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## FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL DINNER *Standing Together*

*Our Children. Our Yeshiva. Our Community.*

Sunday, March 3rd, 2013 - כ"א אדר תשע"ג  
at The White Shul - 728 Empire Avenue, Far Rockaway

Through this year's tumultuous events, Yeshiva of South Shore has stood strong – for its students and for its teachers and for its community.

In celebration of this unity, we proudly commemorate 56 years of Standing Together with our community by honoring vibrant community leaders, on Sunday evening, March 3, 2013, at The White Shul.

By attending our Annual Banquet, you will assure the continuity of our pioneering Yeshiva as a vibrant Torah center for our community, our families and our children. For more information or to place a journal ad, please contact the Yeshiva at 516-374-7363 x 12 or banquet@yoss.org.

### H O N O R I N G :



Rabbi Josh & Julie Joseph  
*Guests of Honor*



Rabbi Efreim & Dr. Tamar Schwalb  
*Torah Leadership Award*



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*Young Leadership Award*



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*Special Tribute to Rabbi Chaim Krieger*  
On the occasion of his retirement  
and Aliyah to ארץ ישראל



## The Travels of Our Bachurei Chemed

Last winter, twenty-four lucky talmidim had the great zechus of traveling to visit and hear words of chizuk from the renowned Gaon, Rav Noach Isaac Oelbaum, Shlita, Rav of Kahal Nachlas Yitzchok. Rav Oelbaum inspired them about the importance of developing skills in learning, while also paying attention to working on our derech erez and middos.

Most recently the boys visited Rabbi Ben Tzion Shafier, Shlita, founder of "TheShmuz.com." In his warm and engaging style, Rabbi Shafier shared with the boys his reflections on "The Shmuz", the popular audio and on-line shiurim program. In admiration of the Bachurei Chemed, he gave each boy a copy of his book "Stop Surviving, Start Living", a CD of a Shmuz and a Shmuz bumper magnet! Indeed, Bachurei Chemed membership has its privileges!



# From Our Mailbag



## **Hello, My name is Matan Kukawka...**

Midway through Officer's course, right around Purim, we got quite a surprise. A group of Americans showed up at our base and handed each and every one of us personally a bag of snacks and candies, and among other things, letters from your students. I got my letter from one Yehuda Goldblatt, fifth grade at Yeshiva of South Shore. Speaking as a fellow Jewish-American, I can hardly begin to describe how amazing it felt to receive these letters.

I'd like to send my regards, on behalf of all us, to all the students and faculty who participated in this project, and we invite them to come visit the country and see what it is all about...

Thank you. G-d bless you all,

### **Matan Kukawka**

*Oh, and one more thing: Yehuda, which costume did you choose for Purim in the end? :)*

## **Dear Rabbis Kamenetzky & Herzberg,**

I am a local Little League coach... I began noticing a pattern last year in which the boys from your yeshiva have displayed derech eretz beyond their years. It's not just the kavod they show to their coaches or teammates, it's the way they speak and act at all times... Whenever I ask one of these fine young men what Yeshiva they attend, indubitably they respond "South Shore..."

I had to let you know that the Kiddush Hashem occurring in every game from your Talmidim, is as testament to the wonderful Middos the Yeshiva of South Shore has instilled.

Yasher Koach!

### **An Impressed Coach**

# Vibrant Growth demands Vibrant New Staff!

The unprecedented growth of the student population at the Yeshiva of South Shore has been the impetus for an expanded faculty with the appointment of an extensive array of dynamic and experienced educators in a wide variety of fields of education.

## *Joining our staff this year we welcome:*

**Rabbi Nisson Fischer**, 3rd Grade Rebbe

**Rabbi Benyomin Jacobi**, Heller Learning Center Rebbe

**Rabbi Yitzchok Knoll**, Full Time Substitute

**Mrs. Gila Kopolovitz**, 1st Grade Teacher

**Mrs. Shoshana Gross**, 4th Grade Teacher

**Mrs. Lauren Broyles**, 5th Grade Teacher

**Mr. Zvika Bornstein**, Physical Education Teacher

**Mrs. Yaffa Lamm**, Walder Science Lab Coordinator

**Mr. Daniel Mayer**, Coordinator, CALCULATE Lab

**Mrs. Liba Nussbaum**, Reading Specialist, Grades 1-3, Heller Learning Center

**Rabbi Michael Pariser**, 7th and 8th Grade ELA Teacher

**Rabbi Mordechai Picker**, Woodworking Teacher

**Mrs. Chana Fox**, CIJE SuccessMaker Lab Coordinator

**Mrs. Shani Rumstein**, CIJE SuccessMaker Lab Coordinator



Special thanks to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, the Avichai Foundation and Torah Umesorah for their strong support and assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Special thanks to Gourmet Glatt for their gracious support of the community-wide Lev Avos Motzei Shabbos Learning Program.



# LANDING ON PLANET PRE-1A

The rapid and substantial growth of our Yeshiva has led to the discovery of a new planet! Planet Pre-1 A! Designated on its own floor in the elementary school building, our three classes have a new wonderful facility with their own Bais Medrash L'Kriyah!

It was so exciting to see Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky, the Rosh Yeshiva use a giant gold scissors to cut the ribbon leading parents to our new facility.

What bracha did he you make? *Borei Pree One-A!*



## Inaugural Melava Malka Smashing Success!

On Motzai Shabbos, December 29th, the **Young Leadership Committee** of Yeshiva of South Shore hosted an exciting and heartwarming Melave Malke in the Yeshiva's gym. With 200 parents 'Standing Together'; the YOSS family is there for each other thru good and difficult times.

In line with this theme - Rabbi Yisroel Kaminetsky, Menahel of DRS was invited to speak. He expressed his Hakoras Hatov to the 200 parents for their Yeshiva's *hachnosas orchim* during his Yeshiva's time of need. The 9th and 10th grades of DRS spent a month on our campus while their building was repaired due to the damage from the storm.

Zvi Rada, a parent of the Yeshiva provided the musical accompaniment for the evening, while David Jaison, another parent and a Mentalist went from table to table drawing in the audience. Together with soups, wraps and salads (oh - and cheesecake, always cheesecake!) the evening created an atmosphere of camaraderie and achdus truly joining in that most wonderful community - the South Shore Family!



## Let's build a Succah! Or a bird house, or even a mail-box!

Get out your hammers, nails and screwdrivers because YOSS is building! With our new woodworking class by Rabbi Mordechai Picker, the boys will be sure to help you put up your succah and maybe even fix the kitchen door. Our new wood-shop is equipped with everything one could use to build something out of wood, all kid friendly of course.

Rabbi Picker is not only a master builder, but a prominent member of the Yeshiva Gedolah Community and askan. A graduate of Mesivta Ateres Yaakov, Rabbi Picker was handy even as a high school student. He would build succahs for those who were unable to do so. He is also an innovative builder and engineer for many of the Yeshiva Gedolah's projects and the 5 Towns Eruv.

# New Pearson Lab Meets Growing Needs

With new growth comes new responsibilities! To that end the Yeshiva of South Shore thanks the Directors of CIJE, Mr. Jason Cury and Mr. Joel Beritz along with the board of CIJE for granting a new Pearson SuccessMaker Lab. With the addition of 25 newly licensed computers, to make a total of 50, we are able to meet the demand of our continuously growing student body.

The SuccessMaker program, sponsored by CIJE allows each of our students a significant amount of time each week to learn and build on their knowledge at their own unique level. SuccessMaker enhances and supplements our excellent educational program, having proven to help raise educational expectations.

At the helm of the program in YOSS are Mrs. Shani Rumstein and Mrs. Chana Fox, our CIJE SuccessMaker Lab Coordinators. Mrs. Rumstein, who holds a Masters degree in Special Education, is a SEIT as well for a private agency in NYC. She brings her experience as a special educator to help individualize the instruction of each child. Mrs. Fox, who has a Masters of Education and received teaching certification from Michlala, brings her warmth into the lab, guiding each student to gain mastery over the material being covered. Prior to joining the faculty at YOSS, Mrs. Fox taught at the Hillel Academy Day School of Dayton, Ohio for sixteen years.



## JH Economic Honor's Society Club

Our Yeshiva is proud of its Economic Honors Society which is an exciting and educating program that prepares our students for the vital financial education that is so necessary in today's global world. The students focus on the stock market while utilizing a vast library of learning materials correlated to NY State educational standards in Math, Business Education, Economics, English/Language Arts, Technology, Social Studies and Consumer Sciences.

The program teaches and reinforces critical thinking, decision-making, cooperation and communication, and independent research skills. The boys, who work in teams, gain firsthand experience in saving and investing by researching the news and business updates to simulate a real marketplace experience, as they compete for the top spot on Long Island.

This ongoing program under the guidance of our Junior High School Associate Principal, Mr. Daniel Winkler, joins many other innovations including, Who Wants to be a Millionaire Challenge, Excellence 2000, The Scholar's League Book Club and the Knowledge Bowl, that make the **Mechina Division of YOSS** second to none.

## A 7 Year-Old Promise Fulfilled at the Siyum HaShas!

When the advertising began for the great MetLife siyum last summer, our Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Kamenetzky received a call from his son Zvi, a YOSS alumnus, then a distinguished talmid in Yeshiva Torah Temima. He asked if a Mr. Arthur Shield was still teaching American history at the Yeshiva.

"Of course he is! He is the best! We would not let him leave!" said Rabbi Kamenetzky.

Zvi asked his father if he could arrange that he get a ticket together with Mr. Shield for the siyum.

"Mr. Shield? Siyum HaShas? Why?"

"I promised him," said Zvi.

Rabbi Kamenetzky was puzzled why was his son Zvi worried about Mr. Shield and the siyum Daf HaYomi?

Zvi explained. "I was in Mr. Shield's class almost eight years ago at South Shore. Sometime in March, back then in 2005, we all packed out of class to go to the siyum. On my way out I saw that he was upset. "Where is everyone headed?" he asked.

When they told him about the large siyum, Mr. Shield exclaimed, "An event where so many Jewish people are gathered and no one invited me? Here is the deal. I will let you go out of my class to go to this siyum on one condition. Next time you take me."

True to his word, Rabbi Kamenetzky and his son Zvi took Mr. Shield and sat with him through the entire siyum explaining every aspect of the powerful event.

*Mr. Shield, next time, maybe you will be saying a hadran!*



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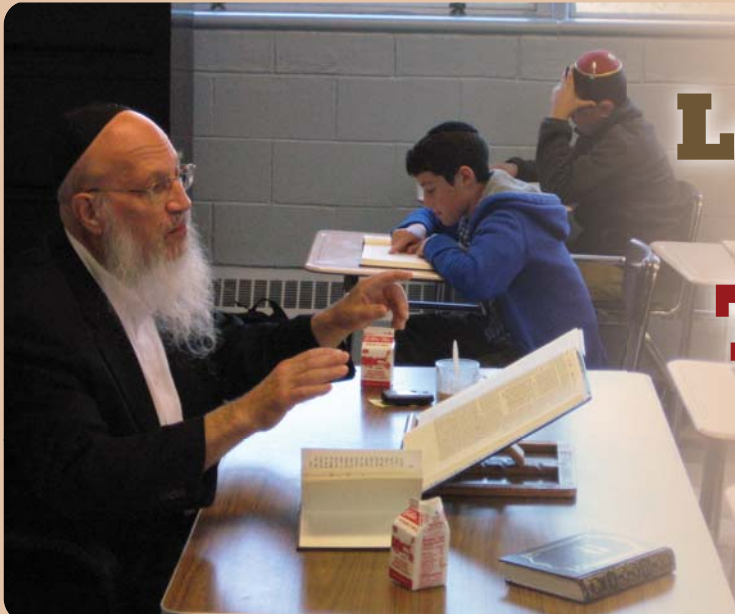
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# Learning and Living Towards Eretz Yisroel

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO RABBI CHAIM KRIEGER

This year at the 56th Annual Banquet, the Yeshiva we will be paying a special tribute to **Rabbi Chaim Krieger** on the occasion of his Aliyah to Eretz Yisroel where he plans to continue to teach Torah. For nearly four decades, Rabbi Chaim Krieger has infused his class with a unique warmth and style that combines the ruach of yesteryear with the

skills needed to become true Torah scholars. A master teacher, Rabbi Krieger has imparted his Chassidic heritage through *Moditz zemiros* and stories of *gedolim*, and has helped the boys become true B'nei Torah. Over the years he has taught the skills and the texts to our

6th graders enabling their mastery over large portions of *Mesechtas Sukkah*, and *Sefer Bamidbar*, and many of the Mishnayos that deal with *Mitzvos Hat'luyos B'Aretz* - the laws pertaining to the growth of crops and the cultivation of the Land of Israel, including *Peah*, *D'mai* and *Shviis*. Rabbi Krieger has just recently published an illustrated *sefer* in English that actually details many of the *halachos* that are entailed in those *Mishnayos*. How fitting is it that he will continue to teach Torah in our beloved Land of Israel.

