Etzion Foundation Dinner 2017

On Wednesday March 29, hundreds of friends gathered for the annual Etzion Foundation Dinner. The Foundation was proud to present the Alumnus of the Year award to Rabbi Jeffrey Kobrin ’92PC and Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin. Simcha and Barbara Hochman, parents of Ayelet ’11MO and Ariel ’13, were honored with the Parents of the Year award.

The Dor l’Dor Award was given to Rav Danny Rhein his daughter, Racheli (Rhein) Schmell ’07MO, whose combined warmth exponentially impacts the tone and flavor of both Yeshivat Har Etzion and Migdal Oz. Their presence was a strong draw for recent alumni and enthusiastic cheers rang out from the crowd when Racheli delivered words of thanks and chizuk. All the honorees appeared in a video presentation that also featured Roshei Yeshiva, Ramim, peers, children and talmidim. The videos can be viewed at http://haretzion.org/2017-honorees

Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein spoke nostalgically and passionately of the early days of his family’s aliyah and the state of the Yeshiva upon their arrival. Describing the present, he noted the near impossibility of imagining not only the current success of Gush but also the ever-growing presence that Migdal Oz has on the National Religious scene in Israel and its impact upon the American Modern Orthodox community.

The dinner culminated with dancing, bringing together all the members of the Gush community – Ramim and alumni, parents and children all rejoicing arm in arm. Yair Hindin ’98 commented, “It’s this sense of community that always pulses through the Grand Hyatt during the Gush dinner, this sense of the common bonds we all share, that keeps me coming back year after year.”

Before the dinner, a reception was held honoring the alumni of ’96 and ’97 on their 20th anniversary. In honor of the occasion, the students from those years formed a scholarship fund. Yashar koach to the alumni committee who helped facilitate such a wonderful initiative.
End of Zman Choref

Once again the Yeshiva invited parents and alumni for a series of shiurim on the last day of study before the Pesach Break. Participants were invited to choose between classes on halachic and machshava topics connected with Pesach. This event was dedicated in loving memory of Sidney and Diana Cohn z”l by Rabbi Joel and Shulamit Cohn, whose children Eli ’00, Tani ’06, Yehuda ’08, and Bezalel ’12H, and son-in-law Micky Siev ’95 all learned in Yeshiva.

Yahrtzeit of HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l

On April 27, the Yeshiva marked the second yahrtzeit of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l with shiurim by Rav Mayer Lichtenstein, son of HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l, and Rav Shmuel Shimoni. The Yeshiva event was one of many worldwide marking Rav Lichtenstein’s yahrtzeit, but it had a special feel due to the many Lichtenstein family members in attendance and its venue – the Yeshiva where HaRav Lichtenstein taught Torah for so many years.

Mishnat HaRA”L Yom Iyun

On May 11, the Yeshiva welcomed many alumni and friends to a Yom Iyun (a day-long seminar) in memory of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l on “Religion and State – A Torah Perspective.”

Opening remarks were delivered by Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi and Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein, who explained that “the goal of the Yom Iyun is to have another generation of talmidim learning and discussing my husband’s Torah,” adding that “every topic covered today was analyzed in depth from every angle by my husband, and talmidim beginning to do so can be part of his legacy.”

Prof. Gideon Sapir ’83H of Bar-Ilan University discussed the writings of HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l on religion and state. Five sessions on assorted topics followed.

The first session, on the place of religion in the State of Israel, was moderated by Rav prof. Yitzchak Brand ’82H of Bar-Ilan University and included prof. Dov Schwartz of Bar-Ilan University and Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein, who warned that the mixing of religion and state may have led to the obituary he read that referred to the encyclopedic sage Rav Ovadya Yosef zt”l as “the greatest charedi politician.”

Rav Shlomo Brin moderated the fourth session, about divorce in Israel, with Prof. Avishalom Westreich of the College of Law and Business in Ramat Gan and Rav Shlomo Daichovsky, Justice Emeritus of the Supreme Rabbinical Beit Din. Rav Daichovsky began his remarks by quoting HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l as saying “I learned in Harvard that the world is complex and that people are complex.” Rav Daichovsky added that from those words we can learn that any answer that presents a simple

In the second session, Rav Ezra Bick moderated a discussion about religious legislation between Rav Elisha Aviner, Rosh Yeshiva of Maaleh Adumim, and Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan.

The third session, moderated by Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, Rosh Beit Midrash at Migdal Oz, was a discussion of state-provided religious services between Dr. Hadar Lifshitz ’92K of Ashkelon Academic College and MK Rav Eli Ben-Dahan, Deputy Minister of Defense.
solution rather than a complex one is probably erroneous.

For the final session, Rav Amnon Bazak moderated a discussion on Shabbat in the public sphere between Rav Dr. Yehuda Brandes, President of Herzog Academic College, Rav Yisrael Rosen, Head of the Zomet Institute, and Justice Neal Hendel of the Supreme Court of Israel. Justice Hendel, who made aliyah in 1983, said we all have to have some appreciation for how easy it is to keep Shabbat in Israel. Rav Brandes added that before we want to preach about how Shabbat should look for others, we have to decide what the character of Shabbat should be in our own communities.

Rav Bazak ended by noting that Rav Lichtenstein zt”l used to take great pleasure in the many alumni who would take off a day from work to attend an event like this one, and that the Yeshiva is glad so many alumni joined us. Special thanks are due to the many contributors to Mishnat HaRA”L whose support allowed this event to take place.

To see pictures and videos of the event, go to: http://haretzion.org/video-gallery-mishnat-haral-religion-and-state

Torah MiTzion Celebrates 20 Years, Honors Yeshiva
Over the past 20 years, Torah MiTzion has sent 1000 shlichim to Jewish communities on five continents, in an effort to strengthen Jewish communities and infuse them with the love of Torah, the Jewish People, and the State of Israel. In January, in honor of their 20th anniversary, Zeev Schwartz ’85MTA, CEO of Torah MiTzion, met with the Roshei Yeshiva and presented them with an award in recognition of the 200 alumni of the Yeshiva who have served Am Yisrael, spreading the Torah of Gush across the globe.

Breakfast with Richard Joel and Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman ’87
Over the past few years, it’s become a tradition for YU President Richard Joel to make an annual visit to the Yeshiva and speak to the students, an occasion the Yeshiva marks with a gala breakfast in President Joel’s honor. This year’s breakfast was President Joel’s final one, as he is ending his tenure, and the Yeshiva was honored to host both him and his successor Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman ’87.

The Yeshiva’s historic location is right near an ancient footpath called Derech Avot, a road walked by our forefathers, replete with a Roman mile marker and a Second Temple era mikveh. On a recent Friday, the madrichim took a group of overseas students on an impromptu hike, ending at the bakery in Neve Daniel.

Talmidim made a Sheva Brachot meal for their madrich Jonny Brull ’11 and his new bride Shira Zenilman

Zeev Schwartz ’85MTA, CEO of Torah MiTzion, presents the Roshei Yeshiva with an award honoring the contributions of the Yeshiva’s alumni to fostering Torah learning throughout the Diaspora

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman ’87 and Richard Joel at the gala breakfast in Yeshiva
Rabbi Kalman Topp ’90, Senior Rabbi of Beth Jacob Congregation in Los Angeles, Rav Moshe Taragin, and Rabbi Elazar Muskin, Senior Rabbi of the Young Israel of Century City, on the newly renovated Beit Midrash porch that features a memorial to the battle fought there in 1948. Rabbi Topp and Rabbi Muskin led their communities on a trip to Israel and included a tour of the Yeshiva on their itinerary.

Lance Katz, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi, and Sasha Katz learning together. Lance and Sasha came from their home in Cape Town, South Africa to Yeshiva for 3 days to mark Sasha’s upcoming bar mitzvah.

If you are coming to Israel with your community, school, or family, and would like to visit the Yeshiva, please contact office@etzion.org.il

Bat Mitzvah Day

Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, Rosh Beit Midrash of Migdal Oz, addressing the 93 alumni of Yeshivat Har Etzion and Migdal Oz who brought their daughters and granddaughters to this year’s Bat Mitzvah day in June. Other highlights of the event included a tiyul with Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan and additional Ramim and staff from the Yeshiva and Migdal Oz.
Revava

Many aspects of Yeshiva prepare and strengthen talmidim for their future lives, but at the end of the year the issue is approached frontally in a series of lectures for overseas students titled “Conversations on Life After Yeshiva,” part of the Revava curriculum and dedicated in memory of Riva Koschitzky z”l. The series is split between halachic issues and “life” issues, with a focus on campus life. Some of the courses prepare talmidim for specific challenges, such as biblical criticism, while others are intended to cover the next steps in religious growth, such as when one should refer a halachic question to a rabbi and when to decide an issue based on one’s own knowledge. The speakers in the series included Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Director of the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University, and Rabbi Steven Weil, Executive Vice President of OU, Yeshiva Ramim, and Yeshiva alumni serving in rabbinic positions on college campuses.

Yom HaZikaron

For the first time, Jewish communities around the world were able to join the Yom Hazikaron memorial ceremony for Israel’s fallen soldiers that takes place annually at the historic cemetery of Gush Etzion. Together with World Mizrachi, the Yeshiva arranged a live streaming of the event which was made available afterwards as a recording that included narration and a short pre-event shiur by Rav Moshe Taragin. Alumni, schools, and bereaved families who happened to be away were among the many viewers who benefitted from this unique webcast.

Journey to Poland

The 40 participants on this year’s annual trip to Poland were joined by Rav Yair Kahn and Rav Shlomo Brin, and by the Yeshiva’s tour guide, Rav Dr. Shalom Berger ’77. Also along on the journey were Alan and Suzanne Kominsky, parents of Evan ’16PC, and Jim Shenwick, father of Daniel ’16.

The group visited Kielce, where Rav Brin’s maternal grandfather was a cantor. The talmidim learned about the pogrom that took place there after the war, and saw firsthand what people today at the Institute for Culture of Encounter and Dialogue are doing to fight ingrained anti-semitism. Additionally, before Shabbat in Krakow, they stopped at the forest outside of Miechow, where Rav Brin’s paternal grandfather was murdered, along with other Jews of the town.

Alan and Suzanne Kominsky commented, “Our time in Kielce was very meaningful. It was so moving to see the tremendous efforts to raise awareness about the Holocaust and post-war pogroms. It was inspiring to see the work being done today to continue to heal the community and grow stronger.”

Eli Weber, Director of the Overseas Program, said, “The purpose of the trip is neither intellectual nor emotional. It is the fusion of the two – knowledge combined with firsthand experience – which yields a life-long connection to the beauty of pre-war Jewish life in Europe and the horrors of the Holocaust.”

Digitizing the Archives

As the Yeshiva closes in on 50 years, the Yeshiva’s chief librarian and archivist, Aharon Bejell ’75, is busy digitizing a rich and diverse collection of audio recordings of shiurim and sichot delivered at the Yeshiva. These recordings were made on analog cassettes and it is of great urgency to convert them to digital format before they disintegrate. The Yeshiva purchased high quality equipment for this purpose, and in the past two years over 2,000 cassettes were converted.

The archive illustrates the diverse group of teachers and subjects to which Yeshiva students have been exposed, a testimony to the broad educational vision of the founders of Yeshivat Har Etzion. The recordings that
have already been digitized include shiurim and sichot of the founding Roshei Yeshiva, HaRav Yehuda Amital zt”l and HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l, as well as Rav Yoel Bin-Nun, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan, Rav Ezra Bick, Rav Chanan Porat z”l, Rav David Nativ, and Rav Mordechai Sabbato.

The most recent addition to the archive is a collection of shiurim on machshevet Yisrael and chasidut by Rav Shimon Gershon Rosenberg z”l, more commonly known as Rav Shagar, delivered at the Yeshiva between 1988 and 1993. Many more important and hitherto unheard collections are being digitized and will be made available to the public in the future.

Let’s Dance!

On Lag b’Omer, Shaltiel Katsch ’01 donated a Sefer Torah to the Yeshiva in memory of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l and in memory of his grandfather, Rav Mahlouf Hayoun z”l. After the uplifting dancing, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan read a short portion from the new Torah scroll and Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein addressed the talmidim in the Beit Midrash.

Shaltiel’s classmate, Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman ’01, Overseas Alumni Coordinator, recalls:

During my Shana Bet (5763/2002), Shaltiel Katsch, a fellow Shana Bet talmid from England, was hit by a car. He was unconscious for weeks on end, and his prognosis was not good – it was so bad, in fact, that a hospital representative approached the family to discuss donating his organs. We were all torn between hope and pessimism. One of our classmates organized non-stop Tehillim in Yeshiva; I remember a few shifts in the middle of the night, picking up where the previous person left off. We passionately recited those pirkei Tehillim on Shaltiel’s behalf, but during our frequent visits to his bedside, where he lay in a coma, it was hard to believe that the situation was really going to improve.

At the very least, we thought, we could provide some chizuk to Shaltiel’s family. Ironically, it was actually his family who reminded us to keep hoping and praying. Every time we visited, Shaltiel’s father would say, “Next time you come, you can run with him,” or, “Come back to play ball with him.” Most frequently, he left us with, “You’ll soon dance together!” We stared at our friend lying in his hospital bed, connected to wires and tubes and not moving at all, and did our best not to look incredulous. But time and again, whenever we would come visit, he would remind us that Shaltiel would dance with us one day…
In the end, Shaltiel’s father was right, and we – his incredulous friends – were wrong. Shaltiel did wake up from his coma, and after years of intense therapy, he is able to walk and function well. He returned to England and became an architect, and last year he got married.

This year on Lag b’Omer, the unlikely prediction of Shaltiel’s father – “You’ll soon dance together!” – was miraculously fulfilled. Baruch Shome’a Tefilla.

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Rav Pini Cohen with participants on the Shavu Banim program during a visit to Ma’arat haMachpela in Chevron

Salute to Olim

In what has become an annual tradition, the Yeshiva honored students in the Dr. William Major Overseas Program who made aliya in the last year at the Yeshiva’s Yom Yerushalayim celebration. This year nine talmidim made aliya, including three members of Darkaynu. Pictured: Rav Amnon Bazak presenting a sefer and a certificate to Elan Turitz ’13.

Winter Break at Yeshiva

College-aged alumni visiting in January were treated to special shiurim and tishes, and even had a festive lunch together with the Ramim. Thanks to the generosity of Steven and Renee Adelsberg, who dedicated this program in memory of Yoni Jesner ’01 Hy’d, who had been a chavruta of their son David ’01, many alumni were able to participate in this special program.
VBM

The Israel Koschitzky Virtual Beit Midrash already has thousands of shiurim available but it is always adding new material to its selection. One new series this year was written by Rabbi Tzvi Sinensky ’98 on the topic of Shivat Tzion, an analysis of prophecies about the Return to Zion. At the conclusion of his 30-part course, Rabbi Sinensky said, “The shiurim were lots of fun to write, and I have been gratified by the positive feedback and incisive comments, as well as those who have used the material as a resource for their teaching and learning. Special thanks to Rav Ezra Bick, Rav Reuven Ziegler, and Mrs. Debra Berkowitz for all their assistance.” He added, “I’m excited to be starting work on my next series.”

Explore the VBM at www.vbm-torah.org

Bein Kodesh LeChol

Nobel Prize Winner Prof. Yisrael Aumann spoke to talmidim on Motzei Shabbat, March 25. His fascinating lecture included many original ideas, and he even suggested that King Solomon’s famous recommendation to split a contested baby in two is an early example of game theory.

Hesder

We salute our overseas talmidim who have chosen to serve in the IDF even though their families are abroad. The Yeshiva does its utmost to support these brave young men during the course of their service. Pictured l-r: Yishai Chamudot ’14, Ari Bar-Shain ’14, Seth Weiss ’14, and Gabi Rosenthal ’14

Gush talmidim stick together even when split up by the army. In this photo, Yeshiva talmidim who joined the army at three different times and were drafted into four different units, were excited to meet up on a Sunday morning on their way to their respective bases.

Gush, Remote & Up Close

Prof. Steven Wilf, father of Lily ’11MO, learning with Aminadav Grossman ’08, currently a student in the Yeshiva’s Kollel. This was their first face-to-face meeting, even though they learn regularly long-distance via Skype and over the phone as part of a program called Gush Remote. This program allows people far from the Yeshiva to learn with a Gush Kollel fellow or a member of the Migdal Oz Advanced Talmud Scholars Program.

Interested? Contact Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman at yfriedman@haretzion.org.il
Thirty years ago, Dr. Mitch Benuck ’87 and Gil Orbach ’87 were chavrutot. Now their sons, Eli Benuck ’13H and Amiel Orbach ’16, are together in Yeshiva.

Shabbatons

In March, over 250 people participated in a Shabbaton for overseas alumni from 1995-2004 currently living in Israel. The Shabbaton was organized by Overseas Alumni Coordinator Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman ’01 and featured a Q&A with the Roshei Yeshiva, a tour of the new 1948 memorial area on the porch adjacent to the Beit Midrash, a tish with the Ramim, and, of course, the Yeshiva popcorn.

Rosh Yeshiva Rav Moshe Lichtenstein and his wife Michal with alumni of Hesder 2009 in Yeshiva on Shabbat Parashat Vaera

Shana Bet talmidim spent a Shabbat together in Chemdat in the Jordan River Valley (Bika’at haYarden)

Alumni of Hesder 1983-1984 in Yeshiva on Shabbat Parashat Shemini

Overseas students on the annual Tzefat Shabbaton

Alumni of Hesder 1979 and 1981 in Yeshiva on Shabbat Parashat Emor
THE YESHIVA ABROAD

UNITED STATES

- **Rav Moshe Taragin** was the Scholar-in-Residence at the Kohelet Yeshiva Beit Midrash in Philadelphia, PA on Shabbat, January 6-7.

- **Rav Moshe Taragin** was the Scholar-in-Residence in Boca Raton, Florida from February 2-4. On Thursday he gave a *shiur* on “Makkot and Metamorphosis” at Congregation Torah Ohr and throughout Shabbat he delivered multiple *shiurim* at the Boca Raton Synagogue.

- **Rav Dovid Gottlieb** was the Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation KINS in Chicago on February 3-4.

- **Rav Moshe Taragin** was the Scholar-in-Residence at Shaarei Tefillah in Newton, MA on February 10-11.

- In conjunction with the Gush Dinner that took place at the end of March, **Rav Chanoch Waxman** and **Rav Menachem Leibtag** went on speaking tours on the East Coast. *Shiurim* were given at the campuses of Harvard, Brandeis, Penn, Maryland, NYU, YU, Princeton, and Columbia. Rav Leibtag was a Shabbat Scholar-in-Residence at the Young Israel of Brookline, MA on March 24-25 and at Young Israel of Stamford, CT on March 31-April 1 and gave weekday *shiurim* at Lower Merion Synagogue of PA, Kemp Mill Synagogue of MD, Congregation Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck, NJ and at the Young Israel of Hollywood, FL. Rav Waxman was the Shabbat Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation Etz Chaim in Kew Gardens Hills, NY on March 24-25.

- **Rav Moshe Taragin** traveled to the US for the 2nd *yahrtzeit* of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l and spoke at a lunch-and-learn at the office of Hillel Silvera ‘91 at Gibson Dunn on “Rav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l and the Value of a Work Ethic.” Later that night he led an evening of learning with **Rabbi Michael Taubes** ’77 at Congregation Beth Abraham in Bergenfield, NJ. Another evening of learning also took place featuring the *shiurim* of **Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot** ’81 and **Rabbi Daniel Fridman** ’02.

- **Rav Amnon Bazak** giving a *shiur* at Congregation Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck, NJ on Lag Ba’omer on “Why King David Didn’t Build the Temple”
Rav Menachem Leibtag was the Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation Poale Zedeck in Pittsburgh, PA on May 26-27. On Sunday he spoke in Cleveland, OH at Green Road Synagogue. On Monday he spoke at the Young Israel of Woodmere, NY and at Bnei Yeshurun in Teaneck, NJ. He then spent Shavuot as the Scholar-in-Residence at Young Israel of Hollywood, Florida. He was the Scholar-in-Residence of the Boca Raton Synagogue, FL, on June 2-3.

That same weekend, Rav Moshe Taragin gave a shiur on “Rav Amital’s Perspectives on the Six Day War and Return to Yerushalayim” on Sunday at the Young Israel of West Hempstead, NY and on Monday at Congregation Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck, NJ. He spent Shavuot as the Scholar-in-Residence at Beth Jacob Congregation in Los Angeles, CA, the shul of Rabbi Kalman Topp ’90. He spent Shabbat in Baltimore, MD at Congregation Shomrei Emunah. On Sunday June 4, preceding the Israel Day Parade, Rav Taragin spoke at Fifth Avenue Synagogue on “Flying the Flags of Faith.”

United Kingdom

Rav Mordechai Friedman was in London for Shabbat, January 6-7. He spoke numerous times over Shabbat at Ner Yisrael Community and Alei Tzion Synagogue and also held a tish with alumni.

Rav Moshe Taragin spoke at the Ner Yisrael Community of London on April 2 on “Discerning Between Religious Terror and Jewish Martyrdom.” On April 3 he gave a shiur at The Beis learning center, as well as a shiur at the Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue, the congregation of Rabbi Chaim Kanterovitz ’93H.

Rabbi Dr. Judah Goldberg, Ram at the Advanced Talmud and Halacha Program at Migdal Oz, and Shayna Goldberg, Mashigicha Ruchanit at Migdal Oz, spoke at The Day of Inspiration hosted by Mizrachi UK on May 7. They then spent Shabbat in Golders Green where they served as the Scholars-in-Residence.

SOUTH AFRICA

Rav Dovid Gottlieb was the Scholar-in-Residence for the Yeshiva College-Mizrachi community in Johannesburg, South Africa over Shavuot. Despite the brevity of the trip, Rav Gottlieb was able to give shiurim in the school and in multiple shuls on the Yeshiva College campus, inspiring the men, women, and youth of the community.

AUSTRALIA

Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi travelled to Australia for a two week post-Purim trip, escorted by Hillel Mann, Director of Institutional Advancement. Their first stop was in Melbourne, at the community of Rabbi Danny Mirvis ’03, Senior Rabbi of Mizrachi. Melbourne Mizrachi was hosting the annual RZO (Religious Zionists of Australia) conference, with rabbis and shlichim from across Australia and New Zealand.

Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi giving a shiur to the rabbinical leaders of Australia, including Rabbi Danny Mirvis ’03, Rabbi Shua Solomon ’07MTA, and Ari Posner ’06MTA, as part of the annual Religious Zionists of Australia Conference hosted by Melbourne Mizrachi

Rav Kahn US Campus Tour

The Yeshiva attempts to strengthen the religious community on college campuses with Torah learning. Rav Yair Kahn visited thirteen East Coast college campuses during February and March, giving a shiur, connecting with alumni on each campus, and often answering student questions and concerns. As part of his trip he was also the Scholar-in-Residence at the Ohr Saadya synagogue in Teaneck, NJ.

Ariel Altaras ’15, a student at Cornell, described how meaningful Rav Kahn’s visit was to him:

“As a student in university, it can be difficult to feel the excitement for Torah that is ever-present in the Gush Beit Midrash, but this past week I had the pleasure of hearing Rav Yair Kahn speak at Cornell University. While the shiur itself was interesting, what I found to be more impactful was his presence. Rav Kahn’s presence reminded me of the Gush Beit Midrash and the countless hours I spent preparing for Rav Taragin’s shiur. It reminded me of the role models and teachers I met while in Yeshiva, and from whom I learned so much over the course of my year in Israel. Rav Kahn coming to Cornell University reminded me of what it was like to be back in Yeshiva, and how the sense of excitement for Torah that can be found in the Gush Beit Midrash can be found anywhere, as long as students like myself work towards that goal.”
Zealand who joined to hear Rav Gigi’s views on a range of complex halachic issues with which their rabbis and communities were grappling.

Rav Gigi also took advantage of his time there to deliver shiurim in halacha and Jewish thought to the community in preparation for Pesach, a lunch-and-learn at the office of L1 Capital, and a shiur to the advanced Gemara class at the Leibler Yavneh College.

A significant part of Rav Gigi’s visit was meeting dozens of our alumni and their parents, including a shiur at the home of Daniel Teller ’90MTA.

Rav Gigi and Hillel then traveled to Sydney, where many alumni are serving in rabbinic capacities and providing Torah leadership. Rav Gigi’s first morning was hosted by Rabbi Benji Levy ’04MTA, Dean of Jewish Life and Learning at Moriah College. They were joined by Rabbi Davey Blackman ’85MTA and Rabbi Shua Solomon ’07MTA, community rabbis in the eastern part of Sydney, and Rabbi Paul Lewin ’90MTA, and Rabbi Gad Krebs ’01PC, community rabbis in the northern part of Sydney.

As in Melbourne, Rav Gigi met with many alumni. He delivered a shiur at the eastern Sydney home of Michael Goldberg ’93MTA and a shiur at the northern Sydney home of Brad Kady ’03PC. In addition to speeches and shiurim throughout Shabbat, Rav Gigi held a tish at the home of Mark and Ariane Schneider, whose sons Jesse ’09MTA and Aaron ’14MTA, learned in the Yeshiva.

Rav Gigi also gave a shiur in the local Bnei Akiva, where many alumni hold leadership positions.

Hillel Mann said, “One of the highlights of this trip was that after initiating and running the MTA Program at Yeshivat Har Etzion for 35 years, the Yeshiva is excited to launch, together with its Australian alumni, the Australian Friends of Yeshivat Har Etzion. We look forward to many years of fruitful cooperation.”
20 Years of Excellence

This year, the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women in Migdal Oz, founded by Yeshivat Har Etzion, celebrated 20 years since its opening. It surpassed all expectations and has become the world’s premier institute for advanced Torah learning for women, setting a standard for other institutions around the world. The Beit Midrash is running at full capacity, with all 220 seats occupied, including those of 41 overseas students. May they go from strength to strength!

Remembering HaRav Lichtenstein z”l

In April, the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women honored the second yahrzeit of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein z”l with a morning of learning and reflection. Adina Rosenberg ’16MO shares her impressions:

“We were privileged to hear from Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, who shared personal stories and memories of her father. This was followed by a video made by the Yeshiva for HaRav Lichtenstein’s 80th birthday. It reaffirmed for us the great impact he had on the Yeshiva and everyone who set foot in it. We then heard from Rav Reuven Ziegler ’86 who spoke about HaRav Lichtenstein’s thought and worldview. We ended the morning with a shiur given by Rav Meir Nehorai. We were introduced to the topic of dina degarmi, a topic on which HaRav Lichtenstein published a sefer, and we got a taste of the expansive and complex thought process of HaRav Lichtenstein.”

“HaRav Lichtenstein’s philosophy, personality, and values stand as the foundation for what we are doing here today. Although many of us didn’t have the privilege to learn from him personally, he has left an incredible impact on his students, which in turn is being passed along to us. This morning added great meaning to our studies at Migdal Oz. Each one of us left feeling honored and thankful to have the opportunity to take part in the great Torah and moral environment he created, exemplified and cherished.”

Innovative Education – Escape Room

The library staff took part in an educational initiative to create new learning environments.

Lately, in Israel and abroad, the concept of an “escape room” has become very popular. In an escape room, a group is locked into a room and has to solve a few riddles or find clues in order to escape the room. It usually requires the use of several different types of creative thinking. The fun comes from solving the various problems through teamwork, and the fun continues when people discuss their experiences after the game is over.

The library staff decided to adapt the escape room format to a specific educational topic. For the prototype they chose to focus on the author Shai Agnon, as part of a course by Prof. Tzachi Cohen. While many escape rooms are costly due to fancy decorations and expensive parts, they did their best to use available materials and design everything in a way that would be easily transportable to a classroom, and then easily packed away, to allow multiple groups to use it consecutively.

The experiment was enjoyed by participants and now that the structure is in place, the method can be adapted to any subject. Hats off to Herzog College for finding a way to make new information and material accessible to a wide audience, as befits learning in the 21st century.

North American Culture Night. This has become an annual event in which the talmidot from abroad share their experiences growing up overseas with their Israeli peers, telling them about North American schools, camps, communities, and even their form of government.

Participants in the Migdal Oz journey to Poland visiting the Kotel immediately after returning to Israel.

Students participating in the Herzog Escape Room.
Throughout the winter, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan gave a series of shiurim at the “Shtibalach” in Katamon, Jerusalem on Rambam’s Hilchot Melachim as well as a shiur on March 4 on “The Two Days of Purim.” Rav Medan also gave a series of shiurim in Givat Shmuel on the Five Megillot. He gave a shiur in Chashmonaim on January 26 on “Pharaoh and Free Will” and again on March 2 on “Salvation in Exile.” Rav Amnon Bazak gave a pre-Pesach shiur about the Four Sons of the Haggada in Chashmonaim on March 29.

Prof. Yonatan Grossman ’88H spoke in Chashmonaim on May 17 on the topic of “Law Abiding and Law Breaking in Megillat Ruth.”

Daf Kesher

The 1,500th issue of Daf Kesher has been published! Daf Kesher is a newsletter for Har Etzion talmidim on active duty in the IDF with divrei Torah, Yeshiva news, timetables for Shabbat and davening, and answers to halachic dilemmas faced by the religious soldier.

See http://www.etzion.org.il/he/dk1500

Be’er Miriam Book Launch

A book launch event for “Yom Ha’atzma’ut and Yom Yerushalayim,” the new volume in the Be’er Miriam series on the holidays, took place on May 18 at the Begin Center in Jerusalem. The event was made possible by the generous support of Itzchak Blau ’81H who opened the evening by giving the crowd a blessing and mentioning his mother, in whose memory this series was dedicated, and thanking Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan for his efforts in publishing this new volume. This was followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Michael Eisenberg ’89, featuring Rav Medan and former Prisoner of Zion and MK and current Jewish Agency head Natan Sharansky.

After the panel, Rav Yoel Bin-Nun told the crowd some of his recollections as one of the paratroopers who helped liberate Jerusalem 50 years ago.
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rav Zev Weitman ‘71H was appointed Chief Rabbi of Alon Shevut.
- Tobi Kahn ‘72 had a solo exhibition of his artwork titled “Anointed Time: Sculptures and Ceremonial Objects” open in March at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, OH. A video about the exhibit can be viewed on YouTube.
- Dr. Morton Fridman ‘75 was recently selected to serve as the next President of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.
- Rabbi Scot A. Berman ‘77 was appointed Head of School of Farber Hebrew Day School – Yeshivat Akiva in Southfield, Michigan.
- David Mintz ‘77H was appointed to be a Justice on Israel’s Supreme Court.
- Rabbi Yitzhak Etshalom ‘83 was appointed Rosh Beit Midrash of the new YULA Girls High School Beit Midrash. He and his wife Stefanie were also the honorees at YULA’s annual Celebration of Torah.
- Rabbi Avi Baumol ‘88 has been working in the Jewish community of Krakow for four years and will soon publish a book on Parshat HaShavua in Polish and an English book about his experiences in Krakow.
- Shlomo Neeman ‘90H was elected mayor of Gush Etzion.
- Dr. Avi Shmidman ‘92 was elected to the Academy of the Hebrew Language.
- Rabbi Benjy Rickman ‘96 became the Assistant Rabbi of the Holy Law Synagogue in Manchester.
- Rabbi Ezra Frazer ‘97 became a Tanakh teacher at Ramaz Upper School.
- Chananya Weissman ’97 wrote 2 books, one entitled “How to Not Get Married: Break These Rules and You Have A Chance” and one entitled “Go Up Like a Wall.”
- Rabbi Tzvi Sinensky ’98, VBM author and Rosh Beit Midrash at Kohelet Yeshiva High School in Bala Cynwyd, PA, was awarded the Kohelet Prize for Jewish Education in the category of Interdisciplinary Integration for his work in creating, in conjunction with Dr. Eileen Watts, the school’s Tikvah course which brings together readings in American literature, Jewish and Western philosophy.
- Rabbi Yehuda Chanales ’98, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Fuchs Mizrachi School in Beachwood, OH received Honorable Mention from the Kohelet Prize for Jewish Education in the category of Critical & Creative Thinking for his submission “Torat Chayim: Real World Learning in Tanach and Gemara; Analysis and Integration through Real World Application.”
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- Dr. Mordechai Raskas ’99 was appointed Director of Telemedicine and Clinical Informatics at PM Pediatrics, an emergency room alternative for children and young adults.
- Rabbi Eitan Ben-David ‘02 became the Rav of the Shivtei Yisrael congregation in Ra’anana.
- Danny Baigel ‘02 has been appointed head of Jewish Studies at Immanuel College, UK.

YHETH alumni ordained at YU’s Chag Hasemikha

YHVH alumni ordained at YU’s Chag Hasemikha
- Rabbi Craig Lubner ’03PC is becoming the Assistant Principal of Yeshiva of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School in September 2017.

- Yair Rosenberg ’06 and Michael Reidler ’09 were named to the “36 Under 36” list published by the New York area newspaper The Jewish Week. Yair was recognized for his commitment to nuanced reporting as a senior writer at Tablet magazine and Michael was recognized for helping the most vulnerable members of Israeli society through his Kol HaNearim organization, providing summer camps for kids at risk in Israel.

- Daniel First ’09 has a new position as Associate Consultant at McKinsey & Company, a management consulting firm.

- Aharon Chemel ’11MTA was elected Director of Mizrachi South Africa.

- Eli Gaventa ’11 was named #10 in the “30 under 30” list put out by the Jewish News, Britain’s biggest Jewish newspaper. Eli was recognized for his work as a photographer and filmmaker for Tzedek, making educational documentaries that encourage social action.

- Shua Katz ’11 was the valedictorian of the Mazer Yeshiva Program at Yeshiva University, NY.

- Yonatan Mehlman ’12 was the valedictorian of Yeshiva College at Yeshiva University, NY.

- Akiva Marder ’13 was the valedictorian of Isaac Breuer College at Yeshiva University, NY.

“Hearing the Baby’s Cry”: Spotlight on Dr. Morris Hartstein

This past March, Dr. Morris Hartstein ’81, a specialist in Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery from Raanana, travelled to Ethiopia for 3 days with his 14-year-old son Jonah. There he examined the eyes of 500 people in the Jewish compound. He operated under primitive conditions in the local hospital, sometimes using a cell phone for illumination. Meantime, Jonah helped some local doctors examine 300 children for malnutrition.

Morris reports that there are 9000 Jews in Ethiopia waiting to make aliyah. The Knesset approved bringing them to Israel in a unanimous vote last year. All have first degree relatives here, many of whom fought in Gaza. Some have been waiting over 10 years. In the meantime they have nothing. This was his third trip there to perform eye exams and give out meds and glasses. Morris added, “The message we received from the Roshei Yeshiva zt”l was to be inclusive of all Jews. I went to Ethiopia because I wanted to be supportive of these Jews who are waiting to come to Israel.”
A Remembrance of His Wonders; Nature and the Supernatural in Medieval Ashkenaz (English)
David Shyovitz ’99
University of Pennsylvania Press

The 12th and 13th centuries witnessed an explosion of Christian interest in the workings of the natural world, but most historians assumed the Jews of Ashkenaz were oblivious to the intellectual shifts in their surrounding culture. This book disputes this long-standing and far-reaching consensus. Analyzing a wide array of neglected Ashkenazic writings on the natural world in general, and the human body in particular, Shyovitz shows how medieval Jews integrated contemporary scientific, magical, and mystical currents into a sophisticated exploration of the boundaries between nature and the supernatural.

The Vanishing Jew: A Wake Up Call From the Book of Esther (English)
Michael Eisenberg ’89
CreateSpace Independent Publishing

The Kingdom of Persia, the first multicultural kingdom, is licking its wounds after a loss to the Greeks. A group of Jews makes its way to Jerusalem to rebuild their Temple and their state. At that same time, Achashverosh is holding a contest to pick a new queen. Mordechai, sensing an opportunity to get close to the king, primes his cousin Esther to be queen. This is the untold story of Mordechai from which many important insights about Israeli identity and the future of Diaspora Jewry can be learned.

Tiferet Yisrael (English)
Rabbi Ramon Widmonte ’94MTA
Urim Publications

This volume contains the complete Hebrew text of Tiferet Yisrael together with a full and parallel English translation, as well as a commentary in English and sources. The text is complemented by an informative introduction that includes a historical overview. In addition, there is a unique graphical summary of every chapter that allows the reader to immediately grasp the structure and overarching ideas in an integrated fashion.

Venahar Yotzei Me’ederen (Hebrew)
Rav Uriel Eitam ’85H
Yeshivat Yerucham Press

Rav Eitam shows how the story of the Garden of Eden functions as a sort of DNA for Torah and life. By carefully analyzing the words of our Sages, this small Biblical story can enlighten the laws of Pesach, Shavuot and Jewish life in general.

Be’er Miriam – Yom Ha’atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim (Hebrew)
Edited by Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan
Yediot Aharonot Press and YHE Press

The eighth volume of the “Be’er Miriam” series, this book contains a series of essays by Yeshiva staff and alumni and is dedicated to the memory of Miriam Blau z”l by the Blau Family, whose son Itzchak ’81H is an alumnus of Yeshivat Har Etzion.

Mikraot – Yitro (Hebrew)
Rav Yoel Bin-Nun and Shaul Baruchi
Yediot Aharonot Press

This volume deals with the events of Parashat Yitro, from Moshe meeting Yitro to standing at Har Sinai, the Ten Commandments, and the rules for a holy nation. It is meant for readers of all different backgrounds, and utilizes a wide arsenal of tools – Midrash, sensitivity to the Hebrew language, science, history, geography, and archaeology – to answer questions that arise in the text.

Rechava Mitzvotcha (Hebrew)
Rav Dr. Daniel Gutenmacher ’74
Herzog College Press - Tevunot

Rav Gutenmacher tries to base the spiritual experience of performing mitzvot on a combination of intellectual understanding of the reason for a mitzva with the emotional experience of the private individual, allowing for the performance of mitzvot with the appropriate fervor. The underlying assumption is that avodat Hashem should make one’s life feel more meaningful, and the book outlines the necessary preparation for that to occur.
Marriages
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Adam Levitan ’03MTA and Lauren Haddad
Boaz Cohen ’04 and Miriam Rosenbaum
Moshe Ross ’05MTA and Helene Israel
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Shmuel Wagner ’12 and Soochi Heideman
Daron Biddle ’13MTA and Dayle Disler
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Births
Michael ’88 and Elana Simons, Natan Gavriel
Daniel ’92 and Anna Yolkut, Leeba Hinda
Rav Josh ’93 and Aviva Friedman, Yosef Chaim
Rav Dov ’95 and Esther Malka Karoll, Avraham David
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Rabbi Seth ’96 and Leba Grauer, Yaacov Yehuda
Ilan ’96 and Ruchama Prager, Elyashiv Aharon
Monty ’96 and Ionit Steckler, Daphna Miriam
David ’97 and Nicole Belaciano, Moshe Ari ’98 and Ilana Erdfarb, Itai Noam
Zvi ’98 and Michelle Halpern, Meirav Shalva
Abe ’98PC and Kathi Mezrich, Reesa Danielle
Adam ’99 and Chaya Berkowitz, Keter Malka Miriam
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Mazal tov to Director of the Overseas Program Eli ‘81 and Elka Weber on the birth of a granddaughter, Anael Shayna, born to David and Rachel ‘10MO Leshaw.

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