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**BTM... Burn the Mortgage...
A Summer of Celebrations!**

It was a summer of celebration, and achievement, which was commemorated both on a personal and communal level. Rabbi Binyamin Kamenetzky celebrated a personal milestone in his life, in addition to completing nearly 6 decades of building Torah on Long Island together with his dear Rebbitzin. With the benefit of a \$2 million dollar matching grant from a dear and discreet donor, the Yeshiva worked arduously in securing donations to meet the match and thus have the ability to “Burn the Mortgage” and ensure a path to continued financial stability as the Yeshiva continues to expand its growth and services on every level.

On July 23rd the Yeshiva officially celebrated the Rosh Yeshiva’s birthday with an intimate “Burn the Mortgage” celebration on the Tribeca Rooftop. Accompanied by the golden voice of renowned Chazzan Helfgot who entertained the audience with a medley of music and chazanus, and a moving speech by an alumni, Rabbi Shalom Rosner, a distinguished alumnus and Talmid of Rabbi Kamenetzky and Rav of Nofei Ayalon in Israel, the evening proved to be most heartwarming and meaningful event. A tribute video was presented at the event which portrayed the Rosh Yeshiva’s more than 50 years of dedication and accomplishments on Long Island.

The celebration continued a month later at the annual **Tom and Judy Raskin Concert on the Lawn**, which was held in the Rosh Yeshiva’s honor, where super star Avraham Fried enthralled the crowd at the annual event.



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Building at the Hollander Early Childhood Center

Building with blocks and building our skills is not all we are building at the Hollander ECC.

This year on our unique Planet Pre 1a the boys have been learning Torah, davening and growing in their newly built Bais Medrash L'kriya, with their beloved Rebbe Eli. With their brand new outdoor blocks they are building towers, boats, and bridges, , and in the classroom, together with the Gedolim and Tzadikim who grace the walls of their Bais Medrash, they are watching their Mitzvah notes pile high, while helping build the Bais Hamikdash Hashlishi.



From Our Mailbag

A letter from parent in R' Pressman's shiur



Rabbi Pressman,

I just wanted to let you know of a conversation I had with Akiva. Off the cuff, on a night last week I asked Akiva what he was learning.

He proceeded to explain an entire complicated Tosafos to me from beginning to end. He explained how it related to a different Machlokes in a separate Gemarah. He clearly articulated the Sugya in both spots, able to handle questions and answers.

I was impressed how well he knew it and how he could defend it demonstrating an impressive level of mastery of the area, without preparation or even having the Gemarah in front of him.

I thought you would like to know.

Yours,
Moshe Schuck

HOLLANDER ECC EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Be a part of it

The Yeshiva has been fortunate to purchase a property next door to the Hollander Early Childhood Center building. This acquisition will allow us to enclose the underpass of the building and create additional indoor play space for our expanding preschool. Please call Rabbi Kamenetzky at 516-374-7363 x 15 to participate in this exciting next step of YOSS' growth!

Dynamic Growth in the Mechina Division

New Energetic Rabbeim Lead our Future

With four new vibrant, young, enthusiastic talmidei chachomim who have joined our staff this year, excitement and enthusiasm reverberates throughout the Mechina with students and rebbes interacting so beautifully.

In the few short months he has been with us, sixth grade rebbe, **Rabbi Yehoshua Meltzer** has developed a unique dialogue with his talmidim. His siyumim included kumzitz gatherings and a trip to Yeshiva Chafetz Chaim. The connections and bonds that have already developed between rebbe and talmid are the signs of a bright future.

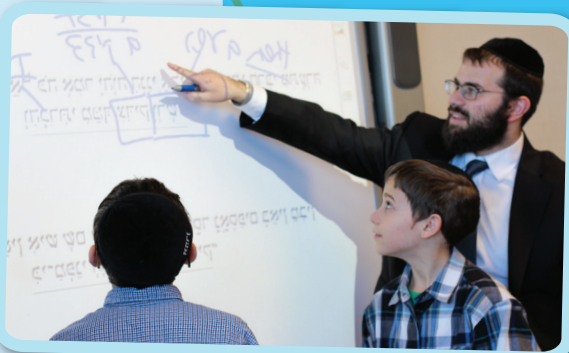


RABBI MENACHEM BERNSTEIN



RABBI YEHOShUA MELTZER

Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetzky, who teaches our other sixth grade, is not new to Yeshiva of South Shore. Having been raised in the Five Towns and a distinguished alumnus of the yeshiva, he brings an understanding of 'boys and a sparkle that is amazing to behold. His classroom is a battleground of a daily 'milchamta shel Torah', where the students 'fight it out' using the Gemara as their 'weapons of choice'. With repartees and debate that includes every student in the arena, the boys grow closer in a spiritual camaraderie that brings the friends together in their quest for growth.



RABBI SHMUEL KAMENETZKY



RABBI GIDEON LEMBERGER

Rabbi Gideon Lemberger, our new seventh grade Rebbe, has his own personal appeal with his students. As a native of Long Beach and a proud product of our local yeshivas as well as the Batei Medrash of Lakewood and Yeshivas Rabeinu Yitzchok Elchonon, Rabbi Lemberger's vision is as wide as his contagious smile, which lights up his classroom. His understanding of where the children are coming from as well as where they are at, helps guide them to the place where they should be going to meet and conquer every challenge they will face in their future.

Last but not least, our new Mashgiach, **Rabbi Binyomin Zev Karman**, brings a blend of experience and understanding to the Mechinah. His experience teaching all levels, coupled with his nationally renowned curriculum expertise has propelled the level of education at YOSS to new heights. With the material and advice he supplies the rebbeim, he empowers them to bring their classes to ever higher levels of comprehension. His listening ear and open door policy reassures the students that they have an advocate in the administration who will help them grow and succeed.



YOSS SET3 Team: Over the Top

It was a real life version of "The Little Engine That Could," and they indeed could! The Yeshiva of South Shore SET3 Team, under the leadership of Mrs. Elisheva Pinsky, was awarded First Place in the local and regional CIJE SET3 Competition they hosted.

The challenge among the top 10 schools across the Tri-State region was to create a solution to a complex problem -- advance an 'O' gauge train and its target cargo of 4kg from the floor to a height of 12 inches and back down again.

It may sound simple, but it's not. Trains work most efficiently along a horizontal plane. Any deviation in height creates major challenges with regard to speed and torque.

It took logic, analytical thinking, perspective, drawing on prior experiences, and most important, perseverance for our champs to create mechanical advantage.

At the 8th grade graduation The YOSS SET3 Team was awarded First Place Trophies. Yasher Koach!

Thank you to Joel Beritz, Jason Curry and CIJE!

Common Core is Not so Common

Mastering NYS's Challenging New Curriculum

While the rest of the country was embroiled in controversy over the new Common Core Learning Standards, the students of the Yeshiva of South Shore, prepared, adapted and performed way above national expectations.

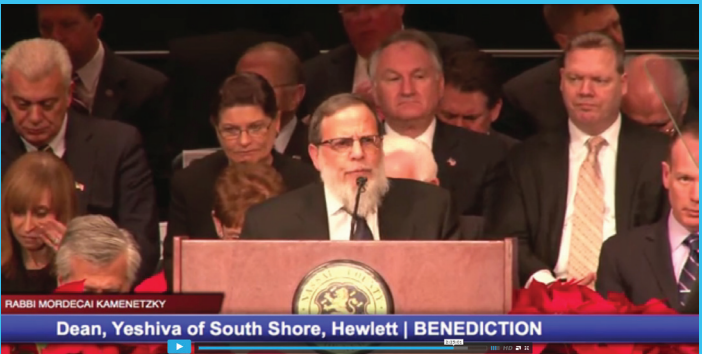
The new Common Core Learning Standards are significantly more challenging, and for more than a year under the direction of Rabbi Avraham Fridman, Associate Principal, we have been training teachers through professional development sessions, in and out of school, to ensure that our students would be provided with the best possible education.

It worked! We are proud that every class from Pre-1a to eighth grade is not only following New York State's new Common Core Learning Standard, but their remarkable scores on the standardized tests prove their mastery of the new material.



In Pictures...

R' Mordechai Kamenetzky giving the benediction at the inauguration of Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano



Refusenik Rabbi Yosef Mendelevich answers our students' questions after relating his life's amazing story.

