




WELCOME TO  
**YESHIVA OF  
SOUTH SHORE**



***“My memories of my years in South Shore immediately conjure feelings of warmth. The love and care the Rabbeim showed towards my growth and spiritual success hit me to the core and undoubtedly prepared me for my journey in avodas Hashem. I surely try my best to imbue these same feelings in my talmidim during my interaction with them daily.”***

**Rabbi Aryeh Cohen (class of '93)**

*Rebbe and Mashgiach, DRS*



# Welcome to Yeshiva of South Shore

## Yeshiva Toras Chaim - Bais Binyamin.

We are a school that was built by my father, Rav Binyamin Kamenetzky zt"l, to foster growth and achievement in every child, and infuse them with love of Torah and mitzvos, ahavas Yisrael, and an unshakeable bond with Eretz Yisrael.

We believe that a solid foundation in Torah, along with solid general education, is essential for your son's success; that is why we ensure a top educational experience for our students.

With a foundation laid by my father, zt"l, YOSS is embossed with a legacy of excellence in chinuch, academia, and most importantly, derech erez.

Our school atmosphere encourages lifelong relationships with Rabbeim, infused with values, middos, growth, and responsibility. Our curriculum, from preschool through eighth grade, provides every student with a comprehensive education and a broad

base of knowledge that will be his foundation for a lifetime of success.

Our faculty builds on a proven framework: a rich history of education, complemented by myriad innovative programs to benefit our students.

We are always proud of our students' achievements and progress, and we revel in their achievements as they reach milestones throughout life in their future learning, community leadership, and personal accomplishments.

Choosing a school for your child is a big decision. I invite you to explore the warmth, rich education, and exciting programs our Yeshiva has to offer.

We are here for you and our talmidim, so always feel free to contact me at 516-374-7363 with any questions or concerns.

With warmest regards,

**Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky**

*Rosh Yeshiva/Dean*



# THE DIVISIONS

## PRESCHOOL DIVISION

The Hollander Early Childhood Center fosters a supportive learning environment for our students by promoting exploration, exposure, and experiential play. In the Early Childhood Center, our students build foundational skills in reading, writing and math, through a variety of creative, hands-on activities. Our staff instills the essentials of middos tovos in our boys and brings the lessons of the parshiyos and yomim tovim to life through carefully-crafted, interactive lessons. With this blueprint, our students grow and achieve every day, and begin to shape the beginnings of a bright future.

## ELEMENTARY DIVISION



Yeshiva of South Shore's Elementary Division provides an exceptional educational base in Limudei Kodesh and General Studies, while nurturing the social and emotional needs of our talmidim. As we imbue a love for learning, appreciation of mitzvos, and sense of Yiras Shamayim within our students, they begin to reach early Torah milestones. Our seasoned Rabbeim and teachers look at each child as an individual and provide differentiated instruction to meet their needs. We take pride in our parent-teacher partnerships and consistent communication that exist to ensure the success of each child. Our talmidim segue into middle school with the confidence and academic skills they need to flourish.

**“The Menahel defined what the words ‘personal attention’ mean. He was never too busy for any talmid, no matter his age or background.”**

**Rabbi Shalom Rosner (class of ‘86)**

*Former Rabbi of Congregation Beis Ephrayim Yitzchok and Rabbi of Kehillat Nofei Shemesh, Ramat Beit Shemesh*



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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION - MECHINA TORAS AVRAHAM**

The Mechina division is focused on growth and development. We provide our boys with the skills, confidence, and enthusiasm they will need to grow as true bnei Torah. There is a strong emphasis on the relationships created and nurtured between our talmidim, the Hanhallah and Rabbeim, many of which last well beyond their years in the Mechina. All students participate in an end-of-year review where they discuss their overall social and academic performance with Rabbi Davidowitz and Mr. Winkler. They then draw a plan with recommendations and goals for the coming year. Each of our eighth graders is advised individually as to how to select the most appropriate Mesivta for his personal needs. Local Mesivtas actively pursue YOSS students, and our graduates are consistently recognized for their many achievements.





# MEET OUR **MENAHELIM** AND **PRINCIPALS**



**RABBI MORDECHAI KAMENETZKY**, Rosh Yeshiva, was born into the world of chinuch. Raised in Woodmere, in the home of our founding Rosh Yeshiva and Rebbetzin, his life was permeated with a love of chinuch and Yeshiva of South Shore from the very start.

Rabbi Kamenetzky has been with the Yeshiva as both a Rebbe and administrator since 1986, and he assumed the mantle of leadership a decade ago. Despite playing a key role in communal affairs, Rabbi Kamenetzky's focus is, and always has been, the students and their parents: teaching, speaking, nurturing and providing assistance in every capacity.

A prolific author and well-traveled speaker, Rabbi Kamenetzky loves to share his vast life experiences with the talmidim. And above all, he considers no task too large or small to ensure that every family is comfortable and every child shines at Yeshiva of South Shore.

## PRESCHOOL



**MRS. ELANA FERTIG**, MS Ed., is the Director of The Hollander Early Childhood Center. She is one of the founders of the Long Island Yeshiva Early Childhood Directors Network, serves as an Early Childhood Consult at the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools, and presents workshops throughout the year for Torah Umesorah, The Jewish Education Project, and Yeshiva day schools nationwide. With over two decades of experience as an Early Childhood Director, Mrs. Fertig excels at connecting with and teaching young children, as well as effectively training teachers to engage and educate their students.

## ELEMENTARY DIVISION



**RABBI AVRAHAM ROBINSON**, Menahel of the Elementary division, began his career at Yeshiva of South Shore a decade ago as a 7th grade Rebbe. He was appointed Associate Menahel to Rabbi Chanina Herzberg, zt”l, and he trained under his expert hand for his current position as Menahel. With over ten years of experience in clinical social work and his trademark patience and warmth, Rabbi Robinson has an astute understanding of the critical steps needed for each child’s growth. The talmidim feel Rabbi Robinson’s sincerity as he helps each boy recognize his inherent value and reach personal greatness.



**MRS. LEAH GIRNUN**, MS Ed., is Principal of our Elementary division. She is a highly qualified and experienced educator and has served as Principal of the elementary school at the Talmudical Academy of Baltimore, the educational administrator at New England Hebrew Academy in Boston, a public school special education teacher, and a reading specialist. On any given day, she can be found evaluating the STAR Testing data, meeting with teachers to ensure students’ needs are being met, leading a curriculum meeting, or helping transition students from grade to grade. Mrs. Girnun brings her experience, sensitivity and insights to her every interaction with talmidim and teachers, and her guidance is continuously strengthening the academic standards of our yeshiva.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL - MECHINA TORAS AVRAHAM



**RABBI ZEV DAVIDOWITZ**, Menahel of the Mechina, descends from a family legacy of chinuch and is a master mechanech in his own right. With years of experience, Rabbi Davidowitz has his finger on the pulse of every talmid in the Mechina. He is gifted with a dynamic and engaging personality, and uses these strengths to see depth and greatness in every single child. He creates engaging programs that have seen incredible results in all aspects of our talmidim’s development including their middos, self-awareness, confidence and learning. His keen insights, coupled with his passion for education and growth, make him a mechanech that is beloved by all: students, teachers, and parents alike.



**MR. DANIEL WINKLER**, Ms Ed., Principal of the Mechina, has been an integral part of Yeshiva of South Shore for close to twenty years. He has a personal relationship with every one of his students and an in-depth understanding of their learning level and capabilities. Mr. Winkler ensures that all of the teachers are continuously exploring innovative methods to foster students’ growth and that the Mechina’s general studies curriculum reaches the highest standards of education. His many extracurricular activities complement the student’s learning and helps them internalize their lessons and surpass their academic goals.

***“The foundations of my  
love for learning and  
education were first formed  
during my years in YOSS.  
Through my Rabbeim, my  
teachers, and my friends,  
I left YOSS with a love for Torah  
and education - and developed  
friendships that remain with me  
to this day.”***

**Dovid Bashevkin (class of '98)**

*Director of Education, NCSY; Instructor, Yeshiva University, Sy Syms  
School of Business and Isaac Breuer College Program*



**Dr. Manfred R. and Jamie Lehmann Campus  
Louis and Gertrude Feil Torah Center  
Hollander Early Childhood Center  
Abraham and Sara Silber Middle School**

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