



YOSS *Advancing*

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The 58th Annual Banquet of the Yeshiva of South Shore will highlight Yeshiva Toras Chaim's revering of its past and focusing its vision for the future.

Our Guests of Honor, **Meir and Alisa Kregel**, have been integral pillars of our Yeshiva and community for countless years. Meir, an alumnus and a YOSS Presidium member with his wife Alisa are a dynamic force for Torah and Chessed; a family we cherish as exemplary community leaders.

Parents of the Year, **Shmuel and Rochelle Klier**, are a dynamic couple who exude enthusiasm for yiddishkeit and the new era of YOSS. Shmuel chairs our Young Leadership Committee, and Rochelle is a volunteer for "Safety Kid" and Magen Li whose influence protects our youth on a daily basis.

Our Toras Chaim Legacy Awardees, **Seymour and Paul Moskowitz**, represent a long tradition of support of our Yeshiva. They are longtime members of the Lawrence, Hewlett and Atlantic Beach communities.

Mr. Ronald Krigsman, z"l, was an alumnus of Yeshiva Toras Chaim in East New York and the father and grandfather of alumni! He was a model of *Torah u'gedula b'mokom echad* and a true *laiv tov* and represented what we strive for in all of our alumni.

Rabbi Yaakov Pressman, our Marbitz Torah Awardee, embodies a living example of a true talmid chochom who has imparted love, warmth and reverence for Torah and its values in our talmidim for more than three decades.

Our honorees set a tone for our yeshiva with a reverence for its rich history and a vision for the future.

A Vision for the Future

58 YEARS OF VITALITY IN JEWISH EDUCATION.

RECOGNIZING THE
COMMUNITY'S VISIONARIES:



Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Klier
PARENTS OF THE YEAR



Mr. & Mrs. Meir Kregel
GUESTS OF HONOR



DEDICATION OF THE
Ronald Krigsman z"l
Alumni 'Wall of Fame'



Seymour & Paul Moskowitz
TORAH LEGACY AWARD



Rabbi Yaakov Pressman
MARBITZ TORAH AWARD

Sunday, March 1, 2015
The Sands at Atlantic Beach



cross river bank

Kodesh Curriculum: Comprehensive, Clear and Continuous

Under the direction of the Limudei Kodesh administration, Rabbi Benzion Karman, Director of Kodesh Curriculum, is leading a comprehensive review and redevelopment of our curriculum envisioned by our revered founder Rav Binyamin Kamenetzky, shlit" a and directed by his father Rav Yaakov Kamenetzky zt"l.

Focused on the educational and spiritual challenges of the current generation, Rabbi Karman, has developed thousands of educational worksheets, that are used by educators world over. He is examining areas to enhance and improve our instruction on all levels. Beginning with kriah in the elementary division, an across-the-board review program of the rules and nuances of Hebrew reading has resulted in improving the accuracy and fluency of each student. The more advanced students perfecting skills, and students who need extra assistance receiving professional remediation.

Through the scoping and sequencing of the syllabus for basic fundamentals of Yiddishkeit that are taught each year, from Yomim Tovim to everyday halachos, our students are enveloped in a graduated learning process where every rebbe will review last year's topics and halachos and add additional knowledge and ideas. Each rebbe will now enhance his classroom lessons with greater precision and depth in a continuous, seamless transition from last year's level to a new and higher level. We look forward to producing students with a comprehensive, well-reviewed and constantly enhanced knowledge of Torah.



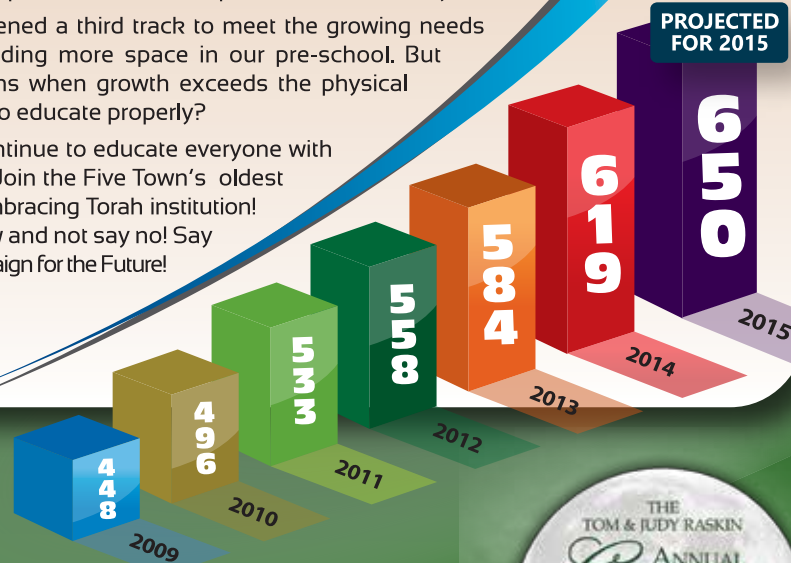
VISION & GROWTH

With dynamic young educators, a vision for comprehensive curriculum, a focus on technology and a vibrant and enthusiastic preschool population, it's no wonder that the Yeshiva of South Shore has seen exponential growth over the last 5 years!

With strong fiscal oversight and an engaged group of lay leaders on our Board of Directors, Young Leadership Committee and Board of Education, Yeshiva of South Shore has seen its largest number of applicants for limited spots over the last 50 years!

We have opened a third track to meet the growing needs and are building more space in our pre-school. But what happens when growth exceeds the physical capabilities to educate properly?

We must continue to educate everyone with open arms. Join the Five Town's oldest and most embracing Torah institution! Help us grow and not say no! Say Yes! To Campaign for the Future!



August 2014, Tom and Judy Raskin Concert on the Lawn at the home of Jeff and Sharona Weinberg was a smashing success. Baruch Levine and Gad Elbaz were simply outstanding!

It warms the heart in this frigid winter to know that plans are underway for this year's most exciting and uplifting concert ever!

“NEITHER STORM NOR MID WINTER VACATION STAYS THESE REBBES FROM THEIR APPOINTED CHARGES!”

Our students and staff are no longer impeded by the elements. Winter’s storms won’t stop us! When the children can’t go to Yeshiva, Yeshiva comes to them! Through the use of technology, from Skype and Zoom to Conferencing and video chat our rebbes now can give live shiurim even when school is closed! Even our Pre-Schoolers can learn from Rebbe Eli’s new website, Shteig.com!

Even during the mid-Winter break the Rabbeim and yeshiva realize that there are many talmidim who cannot get away. Enter Yeshiva of South Shore’s “Yeshiva Bain Hazamim”.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Shlomo Drebin, our Yeshiva boys davened and learned in Yeshiva with their Rabbeim and then headed out to exciting venues. Whether it was water sports at the famed CoCo Key Water Resort in Mount Laurel, New Jersey or snow-tubing at Camelback one of the largest and best tubing facility in the nation, the warmth of Yeshiva of South Shore was there even in the bitter cold!



Growth & Expansion at the Hollander Early Childhood Center

The roar of tractors and bulldozers were a source of excitement for the boys at the Hollander ECC who peered wide-eyed from the windows their mouths open wide in amazement. “It’s a tractor!”, “It’s an excavator!” “They broke down the whole house,” The boys exclaimed.

Indeed, the children were even more excited when they learned that this construction will lead to a brand new gym, a state of the art sensory gym, a new playground and a freshly paved parking lot. The children (and their Moros) are all excited to add a dimension to our Yeshiva’s amazing growth. With new families enrolling every day, we are truly looking forward to the expanded facilities (and the kids are looking forwards to more dump trucks!)

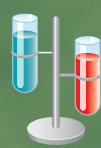
PRESCHOOL EXPANSION



8TH GRADERS ENLIVEN HASC!

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide chessed opportunities and cultivate middos tovos in our talmidim, Yeshiva of South Shore has a long-standing tradition of visiting with our 8th grade each year at HASC, the Hebrew Academy for Special Children. The boys made a tremendous Kiddush Hashem on their visit this past Chanukah to the special children of HASC.

In the spirit of the Chag, boys spent time dancing and singing with the students of HASC. In addition, they presented them with special personalized Chanukah gifts, a sports bottle saying "Talmidim of YOSS Love HASC." Each year, HASC looks forward to a visit from the YOSS 8th grade, and our boys eagerly looking forward to visiting them! Undoubtedly, we gain as much, if not more, from the experience as the HASC children.



Welcome to Our Science Lab Coordinator **MR. RON ZIFF**

Every day the Martin and Gertrude Walder Science Laboratory of Yeshiva of South Shore comes alive with excitement under the direction of Laboratory Coordinator, Mr. Ron Ziff.



"I've always been fascinated by science – from bugs to stars, plants to clouds and from rocks to inventions. I can't understand how anyone would NOT find science fascinating."

Mr. Ron Ziff - Walder Science Laboratory Coordinator

Mr. Ziff's philosophy of teaching is to excite the students. Whether showing how red cabbage can turn 14 different colors through acidity levels or teaching how to identify real gold from fool's gold, his eye-popping experiments and hands-on activities fascinate the children and stimulate their curiosity!

Mr. Ziff, a Masters in Science Education, is proficient in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Botany, Geology, Electronics and more, has thirty years of experience teaching Science, Math and Social Studies on every level! He was a runner up for NASA's Teacher in Space program and wants to make sure that his students also reach for the stars!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT @ YOSS



The Yeshiva Toras Chaim of South Shore's **Professional Development** and "Welcome Back to Staff Day", that took place before the Yeshiva year began, saw the greatest number of staff members and assistants ever. It was highlighted by a drasha given by the esteemed Philadelphia Rosh Yeshiva, the Rosh Vaad HaChinuch of the Yeshiva, HaRav HaGaon, Rav Shmuel Kamenetzky who spoke to the entire Hanhalla and Rabbeim about educating the whole talmid and the extreme sensitivity needed in educating children and teaching Torah.

The Professional Development Day was graced with workshops and speakers, among them Rabbi Naftali Hoff who discussed communication skills, Mr. Steve Rubin of WorkItSafe (IT) and Mr. Ariel Shlezinger of Global Security and Andy Lauber, LMSW, Director of Chai Lifeline's I-Shine.



PRAYING WITH FIRE (AND ICE!)



The Mechina at Yeshiva of South Shore has embraced an array of new Tefilah initiatives this year. Working together with Rabbi Heshy Kleinman, author of the best-selling book, "Praying With Fire," talmidim in the yeshiva have found new insights into parts of the davening, as well as exciting new incentives to motivate quiet and focus during davening.

Programs like Mispallelei Hashavua, or "Donut Daveners," and "Davening Stars" rewards boys from each class each week with a variety of prizes including bowling and an ice skating trip!

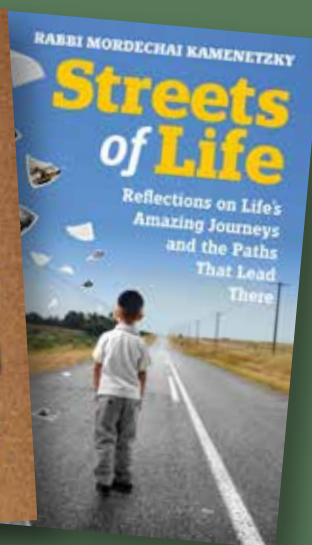
According to Avi Blumenthal, 6th grade, "The davening programs help a lot of kids to daven well, and we love davening in a real shul! Our class worked for almost two months to earn an ice skating trip."



MAZEL TOV AUTHORS!



Mazel Tov to our Elana Fertig on her new book, "Infusing The Ruach in Your School, a Pre-school Curriculum" how to use the Parsha and Yomim Tovim as the foundation for a hands on, child-centered curriculum. Mrs. Fertig recently espoused her ideas to more than 40



Yeshiva and Day School Early Childhood Directors from across North America through a webinar facilitated by the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky for the publication of Streets of Life, a collection of essays on his life's experiences and outlook on events.

Though nothing is more sacred, than the transmission of Torah through the special warmth and excitement of a rebbe, the increased use of technology in and out of the classroom, help our superstar Rebbes pass on the tradition. Harnessing technology to increase Torah knowledge and excitement, our Rebbes have augmented the way they reach their talmidim in and out of the classroom.

A great example is the Torah Live© website, where difficult Halachic and historical and even practical Torah concepts are presented with amazing visual clarity, one that a prior generation of teachers struggled to present. Topics in Jewish



law that have remained abstract until now spring to life with animated depictions and scenarios.

Thanks to Google Voice and other interconnectivity programs children record reading and translation in Chumash, Gemara and even Siddur. It's reviewed and analyzed by their rebbeim on a daily basis who then discuss the progress with the talmidim and their parents.

Webcams integrated with classroom Smart Boards enable boys who may be out for an extended time to interact with the Rebbi and their peers. On snow days, technology allows every Rebbi in the Yeshiva to teach through teleconferencing or web-based video technology. This guarantees that not a school day has passed without learning Torah. Amazing!



North Woodmere SHABBOS

to Remember

This fall, the Hanhala of YOSS spent an uplifting Shabbos together with many of our families and students in North Woodmere. Led by Rabbi Kamenetzky, Rabbi Herzberg, Rabbi Draiman and Mr. Winkler, the inspiring Shabbos featured drashas in three shuls over Shabbos. A Friday Night Oneg led by the YOSS administration and the participation of Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz, of Bais Knesses North Woodmere, an alumnus of YOSS, and Rabbi Shmuel Witkin, of K'hal B'nai HaYeshivas was a true highlight.

The questions and answers inspired the standing room only crowd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Buchbinder and the spirited discussions tackled myriad chinuch questions facing us today, and gave a true taste of the special brand of education that YOSS offers!

Yeshiva of South Shore
says Thank You
to the shuls and rabbanim and the
parents of YOSS whose gracious
hospitality made the

South Shore Shabbos
in **North Woodmere**
the wonderful success
that it was!

**BAIS HAKNESSES OF
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PEP Talks for Parents

Parenting in today's world has become increasingly challenging with outside negative influences seeping into our world, wreaking havoc on our most basic values. Our children can be exposed to underworld to which their parents have little access and knowledge of.

Our very own Rabbi Avraham Robinson, LMSW, has directed a groundbreaking approach to "whole chinuch" which melds the worlds of parent, child and teacher; school, home and the world at large. Our PEP "Parent Enrichment Program" provides a forum in which parents can learn, discuss,



R' AVRAHAM ROBINSON
7TH GRADE REBBE AT YOSS

collaborate and explore issues facing the parental world. Through interactive classes by experts in the field PEP provides necessary footing to retain our cherished values and impart them to our children. The response to courses in dealing with technology, bullying, sibling rivalry has been overwhelming. The budding program is being sought after and modeled by educational institutions across the region.

A REBBE FOR THE AGES

Warm, caring, talented, exciting, and a Talmid Chochom, are words that all describe Rabbi Gidon Lemberger, our new 7th Grade Rebbe. Rabbi Lemberger encompasses many worlds. He is a product of our local Yeshivos, Yeshivat HaKotel, Yeshivas Mir, Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchok Elchonon and Beth Medrash Govoah of Lakewood, and a Talmid of Rav Yeruchem Olshin, shlit" a.

Whether using relevant concepts to explain a difficult Gemara, or by hosting Shabbatons, Rabbi Lemberger connects to the 7th grade boys on many levels. His warmth and devotion is amazing. "The best way to build a student is to build his self-esteem," is his motto. Rabbi Lemberger also has developed a mitzvos maasiyos curriculum to broaden the students' knowledge of practical Mitzvos, making abstract mitzvos relevant and bringing them to life through with audio-visual presentations, and special speakers and presentations.

His wife, Dassy is a true supporter of his efforts as their home in Far Rockaway is always open to the talmidim.



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