



Looking Back Soaring Ahead

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Message from the Roshei Yeshiva

When the yeshiva's doors reopened after Shavuos, we knew that even with all the precautions we were taking, the yeshiva would still need an added protection from the threat of the virus.

It says in שיר השירים ה': אני חומה - ושדי כמגדלות. The gemara in בבא בתרא ז: asks, what is the meaning of 'אני חומה'? The gemara goes on to say "אני חומה זו תורה". The wall that



protects Klal Yisroel is the Torah itself. This is the shelter that Yeshiva Zichron Leyma is creating against the outside world: the protection of Torah. Those that toil in its study are promised the ultimate security from external threats.

The gemara continues with רבא's explanation. "אני חומה זו כנסת ישראל ושדי כמגדלות אלו בתי כנסיות ובתי מדרשות." The wall that safeguards Klal Yisroel from the complicated world outside is the beis medrash. The beis medrash creates a sanctuary of רוחניות, of kedusha and Torah learning which builds the strongest of protections against the distractions of the world.

The achdus of the bochurim, that they were willing to give time for one another, to help each other learn and work through difficult sugyos in the gemara, was a tremendous source of nachas for us in an incredibly difficult time.

It is our תפילה that the atmosphere here at Yeshiva Zichron Leyma is one that maintains solid, strong and impenetrable walls that will shield our talmidim from any threat they face for the rest of their lives.

Sincerely,

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— Hanhalas HaYeshiva —

Message from R' Eli Lang Executive Director



It is with immense נחת that I have watched the Yeshiva grow and flourish over the past few months. Despite what was going on in the world at large, Yeshiva Zichron Leyma continued to inspire and teach the next generation of בני תורה. With warmth and patience, the הנהלה created a true sanctuary of תורה learning.

I, myself, look back at my years learning in the ישיבה with fond memories and הכרת הטוב for what I was taught as a בחור. It is a privilege to be where I am now, enabling the ישיבה to continue to build the bochurim and instill in them the importance of עמילות בתורה. Yeshiva Zichron Leyma is more than a ישיבה; it is a home.

The Growth Never Stopped

אלול זמן is always an opportunity to start fresh and to begin learning with renewed vigor. This year, Yeshiva Zichron Leyma was energized by the return of many bochurim who had come back from ארץ ישראל and were waiting to return. The yeshiva saw its numbers swell for אלול זמן, and the בית מדרש was filled with boys of all ages learning together. The older bochurim infused a כח into the ישיבה; they joined the shiurim, learning with younger bochurim and thriving in the time spent here. Additionally, Rabbi Leyma Neumann gave an advanced weekly chaburah to challenge these boys on their level.

The ישיבה saw more than just spiritual growth during the first half of תשפ"א. To accommodate the influx of bochurim – and to make the building feel even more welcoming – the ישיבה underwent a series of



renovations. New dorm rooms were added, bathrooms were upgraded, and a beautiful rebbe's room was built to give the rebbeim and תלמידים a quiet place to meet. The need for this renovation was inspired by the growth of the ישיבה, creating a real home for the bochurim.





Some of Our Shiurim: At a Glance

THE ROSH YESHIVA, Harav Eliezer Ginsburg, שליט"א, delivers a shiur to those bochurim who want to spend their free time expanding their ידיעות. On Tuesday afternoons, bein hasdoram, some dedicated boys gather to hear his words of wisdom on a wide

variety of topics: from the parsha to מועדי השנה, from the teachings of the רמב"ם to contemporary halachic discussions. This is an exciting, interactive, and engaging shiur that the boys look forward to with anticipation.



EVERY מוצאי שבת the Rosh Yeshiva, Harav Gershon Neumann, gives a special shiur to the bochurim. The topic? The הלכות of בשר וחלב. This all-important subject in הלכה often goes without proper attention. The Rosh Yeshiva's shiur covers all aspects of the halacha and leaves the bochurim with a real understanding of the practical applications.



ספרי מוסר are often hard to internalize by someone learning alone. To help our בחורים absorb these profound lessons, Rabbi Yechiel Broad's mussar vaad clarifies the ספר being learned, providing a deeper understanding of דברי חז"ל.



WHY WASTE EVEN A MOMENT of the day that can be spent with real purpose? After davening is the ideal time for a quick shiur in משנה ברורה. Covering הלכות שבת in clear, concise segments, the Rosh Yeshiva enables the bochurim to make substantial progress over the course of the זמן.



RABBI JUNDEF'S Friday Chumash shiur focuses on the weekly Parsha, with deep insights and riveting discussion. Though originally given to the boys in the 12th grade, many Bais Medrash bochurim have chosen to attend as well.



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RABBI BURSTEIN'S second seder מוסר shiur draws a dedicated group of boys who wish to start their seder 15 minutes early. Together they learn different seforim focusing on the חשיבות of learning and gaining חיון from their לימוד התורה. The boys leave with a renewed excitement for the afternoon's learning.



SECOND SEDER SHIUR is another way the yeshiva helps guide the boys and their learning. Rabbi Yaakov Yonason Neumann provides the talmidim with carefully selected marei mekomos that lead them directly to the crux of the sugya, and pinpoint the topics that require more iyun. He then delivers a shiur that clarifies the inyan, helping "take away" the proper conclusions from the sugya.



MANY INTERESTING HALACHIC QUESTIONS come to the forefront in our daily lives. Rabbi Leyma Neumann makes these interesting halachic and hashkafic discussions the focus of his Friday shiur, often tying the conversation in with that week's parsha. R' Leyma explores all facets and elucidates all related aspects of the topic. This shiur brings the bochurim into many new and challenging subjects, previously unexplored.

Welcoming a New Class of Bochorim

YESHIVA ZICHRON LEYMA HAD A VISION. What if the warm atmosphere of their beis medrash could be open to boys looking to accelerate their learning at a younger age, giving them the opportunity to flourish in a more advanced beis medrash setting? And so, the new 12th grade class was actualized. This program gives boys the opportunity to grow at their own pace, something that is harder to do in a typical high school setting. It is in the middle of its second זמן, and already bochorim have integrated beautifully into the yeshiva's programming. The yeshiva brought in a veteran rebbi, Rabbi Elimelech Jundef, to be the maggid shiur for these boys. Rabbi Jundef is constantly in the beis medrash with the boys, there to empower them, answer questions and give general guidance.

Rabbi Elimelech Jundef joined the Yeshiva Zichron Leyma hanhala for Elul תשפ"א. Previously, he was a respected Rosh Chaburah in



Beth Medrash Govoha, having learned there himself. His former yeshivos also include Yeshivas Brisk Yerushalayim and Yeshiva Gedola of Paterson. He has contributed chidushei Torah to different kuntreisim and seforim, since 2003.

The yeshiva is very encouraging of the bochorim and helps them achieve their goals. Siyumim are commonly celebrated and the Yeshiva honors these occasions with the participation of the hanhala and the bochorim. May our talmidim continue to see much success in their learning!



Library RECATALOGED

What would a yeshiva be without the passionate participation of its students? When some bochorim recognized that the yeshiva's library needed to be recataloged, they undertook the task with alacrity and care. On behalf of the hanhala and the other bochorim, the yeshiva would like to thank these talmidim for their dedication to the yeshiva.

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Parent Testimonials

Mr. Yitzchok Saftlas

Father of Moshe Menashe Saftlas

“When looking for the right yeshiva for our son, Moshe Menashe, Yeshiva Zichron Leyma was an obvious choice for him. Despite the many options Klal Yisroel is blessed with, the warmth that Yeshiva Zichron Leyma exudes was perfect for our son. Our family has enjoyed a decades-long relationship with the Rosh HaYeshiva, HaRav Eliezer Ginsburg (the Rosh HaYeshiva was even the sandek at Moshe Menashe’s bris!) and we were impressed with the yeshiva’s out-of-town mentality, despite being only 45 minutes from Brooklyn. My wife and I have a deep sense of gratitude to the



Roshei Yeshiva, HaRav Eliezer Ginsburg and HaRav Gershon Neumann for the incredible progress our son has made since joining the yeshiva. We would also like to thank Rabbi Yechiel Eisemann, Rabbi Avrohom Greenberg, and the entire dedicated hanhala for the lasting **רושם** they’ve made on our son.

Mr. Menachem Roth

Father of Binyomin Roth

“This yeshiva is a proverbial breath of fresh air, a real “find” and **יקר המציאות**! The Rosh Yeshiva has an unparalleled understanding of his talmidim. My son is able to learn **בהתמדה רבה** without feeling intense pressure. The atmosphere and climate is purposefully calm and reasonable, which facilitates steady, but sustained growth, proof that one can grow exponentially in a “healthy” and comfortable environment. I still sometimes can’t believe that a Yeshiva like this one exists - it feels like winning the lottery!



Things are Happening in Union

Yeshiva Zichron Leyma has laid the groundwork for a budding frum community in Union, New Jersey. Over the last little while, Union has seen

many chassidishe families move to the neighborhood. The bochurim enjoy a close relationship with our new neighbors, as they join the yeshiva for weekday minyanim. The yeshiva looks forward to an ongoing friendship with the Bobov community.



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A Pillar of Chesed



This year, Klal Yisroel lost a pillar of chesed. R' Avraham Wolfson זצ"ל, parent of our choshuve alumnus Aaron Wolfson, was an immense תלמיד חכם and בעל חסד in a most-unassuming way. He had a special connection with the Rosh Yeshiva, often reaching out himself to see how he could help the yeshiva. Throughout the years, the yeshiva knew that it could turn to R' Avraham with any request, large or small. The yeshiva would like to express its deepest gratitude for R' Avraham's care and attention. The תורה התורה that he embodied is truly a lesson the yeshiva wishes to impart to its talmidim.

A cause close to R' Avraham's heart was the study of הלכות לשון הרע. At his suggestion, the yeshiva instituted a daily, 5-minute shiur reviewing the halacha of the day. Our bochurim have celebrated and will continue to celebrate many siyumim on the entire sefer.

Snapshots



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Pictured at right: R' Avraham's son, Aaron Wolfson, a beloved talmid of Yeshiva Zichron Leyma.

Hilchos Loshon Hara Chazara instituted by R' Avrohom Wolfson a'h

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