from Yeshivat Har Etzion

The Gush family was deeply saddened by the passing of **Marcos (Mordechai) Katz z"l**, whose love of Israel and Torah led him to be one of the Yeshiva's most dedicated supporters.

Marcos and his wife Adina were pillars of the Mexican Jewish community, tirelessly promoting Jewish and Zionist causes in Mexico, the United States and Israel. Their foundation also established the prestigious Marcos and Adina Katz Award to support the application of *Halacha* to modern life.

The Katz family's generosity enabled the creation of the Marcos and Adina Katz Library at Har Etzion in 1982, considered one of the most significant collections of *sefarim* in the world. The library has nearly 100,000 volumes, as well as over 1,000 periodicals, and its collection includes rare editions of Torah publications dating back to the early 1500s. The Marcos and Adina Katz Library serves thousands of educators, scholars, students and laymen on a yearly basis.

The Katz family has a longstanding relationship with the Yeshiva. Marcos z"l and his father Ephraim Aryeh Leibesh Katz z"l had a close connection with and deep appreciation for HaRav Yehuda Amital z"l. Marcos' grandson Itamar Katz learned at Yeshiva, and the family has been attending the Yamim Nora'im *davening* at Yeshiva for nearly four decades.

Marcos Katz died on the 20th of Tammuz (July 26) at age 89 and was buried in Har HaMenuchot cemetery in Jerusalem. The Yeshiva extends sincere condolences to Marcos' wife, Mrs. Adina Katz תבל"א, and their children Zvi and Tzippy Katz, Rachel Katz and Yosef Velten, Sara and Tanchum Portnoy, Ariela and Elie Guggenheim and the extended family.

יהי זכרו ברוך



Marcos Katz z"l with HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l and HaRav Yehuda Amital zt"l



Save the Date - 11.13.2016 "Community Conversation"

A special program will take place
in memory of
HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l
on civil discourse and human dignity

Sunday, November 13th
in the afternoon at Congregation
Kehilath Jeshurun, NYC

For more information email
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Annual NY Dinner

On April 13th over 400 members of the Gush family – alumni, parents, and friends – gathered for the Etzion Foundation Annual Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York. This year's dinner was unique because in addition to honoring three wonderful couples, it paid tribute to the late Rosh Yeshiva **HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l**.

A memorial program held prior to the dinner was an opportunity to learn some of HaRav Lichtenstein's Torah and be inspired by stories of his life. **Yoel Weiss**, the Executive Vice President of the Etzion Foundation, opened the program and introduced **Rabbanit Toni Mittelman**,

daughter of HaRav Lichtenstein zt"l, who spoke about Rav Aharon's educational methods. She noted that when she was a child she thought that the Jewish calendar revolved around her father's trip to the US for the Yeshiva dinner. She added that the Yeshiva community in the United States, its alumni and supporters had a significant place in her father's life and that he "so much loved and appreciated all the Torah and spiritual activities of the Yeshiva's alumni in the United States."

When **Terry Novetsky '80**, an alumnus, board member, and close family friend spoke, he emphasized that he was speaking

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as "just one of literally thousands of loyal *talmidim*," and he added that, "I reluctantly accepted this opportunity to express my deep, abiding and continuing sense of gratitude for my 35-year relationship with HaRav Lichtenstein." He included an amusing anecdote about how his secretary asked why he always respectfully stood when speaking on the phone to HaRav Lichtenstein, a habit he hadn't noticed until she pointed it out.



Terry Novetsky '80 speaking at the Gush Dinner

The dinner began with a delicious buffet, followed by videos and presentations that paid tribute to the contributions of the honorees. **Gary and Hildee Weiss** were honored as Parents of the Year. They noted that Gush has touched their lives through the many alumni involved in education in the Cleveland Jewish community as well as at Camp Stone. The Weiss family noted that their connection to the Yeshiva affected

all their children, but especially their son **Seth '14** who recently joined the IDF as a paratrooper during his second year in Yeshiva.

Hillel '91 and Saritte Silvera received the Alumnus of the Year award. Mr. Silvera is on the board of the Etzion Foundation. He also serves as its Corporate Secretary and *pro bono* counsel. Hillel told of how **Dr. Meyer Brayer z"l** encouraged him to attend the Yeshiva and how he imbues his home with the Torah he learned in Gush, and continues to learn from the Yeshiva through **The Israel Koschitzky Virtual Beit Midrash**. He concluded by urging alumni of every age to stay as involved as they can with the Yeshiva.

Rabbi Gidon Rothstein '82 and Elizabeth Holland received the Dor L'Dor award. They spoke about their connection to Gush and how it was strengthened when their daughter **Tamar '13MO** opted to learn in Migdal Oz. Rabbi Rothstein spoke about how HaRav Lichtenstein *zt"l* influenced him and related that his lifelong connection with the Lichtenstein family and the tremendous debt of gratitude he felt to HaRav Lichtenstein led him to fly to Israel for HaRav Lichtenstein's funeral. Elizabeth spoke about how impressed

she was with Migdal Oz when she visited during Tamar's year, taking advantage of the opportunity of learning with her in the Beit Midrash. Guests at the dinner received Rabbi Rothstein's new book, "As If We Were There," and the newly published "Seeking His Presence" by **Rav Haim Sabato** (see more on p. 14).

Rosh Yeshiva **Rav Baruch Gigi** spoke of the year of mourning for HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein *zt"l* and the challenge of leading the Yeshiva, for the first time, without the direction and guidance of its revered mentor. He said that "the solid base upon which our teachers, the founding Roshei Yeshiva, erected the Torah institution of Har Etzion has proven itself in the Yeshiva's uninterrupted duration and continuity." He reported that "the demand to study at the Yeshiva and in the Beit Midrash at Migdal Oz has greatly increased, our halls are filled with young men and women from both Israel and abroad. This is indeed an important vote of confidence in our religious and educational approach."

The dinner ended with spirited dancing and a dessert bar. Videos of the event can be seen at haretzion.org/about-us/har-etzion-dinners



Rav Baruch Gigi and Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein presenting the Parents of the Year award to Gary & Hildee Weiss



Rav Baruch Gigi and Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein present the Alumnus of the Year award to Hillel '91 & Saritte Silvera



Roshhei Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi, Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein, and Esti Rosenberg, Rosh Beit Midrash at Migdal Oz, present the Dor L'Dor Award to Rabbi Gidon Rothstein '82 & Elizabeth Holland & Tamar '13MO

ISRAEL EVENTS

First Yahrzeit of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l

On Monday, May 9th, Rosh Chodesh Iyar, the Yeshiva hosted an event marking the first *yahrzeit* of **HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l**. The evening began with two sessions of 3 simultaneous *shiurim* covering the six orders of the Mishna. The *shiurim* were given by **Rav Dr. Judah Goldberg '96**, **Rav Baruch Weintraub '02H**, **Rav Eliyahu Lipshitz '80H**, **Rav Shmuel David '74H**, and Roshei Yeshiva **Rav Baruch Gigi** and **Rav Yakov Medan**, all students of HaRav Lichtenstein zt"l.

The main ceremony took place in the Beit Midrash. **Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein**, spoke about her late husband's family history and how his relationship with his parents deeply affected who he was. The next speaker was **Rav Haim Sabato**, Rosh Yeshiva of Birkat Moshe, the hesder yeshiva in Ma'ale Adumim, and the author of many books, including "Seeking His Presence," a dialogue between himself and HaRav Lichtenstein (recently published in English, see p. 14). Rav Sabato spoke about his encounter with HaRav Lichtenstein when working on the book. Among the many lessons Rosh Yeshiva **Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein** shared was that during the *shiva* he discovered that in addition to so many people feeling that with HaRav Aharon's death they had lost a *rebbe* and Gadol Hador (leader of



Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein addressing the crowd at the memorial event

the generation), many people felt they had lost a father, and he found it inspiring that HaRav Lichtenstein had that type of relationship with so many people.

Rav Oded Mittelman '96H, son-in-law of HaRav Lichtenstein zt"l, spoke about relating to HaRav Lichtenstein as both a student and a member of the family. One poignant anecdote he told was about an attempt of members of the family to encourage HaRav Lichtenstein to learn with the Bar Ilan Responsa Project. He decided to test it by giving them a term for which to search. When he was able to list some locations that did not show up in the search results they concluded that the program was not meant for him. **Rav Yair Kahn** concluded the evening with the learning of *mishnayot* in HaRav Lichtenstein's memory. Pictures and videos from the event can be seen on the Yeshiva website. All those in attendance received a copy of a Hebrew booklet entitled "Humanism, Democracy, and Individual Rights in the Thought of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein."



Rav Dr. Judah Goldberg '96 giving a *shiur* at the memorial event

Alumni Visit

20 alumni came to Yeshiva during Elul to benefit from the Yeshiva's spiritual Elul atmosphere. Thanks are due to the generosity of **Steven and Renee Adelsberg**, who dedicated this program in memory of **Yoni Jesner '01 Hy"d**, who had been a *chavruta* of their son **David '01**. Their contribution enabled many alumni

to participate in this special program. In addition, this year over 100 college-aged alumni took advantage of their winter break to return to Yeshiva and reconnect with old friends and *rebbeim*. Because it was such a large group, the Yeshiva planned programming especially for them, including *tishes*, *vaadot*, *kiddushes*, *shiurim*, question & answer sessions with the Roshei Yeshiva, and even an alumni BBQ.

Linked Gush

Yeshiva alumni in college are often conflicted about their summer plans – they want to spend time in Yeshiva but are also expected to find summer jobs or internships in their fields of study. This year, the Yeshiva inaugurated an innovative new program that reaches out to its college alumni and solves the dilemma. The Yeshiva assisted alumni in finding summer internships in Israel and hosted them in the Yeshiva so that they could take advantage of the Yeshiva atmosphere and learning during their "off hours." Current *talmidim* also benefitted from the presence of alumni currently in college who are able to answer their questions and assuage their concerns about their upcoming college enrollment.

The Yeshiva is always looking for ways to welcome back its alumni, and obviously they are welcome to just return and learn fulltime. But for many that is not an option and this program allows them to live in and be a part of the Yeshiva, learning night seder in the Yeshiva, and still add work experience to their resumes. One participant, **Josh Weissman '14** said, "Balancing learning and academics is often difficult with a college workload. Returning to Yeshiva has provided me with a rejuvenating and enlightening religious experience – the *rebbeim* are accessible, the chumot more plentiful, and the murmur of the Beit Midrash no less reverberant. Thanks for the great opportunity!"



The family of **Dr. Henri Sueke '95**, a father of four who worked in the eye unit at Royal Liverpool Hospital for many years, and passed away tragically last year, is pictured here next to a tree planted in his memory near the Yeshiva parking lot. **Rav Mordechai Friedman** commented, "This olive tree that we took part in planting is a remarkable reminder of Henri z"l, a person whose strong commitment to Torat Yisrael, Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael was at the fiber of his very being. Growing at the entrance of the Yeshiva he loved, overlooking the land he loved, it will welcome visitors with the profound warmth and tranquility that was Henri's."



The Power of Speech

One of the Yeshiva's many goals is to train its *talmidim* to be leaders, both on their college campuses immediately after their stay in Yeshiva, and in their community life after college. Whether they choose to become rabbis, teachers, or engage in any other profession, the ability to communicate – to express an idea clearly, concisely, and eloquently – is an important skill.

The Yeshiva staff was enhanced this year by the addition of **Rav Dovid Gottlieb**, who previously served as the rabbi of Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Baltimore, MD. Building on his expertise in public speaking, Rav Gottlieb led an interactive course to train *talmidim* to prepare and deliver various forms of *divrei Torah*. The Yeshiva is excited to offer an expanded version of this successful course next year. Summing up this year's efforts, Rav Gottlieb noted, "It was thrilling to see the *talmidim* develop their speaking abilities. They have so much to offer, and by improving their communication skills their impact in the community will be that much greater."



Yoni Broth '15 delivering a speech in the new speech training class led by Rav Dovid Gottlieb

Ten Years with Darkaynu



Chanoch Aminsky '15 with his *chavruta* JJ Goldstein '14D

The Yeshiva is proud to celebrate ten successful years with Darkaynu. The Darkaynu program mainstreams students with special needs in the Yeshiva, including providing vocational training and *chavrutot* with Gush *talmidim*. This year there were 11 Darkaynu *talmidim*. At the end of the year, the students made a *siyum* on the learning they completed, each one at his level. For some this is a chapter or a few chapters of Tanakh or Mishna. Each Darkaynu student, when it was his turn, took the opportunity to individually thank each of his *chavrutot* for the year.

Jake Yardley '15D made a *siyum* on all of Masekhet Ta'anit. It was an especially



Jake Yardley with his parents

touching moment because his parents flew to Israel for the occasion.

Kol hakavod to all the staff members of Darkaynu for another successful year, and *yasher koach* to the Yeshiva *talmidim* for all the learning they did with their Darkaynu counterparts.

18 to Celebrate

Over the past ten years it has become a Yeshiva tradition to use the Yeshiva's Yom Yerushalayim celebration as an opportunity to recognize the students from the **Dr. William Major Overseas Program** who made *aliya*. This year there was an even greater celebration as there were 18 students who made *aliya*! Students received a copy of "Mussar Aviv" by HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l (see more on p. 14),



Rav Gigi and Avigdor Rosensweig '09 at the Yom Yerushalayim celebration



Yitzi Lindenbaum '14 and Rav Gigi at the Yom Yerushalayim Celebration

Hearing the Baby's Cry



Moshe Sigel '09H, Eli Becker '09H, Adam Cohen, and Alex Dover '10 on *shlichut* in Sydney, preparing for The Shabbat Project

Over the past nineteen years, Torah MiTzion has sent one thousand *shlichim* to Jewish communities in countries spanning five continents. The goals of the *shlichim* are to strengthen Jewish communities around the globe and infuse them with the love of Torah, the Jewish People, and the State of Israel. The program is now celebrating its 20th year and they crunched the numbers to see which yeshivot have been the source of most of their *shlichim*. They found that fully one fifth of all their *shlichim* have come from Yeshivat Har Etzion, more than the next 5 greatest contributors combined! The Yeshiva is immensely proud of its *bogrim* who serve Am Yisrael, spreading the Torah of Gush all over the world.

Likrat Pesach

In what has become an annual tradition, on the last day of *zman* before the Pesach break, the Yeshiva held a day of learning

for alumni and for parents of current students. Participants were able to attend 3 of 6 *shiurim* concerning either *halachot* or *machshava* connected with Pesach. This event was dedicated in loving memory of **Diana and Sidney Cohn z"l** by **Shulamith and Rabbi Joel Cohn**, whose children **Eli '00, Tani '06, Yehuda '08, and Bezalel '12H**, and son-in-law **Micky Siev '95** all learned in Yeshiva.

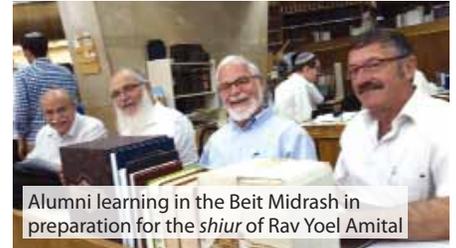


Rav Udi Schwartz '02H addressing the participants of the Likrat Pesach event

"Opening the Gates"

As part of the Yeshiva's goals of constantly strengthening its bond with its alumni, in February the Yeshiva began a new

monthly learning program for alumni entitled *Potchim Shearim*, or opening the gates. The first meeting took place on February 11 and it included *chavruta* time in the Beit Midrash followed by a *shiur* by **Rav Yoel Amital '69H** in the Amsterdam Room of the library. Alumni interested in attending should contact **Eli Berkowitz '69H** at eliarib120@gmail.com.



Alumni learning in the Beit Midrash in preparation for the *shiur* of Rav Yoel Amital

Mishmar

On June 30th, the Hesder class of 1986 came to Yeshiva for an all-night learning session, featuring *shiurim* throughout the night by Rosh Yeshiva **Rav Yakov Medan, Rav Shlomo Levi, Rav Hillel Rachmani** and more. The night ended with the customary pre-*Vatikin* singing of *Odeh Lakel*.



Members of Hesder 1986 in Yeshiva for an all-night Mishmar

Seth Weiss '14, Sam Cohen '14, and Yishai Chamudot '14 were all sworn in to the IDF at the Kotel with their brigade of Paratroopers. **Eli Weber**, Director of the William Major Overseas Program, and **Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman**, Overseas Alumni Coordinator, were among the many friends and family who attended the ceremony



Journey to Poland

The Yeshiva's annual trip to Poland took place in April, during the pre-Pesach break.

Rav Dr. Shalom Berger '77 led the trip as the tour guide. It was his 12th trip with the Yeshiva. Highlights of the trip included learning Daf Yomi at Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin, where it all began, and a Chassidic style *tish* near the gravesite of Rav Elimelech of Lizhensk. **Jay Jubas** '80, father of **Daniel** '15, **Stanley Fortgang**, father of **Gilad** '15, and **Shabsa Lis**, father of **Mordechai** '15, also joined the trip. Shabsa gave the group a tour of his father's hometown of Slomniki, and the trip also made a stop in the Jubas hometown of Częstochowa. Here's how *talmidim* described the meaning that the trip held for them.

Daniel Ginsburg '15

There is only one way to describe our Poland trip: a whirlwind of emotion. Whether it was visiting the graves of *tzadikim*, singing *zemirot* on Shabbat, seeing the concentration camps or even talking to friends on the bus, the entire trip was full of emotion... When I used to think of the Holocaust, I would always imagine pictures of death camps, Nazis, or yellow stars. Before I went to Poland, I never truly knew what the Holocaust was. No amount of study, lessons, or videos can compare to actually standing in the place where millions of Jews were led to their slaughter. At one point we made a

detour to Częstochowa. We stopped by an apartment building where a man greeted us and took us to the basement. We got to a small room that was hidden from plain view. We went in a few at a time and had the man turn off all the lights. Everything was pitch black. There was nowhere to go and nothing to see. It was quite terrifying. I couldn't even see my hands as I waved them in front of my face. This was the experience of 20 or so Jews for weeks at a time as they hid from the Nazis. The only source of food and drink was a water pipe that collected condensation and a man who would give them food and take the waste away. I tried to imagine myself living like that for a single day... I couldn't...

Davey Schoenberg '15

The doll sits there wearing pajamas half pink and half white. The cement stone behind her is adorned with an Israeli flag ... Who put her there?... For some reason, this is the scene that struck me most during the trip to Poland. Not the death camps, not even the mountain of ash at Majdanek. It was a simple gesture - a baby doll left behind - that helped me grasp in some small amount the horror of the Holocaust. Instead of numbers, I was able to think in terms of people - people with lives, with futures. People who would've been alive today or whose children and grandchildren would have...

Today there still are people who can speak for the victims - people who went through the same or similar experience... They are able to keep this atrocity from being just history. Sadly, they will not be around forever. We must listen to them, and our generation must become the next set of witnesses.

Gedaliah Zemel '15

Rav Shalom Berger, the trip's organizer and tour guide, stressed to us before we left that the purpose of going to Poland is not just to experience that which occurred from 1938-1945. Rather, we should encounter a more complete history of the Jewish People in Poland, beginning 900 years prior, with a particular emphasis on the Chassidic movement and Litvish *yeshivot*.

Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman spoke at the graves of Rav Chaim of Brisk and the Netziv, while **Rav Nehemya Raanan** told stories at the graves of Reb Tzadok and the Kotzker. The *tishes* with the two of them just brought all of this together. While this portion of the trip was very enjoyable, the contrast of it to the Holocaust-oriented portion magnified the feeling of devastation... I am reminded of an idea of Rav Yitchak Hutner with regards to Yom Tov. He said that it shouldn't go by; it should go in. I feel the same is true about the experience of our trip to Poland.



The participants on the trip to Poland outside Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin. It is now a hotel and the talmidim spent the night there.



Talmidim singing after experiencing the memorial at Treblinka

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America Night



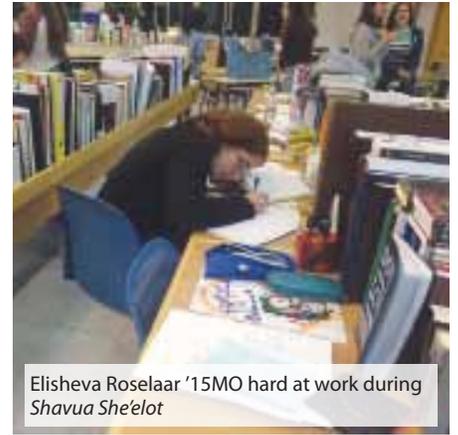
Girls of the overseas program dressed up to create a fitting atmosphere to teach about American culture.

Erev Tarbut Americait was a night where the *talmidot* from abroad had the chance to share their experiences growing up in American culture with their Israeli peers. They split up into groups and spoke about summer camps, the American government, American culture, their communities and the school system. In addition, the girls from Canada, England, and Australia set up booths to explain about their countries of origin. One Israeli student said, "Even though we sit with the *bnot chul* all year long in the beit midrash, this evening

helped me better understand where they come from and appreciate the big step they've taken in coming to learn here."

Questions?

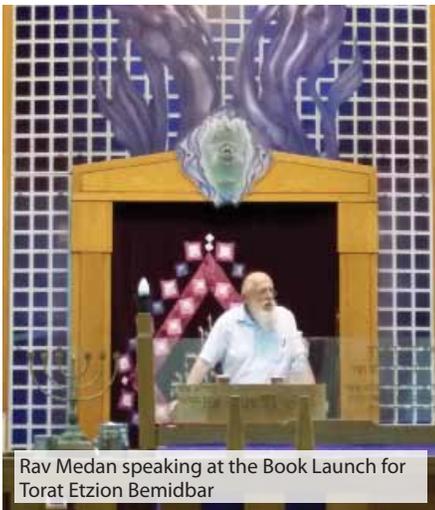
As part of a new initiative known as *Shavua She'elot*, the Migdal Oz students had an opportunity to take a week and research a question that had been on their minds. They used the books in the Beit Midrash and the help of their teachers to assist them in answering their questions.



Elisheva Roselaar '15MO hard at work during *Shavua She'elot*



The Overseas Program at Migdal Oz in 2016



Rav Medan speaking at the Book Launch for Torat Etzion Bemidbar

Book Launch Events

The Yeshiva recently completed the five-volume Torat Etzion series, with one volume on each book of the Chumash. On March 2nd, after the completion of the volume on Shemot, a book launch event was held in the Ahavat Yisrael shul in Givat Shmuel. **Rav Yoel Bin-Nun** spoke about "Shabbat in the *Aseret Hadibrot* as Opposed to Shabbat in the Mishkan" and Rosh Yeshiva **Rav Yakov Medan** spoke about "They Were Part of the Miracle Too - From *Mitzrayim* to the Miracle of Purim."

After the completion of Bemidbar, Rav Yakov Medan gave a series of two *shiurim* at the Lechu Neranena shul in Ra'anana. The first was titled "The Aftermath of the Decree of 40 Years" and the second was titled "Moav and Midyan, Sichon and Og."

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Alumni Shabbaton in Penn

On January 22-23, over 30 college-aged alumni joined **Rav Mordechai Friedman** for Shabbat Parashat Beshalach at the University of Pennsylvania. Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to hear Rav Friedman and to spend time together, and many said the highlight was Rav Friedman's Friday night *tish*, which went late into the night.



College-aged alumni posing Motzei Shabbat with Rav Mordechai Friedman after an uplifting and inspiring Shabbat

Rav Kahn US Campus Tour

Rav Yair Kahn visited 11 East Coast college campuses in one week this February, giving a *shiur* and connecting with alumni on each campus he visited. He was at colleges in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts and spent Shabbat as a scholar-in-residence at the Lower Merion Synagogue in Philadelphia.

Yeshiva Staff Visits Overseas

On January 25th, **Rav Mordechai Friedman** gave a *shiur* on the topic of: "What Printed Material Requires Geniza & Why" at the home **Rachel and Yitzi Ehrenberg** '01. This was particularly noteworthy as he braved a major snowstorm in order to do so.

On Shabbat Parashat Mishpatim, **Rav Dovid Gottlieb** was the scholar-in-residence at The Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach.



Alumni at YU posing with Rav Chanoch Waxman during a visit earlier this year

On Shabbat Parashat Mishpatim, **Rav Moshe Taragin** was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Israel of Springfield, NJ, as the guest of **Rabbi Chaim Marcus** '92.

On Monday, February 8th, Rav Moshe Taragin gave a joint lecture at YU with **Rabbi Moshe Weinberger**, *Mashpia* at YU, on the topic of Chassidut and Zionism.

On Shabbat Parashat Teruma, Rav Moshe Taragin was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Beth Tefilla in Paramus, NJ.

On Thursday, March 10th, **Rav Chanoch Waxman** gave "Chulent and Chizuk" at YU.

On Shabbat Parashat Kedoshim, Rav Dovid Gottlieb was the scholar-in-residence at the Young Israel of Southfield, Michigan.

In addition to the event in Yeshiva, programs around the world also marked HaRav Lichtenstein *zt"l*'s first *yahrzeit*. On Sunday, May 8th, an event in Teaneck featured **Rabbi Michael Taubes** '77 and **Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot** '81 while an event in the Five Towns featured **Rav Moshe Taragin** and **Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz** of Beis Haknesses of North Woodmere.

Earlier on Sunday May 8th a memorial *Yom Iyun* took place at Yeshiva University, featuring *shiurim* by **Rabbi Michael**

Rosensweig '73, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, **Rabbi Shalom Carmy**, **Rabbi Noah Gardenswartz** '02, **Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot** '81, **Dr. Will Lee**, **Rabbi Dr. Aaron Segal** '99, and **Dr. Avivah Zornberg**.

On Shabbat May 14th, **Rav Dr. Ari Berman** '87 gave a *shiur* at the Jewish Center in NYC commemorating Rav Lichtenstein *zt"l* entitled "Wisdom and Humility in a World of Personal Autonomy."

On Shabbat Parashat Bechukotai, **Rav Shlomo Brin** spoke at Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck, NJ on the topic of "Tell Me Already; What Really Makes Jerusalem So Special?" On Motzei Shabbat, June 4th, Rav Shlomo Brin spoke in honor of Yom Yerushalayim at Congregation Beth Abraham in Bergenfield, NJ on the topic of "The Six Day War through the Eyes of the Prophets."



Rav Shlomo Brin speaking at the Yom Yerushalayim Melave Malka of Congregation Beth Abraham in Bergenfield, NJ

On Shabbat Parashat Bechukotai, **Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein** was the scholar-in-

residence at the Or Torah congregation in Skokie, IL, the shul of **Rav Zvi Engel '92**.



Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein with Rav Zvi Engel '92

On Shabbat Parashat Bechukotai, **Rav Amnon Bazak** was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Etz Chaim in Kew Gardens Hills, NY. On Sunday morning Rav Bazak spoke at the Yom Yerushalayim celebration of Congregation Hochma U'Mussar in Brooklyn, NY on the topic of "Jerusalem, Who Chose It and Why?"



Rav Amnon Bazak speaking at the Yom Yerushalayim celebration of Congregation Hochma U'Mussar in Brooklyn

On Tuesday, June 7th, a Lunch & Learn took place with **Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein** and **Rav Shlomo Brin** at the office of **Hillel Silvera '91**, at the law firm of Gibson & Dunn. The topic was "Can We Learn to Love Learning Torah that was Given in Fear?"

Rav Menachem Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence on Shabbat Parashat Bemidbar at Keter Torah in Teaneck. He spent the following 2 days of Shavuot at the Ahavat Torah Congregation in Englewood, NJ. On Shabbat Parashat Naso he was the scholar-in-residence at the Young Israel of Plainview.

On Thursday June 9, Rav Dovid Gottlieb spoke at Beis Haknesses of North Woodmere on the topic of "Preparing for

Kabalas HaTorah." He then spent Shabbat and Shavuot as the scholar-in-residence at the Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst.

On Shabbat Parashat Beha'alotcha, Rav Taragin was in Toronto and spoke twice at the BAYT and twice to the JLIC run by **Rabbi Aharon Greenberg '97**. At three of those *shiurim* Rav Taragin was joined by **Rabbi Jonathan Ziring '06**, currently the Assistant Rosh Kollel of the YU Kollel in Toronto. The Shabbat was dedicated in memory of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein *zt"l* by the parents of several alumni living in the Toronto community.

Rav Taragin in South Africa

Rav Moshe Taragin spent Shavuot in Johannesburg, South Africa, and the Yeshiva College staff reported that it was one of their best Shavuot nights ever. "Rav Taragin's presence played a significant role in that success - whether speaking at various dinners, teaching over 1800 people learning at different *shiurim* through the night, *davening* with 120 people at Shacharit at 5:30 am or addressing 200 women at the Ladies Shavuot breakfast and new *mikve* launch." The community thoroughly enjoyed Rav Taragin's visit, inviting him to speak at multiple schools and shuls throughout the extended weekend.



Rav Moshe Taragin speaking at Yeshiva College in Johannesburg, South Africa

One participant commented, "Perhaps his greatest impact was not his public *Divrei Torah*, but in the one-on-one interactions, where his refined, gentle but passionate

words of wisdom, and indeed his very way of being, provided lasting inspiration."

Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein in London

British alumni were privileged to have Rosh Yeshiva **Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein** come to England in January for Shabbat Parashat Yitro with his wife **Michal** and **Yoel Weiss**, the Yeshiva's Executive Vice President. Rav Mosheh started his trip with a visit to Cambridge where the Lichtensteins were given a tour of the Cairo Geniza. While there, Rav Mosheh gave a *shiur* to the Cambridge Jewish Society. That night in London, Rav Mosheh attended the Thursday evening *Mishmar* at the evening Beit Midrash and sat on a panel with **Rabbi Eliezer Zobin**, Associate Rabbi of Ner Yisrael, discussing the topic of "Has Orthodoxy Abandoned the Rambam?"



Rebbetzin Lauren Levin, Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein, and Rav David Stav at a panel on "Women in Orthodoxy" (photo courtesy of Mizrahi UK)

Over Shabbat, alumni and prospective *talmidim* enjoyed a *tish* hosted at the home of **Jacob and Vered Schimmel**, parents of **Yoni '07**, **Yishai '08**, **Itai '10**, and **Nelu '13**. **Rabbi Daniel Roselaar '87** hosted a lunch for alumni. The main event of Rav Mosheh's visit was a Motzei Shabbat panel with **Rav David Stav** on the topic of "The Emerging Role of Women in Orthodox Judaism." The event was moderated by **Rebbetzin Lauren Levin**, the first Yoetzet Halacha in the UK. Questions of contemporary importance were addressed by the panelists, followed by a wide-ranging Q&A session. Over 250 people from across the communal spectrum

filled Ner Yisrael in northwest London for the event, and additional viewers tuned in to the live broadcast on YouTube. One alumnus commented that "it was such a delight to see the whole community come out en masse on a *Motzei Shabbat* to confront these issues with two of the leading voices of the Religious Zionist community." Rav Mosheh concluded his trip with an address to a conference of Modern Orthodox rabbis in the UK.

Rav Bick in London

Rav Ezra Bick visited London on Yom HaAtzma'ut, speaking first at a communal Seuda Shelishit in honor of Yom HaAtzma'ut, and at a communal Yom Limmud at Ner Yisrael. Rav Bick was the keynote speaker at an alumni event to commemorate the first *yahrzeit* of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein *zt"l*, where he imparted his unique perspective as a *talmid* of Rav Aharon for 50 years and shared insightful stories and teachings from his life and legacy. The event was opened by **Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis** '76, who squeezed in an appearance between his many pressing engagements, noting that he did so because he feels

that his life has been profoundly and immeasurably impacted by the time he spent in the Yeshiva learning under Rav Aharon. The event was also attended by **Rav Yosef Zvi Rimon** '86H, **Rabbi Daniel Roselaar** '87, **Rabbi Chaim Kanterovitz** '93, and dozens of alumni of all ages.

Rav Taragin in Brazil

If you picked up the June issue of Brazil's Jewish newspaper, the *Tribuna Judaica*, you would be well-informed about **Rav Moshe Taragin's** visit to Sao Paulo. During the week between Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron, Rav Moshe Taragin traveled to Sao Paulo with **Hillel Mann** '01H, Director of Institutional Advancement, to get to know the community and to deliver *shiurim*. Rav

Taragin was the guest of **Rabbi Shmuel Paves** '91, spiritual leader of the Mizrachi Kehilla there, as well as the Principal of Jewish Studies in the lavne Beith Chinuch. The educational theme of the year at lavne is *HaAcher Hu Ani* (I am the Other) and Rav Taragin gave *shiurim* there that fit the theme.

Rav Taragin gave a lunch-and-learn to businessmen of the community, a *shiur* for young couples, and a *shiur* to the high school in Cotia. On Friday night, Rav Taragin gave a talk to the Bnei Akiva Kehilla as well as speaking before *musaf* and during *seuda shelishit*. His trip concluded with a Melave Malka with youth of various ages at which he gave a *shiur* entitled "*Birchot Hanehenin - Two Ways to View this World*." After the *shiur* there was a short question and answer session.



Rav Moshe Taragin speaking at the high school in Cotia



HERZOG COLLEGE

Tzurim – Educational Leadership

In cooperation with Herzog College, the Yeshiva began its seventh class of the Tzurim program for educational leadership. **Rav Amichai Gordin** is the head of the program, who, in addition to teaching in the Yeshiva, serves as a pedagogical coach and a teacher in Herzog.

The goal of the program is to train older students in Yeshiva to be great teachers, and to develop skills for quality education, through creativity, in-depth learning, and development of didactic methods for teaching Gemara. The program also deals with developing educational leadership

skills and training for quality management. The program already has many graduates who now work in formal and informal education, including many now working abroad.

ALUMNI NEWS

Marriages

Oran Zweiter '99 and Chani Kovacs
Shaltiel Katsch '01 and Ra'aya Blackman
Ari Shapiro '04 and Sara Hisler
James Katz '05 and Chantal Low
David Pruwer '05 and Tami Schlossberg
Zvi Rosen '05 and Matty Lichtenstein
Ariel Stein '06 and Sara Smith MO '04
Eitan Adler '07 and Leah Hurwich YES
Ariel Ennis '07 and Rachel Goldrich
Ari Gartenberg '07 and Atara Saibel
Adam Ariel '08 and Zeeva Levine '08MO
Gilad Barach '08 and Chev Dinerman
Arun Viswanath '08 and Tali Adler
Kenny Anhalt '09 and Yael Schein
Sammy Bomsztyk '09 and Sara Cohen
Ethan Genende '09MTA and Yael Levy
Daniel Abboudi '11 and Eliana Tambor
Ariel Cooper '10 and Aliza Katz
Zach Sandman '10 and Esti Eskenazi
Chaim Goldberg '11 and Ronit Miller
Josh Herzberg '11 and Sara Lis
Yedidya Levy '11 and Miriam Bursky-Tammam '13MO
Michael Rochlin '11 and Nicole Barel
Aaron Schweitzer '12 and Batya Schultz
Yoni Abadi '13MTA and Rachel Hodes
Marty Spiewak '13 and Adina Schwartz
Alon Tal '14PC and Zoe Naumburger
Mazal tov to Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein, her children, Rosh Beit Midrash of Migdal Oz Esti and Rav Herzl Rosenberg, and the entire Lichtenstein and Rosenberg families on the marriage of their granddaughter and daughter Nurit Rosenberg to Elya Chaba, son of Sarit and Professor Yaakov Chaba '81H

Births

Andrew Borodach '87 (Etzion Foundation President) and Rachel, Rut Ya'arah
Jonny '90 and Sarit Gelberg, Hallel Arielle
Jonny '94 and Aimee Hass, Yehudah
Ari '95 and Aviva Heller, Shemaya Yehuda
Ari '95 and Naomi Wiesen, Ori Aharon Yitzchak
Binyamin '96 and Alisa Zimmerman, Adi Shira. Mazal tov also to Alisa's parents, Tova and Rav Daniel Rhein.
Naftali '97 and Rachel Balanson, Rosa Chana
Doodie '98MTA and Anna Bankier, Moshe Chaim
Steven '98 and Ariella Goldsmith, Yedidya Binyamin
Danny '98 and Michelle Eisenberg, Chana Talya
Adam '99 and Chaya Berkowitz, Keter Malka Miriam
Adam '99 and Miriam Steiner, Avraham Betzalel
Simon '00 and Danielle Klinger, Rafi
Saul '01MTA and Melissa Adler, Doron Binyamin
Gideon '01 and Aliza Black, Maya Freeda
Avi-Gil '01 and Tamar Chaitovsky, Atara Ora
Ari '01 and Shira Gontownik, Maya Neima
Jacob '01MTA and Maxine Levy, Ariella Tziona
Tuvi '01 and Rahel Lwowski, Adin Yonatan
Aharon '02 and Shira Herskovitz, Shmuel Rafael Avraham
Mechi '02 and Serena Jenkelowitz, Yonah Eliezer
Noam '02 and Aviva Lockshin, Elisheva Rachel
Simmy '02 and Elana Siegel, Micah Dov
Meir '03 and Tovah Davis, Gabriella
Aryeh '03MTA and Chemda Gluck, Netanel Shlomo
Yehoshua '03 and Aylana Mandel, Yoel Asher
Amiel '03MTA and Batel Rieger, Halleli Or
Josh '04 and Lani Berman, Moriah Layah.

Mazal tov also to great-grandparents Julius and Dorothy Berman, former President of the Etzion Foundation.

Hillel '04PC and Talia Katchen, Eliora Shira Sara Joe '04 and Jessica Scherban, Gavriel Moshe Nadav '04 and Shifra Steindler, Lavi Avraham Ariel '05 and Rachel Allon, Adir Yosef Ori Michael '05 and Aviva Berkowitz, Maytal Leah Tzvi '05 and Alex Cohen, Aharon Nossan

Shimon '05 and Naomi Gillis, Gavriel Michael '05 and Dani Gottesman, Yona Aharon Josh '05 and Rimone '05MO Hersch, Amiad Benaya

David '05 and Pola Isser, Netanel Tzvi Dov '05 and Miriam Lerner, Ariella Ayelet Motti '06MTA and Carly Blum, Rafaela

Yonatan '06 and Marlana Cantor, Yehuda Yosef Rami '06 and Anna Glatt, Aviva Tziona David '06 and Ariel Pardo, Ora Shilat Daniel '07 and Eliana Berman, Nathaniel Noam. Mazal tov also to great-grandparents Julius and Dorothy Berman, former President of the Etzion Foundation.

Adam '07 and Rachel Ifield, Natan Elliot '07 and Rena Schrier, Yaakov Aharon Asher '08 and Miriam '09MO Lindenbaum, Shoshana Dodi

Eitan '08 and Elana Polster, Adira Zehava Baer '09 and Dena Rosenbloom, Aliza Malka Jesse '09MTA and Aimee Schneider, Asher Tal Shimi '11PC and Simone '07MO Marcus, Aminadav Chaim

Shalom Tzvi '15Kollel and Esther Shafier, Eliyahu

Mazal tov to Tova and Rav Daniel Rhein on the birth of Ayala Tohar, born to their children Meital and Shmuel Rhein YEAR, and Talya Idit, born to Dasi and Yoni Ben-David.

Mazal tov to Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein and the entire Lichtenstein family on the birth

of Tzuri Yechezkel, born to Ateret and Avi Ovadya (Ateret is the daughter of Michal and R' Mayer Lichtenstein) and on the birth of Aharon, born to Nechama and Moshe Kamin (Nechama is the daughter of Rochel and R' Yitzhak Lichtenstein).

Mazal tov to Rav Baruch and Edna Gigi on the birth of Aviya, born to their children Tamar and Kobi Gigi '04H (former madrich bnei chul).

Bar/Bat Mitzva

Liora Maayan Miriam, daughter of David '82 and Bonnie Weinberg

Miriam, daughter of Rav Michael '85 and Rivka Epstein Hattin

Tehilla Nava, daughter of Rav Yitzchak Blau '86 and Noa Jeselsohn

Abie, son of JJ '92 and Aliza Sussman

Hallel Sarah, daughter of Daniel '93 and Ayelet-Chen Klein

Moshe, son of Jonathan '93 and Heidi Nathan

Eliana, daughter of Aaron '94 and Adena Frazer

Noa Sara, daughter of Rav Mordy '95 and Limor Friedman

Maayan Liba, daughter of Rav Yehuda '95 and Michelle Sarna

Judah, son of Shlomo '95 and Ronni Troodler

Jonah, son of Shai '96 and Tovah Gerson

Aliya

Ephraim '79 and Amy Bassan

Dr. Aaron '99 and Chaya Segal

Rabbi Jay '00 and Sharon Weinstein

Binyamin '01 and Miriam Casper

Richard '01 and Tamar Hyman

Leo '06 and Judith Arkush

Liron Hayman '09

Alex Dover '10

Marcus '10 MTA and Liddy Rosenberg

Brian Sack '11MTA

Michi Weiner '11MTA

Josh Brull '13

Yoni '13 MTA and Tova Lazarus

Idan Horowitz '14MTA

Yitzi Lindenbaum '14

Gabi Rosenthal '14

Nadav Slovin '14

Harry Scheffer '15

Yishai Abrams '15 MTA

Aryeh Berman '15 MTA

Condolences

To Nathan Lindenbaum '78 on the loss of his father, Charles Lindenbaum z"l, and to Shua '01, Atara '03MO, Meir '05, Asher '08 and Yitzi '14 on the loss of their grandfather.

To Dr. David Dennis '80 on the loss of his father, Dr. Joel B. Dennis z"l, and to Michael '07Darkaynu and Mordechai Lis '15, and to Ari '02, Daniel '02, and Michael Fridman '10 on the loss of their grandfather.

To Joel Steinmetz '81 on the loss of his mother, Harriet Steinmetz z"l, and to Elliot '98 on the loss of his grandmother.

To Rav David '85, Yair, and Zvi-Yitzchak Chamudot on the loss of their father, Zeev Chamudot z"l, and to Daniel '10, Yonatan '12, and Yishai '14 on the loss of their grandfather.

To Dr. Morris '81 and Larry '85 Hartsein on the loss of their father, Dr. Jack Hartstein z"l

To Zeev '85 and Raffy '88 Schwartz on the loss of their mother, Gladys Schwartz z"l

To Ariel Penkower '96 on the loss of his mother, Yael Penkower z"l

To Rabbi Benji '96 and Natan '01 Rickman on the loss of their father, Martin Rickman z"l

To Joseph Kra '99 on the loss of his mother, Mady Kra z"l

To Harriet and Heshe Seif, board member of the Etzion Foundation, on the loss of Heshy's mother, Helen z"l, and to Rav Yehuda Seif '95, on the loss of his grandmother.

המקום ינחם אתכם
בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

In Memoriam

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the death of our alumni:

Rav Daniel Beller '82

Rav Michael Mark '87H Hy"d

Marc Elimelech Levy '04

Babies named for HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l



Aharon Eliyahu Skarf



Aharon Heinberg



Aharon Noam Goldfischer



Aharon Tal Dienstag



Aharon Yehuda Ziring



Eliav Aharon Naftali Stern



Zvi Aharon Schechter



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Hillel Aron Herman



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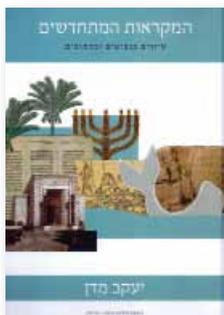
PUBLICATIONS



Mussar Aviv (on Ethics, Faith & Society)
(Hebrew)
by Rav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l
Maggid Press

Does Judaism recognize an ethic independent of Halacha? What is the source of faith? What is the significance of Shemita in our time? Who is a Jew and what is the nature of the conversion process? Rav Lichtenstein, as one who

shaped the ideology of combining the world of Torah and Halacha to the practical world, deals with these topics and many others. The issues are judged by someone completely entrenched in Torah but with a strong basis in reality. In his unique style, Rav Lichtenstein analyzes the *sugyot* with intelligence, depth, originality and finds insights whose message is relevant for the present and the distant future.

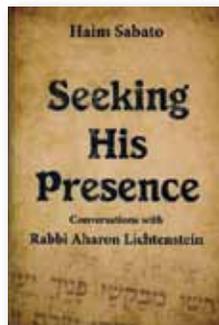


**Hamikraot Hamichadshim;
Studies in the Prophets and Writings**
(Hebrew)

by Rav Yakov Medan
Tvunot-Herzog College Press

This *sefer* is a collection of 20 of Rav Medan's articles that were published over the years in many different forums, some not known to the general community.

In addition, some new articles are being published for the first time. The combination of the two allows the reader to fully understand the methodology of Rav Medan as well as providing deep insight into *Nach*. Rav Medan views the Torah as alive and lays out what the Torah has to say about many of our modern realities.



Seeking His Presence (English)
by Haim Sabato
Yedioth Ahronoth

The translation of the Hebrew "*Mevakshei Panekha*," this is a collection of conversations between Rav Sabato, popular author and Rosh Yeshiva of the Hesder yeshiva in Ma'ale Adumim, and HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l. The discussions of the two Torah scholars

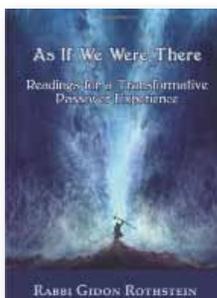
from different backgrounds cover a wide range of topics such as the religious experience of Torah study, the relationship to universal and humanist ideals, attitudes to Zionism and the State of Israel, feminism and Torah study for women, and relationships with the secular community.



Torat Etzion: Bemidbar (Hebrew)

by Har Etzion Staff
YHE Press and Maggid Press

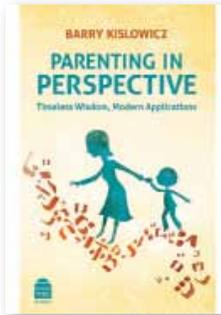
The fifth and final volume that masterfully demonstrates the famed Herzog College/ Yeshivat Har Etzion approach to *pshat*, which elucidates the plain meaning of Tanach by creatively combining traditional biblical commentary with modern academic tools.



**As If We Were There: Readings for a
Transformative Passover Experience**
(English)

by Rabbi Gidon Rothstein '82
Kodesh Press

The Passover Seder is probably the most broadly observed Jewish ritual, as the Exodus from Egypt remains at the forefront of Jewish consciousness. This book breathes new life in the Passover story by providing 21 daily readings, beginning with the first day of the Hebrew month of Nisan until the last day of Passover, with each day focusing on a specific aspect of the Exodus experience. In the second part of the book, a memoir of his father's Seder, Rabbi Rothstein utilizes humor and nostalgia to introduce the reader to a Seder that succeeded in finding ways for Jews to see themselves as if they had been redeemed from Egypt.



Parenting in Perspective (English)

by Rabbi Dr. Barry Kislowitz '95
Maggid Press

What separates parents who struggle from those who succeed? Rabbi Dr. Barry Kislowitz believes that a large part of the answer lies in the perspective we bring to parenting. Drawing on psychological research and Torah ideals, he provides an insightful framework for truly putting our kids at the center. Exploring how parents can inspire and guide their children in areas ranging from morals and *mitzvot* to the nuanced interactions of day-to-day life, this book aims to help parents develop a deeper understanding of their children while strengthening the parent-child relationship. This thoughtful approach is then brought to bear on the most challenging areas of parenthood, such as effective discipline and managing the teenage years.



Nishmat Hamishna (Hebrew)

by Rav Yakov Nagen '90
Giluy-Yeshivat Otniel Press

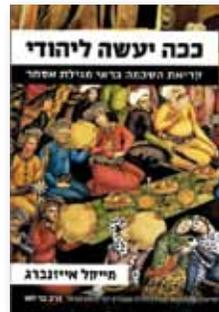
Over 20 years ago, as a student in Yeshivat Har Etzion, Rav Nagen (nee Genack) began to learn Mishna, the basis for rabbinic literature in general and the Talmud specifically. Over time he discovered a rich world that related to his daily routine as well as the more monumental and challenging aspects of life. In this book's 74 chapters he tries to present not only the sources of the *Halacha* but the concepts that lie within them, as they relate to man vs. God, man vs. society, social justice, the sanctity of life, love, and family. He explains how these ideals lead to meditations that can enhance one's *tefilla*. He also shows some surprising connections between the Mishna and the Zohar, as well as to modern Israeli culture, literature, and song.



Machzor Shivchei Yeshurun (Hebrew)

by David Roth '07
Mechon Be'er Ha'Torah and Goldschmidt
Basel

This *sefer* describes the meaning of *piyutim* recited by many Western Ashkenazic (German and Dutch) communities in pre-War Europe, and still maintained in a few communities today. Each *piyut* is elucidated by insights and explanations of the meaning of the *piyut*. It is hoped that this *sefer* will enhance the *davener's* understanding of the beauty and depth of these *piyutim*, many of which have fallen by the wayside because people have not understood what they represent.



Kacha Ye'ase LeYehudi (Hebrew)

by Michael Eisenberg '89
Sela-Meir Press

The Kingdom of Persia, the first multi-cultural kingdom, is licking its wounds after a loss to the Greeks. A group of Jews makes its way to Jerusalem to build the Temple and build a state. At that same time, Achashverosh is holding a contest to pick a new queen. Mordechai, sensing an opportunity to get close to the king, primes his cousin Esther to be queen. This is the untold story of Mordechai from which many important insights about Israeli identity and the future of Diaspora Jewry can be learned.

Alumni Achievements

Rabbi Michael Taubes '77 was appointed a Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva University.

Yehuda Mirsky '78 has been awarded the Sami Rohr Choice Award of the Jewish Book Council, given once every two years for the best Jewish books in nonfiction, for his volume "Rav Kook: Mystic in a Time of Revolution" (Yale University Press). He adds, "At every opportunity I emphasize my profound indebtedness to *Morenu ve-Rabbenu* HaRav Amital zt"l for introducing me to the world of Rav Kook, and to so much more."

David Weinberg '82 became the senior adviser to The Tikvah Fund.

Yehuda Glick '83H became a member of Knesset, one of 3 current MKs who are Gush alumni.

Aaron Frazer '94 began working at Facebook in Tel Aviv this past January. Those who want an interesting story should ask him about selling Facebook's *chametz* and taking visitors from overseas to the Kotel.

Benjy Singer '95 celebrated 3 years since launching his IsraelK (stands for 'Turning Israel into your Kehillah') online community. Using his IsraelK.org website and social media platforms, Benjy informs many thousands of people each month with the latest in events, community news, *divrei Torah* and *halacha*.

Yaakov Katz '97 was named the Editor-in-Chief of the Jerusalem Post.

Rabbi Oran Zweiter '99 was appointed Assistant Rabbi of Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford, CT.

Rabbi Jay Weinstein '00 gave the convocation at a session of the US House of Representatives on May 17, 2016. Check it out on YouTube! More important, he made *aliya* to Ma'ale Adumim with his family this summer.

Rabbi Shmuli Kagan '01MTA was appointed the Mashgiach Ruchani of the University Kollel of the Mizrahi Beit Mordechai Campus Kollel at the beginning of 2016.

Rabbi Daniel Mirvis '03 was appointed the rabbi of the Mizrahi Shul in Melbourne, Australia.

Geoffrey Kiderman '05 was named to the "36 Under 36" by the Jewish Week for his work on the Affordable Jewish Education Project. The article mentioned that Geoffrey spent his gap year at Yeshivat Har Etzion, where he developed a close relationship with **Rabbi Daniel Rhein** who stressed his responsibility to serve the Jewish people. "He pushed me."

Aryeh Goldberg '06 graduated from the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University and will be doing his upcoming residency in psychiatry at the UCLA Semel Institute of Psychiatry.

Ariel Hersh '06MTA and **Doron Lavan '07MTA** are behind a new initiative known as fruit2work, hiring former prisoners to deliver fresh fruit to offices in Melbourne, Australia.

Chaim Metzger '10 held a *siyum haShas* in the Shenk Shul at Yeshiva University.



Alumni of Hesder 2006 in Yeshiva on Shabbat Parashat Ki Tisa



Alumni of Hesder 1977, 1978, and 1980 in Yeshiva on Shabbat Parashat Tzav

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