Kollel Gavoah - Spiritual Leaders for Today

One of Yeshivat Har Etzion's best-kept secrets is the Kollel Gavoah. The Kollel Gavoah is a unique program whose goal is to produce a core of talmidei chachamim to serve as spiritual leaders for the religious Zionist community in the coming years. In order to meet this goal, the Kollel Gavoah has several rigorous requirements which surpass the standards of the average kollel.

Under the direction of Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein, the Kollel Gavoah now numbers sixteen elite talmidim, age 25 and up, who are prepared to devote all their time to Torah learning. The structure of the program includes the study of one major masechet each year which is not part of the Yeshiva's regular cycle. HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein delivers the iyun shiur and the talmidim study "bekiyut iyunit" on their own. This year the Kollel is taking on the 142-page-long Masechet Chulin.

In the Kollel Gavoah, talmidim are periodically tested on the material studied. Each talmid must submit two articles a year of chidushei Torah; this Chanukah, the Kollel Gavoah plans to publish a volume of chidushim on Masechet Yevamot, which was studied last year. Kollel Gavoah members are expected to engage in teaching and Torah leadership as representatives of the Yeshiva's hashkafa.

The program also includes periodic meetings with figures in the Torah world, such as dayanim, Orthodox doctors, kashrut experts, poskim, etc., in order to familiarize the talmidim with issues they will be dealing with in their professional careers. The program is beginning to attract talmidim from other yeshivot as well, and this trend is expected to continue.

According to Rav Mosheh, “Our program is unique in the religious Zionist world because of its emphasis on iyun for this age group. We have succeeded in raising the level of expectations and expanding the outer limits of Torah study.”

Shmulik Zeiderman, who has done hesder and post-hesder studies in the Yeshiva and is now a member of the Kollel Gavoah, says, “While there were always chaburot in the Yeshiva, this program has consolidated us into a cohesive group. And because of the demands placed upon us, we are producing more. We are learning more and more masechtot – including particularly complex and abstract ones – and in the process, whole new worlds are opening up to us.”

The Kollel Gavoah has been magnanimously adopted by alumnus Rabbi Chaim Balter ’79-’81. During a recent visit to the Yeshiva, when he led a chabura and met with talmidim, Balter commented: “Don’t thank me. I should be thanking you for your learning.”

Rav Aharon teaching Kollel Gavoah students
"This year's dinner honoring Harav Aharon Lichtenstein shli"a as he begins his fourth decade as Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion, is by far our most successful ever," stated David Landes '73, Chairman of the Board of the Etzion Foundation and moderator of the dinner that was held in March, 2002 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York. "The overwhelming response is testimony to the profound influence that Rav Lichtenstein has had – and continues to have – on our lives and our communities, both here and in Israel."

Rosh Yeshiva HaRav Yehuda Amital, speaking in Hebrew, said, "In honoring HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein, it is actually we who are honored. Ashreinu." Julius Berman, Dinner Chairman, told those gathered that Rav Lichtenstein combines all three facets of a great Jewish leader: providing for the individual needs of members of the community, offering guidance in halacha and issues of everyday life, and serving as Rebbe and teacher, thereby producing students who themselves go on to teach others. "We wish Rav Aharon archut yamim ve'shanim. May we have the zechut to benefit from his Torah and guidance for many years to come," he concluded.

Rav Aharon expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the kind words spoken and the presence of so many in the audience. He added, "On a daily basis, I am grateful to the Ribbono Shel Olam for 'placing my portion in the Beit Midrash', for being blessed with wonderful parents, outstanding Rebbeim, and of course, my Rebbe muvhak, the Rav z"l. I am profoundly indebted to so many at Yeshivat Har Etzion – Harav Amital, Moshko – for sustaining and maintaining me, to friends and supporters of the Yeshiva, to my talmidim, and finally, to my wife, Tova, who has stood at my side for over 40 years, for enriching and illuminating my entire life, and to my wonderful children and their families."

Referring to recent events in Israel, Rav Aharon said, "We stand in humble prayer before the Ribbono Shel Olam with the anxious hope that He will answer our pleas for solace, respite and redemption." Looking to the future, Rav Aharon spoke of the need "to continue to do what we know best, and what our religious world so desperately needs, to provide quality Talmud Torah with renewed vigor, and Torat Chesed for the sake of the general community."

Julius Berman presented Rav Aharon with a Sefer Torah, which was received with much joy and emotion, and Rav Aharon expressed his wish that we should all merit "lehagdil Torah u'lehadira".

HaRav Yehuda Amital and Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm were Honorary Chairmen of the Rabbinic Tribute Committee of the Dinner. Rabbi Hershel Billet served as Chairman of the Rabbinic Tribute Committee. Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to Julius Berman, Dinner Chairman and to Dorothy Berman, President of the Etzion Foundation, Tobias B. Schapiro, Vice Chairman, and Shirley Schuster, Executive Director.

B’Nai Israel Presentation

Terry Novetsky ’80 announced the dedication of the B’Nai Israel Jewish Centre Chair in Talmudic Studies at Yeshivat Har Etzion in memory of Saul H. Nack z"l. Mr. Nack was the President and guiding force of B’Nai Israel for many decades, a dear friend and staunch supporter of the Yeshiva and a philanthropic leader of klal Yisrael. The initial Incumbent of the Chair is Rav Yosef Zvi Rimon.
Feature on an Alumnus
Rabbi Yehuda Sarna - Rabbi at NYU

“The Yeshiva has big windows because it believes that the Torah has what to say beyond its own walls and because it feels a responsibility to learn from what goes on outside,” says Rabbi Yehuda Sarna ’95-'96, who has recently assumed the position of Rabbi of New York University (NYU). “The Yeshiva cares about more than just its own. Its openness, warmth and intellectual sophistication make it a model for a Jewish community on a university campus.”

NYU’s Jewish community has exploded in the past few years. The Orthodox minyan, which also serves students from nearby Cooper Union and Cardozo Law School, regularly attracts 200 people on Shabbat. The Jewish community at NYU prides itself on maintaining a strong sense of unity among all streams of Judaism, and with the recent increase in Orthodox strength, they are looking to preserve that unity while catering to and enhancing Orthodox programming. Rabbi Sarna’s role is to serve as a rabbi for all Jewish students, and a resource for the Orthodox community in particular.

In his new position, Rabbi Sarna will be advising student committees, working with rabbinic interns from various seminaries, coordinating religious programming, assisting in creating a meaningful Shabbat atmosphere, giving shiurim, serving as an advocate on religious matters to the university administration on behalf of the students, and – most importantly – “being there” for students. The NYU campus is also home to several active anti-Israel groups and Rabbi Sarna hopes to be involved in determining a politically and educationally wise response to these groups.

Rabbi Sarna’s wife Michelle is pursuing a Ph.D. in educational psychology at Fordham University and is also actively involved in offering shiurim and support services for Jewish students. The couple lives on campus in Greenwich Village.

Alumni Achievements in Chinuch

Rabbi Zvi Shimon ’88
named Doctoral Fellow of Excellence, Bar-Ilan University, Faculty of Jewish Studies. Research Field: Contrast in the Biblical Narrative

Rabbi David Debow ’90
Assistant Principal, Fuchs Beit Sefar Mizrachi High School, Cleveland, OH

Rabbi Uriel Lubetski ’91-'92
Assistant Principal, Yeshiva University High School, NY

Rabbi Jason Rappoport ’91
Orthodox Rabbi, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Rav Ori Einhorn ’91- hesder
Rosh Kollel, Cape Town, South Africa

Rabbi Chaim Marcus ’92
Rabbi, Congregation Israel of Springfield, NJ

Nadav Kidron ’93- hesder
was selected for the elite ATID Fellows Program. Nadav is the international chairman of Yavneh Olami, and a founder of Nafka Mina, a volunteer Torah study organization for young adults.

Rabbi Yehuda Sarna ’95
Rabbi of NYU [see “Feature on an Alumnus”]

Rabbi Yehuda Seif ’95
Teacher in The Jewish Learning Initiative at U. of Penn, along with his wife, O rit.

Avi Billet ’96-'97
Teacher at Rambam Mesivta in Lawrence, NY

Daniel Sueke ’97-'99
Oved Chinuch for Bnei Akiva of Great Britain and Ireland

Rabbi Elli Fischer ’99 (post-College), limudei kodesh teacher, Yavneh Academy of Dallas, TX
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Year round, the Yeshiva welcomes alumni who wish to come spend time learning in the Yeshiva. Elul Zman is an especially popular time to renew the connection, and this year many familiar faces from the past intermingled with those of the incoming Shana Aleph students.

One returning alumnus was Ezra Dyckman, a lawyer with Roberts & Holland, who lives in Kew Garden Hills with his wife Adena and children, Moshe, Rachel and Esther. “Coming back to Yeshiva fulfills a deep-seated need and helps us define ourselves and our relationship with the outside world,” Ezra explains.

Ezra was in Yeshiva in ’84-’85, ’87-’88 and ’91, and he says, “Each time you come back, it’s as if you never left. The environment and momentum are incredible. You’re carried along by a tidal wave of energy. And when you leave, you take a tremendous amount home with you.”

“Even in our learning outside of Yeshiva, we still remain within the orbit of the Yeshiva, both in terms of the intensity and the style of our learning,” states Eli Schick (’89-’90, Elul ’91). Eli works in marketing for Schick Technologies and lives in West Hempstead with his wife, Anat, and children, Moriah and Eytana. “You always feel the pull, even when you’re not there. When the opportunity arises to go to Yeshiva, to go back to the source, you just have to take advantage of that.”

Ezra observes that while many aspects of yeshiva life have remained just the way he remembered, other things definitely have changed, such as the enclosed terraces of the Beit Midrash, the new wing of the Herzog College, the absence of people running through the Beit Midrash to call others to the phone (everyone has cellphones!), and – even more amazing – the air conditioning 7 o’clock shacharit, and the clip-on microphone that Rav Amital now uses for shiur klali.

“My fears that it could never be the same kind of experience, and that I would feel out of place, were totally unfounded,” claims Eli. “I was able to adjust to the schedule with no problem and the atmosphere is fantastic. Important things – the Roshei Yeshiva, the Ramim – have remained the same and everyone keeps telling me, ‘It’s great that you’re here.’ To any alumni interested in coming back to learn, I say, If you have the opportunity, come – you won’t regret it.”

Uriel Lubetski, Acting Assistant Principal of Yeshiva University High School for Boys, studied at Yeshiva in ’91-’93, Elul ’95, and every year since then in his capacity as Director of Israel Guidance at YUHS. Rabbi Lubetski states: “It was the Yeshiva that gave me the impetus to choose education as my profession. I try to transmit to my students the values that so impressed me at Har Etzion – dedication to Torat Yisrael, Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael, the importance of developing a well-rounded personality and of contributing to the community.” This year, there are 11 YUHS students in the Yeshiva’s Shana Aleph Program.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Rav Aharon and Rav Amital affix a mezuzah at the new Migdal Oz campus.
Head Gardener Retires

Yosef Peretz, the Yeshiva's beloved gardener, who is also an accomplished musician, has announced his retirement after a quarter century of tending to the Yeshiva's renowned landscaping. At a farewell luncheon held at the Yeshiva, the Roshei Yeshiva, Moshko and Ramim praised his warm personality, and his love not only for plants, but for the Torah, the talmidim and every person. Rav Amital recalled being asked by Teddy Kollek during a visit to the Yeshiva if the gardener was for sale and replying, "No, he is not for sale."

We wish Yosef and his wife Batsheva many years of happiness, good health and nachat. Shmulik Schechter '81 (post-hesder) of Tekoah has assumed the position of Director of Landscaping at the Yeshiva, and we wish him much success in his new endeavor.

What's New at Herzog College?

Once again, this past month of Av, Herzog College hosted the wildly popular Annual Tanach Seminar. Despite the continually difficult security situation and many other competing events, an even greater number of participants than usual took part. All told, over 1600 people attended the Seminar. The first three days featured intensive study of every aspect of Tanach, with participants choosing between seven simultaneous classes every hour. The fourth day was devoted to hiking Eretz Yisrael "with Tanach in hand," and ten large groups of hikers set out, each to cover a different area of Israel.

Regular academic studies began in Elul, with 1360 students in different programs, an overall increase of five percent over last year's registration. Herzog College also continues to publish prolifically. This month's yield included Volume 36 of Megadim Journal of Tanach Studies, and Volume 10 of Al Atar Journal for Eretz Yisrael Studies.
Engagements

Shalom Holtz ’94 and Leebie Mallin
Elia Silverman ’95 and Adi Bitter
Hillel Glazer ’96 and Ellie Schainker
Aaron Weisz ’96 and Shayna Astor
Shlomo Druckman ’97 and Leah Vaks
Avidan Freedman ’97 and Devorah Schaum
Michael Gerber ’97 and N’amit Kurshah
Gershon Schwartz ’97 and Batsheva Rothstein
Moshe Spinowitz ’97 and Toval Day
David Adam Goldfischer ’98 and Yael Strauchler
Jonny Steel ’98 and Rebecca Rauh
Jony Steel ’98 and Gabi Tobias
Asher Oser ’99 PC and Rachel Charnowitz
Ben Russell ’99 and Simcha Spiegel
Yehuda Shmidman ’99 and Becca Glass
Myles Brody ’01 PC and Rocky Shapiro

Stuie ’76 and Shelley Shapiro from Ra’anana on the engagement of their daughter Shani to Ari Farkas

Yaakov Martin ’97 Hesder, Shana Alef madrich ‘01 and Bruria Lapian

Marriages

Zelig Aster ’87 and Arielle Rothstein
Gili Houpt ’91 and Chaya Lung
Daniel Yolkut ’92 and Anna Adelski
Emanuel Cohn ’93 and Nomi Zentner
Amichai Erdfarb ’94 and Jody Galler
Gabrielle Schachter ’94 and Rachel Goldwag
Benjamin Shiller ‘94 and Atara Miller
Ari Heller ’95 and Aviva Freudenstein
Ramy Avigdor ’95 PC and Tal Machluf
Josh Cypess ’95 PC and Rebecca Schaefer
Mordy Friedman ’95 and Limor Ben David
Barry Kislowsitz ’95 and Kally Rubin
Shlomo Troodler ’95 and Ronni Klapper
Avi Billet ’96 and Chana Michaels
Juda Goldberg ’96 and Shayna Lerner
Yoram Schwell ’96 and Ayelet Bacon

Benji Zimmerman ’96 and Alisa Rhein
Yakov Fleischmann ’97 and Estee Eisenberg
Noam Shapiro ’97 and Aliza Schneck
Aaron Glazer ’98 and Rena Rosenzweig
Aharon Horowitz ’98 and Ayeza Salzberg
Naffi Rothman ’98 and Freida Rosen
Moshe Morris ’98 PC and Nava Gur-Aryeh
Josh Wunder ’98 and Sarah Shiffra Kaiser
Gabriel David ’99 and Shulamit Trebisch
Yossi Kra ’99 PC and Amira Saltzman
Natan Alexander ’00 and Meg Glasser
Noam Silverman ’00 PC and Maya Bernstein
Danny Friedman Summer ’01 and Riki Franklin

Mazal Tov to Harav Aharon and Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein on the marriage of their daughter Toni to Oded Mitelman
Mazal Tov to Rabbi Aharon ’72 and Miriam Adler on the marriage of their son Chaim to Avigail Tawil
Mazal Tov to Michael ’78 and Debra Berkowitz on the marriage of their son Kalman to Dikla Boublil
Mazal Tov to Rabbi Danny and Tova Rhein on Alisa’s marriage to Benji Zimmerman ’96 and on Dassi’s marriage to Yoni Ben-David

Births

Shlomo ’80 and Miriam Zeigler, Mordechai Elchanan, Edison, NJ
Chaim ’81 and Malca Jachter, Chaya Ziporah Gila, Teaneck, NJ
Daniel ’82 and Arnie Beller; Yair David Yeshayahu, Ra’anana
Gilbert ’82 and Norka Demby; Akiva Menachem, New Rochelle, NY
Gidon ’82 and Elizabeth Rothstein, Adin Bension, Riverdale, NY
David ’83 and Orlee Berlove, Yoseph Yishai, Cambridge, MA
Eliezer ’83 and Shuli Kwass, Chedva, Jerusalem
Hal ’84 and Dena Hirschfield, Dafna Nachama, Alon Ayalon
Gerson ’84 and Mindy Schapiro, Amichai Moshe, Ra’anana
Shmuel ’84 MTA and Marilyn Stojko, Reuven, Los Angeles, CA
David ’85 and Paula Riffkin, Ami Moshe, N of Ayalon
Jonah ’86 and Ariella Kaszovitz, Yedidah, Beit Shemesh
Benjie ’86 and Stephanie Samuels; Tzvi Aryeh Meyer, Newton, MA
Simi ’87 and Audrey Chavel, Tamar, Jerusalem
Uri ’87 and Devorah Meth, Tzvi, Baltimore, MD

PC = post-college
Assaf ’88 and Leora Bednarsh, Yehoshua Pinchas, Brooklyn, N Y
Zvi ’88 and Ruthie Shimon, boy, Bnei Brak
Moshe ’88 and Bracha Simon, Zvi Aryeh Chaim, Brighton, M A
Jonathan ’88 and Hilli Zimbalist, Eyden Macabee, PA
Michael ’89 and Yaffa Eisenberg, Yehuda A kiva, Jerusalem
Simon ’89 and Dina Lewis, N adav Ya’akov, Beit Shemesh
Michael ’89 and A liza Segal, Sariel, Beit Shemesh
Tani ’89 and Miriam W allich, Shlomzion Shoshana, Morehset
David ’92 and Jackie Corre, Eli Avraham, Ramat Beit Shemesh
Chaim ’92 and Leah Marcus, Rivka, Springfield, NJ
Carl ’93 and Karen Hochhauser, Shira A hua, Oak Park, MI
Jonathan ’93 and Heidi Nathan, Yaakov Pinchus, O ceanside, N Y
Micha ’93 and Natalie Sela, A nnal A liza, Jerusalem
Hayyim ’94 and Michal Zweiter, A ryeh Leib, Ramat Beit Shemesh
Aaron ’95 and Shira Koller, D aya Chana, Holliswood, N Y
Zev ’95 and Elana Pomeranz, Chana Bracha, Jerusalem
Mitch ’95 and Tova Rich, Leora Arielle, Elizabeth, N J
Yehuda ’95 and Michelle Sarna, Chaya Batya, N Y
Yoni ’95 and A liza Schamroth, Uriel Yaakov, Ramat Beit Shemesh
Micky ’95 and Rena Siev, boy, Jerusalem
Ari ’95 and N aomi W isen, Chana A yelet, Bronx, N Y
Jeremy (’95 PC) and Chana Senderowicz, A kiva Moshe, Rivendale, N Y
Sanny ’96 and L iat Jackman, Ephraim, A lon Sh eutherford
Hillel ’96 and Yifat Levin, Adyn M a’ayan, N ew Haven, CT
Benzi ’96 and Tami Radinsky, boy, N ew York
Ben ’96 and Yael Resnick, Maayan Yo nits, Teaneck, N J
Danny (’98 PC) and Michelle Eisenberg, Yehuda A ryeh, A lon Sh evrolet
Binyamin (’98 PC) and Gail Singer, boy
Jonathan (’98 PC) and A tara Snowbell, M oriyah Y ikrat, A lon Sh evrolet
Michael (’00 Kollel) Hattin and Rivka Epstein, L eeba O ra, A lon Sh evrolet

Mazal Tov to Harav Aharon and D r. Tovah Lichtenstein on the
birth of a grandson, Chaim, born to Yitzhak and Rochel Lichtenstein,
Monsey, N Y
Mazal Tov to Rav Binyamin and N aomi Tabory on the birth of a
grandson, Yair Aharon, born to Aviad and Debra Tabory, A lon Sh evrolet

Shlomo Schreier (Josh ’75 and Shira), Efrat
Michal Penina A berman (M oshe ’76 Hesder and D eena), Efrat
Yerucham Berkowitz (M ichael ’77 and D ebra), A lon Sh evrolet
Yitzhak Meir Kahn (Y air ’77 and Hadassah), Jerusalem
Shani Kahn (Y air ’77 and Hadassah), Jerusalem
David Karnei-Re’em (Reuven ’77 and Hadassah), Efrat
Aharon Zohar Levine (Z ev ’78 and Karen), Jerusalem
Hillel Eliahu Kahn (A ri ’80 and N aomi), Jerusalem
Yehoshua Joseph (Michael ’80 and Faiga), Cedarhurst, N Y
M ayan Freedman (Bini ’81 and D oron), Efrat/Boca Raton
Gillit Fischman (David ’81 and Debra), O ttawa, Canada
Moshe Matanya Rothner (Yehuda’84 and A dina), Cleveland, O H

Aliya
Yossie ’84 and Phyllis Hecht, Chashmonaim
Zelig Aster ’87 and Arielle Rothstein, Jerusalem
Eric ’93 and Erica W isberg, Jerusalem
Zvi Goldstein ’96, Mitzpeh Y ericho
Danny ’96 and Michal H ershtal

Condolences
To Herzl Hefter ’75 on the loss of his father, Aharon
To Yoshi Engel ’76 on the loss of his mother
To Zalman Eisenstock ’77 on the loss of his mother, Y ocheved
To Eugene ’80 and Steve ’86 Major, on the loss of their father, D r. W illiam Major
To David Greenberg ’81 on the loss of his brother, J J.
To Yehuda Susman ’81 on the loss of his mother, Beatrice
To Jason ’96 and Kevin ’99 Cyrulnik, on the loss of their father
The Yeshiva joins the family and friends of Yaakov Levi Matanky
’99 in mourning his tragic loss
The Yeshiva joins the family and friends of Yoni Jesner ’01 in
mourning his tragic loss

M ohekot lehm ocheved berhor shama alhil , Zion , Y eishiva

Bar/ Bat Mitzva
Yocheved Frimer (Shael ’72 and Sabina), Kfar Saba
Shlomo Koppel (Moshe ’74 and Channah), Efrat
Shoshana Fayne Fredman (Joel ’75 and Martha), Jerusalem

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Recent Publications

Bein Hitchabrut Le'Mechuyavut: A compilation of five sichot given by Harav Yehuda Amital, edited by O'had Lazar (Hebrew). In recent years, religious Zionist youth feel torn between commitment and attachment, between collectivism and individualism, between observance of the mitzvot through coercion and observance of the mitzvot through inner desire, between the study of Torah as a requirement and study of Torah as an experience. The essays in this book elucidate Rav Amital's insightful approach to these issues.

By His Light: Character and Values in the Service of God - (English) based on addresses by HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein, adapted by Rav Reuven Ziegler '86-'87, Yeshivat Har Etzion, 2002. For both those who have already experienced Rav Aharon's profound and powerful teaching and those who have not, this is an opportunity to be enlightened by the depth and breadth of his learning, and inspired by the scope and beauty of his vision.

Shiurei Harav Aharon Lichtenstein, Bava Metzia - "Hashoel" (Hebrew). A fourth compendium of shiurim by Rav Aharon Lichtenstein was recently published by the Yeshiva, relating to the laws of shomrim in the context of the eighth chapter of Bava Metzia. It is based on shiurim delivered in Elul 5757 and presents the central topics and key questions relating to the matter. Once again, Rav Daniel Wolf played a major role in the editing process, along with other talmidim of Rav Lichtenstein.


Be’Pitchei She’arim (Hebrew). A new monthly newsletter of divrei Torah, distributed in high schools and shuls throughout Israel, aimed at bringing the Yeshiva’s hashkafa to a wider audience. Edited by Yitzhak Bart ’95-'hesder, Yeshivat Har Etzion.

Divrei Beracha Ve’Moed: Topics in Berachot and Moadim (Hebrew). A collection of Torah articles by Rabbi Nati Helfgot ’81-'82 written in memory of his father. According to Rabbi Helfgot, the articles are the work of 20 years, beginning in 5742, when he was a Shana Aleph student at Yeshivat Har Etzion.

Emanations by Rabbi Ari D. Kahn ’80 (English). An in-depth analysis of the Jewish holidays through the prism of rabbinic perspective.

Tzir V’Tzoan by Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein (Hebrew) focuses on Moshe Rabbeinu’s leadership from Egypt until the Plains of Moav. The book is partially based on Parashat Hashavua shiurim which Rav Mosheh gives to his talmidim on Thursday evenings in his home.

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A World Built, Destroyed and Rebuilt

Rosh Hayeshiva Rav Yehuda Amital and Prof. Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize Laureate, both rejected the possibility of “fitting” the Holocaust into their religious worldviews, or of “understanding” the Holocaust in relation to the establishment of Israel, at an evening held on Thursday, September 26 at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem, and attended by 800 people. “N evertheless, we continue to believe in God and in His Providence,” the two death camp survivors asserted. The evening marked the publication of A World Built, Destroyed and Rebuilt: Rav Yehuda Amital Facing Remembrance of the Holocaust by Moshe Maya, and was organized by the Herzog College of Yeshivat Har Etzion, Mosaica Research Center for Religion, Society & State, and Heichal Shlomo.

“N othing in the world - not the State of Israel and not the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem and not even the coming of the Messiah - can justify the fiery death in the Holocaust of so many children!” Rav Amital exclaimed, choking on his words from emotion. Indeed, he ruled out any theological or historical explanation for the Holocaust. W hy the Holocaust? falls in the category of questions “that should not be asked, because there are no answers,” he said.