



Looking Back Soaring Ahead

Newsletter of Yeshiva Gedolah Zichron Leyma // Summer 2020



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Message from the Roshei Yeshiva

In Tehillim (קי"ב), it states "אשרי איש ירא את ה'". Rashi in Avodah Zara explains that this refers to a person in his prime who must be ממהר להכיר בוראו. At the very start, when one becomes an איש, he should be זריז to develop in תורה and שמים, יראת שמים, as this auspicious stage will affect his entire life.

Further, in Tehillim it states "אדם ביקר ולא יבין" – a person in his essence is כולו יקר ותפארת – like a precious stone. Mined from the earth, it is in a raw state; it takes an expert to recognize the potential beauty of this gem. So too, every bochur is a precious jewel with potential that must be honed and refined and polished. With siyata d'shmaya, we hope to uncover these כוחות and enhance these שאיפות in each bochur's years at yeshiva.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the בורא for providing the דשמיא for us to be זוכה to all our accomplishments over the 20-plus years of the ישיבה גדולה's existence.

We have built homes; we have fashioned תלמידי חכמים; we have merited to instill tremendous שמים יונגעלייט in our בחרים. Our singular mission is to be מרבה כבוד שמים, מזכה כלל ישראל, and to increase נחת רוח to the בורא. Seeing the fruits of our labor ignites within us the רצון to thank the בורא עולם: Thank you, בורא עולם.

May we see בקרוב the בנין בית שלישי, a time when we will all join together in recognizing אחד ושמו אחד.

Sincerely,

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Message from R' Eli Lang Executive Director



I take much pride in offering you, in these pages, a glimpse into the Yeshiva that has become my home for close to 15 years. I arrived as a בחור, eventually assuming my current position as Executive Director.

I consider this job a privilege and derive much satisfaction watching this Yeshiva grow in vibrancy, vitality, as well as financial stability.

Our Yeshiva is indeed a most unique מקום תורה; a hybrid of serious high-level learning and warmth. This רוח emanates from our dear ראשי הישיבה and trickles down to their תלמידים. In this newsletter, I hope to share this unique feeling which I experience on a daily basis.

Small Stories LARGE IMPACT

The ישיבה is a lighthouse of תורה and תפילה for the surrounding communities. Balabatim who work nearby, step inside in need of a מנחם for מנחה or come for שחרית on Sunday morning and stay for a שיעור. Our local guests can't help getting involved with the boys and becoming instant friends.



The ראש ישיבה's Tuesday Mussar Vaad is a well-attended shmuess, a much beloved highlight of the week. During this weekly session, the ראש ישיבה gets to know the boys, quickly

developing what will become a life-long keshar with each talmid. The shmuess is followed by מנחה and a שיור רמב"ם based on the topics pertinent to that time of year.



Yeshiva Gedolah Zichron Leyma has always been the home for bochurim whose דביקות בתורה, whose love for learning, is exceptional. YZL encourages bochurim to be מסיים the מסכתא being learned in the current זמן, and we honor the boys' accomplishments accordingly, giving proper כבוד to this achievement.



The in-depth and informative מוצאי שבת שיעור covers topics in יורה דעה, offering בחורים fluency in practical concepts that many in their peer-set do not encounter, including נסך, בשר בחלב, and כול עכו"ם. Recently, while examining כיבוד אב ואם in depth, discussion led to a scenario in which a former תלמיד donated his kidney to his own father. Is this considered בגופו?



The Chanukah Mesibah is a once-a-year event where we invite our alumni and their families back to the ישיבה for a gathering in the festive atmosphere of חנוכה celebration and a meaningful program for the whole family.



Alumni have clung to the ישיבה, gravitating back for any given reason. Thus, the twice-a-year ירחי כלה was born. These events give our alumni the chance to delve into the sea of תורה like fish in water, reconnect with former chavrusos, the warmth of the ראשי ישיבה, and memories of ישיבה days.



From Brooklyn to Linden to Union: Decades of Dedicated Learning

Approaching a quarter century since our founding, we are proud to look back at the yeshiva's history, from our humble beginnings to the miraculous location we are now in. Join us on this journey through time.

The ישיבה was founded in 1998 by HaRav Eliezer Ginsburg shlit"a, together with his brother-in-law HaRav Gershon Neumann shlit"a, **beginning an extraordinary partnership in harbotzas haTorah.**

From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, NY, the ישיבה grew and flourished, relocating to Linden, NJ. Throughout its years in Linden, the ישיבה experienced an explosion of success and growth. **Many chashuveh bnei Torah attribute their accomplishments in Torah and Yiras Shomayim to their golden years well-spent at the ישיבה.**

In 2015, the ישיבה ראשי began the search for a more favorable location, with extraordinary דשמיא apparent from the very beginning. A shul, built many years ago that had slipped into decline, provided optimal space for the ישיבה's new home. By Divine design, the structure and amenities were a perfect fit for the Bais Medrash, חבורה rooms and אוצר הספרים. The dimensions of the impressive קודש ארון, transplanted from Linden, conformed to the size of the former shul's front wall, and the wood tone seemed custom-made for this new קודש מקום.





Construction and renovation inspired the volunteer effort of some very devoted alumni during a summer **בין הזמנים**. Without any training, how were they able to undertake this task? Perhaps a Ramban in reference to the building of the **משכן** can explain this phenomenon. Just as the Yidden, who had only worked with bricks and mortar in **מצרים**, were capable of intricate craftsmanship empowered by their tremendous **לב נדיבות**, so too, our former **תלמידים** were ennobled by the compelling force of "**אשר נשא לבו**" to help us build our **מקדש מעט**.

Furthermore, the **משכן** had an everlasting permanence due to the fact that it was built by **צדיקים**. This merit ensured that it never landed in the hands of our enemies. Our **תלמידים**, who have invested heart and soul in the **ישיבה**, and our financial benefactors, who have been H-shem's partners in this undertaking, will have endowed it with this same incredible permanence – until it achieves its final home in **ארץ ישראל** with the coming of **משיח**.

ויהי נועם ה' אלקינו עלינו ומעשה ידינו כוננה עלינו וגו' ...
יה"ר שתשרה שכינה במעשה ידיכם.



Who I Am Today



The ישיבה was my home for four years. My הבנה in learning was established and crystallized here. Those years made me who I am today.

There is nothing like the ישיבה, because there is nothing like the ראש ישיבה. He deeply understands each בחור and custom-tailors a program to suit each one's needs and bring out his talents. The ראש ישיבה has the uncanny ability to chap each bochur's potential and provides בחורים the space to grow into it.

The entire atmosphere at the Yeshiva was conducive to developing my fervor in Torah – חשק התורה. Some of my fondest memories are the weekly shiur with Reb Leizer after מנחה on Tuesday and the shmuesen of Reb Yonah at Shalosh Seudos that still ring in my ears. Yeshiva Zichron Leyma is absolutely the best choice I could have made in my life.

— R' Eli Rubin learns in Kolel full-time and is the father of a beautiful family.



ושננתם לבנך: אלו התלמידים

I remember the first time I met the ראש ישיבה; I was just a bochur coming in for a farther. Nevertheless, there was food and drink set up for me as if for an important guest. I

remember the warmth. The ראש ישיבה took extreme interest in my well-being, not just in the testing or learning. That was very appealing to me – and has shaped the trajectory of my life. The ראש ישיבה is the father figure of the ישיבה and he makes himself exceedingly accessible. He sets the tone from the top-down, generating remarkable achdus among the talmidim.

The ראש ישיבה instilled in me the fundamentals of learning and lomdus enabling me to understand a blatt Gemara, With his klohrkeit and depth of thinking, he taught me to dissect a Sugya, appreciate the beauty of emes in learning, and pursue a svara to perfection. All this served me well in later years: in Brisk, BMG and beyond.

— R' Binyomin Schonblum was previously the Executive Director of Ohr Somayach International and is presently serving the spiritual needs of Jews in the FSU. He has authored *From Flickers to Flames* on the subject.

Preparatory Track Now Open

Yeshiva Zichron Leyma is the unique home away from home, centrally located in Union, NJ, where your son can shteig and achieve success in his learning.

Our ראש ישיבה resides on campus full-time, and his door is the בחורים's address for all their needs, both big and small. A great-grandfather himself, the phone never stops ringing with questions from alumni spread far and wide. Drawing on 40 years of educating תלמידים of this age, his many years

of serving as a רב in Boro Park, the down-to-earth perspective of a respected פוסק, and his genuine

warmth – the ראש ישיבה has built up generations of boys.

In response to growing interest, Yeshiva Zichron Leyma presents an opportunity for בחורים to take an accelerated track into גדולה, made possible through our existing framework. We will be opening a separate שיעור to provide the very motivated בחור entering 12th Grade a jumpstart into his בית מדרש years.

This unique preparatory program will advance the level of a select group of interested בחורים, helping them navigate the sea of תורה for the sake and pleasure of learning.

Is your son ready to bring up the level of his learning next אלו?

Now accepting applications for Beis Medrash and pre-Beis Medrash (12th Grade) for the upcoming zman.

Call 908-587-0502

Email: applications@YZL.edu



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Evenings Together: The Power of Connection



Stoking the lifelong connection to Yeshivas Zichron Leyma is the golden thread running through all of our **Evenings Together**.

We thank our hosts for their generosity in bringing together talmidim, past and present, in such a regal setting, fostering the relationship that makes the fabric of the ישיבה stronger with every passing year.

In Monsey, Lakewood, and Brooklyn the gatherings are hosted by our very esteemed alumni, R' Aron Wolfson, R' Mordechai Tikotzky, R' Moshe Auerbach, and their respective families. With a warm turnout and a display of support and nostalgia for the ישיבה years, this connection is invaluable to all. As the familiar faces file in, the atmosphere warms up into one large family gathering.

When Rabbi Eliezer Ginsburg is introduced by ישיבה graduates, he takes the podium to exhort those gathered: Stay connected! Call us whenever something comes up or you may be in need of guidance. As always, come! We want to see you at the annual ישיבה events geared to the greater ישיבה mishpacha.



Yarchei Kallah: Yeshiva Bochur for a Day

Twice a year our alumni jump back into the place where they feel most at home. Beginning with Shacharis together, they spend a full day of סדרים as regular yeshiva bochurim once again. The power of love for the Torah emanates from our former and current talmidim who learn as one, and fill the room with enthusiasm bursting forth. Wherever our former students currently make their



home, in cities far across the USA, twice a year for the Yarchei Kallah they come home, to debate the sugyos in-depth, to gain from being together and from the nurturing relationships with the faculty that have so strongly impacted their lives. YZL will always be the natural home for a תורה בן.

