New Talmidim in Yeshiva: Welcome Yeshivat Darkaynu

There is a lot of excitement surrounding the new Yeshivat Darkaynu Program at the Yeshiva - excitement on the part of the Darkaynu and Yeshiva staff, excitement on the part of the Yeshiva talmidim, and most of all, excitement on the part of the new talmidim themselves.

About four years ago, Elana Goldscheider, who ran special needs programs in New York for many years, made aliya and wanted to start a program in Israel for young religious women with special needs. “Everyone’s going to Israel for a year, why shouldn’t they?” she reasoned. That program, now in its fourth year at Midreshet Lindenbaum, has been extremely successful.

This year, a parallel men’s program has been established, in conjunction with Ohr Torah Stone, at Yeshivat Har Etzion. “Yeshivat Har Etzion, as an established Hesder Yeshiva with a strong and diverse overseas program, situated in a spacious religious yishuv, is an ideal location to fulfill the goals set out by the program’s innovators,” explains Shalom Ozarowski, Program Coordinator together with Avi Ganz. “The program is tailored specifically for them and combines learning at their own level, growth in personal, social and vocational skills, as well as a chance to experience Israeli society and develop independence in a Jewish environment.”

The program began October 23rd with a group of talmidim aged 18-23, from New York, New Jersey, Chicago and Detroit. They have all been previously integrated in Yeshiva high school or similar programs, however, this is their first opportunity for year-long serious study. For some, it is their first extended time away from home.

The Darkaynu talmidim live in the Yeshiva dorms, eat all meals with the Yeshiva (including toranut once a week), daven and celebrate Shabbat and Chagim together with the Yeshiva. They go on tiyulim with the overseas talmidim, and have their

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Shana Aleph students on a tiyul to the Alon (oak tree). When residents of Gush Etzion were forced in 1948 to abandon the area, they gazed from afar at the remaining oak tree as a symbol of faith and hope for the future. Yeshivat Har Etzion and Alon Shevut, the settlement which grew around it (literally, the Oak of Return), continue to draw inspiration from this steadfast tree. There are 60 Shana Aleph students and 29 Shana Bet students from overseas this year, as well as 27 Shana Aleph and 5 Shana Bet students in the MTA Southern Hemisphere Program.

Shana Bet talmidim on a tiyul in the Golan

Madrichim welcome new talmidim. From left; Dovid Davies ’01 Hesder, Yaki Rydzinski ’99, Yehoshua Lindenbaum ’01 and Doron Hindin ’02 Hesder.
own tiyulim once a month - an excellent opportunity for hands-on learning and a chance to get to know the country.

The talmidim have morning shiurim which focus on group discussion and experiential learning in addition to text. They are learning Mishna and Gemara Berachot, Hilchat Berachot and Tefilla, Hilchat Shabbat, as well as Talmud and Limudei Eretz Yisrael. Following the morning shiur, they spend several hours working locally, including the libraries in both Alon Shevut and Efrat, the Yikvei HaGush winery and other area establishments. Once a week, they are involved in a chessed opportunity, helping to organize clothing for the needy at the Yad B’Yad Center in Efrat.

The afternoon schedule combines Torah learning and skill-building classes (social and vocational). In the late afternoon, Darkaynu talmidim have chevirrot with Har Etzion talmidim, both overseas and English-speaking Hesder students – a highlight of the program’s integration with the yeshiva.

Evenings include ulpan, chugim in cooking and music, working out at the gym and swimming in the Alon Shevut pool. Thursday evening is Va’ad night, hosted alternatively by Darkaynu staff and guest kollel couples. Once a week, the students eat dinner and spend time with an adopted family from Alon Shevut, and also spend an occasional Shabbat with them.

The Yeshiva’s administration and educational faculty are very enthusiastic about the program, which adds a new dimension to the general atmosphere at Yeshiva. In addition to providing a special opportunity for participants, the program will at the same time deeply enrich the development and sensitivity of all students. We wish hatzlocha to all our new talmidim.

Shalom Ozarowski studied psychology at YU and is currently studying in its Semicha program. After learning this past year at the Gruss Kollel in Jerusalem, he recently married and made aliya. He has extensive experience working with the special needs population in both summer and year-round clinical and educational programs.

Avi Ganz has been in Israel since 2001, studying at the Mir Yeshiva in Jerusalem. He has much experience in the field of special education, including serving as head counselor at Camp Chaverim at Magen Av in the Catskills for the past 3 years. He is married to Chana Esther, who previously served as a madricha in the Midreshet Darkaynu Program. They made aliya in August ’05 and have a baby daughter, Meira.

Melava Malka at Yeshiva

On a tiyul to the Old City. Shalom Ozarowski is pictured 4th from left and Avi Ganz is sitting in center.
Thank you to Simeon Botwinick, Shana Aleph talmid from NY, for sharing his Yamim Nora'im experience at Yeshiva

As Rosh Hashanah approached this year, I felt the usual thrill of excitement, but mixed with a touch of uncertainty. This would be my first time spending the Yamim Nora'im away from my home and my family.

By this point I had been in Israel for just under a month, and the shock of the whole experience hadn’t really settled in yet. I hadn’t even had time to be homesick, what with the new schedule, the new food and the new dorms. I was meeting a lot of people, learning new things, and seeing new places. Every once in a while, perhaps late at night after a full day, I had moments to reflect back on home and my family and wonder what they were doing, but generally there was no time to sit and ponder. However, with the approach of the chag, I wondered what would the Yamim Nora'im be like without my family, without my familiar shul, my familiar chazan and the familiar tunes?

As I walked to the Beit Midrash on Rosh Hashanah night, these doubts were still spinning in my head. However, as the davening began, they were completely forgotten.

Davening at Gush was like no other davening I had been to before. From the familiar opening tune of borchu on Rosh Hashanah night to the very end of n'eilah ten days later, I was blown away by the entire Yamim Nora'im experience. Sure, I missed my family, and sure, the shul, chazan and tunes were all different, but while I was there in that Beit Midrash, all my concerns were pushed aside. The concentration and energy in the room were outstanding. There was no “schmoozing”, and meeting up with old friends and talking about the rabbi’s speech. Every one of the 500 or so people there had come for one reason, and one reason only, and it showed. I never before had even realized what davening could be. But with everyone focused and devoted, it was an unbelievably powerful experience.

On November 8, 2006, two groups of soldiers (totaling 140) visited the Yeshiva in the framework of Project Marveh (literally: gratifying), wherein youth from diverse countries around the world are drafted into the IDF for a number of months and participate in various programs. Among these programs is a visit to Gush Etzion which includes a tour and joint learning session with students at Yeshivat Har Etzion.

The first group of 80 English-speakers from Australia and the U.S. was greeted by Chaim Martin (6th year Hesder student) who gave a short explanation about the unique characteristics of the Yeshiva. For the next half hour, they toured the Yeshiva, featuring the Beit Midrash and library, guided by older talmidim, who happily volunteered for this task. The second group of 60 consisted of Portuguese and Spanish speakers. At the end of their tour and learning session (conducted in Hebrew) on the topic of “Social Justice”, Har Etzion talmid Daniel Katz (originally from Brazil), presented a summary of the visit in Portuguese and it was clear on the faces of the soldiers that they were duly impressed by the “Ingathering of the Exiles” so evident at the Yeshiva. Some of the soldiers even asked Daniel how they could join the various programs of the Yeshiva. From the positive reaction of the soldiers and their commanders, it was apparent that the visit had made a strong impression.

Mazal Tov to Shammai Siskind, Shiur Bet, (Baltimore/Efrat) on making a Siyum Shas at Yeshiva during the break-fast after Tzom Gedalia, which was also his 17th birthday. “I felt it was important to make the siyum in public in order to encourage others to increase their commitment to learning.”
The 2nd Annual Yeshivat Har Etzion Trip to Poland

The prophet Isaiah, in the beginning of this pasuk (which is renowned as the source for the name of our Holocaust center and museum), hints to us the way in which one is to remember and to commemorate. He mentions both a ‘hand’ (yard) and a ‘name’ (shem). A hand is representative of a person’s actions, his conquests, successes and achievements – the realization of one’s potential. A person’s name, like his face, is his identity, his person and his uniqueness.

During our trip to Poland, we set about achieving this multifaceted goal: exploring the actions of our greatest ancestors, engaging in what remains of our colorful, and incredibly rich heritage and understanding the greatness of their knowledge, and of their actions; and remembering, commemorating and mourning the victims of the Shoah – each as individuals, as people and as heroes.

In celebrating our rich heritage we sang and danced “with” Rav Elimelech of Lezansk (talmid and descendant of the Ba’al Shem Tov), we davened “with” the Rema in his shul in Krakow, and we learned “with” the Netziv (Rosh Yeshiva of the famed Volozhin Yeshiva) at his resting place in Warsaw. In addition we visited the home of the Gerer Chassidim, The Tosfot Yom Tov, and the Bach (Bayit Chadash). We learned Daf Yomi where it was conceived, in Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin, and sang with the Rebbe of Modzitz. These are only a few ways in which we remembered, revived and understood the actions and teachings of these keynote Rabbanim and teachers. In addition, we spent a very meaningful Shabbat in Lodz, where we had the opportunity to awaken the city’s old shul with beautiful Shabbat tefillot and Divrei Torah.

With this fresh, and much deeper understanding of this vibrant, illustrious history, our commemoration and comprehension of the multitude of tragedies in the Shoah was intensified. Our visits to many of the concentration camps, death camps and other sites of mass destruction were conducted with two goals in mind – firstly to learn as much as possible about what happened in order to cultivate a new generation of “witnesses” and secondly to pay respect to the innumerable holy people who died there “Al Kiddush Hashem”. Among the places we visited were Majdanek, Sobibor and Auschwitz-Birkenau and Chelmno. Of the lesser known places, we visited Izbiza, Josefov and Tarnow. Although many of these places are difficult to visit, the mood with and manner in which it was done was extremely meaningful.

During our visit to Tarnow, we paid special tribute to the over 1.5 million innocent children who were murdered, and whose dreams and aspirations were prematurely ended in the most brutal fashion. At the side of the mass grave, we presented the boys with surprise personal letters written to them by their parents. This was an incredibly meaningful and emotional moment for everyone- but one which taught a great lesson in appreciation and in love.

As we made our way to Warsaw, we stopped in Dzialoscyce, where we had the unique opportunity of meeting and conversing with Polish students of a similar age. This was also the hometown of Mrs. Renee Adelsberg’s father (grandfather...
of Sammy Adelsberg, Shana Aleph ’05) – thus giving us the unique opportunity of exploring and learning about their family’s incredible story and history.

The trip was concluded by walking along the “path of the heroes” – which commemorates the Warsaw ghetto community and leaders of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. We departed the Umschlagplatz (the center where Jews were assembled in the ghetto to be deported, mainly to Treblinka), our Israeli flags raised high and with a great sense of pride, for the airport and four hours later landed in Eretz Yisrael.

We traveled directly to the Kotel to daven shacharit and to conclude our journey.

It was truly a meaningful trip.

Craig Lubner ’03 PC
Trip Coordinator and Coordinator of Overseas Program 2006/7

An Obligation to Teach our Children

I am eternally grateful to the Yeshiva for enabling me to perform an obligation by accompanying my son, Sammy, and his friends on the annual trip to Poland. Ten years ago, my father, a survivor of the Shoah, reluctantly took his children back to Dzialoszyce to rediscover his hometown. He left us with an unspoken obligation to teach our children and bring them back to our collective heritage.

Thanks to the Ramim and talmidim that went on this trip, my fears and anxieties turned into feelings of shared hope and exhilaration, as I looked at all the promise and potential these boys will contribute to the future of Am Yisrael. Coming back to Israel and being met by the Ramim at the Kotel was truly a climax that topped off the emotionally volatile trip we had just completed.

The presence of such giants as Rav Binyamin Tabory and Rav Doniel Schreiber ’83 deeply enhanced our experience, as they shared relevant, meaningful divrei Torah and personal insights of great wisdom and warmth. Rav Shalom Berger ’83, an extraordinarily gifted historian, used anecdotes and film, along with selections from a myriad of sources, to bring history to life. It was apparent that the students took their research responsibilities quite seriously as they shared, with great passion, the pertinent information and divrei Torah they had gathered on their specific subject matter, whether a concentration camp, gravesite, historical or cultural site.

My father’s consistent message from his horrific experience in our darkest hour is twofold: the importance of sharing all that we have and the essence of Torah as the basis of our existence. I had the opportunity to be a ‘fly on the wall’ among talmidim of the finest character and of the highest caliber. I will treasure the conversations we shared, the menschlechkeit they exhibited, and the enjoyable times we had learning Yiddish (yes, we had a Yiddish word-of-the-day). The shared memories have created, for our group, a bond that will last forever. I will always have tremendous hakorat hatov to Yeshivat Har Etzion for all it has done for me on a personal level and for having my kinderlach benefit from such greatness. It is more than any parent could ever hope for. Thank you.

Renée Adelsberg
May 2006
A top priority at the Yeshiva, from the start, was to develop an advanced library and resource center with a broader scope than the Yeshiva curriculum, which would also meet the diverse Torah-related interests of the community. The dream was to create a Judaica library on equal footing with the academic Judaic libraries, serving the staff, students and community at large. Today, the Yeshiva’s library is renowned in the Yeshiva world in Israel and abroad as an outstanding research facility, and even in the academic world, our library excels in terms of accessibility to books and other material.

Since 1982, when Aharon Bejell ’75 became the Yeshiva’s head librarian, the library has grown from 10,000 volumes to over 50,000 volumes, both printed and electronic resources, as well as 600 periodicals. “The library, which is open long hours and employs more than 10 individuals, is an ongoing project, necessitating a large investment, and which is constantly growing and developing,” he explains.

A unique feature of the library is that it incorporates rare and antique books which add special character. Even though many books used daily are recent editions, when one sees older editions of Tanach and other sefarim, one realizes how much energy was devoted over the centuries to learning, which contributes to the enhancement of Torah study. Also, having the older, first editions gives the library users the ability to see and use the original sefer, and many times, it is often needed to compare variant readings or different versions of the text for study and research.

The library is currently upgrading its computer management system as part of the family of academic libraries in the “Aleph” network, and the major goal now is to train staff and students in order to ensure a smooth transition to the new software. The Yeshiva’s library draws many visitors – groups from elementary and high schools, yeshivot and ulpanot, soldiers, writers, researchers, teachers and rabbis. In recent months, among our regular visitors are some special and esteemed personalities.

Rabbi Shapira resides in Ramat Beit Shemesh and leads Congregation Aish Kodesh, a vibrant shul and worldwide headquarters for spreading the teachings of his great uncle. A frequent visitor to the Yeshivat Har Etzion library, Rav Shapira comes every week to prepare his weekly drashot and shiurim. He says that, since he was a child, he has always loved books and is very drawn to books and libraries. He believes that by studying a sefer of a Rav who was niftar brings the Rav nachat ruach, and is very good for his neshama, similar to giving a d’var Torah in someone’s name. Especially when learning an obscure or forgotten sefer, he maintains, it is as if the Rav who authored the sefer is speaking from his kever; there is a strong feeling of techiyat ha’metim.

And on a lighter note, Rav Shapira says, with a youthful smile, books are alive, reading is an adventure, like climbing Mount Everest, a way to make discoveries. One can enjoy a story, learn a new idea, disclose a hidden thing. On a practical note, he suggests rotating the books in the library so that those on the lower shelves get a chance to be raised to a higher, more accessible level, in order that every book gets a chance to be chosen, perused and studied.

Rabbi Chaim Wasserman, came on aliya a year ago from the U.S., where he was the Rav of the Young Israel of Passaic, NJ for 37 years. A self-confessed bibliophile, he packed up
his sefarim collection of 50 years, numbering 9,000 sefarim, into 590 cartons. Unfortunately, his apartment in Jerusalem was nowhere near large enough to house all his books, so he had to rent another apartment to store them. But before beginning the colossal task of unpacking and rebuilding his library anew, Rabbi Wasserman sought a library where he could continue his studies, research and writing in the interim.

With two sons living in Efrat - Hillel, a chef in the Yeshiva and Shmuel - and through his acquaintance with Natan and Leah Segal - a librarian in the Yeshiva, in charge of the rapidly-growing English collection, he heard about Yeshivat Har Etzion’s library. He comes to the library once a week, where he spends the entire day, and describes it as “magnificent, a gold mine for teachers, with a team of librarians that can’t be beat.” He says it has everything he needs, from an outlet to plug in his computer, a copy machine that works, to all the sifrei Kodesh that he needs for his research. He is excited about discovering material that he’s never seen, including sefarim published in Eretz Yisrael that never reached America, and he has many stories to tell about other sefarim he has found in the library. For example, he pulls a sefer off a shelf, and points to a little-known account of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, father of modern Hebrew, who visited the Chief Rabbi of Israel Harav Yitzhak Hacohen Kook zt”l. After a lively discussion, Rav Kook said to Ben Yehuda, “Maybe the time has come for you to return?”, to which he replied, “Perhaps.” Ten hours later, he died.

Rabbi Wasserman is working on re-doing a 400-page sourcebook which he developed while teaching the “History of Zionism”, a college-accredited course for seniors at Bruria High School in Elizabeth, NJ. He also prepares material for his Internet radio program for OU – “This Land is My Land”, tracing the history of the religious dimension of Shivat Tzion.

Noa Jeselsohn, a graduate of Nishmat’s Keren Ariel Yoetzot Halacha Program, teaches in Midreshet Lindenbaum, Midreshet Emunah V’Omanut and the Women’s Beit Midrash in Efrat, and answers questions for the Nishmat Halachic Hotline. Living in Alon Shevut with her husband, Rabbi Yitzy Blau ‘86 and their four children, she comes to the library on a weekly basis where she prepares all her classes, “It’s close to home. It’s a place that has every book I could possibly need, and the staff and computers are user-friendly,” she says. She also appreciates the quiet, intense atmosphere of learning and the easy accessibility of the books.

Naftali Moses holds a Master’s degree from Bar Ilan University and is currently working towards his doctorate from Bar Ilan University in the History and Philosophy of Science, with a specialty in Halacha and Medicine. He lives in nearby Efrat and can be found in the library almost every day, noting that Aharon Bejell and all the librarians are friendly and go out of their way to help. “The Yeshivat Har Etzion library is the pearl of the entire Gush,” he says, “It’s a major and incredible resource for the entire area. There hasn’t been anything I needed in my halachic research that I couldn’t find here.”

The Yeshiva is grateful to Gerald and Shulamith Parkoff for their generous contribution to the Yeshiva library of many volumes of great historic value, from their personal collection. The Parkoffs, formerly of Rabbi Wasserman’s kehilla in Passaic, NJ, made aliya to Efrat, a year ago. They are pictured here in front of one of seven color-coded charts which they donated to the Yeshiva’s library. The charts, which map the transmission of the Torah through the Torah personalities of all generations, are from The Atlas Etz Chaim by Rafael Halprin. “The maps provide historical perspective which is very important for those studying Gemara, particularly beginners, to see where each Rav fits in, who were his contemporaries, and which country he came from,” says Mr. Parkoff.
Mrs. Dorothy Berman, President of the Etzion Foundation, welcomed guests to the 26th annual NY dinner at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in NYC on March 21, 2006. She proudly noted that her grandson, Josh, was completing a year in Gush and that honoree, Rabbi Ari Berman, is her nephew.

Rosh Hayeshiva Harav Aharon Lichtenstein discussed the multi-faceted and profound content and style which particularly characterize our Yeshiva. “The challenge is great, the responsibility awesome, and the opportunity wondrous,” Harav Lichtenstein stated.

Recipients of the Parents of the Year Award were Dr. Mark and Brenda Gardenswartz, members of Congregation Keter Torah in Teaneck, NJ, whose son, Noah ’02, studied in the Yeshiva for three years. “We feel a profound sense of hakarat hatov to Yeshivat Har Etzion,” said Dr. Gardenswartz. “The Yeshiva is a unique environment, a place of extraordinarily rigorous and diligent scholarship, of passionate commitment to Halacha, of compassion and tolerance taught in a culture of intellectual integrity and honesty.”

He recalled an unforgettable and exhilarating Shemini Atzeret spent at Yeshiva, when he was awed by the tremendous power of a one-hour rendition of the same song, sung by hundreds of talmidim, ‘Yehai ra’ava kadamach d’iftach liba’i b’oraita’. Dr. Gardenswartz concluded with the bracha that the Yeshiva should continue to grow and prosper.

“Vasu li mikdash v’shachanti be’tocham be’ocham’ illuminates the relationship between the Kadosh Baruch Hu and Am Yisrael throughout the generations,” said Esti Rozenberg. Head of the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women in Migdal Oz, now in its tenth year. “Yeshivat Har Etzion, driven by a dream of Ahavat Torah, began a journey nine years ago, to build a mikdash me’at. An impressive campus was built, the center of which is the Shapiro Beit Midrash, in which Avodat Hashem, both intellectual and spiritual, is the order of the day,” she said.

“We, the faculty, try to inspire and influence our students to build a mikdash of their own for the Kadosh Baruch Hu in their hearts and homes. We are grateful to the Kadosh Baruch Hu, to the Roshei Yeshiva and to the administration for their trust in us throughout the years.”

Esti Rozenberg introduced Elana Stein MO ‘00 and her chevruta Tova Warburg Sinensky MO ‘00, Migdal Oz Alumnae of the Year, pioneers and role models who opened the doors for young women from overseas to become a part of the Women’s Beit Midrash. “They continue to progress in their learning and are teaching as well, and we see in them the beginning of our dream coming true,” Esti Rozenberg said. “We are proud of you. Continue learning and constantly giving to Am Yisrael.”

Tova reminisced about her first Kabbalat Shabbat in the Beit Midrash, describing the closed eyes, the faces and hearts facing heavenward during the passionate singing of “Shiru Lashem Shir Chadash”. “Talmud Torah in Migdal Oz is a transformative experience, reflected by song, a reflection of the soul,” she said. “Thank you for creating a Beit Midrash which fuses kol Torah with kol shira.”

“What I found in Migdal Oz was something quite unbelievable,” Elana said. “Esti told us to consider this place our home. But it is also a beit midrash which demands and requires many things.
It presents many challenges - immersion and initiative - Talmud Torah, Hebrew, strongly feeling the destiny of Am Yisrael, creativity, taking with us what we learned. It is an extraordinary place, a beacon on a hill. May Migdal Oz continue to inspire and aspire to great heights."

Harav Lichtenstein introduced Guest of Honor Rabbi Ari Berman ’87-'89, Rabbi of The Jewish Center in NY since 2000, “an effective Rav, a Ben Torah, who has privately and publicly done so much for the kehilla, who approaches the Rabbanut with verve, commitment and imagination and who serves his congregants with empathy, wisdom and sincerity. He, together with his Rebbetzin, Anita, seeks to raise the bar of aspiration, achievement and accomplishment."

“When I was 17, entering Yeshivat Har Etzion, I planned to spend a year in Gush, major in economics, go to law school and become a lawyer,” Rabbi Berman responded. “By the time, I was 18, I had a new plan – to spend two years in the Gush, major in philosophy at YU, enter the Semicha program and maybe become a lawyer. I began contemplating Jewish education and the rabbinate.”

“What happened during that year in Yeshiva that led to such a change in my life plan?” he asked. “My year in Gush was filled with intellectual and spiritual awakening – it reinforced my love of learning and introduced me to the experience of encountering Hashem in the text of his Torah, in an environment of kulo Torah, fertile and intellectual activity, in which a talmid can grow and develop.”

Rabbi Berman thanked all the Rebbeim and most especially, ‘mori v’rabi Harav Lichtenstein – who has transformed my life and the lives of thousands of his students, a role model who we know we can never reach but who we seek to emulate. I accept this honor tonight in tribute to him. Finally, ‘chasdei Hashem ki lo tamru’, ‘tov l’hodot lashem u’le’zamer l’shimcha elyon’.”

David Landes ’73, Chairman of the Board, thanked Mrs. Dorothy Berman, President of the Etzion Foundation, and Mrs. Shirley Schuster, Executive Director, for all their efforts in ensuring the success of the dinner.

He told those gathered that Rosh Hayeshiva Harav Amital took a bold step when he initiated the appointment of the two new Roshei Yeshiva, Harav Yaakov Medan and Harav Baruch Gigi, serving alongside the current Roshei Yeshiva, in order to ensure the stability and leadership of the Yeshiva in its transition to a new generation, yet another example of his great vision in which he founded the Yeshiva and has guided it together with Harav Lichtenstein over the last four decades.

“I’m told that Harav Medan and Harav Gigi have already brought a fresh spirit into the Yeshiva,” said David Landes. “We offer them our full support in their new roles as leaders of the institution so dear to our hearts. They can be counted on to maintain the same educational environment at Yeshiva in which they themselves flourished.”

The dinner also honored the Alumni of the Yeshivat Har Etzion Classes of 1985 and 1986.

A Yom Iyun was held Sunday morning prior to the dinner at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in NY, featuring shiurim and presentations by Rosh Hayeshiva Harav Aharon Lichtenstein, Rosh Hayeshiva Harav Baruch Gigi, Rav Itiel Oron, and Mrs. Esti Rozenberg. Thank you to Rivi and Avi Katz ’76 for coordinating the Yom Iyun.

18th Annual Yeshivat Har Etzion Shabbaton

The 18th Annual YHE Shabbaton took place December 1-2 in Teaneck, NJ with Rosh Yeshiva, Harav Baruch Gigi, and Rav Mordechai Friedman, Ram in the Yeshiva. 70 alumni representing all machzorim joined together to share their memories, enjoy meals, shiurim and sichot in a warm Shabbat atmosphere. The Teaneck community was invited to hear Rav Gigi speak over the course of Shabbat.
Radio Station KMTT –
Ki Mitzion Teitze Torah – Tune in Today

Dr. Yael Ziegler, a KMTT lecturer and teacher at the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women in Migdal Oz, recently returned from a lecture tour in NY. She was shocked by how many hours people spend stuck in traffic on a daily basis and now better understands the enthusiasm for KMTT – Ki Mitzion Teitze Torah – the first daily Torah podcast.

“I am a big fan of KMTT and exactly the type of person you are targeting - a Manhattan commuter,” writes one satisfied KMTT listener. “Yishar Koach on an amazing program!”

According to Rav Ezra Bick, head of the Israel Koschitzky Virtual Beit Midrash, who initiated this latest development, “KMTT sends 30-40 minute shiurim every day, Monday-Friday, which is perfect for commuters, exercisers, and anyone else who wants to fill an hour with Torah. The MP3 file can be played on your computer or transferred to a portable MP3 playing device.”

For alumni, KMTT provides an ideal way to stay in close touch with the Yeshiva. “I want to express my hakarat hatov to the whole staff for the outstanding podcasts,” says one alumnus. “They strengthen my now long-distance kesher to Yeshiva in a meaningful way. The Yeshiva, baruch Hashem, continues to be a step ahead in maximizing technology for harbatzat haTorah.”

Adam from Ramat Gan writes: “I listen to KMTT on my mobile phone while jogging in the Park Haleumi… The quality of shiurim is excellent, which I’m used to after many years of learning in the VBM (since its establishment). Kol hakavod for your efforts!”

“‘There is something about the human voice that helps enhance the sense of being part of a live community of learning,’ says Steven W. ‘It’s a very precious feeling, especially for those of us in far-flung communities. You have certainly turned this little device (iPod) into something with great transformative power and kedusha.”

“‘I have the distinction of probably being the only ‘frum’ taxi driver in Melbourne,’” writes Andre B. “Since I found out about KMTT, I have been downloading the programs daily and listening to the shiurim during the day while driving (without passengers).”

Dror K. adds: “I read a newspaper article about research on happiness in which they asked people which hours of the day bring them the most joy and which the most suffering and it came out that the worst hour was defined as the hour of the trip to work. I can attest, with no question, that this hour has been transformed for me into one of the nicest hours of my day. Sometimes, I even hope that the bus will stay stuck in traffic just a little bit longer so that I can hear the end of the shiur.”

For questions, comments or helpful suggestions, please write to: kmtt@kimitzion.org

KMTT Winter Schedule
Monday - The Weekly Mitzva - Rav Binyamin Tabory
Tuesday - Parashat Hashavua - Rotating Lecturers
Wednesday - Philosophical Investigations into the Akeida - Rav Ezra Bick
Thursday - Topics in Hilchot Shabbat - Rav Assaf Bednarsh
Friday - Erev Shabbat Program

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in Hebrew - http://www.etzion.org.il/keshet/

Lonely Man of Faith: Alumnus Produces Film

Har Etzion alumnus Ethan Isenberg (’99-’00 PC) is the Director/Producer of the new documentary film “Lonely Man of Faith: The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik,” which world-premiered on November 9th at the Boston Jewish Film Festival. According to reviewer Jules Becker, “Lonely Man of Faith, directed and co-written with impressive balance and clarity by Ethan Isenberg, is a rich testament to the amazing achievements of the unique Torah and Talmud scholar known as the Rav z’t”l (1903-1993). The film richly embraces the Rav’s boundless contribution to American Jewry and the world.”

Ethan, always interested in films, studied documentary filmmaking at Columbia Univ. and New York Film/Video Arts, and multimedia at the University of Southern California. He has a BA in English Literature, with a concentration in Film Studies, and a BS in Computer Science, from the U. of Penn.

A successful “shidduch” took place between Ethan, who was ready to make a film and Rabbi Dr. Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff, Senior Advisor of the project, who was looking for someone to make a film about the Rav. Four years after their initial conversation, and a year and a half after finding a supporter to fund the entire project, the 99-minute English-language film was ready for viewing.

The goal was to produce a public TV quality film, and Ethan says this was made possible in large part thanks to Marilyn Ness, Executive Producer of the film, a two-time Emmy Award winning documentary film producer. The film is narrated by Tovah Feldshuh and the voice of the Rav is portrayed by Theodore Bikel.

See: www.lonelymanoffaith.com
Alumni Achievements in Chinuch and the Rabbinate

Rabbi Rami Avigdor (’94-’01 PC), Community Rabbi, Guadalejara, Mexico

Rabbi Avi Baumol (’88-’89, ’96-’97), Director of OU Israel communities for the OU Israel Center. The goal is to create a network of shuls in Israel with an Anglo presence and to provide them with a feeling of connectedness as well as services that will empower the communities and help facilitate chessed, kiruv and social projects throughout the country.

Rabbi Itzik Ben David ’97 H, Ram, Midrasha for Women, Ein HaNetziv

Rabbi Yoni Berlin (’85-’93 H), former Rosh Yeshiva and Principal of “Ner Tamid” Bnei Akiva Yeshiva High School in Hashmona’im, Principal “Ruchani” of Jewish Studies, Yeshivat “Ohr Chaim”, Toronto

Leron Bernstein (’02-’03), Rosh Machaneh, Bnei Akiva South Africa

Rabbi Yoseif Bloch (’95-’96, ’01-’02), Ram, Yeshivat HaKotel, Jerusalem

Rabbi Yecheil (’96 H) and Vered Frank, Jewish Learning Initiative, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Rabbi Aharon (’94-’95, ’98-’99 Kollel) and Adena Frazer, Jewish Learning Initiative, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Rabbi Ezra Frazer (’96, ’97, ’98, ’01 PC, ’02 PC, ’05), teaching at TABC, NJ. He was a Scholar-in-Residence at the UCLA Hillel the last days of Pesach and subsequent Shabbat, invited by Rabbi Aryeh and Sharona Kaplan ’97-’98, Jewish Learning Initiative couple there.

Rabbi Mordy (’95-’96) and Limor Friedman, Jewish Learning Initiative, U. of Penn, succeeding Rabbi Yehuda (’95-’96, ’00 Kollel) and Ori Seif.

Aryeh Gluck ’03, Merakez, Bnei Akiva, Sydney, Australia

Rabbi Rony Gurwicz ’94 PC, Rosh Kollel, Torah MiTzion, Rio, Brazil

Rabbi Shalom Holtz ’94, Assistant Professor of Bible at Yeshiva College, NY

Rabbi Josh Joseph (’88,’94 ’96), appointed Chief of Staff by YU President Richard Joel

Rabbi Avi Kannai (’86 H), Rosh Kollel, Torah MiTzion, Memphis, TN

Rabbi Jeff Kobrin (’92-’93), Headmaster, Ramaz Middle School (grades 5-8), NY

Rabbi Aaron Koller (’95-’96, ’00), Teaching Bible, Semitics and History, Dept. of Jewish Studies, Yeshiva College, NY

Rabbi Barry Kornblau (’96 PC), Director of Committees and Operations at the Rabbinical Council of America in New York, Rabbi of the Young Israel of Hollis Hills-Windsor Park in Bayside (Queens), NY, and editor of Torah Currents.

Rabbi Uriel Lubetski (’91-’92, ’96), Headmaster at Yeshivat Rambam, Baltimore, MD

Rabbi Hillel Maizels (’95-’06), Mechanech, the Gush Etzion Regional Mamlachti-Dati Elementary School

Uri Manovitz (’01 H), Kollel Torah MiTzion, Capetown, South Africa

Rabbi Yair Meron, ’94 H, Ram, Yeshiva High School, Petach Tikva

Rabbi Oded Mittelman ’96 H, Ram, Yeshivat Hesder, Shilo

Rabbi Itiel Oron (’95 H), Rosh Kollel, Torah MiTzion, New York

Rabbi Moti Novick (’92-’93, ’97-’03-’05), Ram at Yeshivat Eretz HaTzvi, Jerusalem

Michael Platt (’03 PC, ’04 Machal, ’05), recently made aliya. He had an internship last year with the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), working on Jewish communal projects related to the Jewish Federation of Romania, which included a winter visit to Romania to observe and further the programs. He also helps staff with the Estel Program of JDC, a program which provides services for the elderly in Israel.

Rabbi Doron Podlashuk (’96-’04), Rosh Kollel, Torah MiTzion, Johannesburg, South Africa

Rabbi Binyomin Rickman (’96-’97, ’99-’00), Limudei Kodesh Teacher, King David School, Manchester, England

Michael (Rafi) Rosman ’01, a key figure in the Yeshiva’s chessed program during his Shana Aleph year, was a Yeshiva University Presidential Fellow in University and Community Leadership last year. The Fellows are chosen after an intense screening process based on their academic performance, campus leadership, and concern for the Jewish community.

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“The fellowship program has provided me with a strong foundation to go on to take a leadership role in the business world and to make a difference in my own community. The experience I had and the lessons I have learned are ones that will last a lifetime,” he said. “The year that I spent learning at Yeshivat Har Etzion was one of the most influential years of my life. It prepared me for my college experience in that I learned the true value of Torah learning, I developed a deep love and appreciation for the Land of Israel, and I began to recognize the importance of being involved in the greater Jewish community. One of the chessed projects that became a significant part of my year was the weekly visit we made to the soldiers at Tsomet HaGush where we served...”
them cake and coffee. Not only did I learn to appreciate the fact that my own brothers were protecting my homeland right outside my door; but I realized how important it is to give back to my community. My frequent visits to the homes of my Rabbanim also enabled me to become a part of the community and better appreciate the value of family life. This was a preparation and an inspiration for me to become a part of the Fellowship Program."

Rabbi Udi Satt, (’99 H), Ram, Yeshiva High School, Petach Tikva

Dale Schaffer (’02-’03), S’gan Rosh Machaneh, Bnei Akiva South Africa

Rabbi Simcha Schaum (’97-’98, ’00), Teaching, Yavneh (Middle School), Paramus, NJ

Rabbi Michael Setbon (’90 H), Community Rabbi, Kibbutz Sheluchot

Shlomo Shellim ’03, Merakez, Bnei Akiva, Australia

Avi Shmidman ’92, lecturing at Bar Ilan University in the Dept. of Hebrew Literature, delivering a course entitled “Genesis Stories as Reflected in Early Liturgical Poetry”.

Rabbi Amichai Shoham ’96 H, Community Rabbi, Denmark

Rabbi Tzvi Sinensky (’98-’99, ’02), Rabbinic Intern at Congregation Ahavath Torah, Englewood, NJ and learning in Kollel Elyon at Yeshiva University

Mark Steiner ’02-’03, Merakez, Bnei Akiva, Melbourne, Australia

Aviad Yosef (’02 H), Kollel Torah MiTzion, Montreal, Canada

Rabbi Ephraim Zik (’91 H), Rosh Kollel, Torah MiTzion, Lima, Peru

Rabbi Benjy Zimmerman (’96, ’98, ’00), Ram, Yeshivat Hesder, Sha’alavim

Nadav Zisblatt (’01 H), Kollel, Torah MiTzion, Capetown, South Africa

Mazal Tov to the following Har Etzion alumni, originally from overseas, upon receiving their semicha from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel: Asher Altschul, Hillel Maizels and Jonathan Snowbell and to Natan Rickman who received his semicha from Rav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg.

Mazal Tov to the following Yeshivat Har Etzion alumni who received their semicha and were honored at the RIETS Chag Ha-Semihka 5766 - Classes of 5762, 5763, 5764 and 5765.

(Are we leaving anyone out? Please let us know if we did):

Avi Billet, Avraham Bronstein, Naftali Cohn, Rafi Eis, Ezra Frazer, Mordy Friedman, Seth Grauer, Aton Holzer, Gili Houpt, Yaacov Jaffe, Joel Jerozolim, Barry Kislowicz, Chaim Lanner, Binyamin Mayefsky, David Nachbar, Jonathan Price, Yehuda Sarna, Robbie Sassoon, Yechiel Schrader, Yehuda Septimus, Noam Shapiro, Micky Siev, Elia Silverman, Chaim Strauchler, Raymond Sultan (valedictorian), Chananya Weissman, Elie Weissman, Josh Yuter, and Benjy Zimmerman.

Army Mazal Tovs

To David Stark (’05, Machal ’06) of Cleveland, OH, on receiving the prestigious “Outstanding Soldier” (Chayal L’Mofet) Award, Givati Unit

To Matt Schwartz (’04-’05, Machal ’06) of Brooklyn, NY, on receiving a “Soldier of Excellence” (Chayal Miztayen) Award, Givati Unit

Achievements in the Medical Field

Rabbi Dr. Amichai J. Erdfarb (’94-’95) delivered the Invocation at the May 22, 2006 Graduation Ceremony of the Yale School of Medicine where he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine with Honors.

Jonathan Greenblatt, MD ’87, joined New York Heart Associates, PC, in April 2005 and is currently Director of Cardiovascular Imaging at Saint Vincent’s Midtown Hospital in New York

Letter from an Alumnus:

Although I wanted to send this email a while ago, I just got to it now but it is still as relevant. I wish to express the hakarat hatov that I continue to feel every time another one of the Ramim or Roshei Yeshiva visit their talmidim in America. Although I was not able to make it to the dinner this year, I attended the Shabbaton in Lawrence and the Shabbaton on the West Side, and Rav Lichtenstein’s shiurim in YU. From the opportunities I took advantage of over the past two years, I am constantly overwhelmed with the devotion and dedication that the Yeshiva’s Rabbanim have to their talmidim in chutz la’aretz. It is personally meaningful for me as a continued connection to my Rabbanim from Yeshiva, as another connection to Eretz Yisrael, and for the important perspective provided by the Yeshiva’s hashkafa. I am very aware, from my time in Yeshiva, the sacrifice made in order to have Rabbanim come to America for a week or longer, but I still believe it is very important and very much appreciated.

Kol Tuv,
Jonathan Hefter ’02-03
Brookline, MA
Marriages

Avery Steinberg ’76 and Lindsey Shapiro
Yaki Blau ’88 and Sara Silverstein
Reuven Weiser ’95 and Nechama Reich
Duvi Nachbar ’96 and Jenny Richmond
Jonny Newman ’97 and Lauren Globe
Daniel Dambovit ’97 H and Nadine Schulman
Uzi Beer ’98 and Rachel Chudnoff
Moshe Jacobowitz ’98 and Batya Gross
Yehuda Chanales ’98 and Elissa Goldberg
Gabe Winther ’99 and Rachel Adler
Avi Wiesenbarg ’99 and Chanie Brandsdorfer
Elyakim Deutsch ’99 and Shani Simkovich
Ethan Isenberg ’99 PC and Nili Schiffman
Zack Abramowitz ’99 and Penina Oberstein
Moshe Stavsky ’99 and Mirel Adler
Amir Chasen ’99 and Taly Hakham
Yehuda Solomon ’00 and Sara Stadler
Jamie Feinmesser ’00 and Naomi Kandel
Jeremy Stern ’01 and Aviva Segelman
Eli Larsen ’01 and Stacy Heidecker
Stephen (Tzvi Chayim) Kaye ’01 and Tamar Sagal
Hillel Mirvis ’01 and Melanie Lofus
Noam Schreiber ’01 and Rinat Gur
Daniel Schneck ’01 and Shira Freedman
Jonathan Lauer ’02 and Shari Chernikoff
Zach Grauer ’02 and Dena Zinberg
Danny Bagel ’02 and Rachel Burns
Shimony Wadler ’02 and Michal Kabasso
Mark Stein ’02 and Nat Karlkoof
Ben Kanter ’03 and Chana Rosenfeld
Dani Landman ’03 and Sarah Chabbot
Samuel Zibman ’03 PC and Michal Porat
Yoni Ratzersdorfer ’03 and Rachel Cohen
Ollie Harris ’04 PC and Shuli Chevern
Seth Saldpet ’05 PC and Shoshana Freudenstein

Births

Victor ’85 and Caroline Ofstein, Levana Sara, Ramat Be’’t Meshem
David ’90 and Yocheved Debow, Ariella Chana Zipporah, Alon Be’’t Meshem
Todd ’90 and Naomi Berman, Tzviy Zeev (It’s a boy!!!), Efrat
Jeremy ’90 and Niva Ament, Ayelet Gitit, Efrat
Kalman ’90 and Jordana Topp, Aharon Simcha, Woodmere, NY
Neil ’90 and Nicki Colman, Zahava Ariella, Calgary, Canada
Reuven ’90 and Rochelle Lavi, twins: Amichai Zvi & EitanAvraham, Neve Daniel
Jason ’91 and Meira Rappaport, Hadar, New Haven, CT
Howard ’92 and Vanessa Jackson, Nechemia Zvi, Jerusalem
Avi ’92 and Shira Shmidthan, Ormez Mahalalel, Alon Be’’t Meshem
Nasanayl ’92 and Tamar Braun, Eitan Eyal, Oakhurst, NJ
Elon ’93 and Carine Weinreb, Lior Baruch, Ra’anana
Stephen ’93 and Gaby Markowitz, Mia Libby, Jerusalem
Raphi ’93 and Yonit Schoor, Noam Moshe, Brookline, MA
Marc ’93 and Natalie Weinberg, Maayan Tzofia, Medin Benji ’94 and Atara Shiller, Aviel Ora, Riverdale, NY
Shalom Holtz ’94 and Leebie Mallin, Zev Barukh Boaz, Highland Park, NJ
Amichai ’94 and Jody Erdfarb, Yaakov Binyamin, New Haven, CT
Daniel ’94 and Faina (Gakh) Libicki, Amital, Palo Alto, CA
Neil ’94 and Judy Greenbaum, Ela Sara, Medin
Yehuda ’94 and Lisa Septimus, Avraham (Avi) Gerson, Riverdale, NY
Shimon ’95 and Leah Stein, Daniella Rachel, Washington, D.C.
Chaim ’95 and Deena Davis, Akiva Eliezer, NY
Yehuda ’95 and Orit Sef, twins: Yisrael Alter and Uriel Yosef, PA
Yehuda ’95 and Michelle Sarna, Moshe Aryeh, NYC
Eliav ’95 and Adi Silverman, Matan Eliyahu, Jerusalem
Shmuel ’95 and Taly Bloom, Tzvi Yosef, Jerusalem
David ’95 and Leora Zuckor, Eden, Jerusalem

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Dani ’95 and Nina Bieler; Orly Davida, Riverdale, NY
Binyamin ’95 and Chava Mayefsky, Avraham Eliezer, Brooklyn, NY
Dov ’95 and Shani Daniel, twins: Sarah and Mordechai, PA
Gil ’96 and Melissa Perl, Binyamin Yosef, Teaneck, NJ
Akiva ’96 and Tehilla Ehrlich, Daniel, Johannesburg, SA
Sammy ’96 and Liat Jackman, Yosef Meir, Alon Shevut
Simcha ’97 and Rachel Schaum, Yaffa Tova, Teaneck, NJ
Yakov ’97 and Estee Fleischmann, Tal Yisrael, Beachwood, OH
Avraham ’97 and Dani Bronstein, Arielie Rachel, Riverdale, NY
Dovi ’97 and Sharon Schnamroth, Akiva Moshe, Ramat Bein Shemesh
Jeremy ’97 and Jessica Rosenblum, Nathaniel Joseph, East Brunswick, NJ
Rafi ’98 and Atara Eis, Yechezkel Elyakim, Jerusalem
Naftali ’98 and Freida Rothman, Leah, NYC
Yaakov ’98 and Yael Jaffe, Chaim Reuven (Robbie), NY
Raffi and Avital Cohen ’98 H, Gedalya Gershon David, Ra’anana
Noam ’99 and Alex Lipshitz, Leeb Adira, Jerusalem
Eli ’99 PC and Pesa Fischer, Zecharia Yehuda, Ramat Bein Shemesh
Aaron ’99 and Chaya Segal, Sarah Charna Tehilla, Alon Shevut
Ezra ’99 and Chana Schneek, Avraham Yosef, Silver Spring, MD
David ’00 and Hindy Feder; Tamar; Far Rockaway, NY
Jay ’00 and Sharon Weinstein, Ora, Jerusalem
Etan ’00 and Sarah Golubtchik, Yishua Simcha, Fair Lawn, NJ
Aaron ’01 and Gaby Godfrey, Netanel Yehuda, Chigwell, England
Jeffrey ’01 PC and Miriam Rosenfeld, Yitzchak Yeshayahu, Flushing, NY
Johnny ’02 PC and Bridgette Raven, Moriah, Neve Daniel
EZ ’02 and Sorah Shaffren, Yisroel Yehuda, Teaneck, NJ
Mazal Tov to Executive Director of the Yoreinu Foundation, David and
The place will console you among the other victims of Zion and Jerusalem.
Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife, Yo’rina, three children
and great-grandchild.
Mazal Tov to Yeshiva Director, on the birth of a
Mazal Tov to Yedaya Hacohen, Yeshiva Director, on the birth of Devorah Baila, to Lisa and Michael
Mazal Tov to Marty and Shirley Schuster, Executive Director of the
To Ezra and Itta Bick on the birth of Gefen Shani to Rachel and Ariel
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Mazal Tov to Marty and Shirley Schuster, Executive Director of the
Etzion Foundation, on the birth of Devorah Balia, to Lisa and Michael
Abel, and on the birth of Samuel Caleb (Shmuel Kalman) to Laurie and
Rafi Tare
Mazal Tov to Yadaya Hacohen, Yeshiva Director, on the birth of a
great-grandchild.
Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
Eitan and Elie Reiner; Barry ’75 and Sun”, Baltimore, MD
Yehoshua Mordechai Katz (Avi ’76 and Rivi), Teaneck, NJ
Avigayil Leibtag (Menachem ’77 and Thea), Alon Shevut
Yeshayahu Simcha Kahn (Yair ’77 and Hadassa), Jerusalem
Yair Ziv Levine (Zev ’78 and Karen), Jerusalem
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Yeshayahu Simcha Kahn (Yair ’77 and Hadassa), Jerusalem
Yair Ziv Levine (Zev ’78 and Karen), Jerusalem
Eran Noam Sterman (Baruch ’78 and Judy), Efrat
Tova Katsmans (Daniel ’79 and Hannah), Petach Tikva
Shani Susan (Yehuda ’81 and Louisa), Efrat
Ezra Grossman (Shmuel ’81 and Sharon), Ramat Shalomi
Sara Rina Oster (Howie ’82 and Marcy), Ginot Shomron
Dovi Eliezer Weinberg (David ’82 and Bonnie), Noa Ayallon
Tamar Taragan (Maish ’83 and Atara), Alon Shevut
Hadassah Clark (Eli ’84 and Judy), Beit Shemesh
Doron Levine (Za’alan ’84 and Gila), Teaneck, NJ
Oren Yehuda Hecht (Yossi ’84 and Phyllis), Chashmonaim
Rivka Bracha Schreiber (Doniel ’86 and Aviva), Alon Shevut
Asher David Taragan (Reuven ’88 and Shani), Alon Shevut
Tamar Eisenberg (Michael ’89 and Yaffa), Jerusalem
Yakira Rivka Ament (Jeremy ’90 and Niva), Efrat
Mazal Tov to Harav Aharon and Dr. Tova Lichtenstein on the bar mitzvah
of grandson, Yosef Dow, and to parents Yitz and Rochel Lichtenstein
Mazal Tov to Harav Yehuda and Miriam Amital on the bar mitzvah of
Itamar, and to parents, Shlomo and Ayelet Yishai
Aliya
Alex ’82 and Tanya Pomer, Jerusalem
David ’87 and Ruthie Lehrer, Beit Shemesh
Michael ’91 and Marcy Charish, Chashmonaim
Daniel ’92 and Rachel Wolf, Alon Shevut
Howard ’92 and Vanessa Jackson, Jerusalem
Marc ’93 and Natalie Weinberg, Modi’in
Jason ’94 and Hayley Glick, Ra’anana
Jonny Hass ’94, Jerusalem
Ben ’95 and Michelle Levy, Ra’anana
Eliav ’95 and Adi Silverman, Jerusalem
David ’95 and Leora Zuckon, Jerusalem
Joshua Skarf ’98, Jerusalem
Eli ’99 PC and Pesa Fischer, Ramat Bein Shemesh
Ayeh Dienstag ’99, Medical School in Beer-Sheva
Ilan Cohen ’01, Jerusalem
Asher ’02 and Ariela Orkaby, Beer Sheva
Avi Anouchi ’02, Bar Ilan University
Ari ’02 (Shiur Bet) and Rachel Tepperman, Alon Shevut
Aaron Frolich ’02, Bar Ilan University
Michael Platt ’03 PC, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Conдоленции
To Stuie Hershkowitz ’76 on the loss of his mother; Mrs. Miriam
Hershkowitz z’l.
To Sammy Rubin ’84 on the loss of his mother; Mrs. Faye (Faige) Rubin z’l.
To Jarred Myers ’98 on the loss of his mother; Mrs. Heidi Myers z’l.
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