

## שליט"א ר' YY Rosenbaum from Divrei Brochah

לפ"ז כיון שעבודת היום בר"ה היא "אמרו לפני מלכות כדי שתמליכוני עליכם" בודאי יש קיום של זכירת הבורא יתברך, ובפרט בתפילת זכרונות שמרגישין "כל באי עולם עוברין לפניו כבני מרון" עד שמגיעים לדרגא של "אשרי איש שלא ישכחך", וכן בשופר יש רמז זכרו בוראכם כמש"כ הרמב"ם, נמצא שיש התחלת תשובה בר"ה.

איתא במדרש רבה ויקרא (פ' כ"א) לדוד ד' אורי וישעי, אורי זו ר"ה, וישעי זו יוה"כ ונראה לבאר דכיון שהקב"ה רוצה שנצליח, סידר ברחמיו שמקודם יהא ר"ה, דאז ע"י מצות היום של מלכות זכרונות ושופרות מתוך פחד הדין זוכין אנו לאור גדול לראות ולהכיר אור פני מלך ולקבל עול מלכות שמים, וכיון שמרגישים שעומדים לפני המלך זוכים להתקרב ולשוב בתשובה שלמה וממילא נזכה לישועה ביוה"כ במחילת עוונות, אבל אילו היה יוה"כ נקבע קודם יום הדין לא היינו מגיעים לאותה דרגא של תשובה שלמה ולא היה לנו הישועה של יוה"כ.

ויה"ר שנזכה כולנו לכתיבה וחתימה טובה בספרן של צדיקים גמורים לאלתר לחיים טובים ולשלום, שנת גאולה וישועה,

בידידות והוקרה  
יעקב יהודה ראזענבוים

בספר כוכבי אור (סי' פ"ג) כתב דצריכים להבין למה לא ציוה הקב"ה לעשות יום הכפורים לסליחת עוונות קודם ראש השנה, הרי הקב"ה רוצה בהצלחת כלל ישראל וכיון שהכל נגזר בר"ה א"כ היה לו לקבוע יום ר"ה לאחר שכבר נמחלו העוונות ואז נוכל לזכות לשנה טובה וברכה, ע"ש. ויש להעיר עוד דעשרת ימי תשובה מתחילין בר"ה וצ"ב איך מקיים תשובה בר"ה הרי אסור להזכיר חטאים בר"ה א"כ מהו עבודת התשובה בר"ה.

ואולי י"ל דהספורנו פי' (פ' נצבים) כי קרוב אליך הדבר מאד בפיו ובלבבך וכו' להכיר בלבבך את חטאך ואת הקל יתברך שחטאת לו ולהתחרט ולהתוודות על זה בפיו עכ"ל, ומבואר דהכרת הקל יתברך הוי חלק ממצות תשובה. וכן משמע ברמב"ם הלכות תשובה (פ"ב ה"א) שכתב מכלל שאם זכר בוראו ושב קודם שימות נסלח לו עכ"ל, וברמב"ם (פ"ג ה"ד) כתב אע"פ שתקיעת שופר בר"ה גזיה"כ רמז יש בו וכו' וחזרו בתשובה וזכרו בוראכם עכ"ל.

והביאור בזה כמש"כ בספר בית אלוקים להמב"ט שער התשובה (פרק א') כי מי שעומד לפני מלך בשר ודם אינו עובר על דבריו אלא אחר שהולך מלפניו, והקב"ה מלא כל הארץ כבודו, ומצד שאין אנו משיגים את כבודו אנו חוטאים כאילו לא היתה שכינה בארץ שאין אנו משגיחים בשעת החטא היות שכינתו והשגחתו בינינו, וכשהוא שב וניחם על מה שעשה נותן אל לבו שהוא לפני הקב"ה בהיות כל הארץ מלאה מכבודו ויבוש ממה שחטא ובזה נתקרב אליו במחשבתו שידע שהקב"ה קרוב אליו ושב ממה שעשה, ועושה רצונו בהשיגו כי הוא עומד לפניו.



### Rabbi Simcha Feld שליט"א

Rabbi Feld a charismatic Talmid Chochom and Mechanech, has been with Yeshiva in a part time role for some years and has now joined in a full time capacity. In addition to his ever popular Shabbos Vaad, Reb Simcha is now giving a daily Shiur in the late afternoon to the Bochorim in 3rd Shiur.



### Rabbi Benzion Fierstone שליט"א

With the commencement of Elul Zman the Hanholas Hayeshiva have appointed Horav Benzion Fierstone as a שואל ומשיב. Horav Benzion brings to Yeshiva an extra source of both התמדה and השגחה and with his friendly personality it is hoped that the בני הישיבה will benefit from his enthusiasm and approachability. Horav Fierstone, an alumnus of Gateshead Kolel and an erudite תלמיד חכם has gained a reputation as a מרביץ תורה of high calibre. May his appointment be a source of encouragement to all in the Yeshiva.



## Alumni Webpage

The GYAA website ([www.gyalumni.org](http://www.gyalumni.org)) has been a great resource to many of our Talmidim, especially the list of alumni. It is being updated and we plan to significantly increase and enhance the embryonic list of shiurim, schmoozen, publications photographs and videos over the coming months

**And don't forget if you want to give an ad-hoc donation to the Yeshiva by credit card, paypal or your Achisomoch account, just click here <https://gyalumni.org/donate>**

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### **Update on building project in Rectory Road**

We are delighted to share with you the news that, at the request of the Hanholoh, work has started on the development of a new build multi-purpose study and dormitory block. It will be on the Rectory Road site that currently houses the Yeshiva administration facilities and temporary sleeping accommodation. The necessary preparatory surveys have been commissioned whilst proposed scheme options are being drawn.

The provisional plan is to accommodate over 100 beds along with shiur / vaad rooms and administration offices over 4 floors – all aesthetically done with full landscaping.

MHW Architects and Fairhurst Planning Consultants have been appointed to lead this exciting project. We are likewise fortunate to have the services of a team of skilled consultants to manage the project – all are grateful alumni with experience in the construction industry.

We are confident that together we will make this a serious contribution to benefit the Yeshiva we hold so dear. This project is named LDovid Mizmor in tribute to the lifelong dedication and askonus of R' Dovid Chontow z'l on behalf of the Yeshiva.

Sponsorship, legacies, commemorative opportunities and more up-to-date information will be available at [www.gyalumni.org/ldovidmizmor](http://www.gyalumni.org/ldovidmizmor)

### **Reb Dovid Chontow זצ"ל**

We very much miss our friend and "General" – *Hechover Reb Dovid ben Reb Arye Z"l* who was niftar in late Ellul last year. He was of the opinion that all Alumni are soldiers in service for the Yeshiva. He was a "safe pair of hands" well trusted by 3 generations of Roshei Hayeshiva. No request from the Yeshiva was ever too much for him. He was always directly active with fundraising, Hanholo discussions, business advice, development & expansion of the Yeshiva. For over 40 years, he worked tirelessly on many projects in favour of the Yeshiva. As a founder member, he helped set up, and manage Achisomoch Aid Co who have, since inception, provided millions of pounds to the Yeshiva.

His Kovod Rabbonim was exemplary, he only gave advice when asked, never contradicting the Rabbonei Hayeshiva and always had a listening ear for all Yeshiva staff and their needs. He likewise had the ability to "gloss over" any issue pertaining to the Yeshiva. His constant encouragement to all members of staff "went a long way".

His foresight on Yeshiva matters was always at the forefront of his mind, which created an example for all Alumni to emulate.

Yehi Zichro Boruch

# GATESHEAD YESHIVA NEWSLETTER

אלול תשפ"א

Welcome to our 5782-השנה ראש newsletter which we hope will be of interest and a source of additional knowledge

*The Alumni committee*

## Elul Zman 5781 Report

The Elul Zman commenced with over 420 Bochurim learning שייעורים. לא יחפר- פרק ב' בבא בתרא. The daily שייעורים have all swung into action, and likewise the הלכה של יעורי; of which the younger Shiurim are delivered by Rabbi E Lieberman שליט"א and the older shiurim delivered by Rabbi A Arran שליט"א.

As in previous years, the Yeshiva accommodated the "Chodosh" programme for all school leavers who planned and had been accepted to join the Yeshiva. The morning shiur was given by Horav Shimon Grun שליט"א and the afternoon shiur was given by Horav Refoel Lieberman שליט"א. Their שייעור הלכה was given by Horav Avrohom Arran שליט"א. They enjoyed a weekly shiur from Reb Ezriel Rosenbaum שליט"א שבת.

The Yeshiva Beis Hamidrash is full to capacity. At all times there are משיבים in attendance assisting the בני הישיבה. Shmuesen and Vaadim for the older Shiurim are given by the Mashgiach, Horav Karnowsky שליט"א, and for the younger Shiurim, the shmussen alternate between Rabbi Grun שליט"א and Rabbi Feld שליט"א. Rabbi Feld שליט"א's afternoon shiur for the 3rd shiur has continued for a second year, and is being gratefully received.

Furthermore, now for a second year, there is a weekly written חומש רש"י verher. All the talmidim who achieve the grade after each sefer receive a generous prize.

This has encouraged many to learn חומש רש"י more diligently.

The Yeshiva has now begun to make full use of all recent dormitory refurbishments, including 56 Rectory Road (27 beds) and upstairs 60 Rectory Road (15 beds).

We are also pleased to report that the Yeshiva over the past year, enjoyed major "Siyato Dismayo" with all the arrangements employed to help protect the Hanholo and the Talmidim from the risk of Covid-19. This included many portable screens in the Beis Hamedrash & shiur rooms. All risk assessments were updated on a regular basis. Signage on the walls, stairs and corridor floors were all approved by the Gateshead Council Environmental Health Dept. The Yeshiva had in place provisions for a quarantine area in case of need. Mr Guttentag kept a close watch on the travel documentation that was required by all the foreign Talmidim. The Yeshiva is still receiving most regular visits from the "Test & Trace" division of the NHS.

בעזה"ש"י, it is foreseen that for the forthcoming Winter Zman 5782 ט"ו הבעל"ט, the Yeshiva will also be full to capacity, and this is after the Hanhla Hayeshiva שליט"א have had to make many difficult decisions vis-a-vis applications for entry to the Yeshiva, as they were unable to accommodate approximately 160 applicants for this year.

**Horav Gershon Miller שליט"א**



We place on record our deep הכרת הטוב to Horav Reb Gershon Miller שליט"א the younger משגיח רוחני of the younger שייעורים, who is now leaving our shores and taking up a position at the head of the Kehilla in Detroit.

The Yeshiva hosted a Seudas Preido for all the Hanholo and Bnei Hayeshiva at a special Seudas Shlisis towards the end of the Summer Zeman. Our fervent ברכה is that he should meet with much הצלחה and that we should hear from the family only בשורות טובות.

## Mazel Tov

R' Simcha and Mrs. Feld  
for their daughter's חתונה and son's engagement.

R' Eliyohu and Mrs. Gurwicz for their daughter's חתונה

R' Shimon and Mrs. Grun  
for their daughter's חתונה and the birth of a son

R' Yaakov Yehuda and Mrs. Rosenbaum  
for their daughter's חתונה

Mr. and Mrs. Yehuda Schleider for the birth of their son

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Serfaty  
for the birth of their daughter

## Changes & Improvements

### Improvements in Beis Hamedrash

Over the recent Pesach break, an improved Public Address system (with 14 extra speakers) was installed in the Beis Hamedrash. During the Summer break a new feature was added i.e. a special unit with 12 multiple ports that allows the Talmidim to connect their devices directly to the PA system. Additionally there has been a further upgrade to the lighting.

### 56 & 60 Rectory Road refurbishment

As mentioned in last year's Elul newsletter, the Yeshiva needed extra accommodation due to the expansion of the Yeshiva, and also for general compliance as well as Covid management. During the Succos Bein Hazmanim, conversion and building work was commenced and carried out at the first floor at 60 Rectory Road (above bakery) and at 56 Rectory Road to create additional dormitory facilities. Both areas were ready shortly after Chanukah, providing the Yeshiva with an additional 14 rooms holding 42 beds. Both these areas are fully equipped

with all the essential facilities and additional features as is now standard at the Yeshiva.

### Hot Water Urn

Family Horav Doniel Levy of Leeds recently sponsored the purchase and installation of a new five hundred litre kettle in the Dining Room. This sponsorship initiated by Horav Levy was a token of the *hachnasas* for the many years that he spent in the Yeshiva. The kettle, fully automated to meet all the Halachic criteria of *shabbat* was installed towards the end of the summer zman.



### Report on Ner Lamo'or

On the occasion of the Hachnosas Sefer Torah, Families Ost of London sponsored the launch of the Ner Lamo'or Project. The Yeshiva hopes to adapt it to an electronic system in the near future. The display can carry any type of dedication. To date there are approximately 150 dates that have been reserved. Should you wish to be part of this Project of Hachzokas Hatorah @ £360 per day, please call the Yeshiva Office for further details.

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## First Y'mei Limud in Gateshead Yeshiva

The two-day Y'mei Limud event held in Gateshead Yeshiva was a resounding success. Since its inception over 90 years ago, many thousands of talmidim have passed through the halls of our Yeshiva, emerging transformed, to create their own families, steeped in the tradition of their fathers. In many instances, the yeshivah has seen three or four generations coming to learn Torah at the feet of the Gedolim who lead it.

The latest project of the Alumni Association was the Y'mei Limud, when the Hanholo extended a warm invitation to former talmidim to come back to the Yeshivah, for two exciting days, sitting side-by-side with the bachurim, and participating in the same shiurim.

### Back to Gateshead

The event began on Sunday July 4th at midday, with the arrival of guests from London, Manchester and Antwerp along with special COVID-compliant group travel arrangements.

After the reception prepared in the Bewick Centre, our one hundred and more guests gravitated down Windermere Street and slipped seamlessly back to where it all began.

The objective of the Y'mei Limud was to reconnect, refresh and rejuvenate. The current sugya chosen in the second perek of Maseches Bava Basra. Introductory shiurim were given by Harav Yosef Aharon Oppenheimer and Harav Eliyohu Gurwicz, both gave their own individual insights into the sugya.

### Two Days of Learning

Divrei pesichah were delivered by Harav Chaim Ozer Gurwicz in the main beis medrash in front of the whole Yeshivah, thanking Hashem that learning has BH returned to normal after the pandemic. His inspiring droshoh focused on the contrast between the bitachon nisyonos of a man dedicated to learning Torah the whole day, and the emunah nisyonos of a businessman.

As the Y'mei Limud participants joined the beis medrash, they were met with the incomparable roar of the voices of hundreds of bachurim all learning and delving into the depths of the gemoro. Memories of old, as they sat down to learn with their chavrusos. They too, added their voices to the milchamta shel Torah that was taking place around them.

The beis medrash fell silent at 6pm as our revered Rosh Hayeshivah Harav Avrohom shlit'a mounted the steps to stand in front of the golden Aron Kodesh and expound his Shiur Kholi on the yesodos of some of the obligations relevant to repaying a debt.

At the conclusion, a large crowd of bachurim gathered around the Rosh Hayeshivah to eagerly discuss the words of Torah. Once again, the guests were reminded of their own yeshivah years and the impact those



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years made on the rest of their lives.

Later that evening, the Y'mei Limud guests, together with the Rosh HaYeshivah and all our Rabbonim gathered together in the Bewick Centre for an evening dinner. Chairman Shaul Bodner introduced the proceedings with words of thanks for all that made the Y'mei Limud such a great success. He thanked Mr. Shimon Guttentag, Mr. Naftoli (Totty) Lebrecht and their entire team of helpers along with the London team led by Yossi Binstock .



**Elevating One's Life**

The programme for the second day followed the success of the first. After Shacharis and breakfast, guests were eager to hear the Va'ad from Harav Mordechai Yosef Karnowsky, respected senior mashgiach of the yeshivah.

The sidrei halimud continued with the same enthusiasm. The afternoon began with a shiur on parashas hashavua given by Harav Simcha Feld and a wide-ranging shiur by Harav Avrohom Arran on halachos that are relevant when travelling away on holiday.

The final session - memorable divrei preidah with our beloved Harav Ezriel Rosenbaum. Using his inexhaustible store of divrei Torah anecdotes, Harav Ezriel skillfully wove together divrei aggadah and halachah.

A fleet of taxis arrived to ferry participants to the station, along with tzeitah laderech for the journey, along with precious cargo - gratitude to the organisers who had enabled them to taste and value their yeshivah years once again. This was indeed

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The Chairman mentioned over 40 years of support from Achisomoch and its founders / trustees Hechover Reb Dovid Chontow, z"l, together with, ylch"t, Hechover Reb Yitzchok Katz and more recently Akiva Hackenbroch, who continue to work tirelessly for the benefit of the yeshivah.



**Tribute Dinner**

Guest Speaker Harav Gershon Miller, popular mashgiach in the yeshivah, described the Y'mei Limud as a wonderful maamad of kevod haTorah.



Amidst a standing ovation, Aryeh Melinek presented to Rav Gershon a Megillah and holder, in appreciation of his many years of service to the yeshivah. The Rosh Hayeshivah was honoured with bentschen at the conclusion of the evening.

the theme of the whole Y'mei Limud, as the Rosh Hayeshivah noted in the beis medrash, "Chadesh yameinu k'kedem!" – and we hope you join us at the next event.