This year Yeshivat Har Etzion is celebrating its 50th anniversary and Migdal Oz is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Both institutions have changed Jewish life worldwide, and they continue to develop and expand. With an eye to the future, the Etzion Foundation has embarked on a major capital campaign to raise funds for much-needed campus improvements. The $12 million dollar campaign, which was announced at the Gush dinner (see p. 2), will fund multi-year construction projects on both campuses, ensuring their continued growth for years to come.

Plans are underway to build new dormitory wings on the campuses of Yeshivat Har Etzion and Migdal Oz, and to carry out upgrades and renovations on both campuses. In addition, construction will begin soon on the Amital Center for Jewish Education and Leadership in Alon Shevut, replete with a visitor’s center, auditorium, conference rooms and classrooms that will pay tribute to the legacy of Rav Amital zt”l.

The campaign has already begun, including an online crowdfunding matching campaign that took place in June. Yoel Weiss, Executive Vice President of the Etzion Foundation comments, “It is heartwarming to see the generous partnership of alumni and alumnae of all ages and their parents, caring so much about the future of Gush and Migdal Oz. We are grateful for their abundant support!”

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This year’s annual dinner, on Sunday, April 7 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan was a spectacular celebration of the Yeshiva’s 50th anniversary and Migdal Oz’s 20th anniversary, and the incredible accomplishments of both institutions.

The reception was accompanied by a multimedia exhibit that showcased the Yeshiva’s history and significance, its contributions to Torah literature and Jewish life worldwide, as well as the groundbreaking importance of Migdal Oz.

The dinner entertainment included music by the Yeshiva choir in harmony with a live vocal and clarinet performance by Gilad Brounstein ’08H, video presentations about the global impact of Yeshiva and Migdal Oz alumni, a video about Ari Bar-Shain ’14 emphasizing the contributions of our lone soldiers, messages from the Roshei Yeshiva and Rosh Beit Midrash about their visions for the future, and video greetings from Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and from Yuli Edelstein, Speaker of the Knesset and Yeshiva alumnus.

The keynote address was delivered by Gush alumnus and parent Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis ’76, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, and the audience also heard a short talk from Yossi Sariel ’96H, a colonel in the IDF currently on a year of training in Washington.

Sam Moed ’80, Campaign Chairman, announced the launch of the Bold Horizons Capital Campaign (see p. 1), which aims to build and renovate dorms on the Yeshiva and Migdal Oz campuses, and to build the Amital Center for Jewish Education and Leadership on the Yeshiva campus. He said, “I am incredibly excited and proud to announce the creation of the Amital Center, a new state-of-the-art center for leadership and learning that will perpetuate the legacy of HaRav Amital and instill his values in generations of future leaders in Israel and the Diaspora.”

Toward the end of the evening, alumni joined the Roshei Yeshiva for joyous dancing.

The dinner was preceded by an education and leadership conference. Faculty, alumni, and alumnae in communal leadership positions participated in 7 panels that addressed the contemporary challenges impacting the Jewish community in Israel and the Diaspora today. One panel, on “The Future of Jewish communities in the Diaspora,” was moderated by

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End of Year

We recently bid farewell to this past year’s 55 Shana Aleph students – but in most cases, not for long, because over 40 of them are returning for a second year! This past year, in addition to the 290 Israeli Hesder students in Yeshiva, and 55 first year overseas students, there were also 35 Shana Bet students. An additional 14 MTA students from the southern hemisphere joined us in the Beit Midrash in January and will be staying through December.

We wish much hatzlacha to those continuing on to other frameworks and we look forward to being in touch regularly. As Eli Weber, Director of the Dr. William Major Overseas Program said, “We are proud of our talmidim and all that they accomplished this year. The standard they set for themselves this year they will carry with them to their universities and communities, and its impact will be felt well beyond this year.”

Remembering Zechariah Baumel Hy”d

Zechariah, the son of American olim Yona and Miriam Baumel, grew up in the Haifa region. As a Hesder student at Yeshivat Har Etzion, he studied Torah until he was drafted to serve in the IDF, together with his friends from the Beit Midrash. One night in June 1982, close to the end of his military service, Zechariah’s unit was sent into battle in Sultan Yaqub, Lebanon. His tank was hit by enemy fire and the crew was forced to evacuate, after which several of the young men went missing. The IDF believed they had been killed in battle but the evidence was sparse and Yona Baumel maintained a decades-long international campaign to keep the search for his son alive, including a hunger strike and a meeting with Yasser Arafat, who gave him half of Zechariah’s ID tag.

In April the Yeshiva family received definitive news of the death of beloved student Zechariah Baumel ’77H Hy”d, who was missing in action for 37 years.

In April 2019 Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that, in coordination with the Syrian military, the Russians had located Zechariah's grave in Syria. The body and other artifacts – including Zechariah’s boots and tzitzit – were repatriated and his remains were interred in Har Herzl in the presence of Prime Minister Netanyahu, President Rivlin and many other dignitaries. Sadly, Yona Baumel had passed away ten years earlier, still searching for his son.

Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan spoke at the funeral and compared the long-awaited rest of Zechariah’s bones with the bones from Ezekiel’s vision, and included a tefilla for the return of all of Israel’s missing soldiers. The Yeshiva extends wishes for consolation and blessings to the Baumel family, and to all those who accompanied the Baumel family through their difficult journey of nearly four decades.
A Tribute to Rav Shaviv z’”l

Rav Yehuda Shaviv z”l, who had been with the Yeshiva since its founding in 1968, passed away in Tevet. In the Yeshiva’s earliest days, the two daily shiurim were given by HaRav Yehuda Amital zt”l and Rav Shaviv. They also alternated shabbatot in Yeshiva, and Rav Shaviv established the Friday night singing and dancing of “Kadsheinu” after davening that is customary in Yeshiva to this day.

Over the years, until his retirement in 2010, Rav Shaviv filled various positions at Yeshiva. He gave shiur to the Halacha Kollei, delivered a regular shiur in Daf Yomi, and served as the Yeshiva’s shoel u’meishiv. Rav Shaviv was a prolific author, and he edited many volumes, including the Tehumin journal on technology and halacha, and the Mossad Harav Kook edition of the Abarbanel’s commentary. He was a pioneer in teaching Tanach and served as the first Head of the Machon that eventually became Herzog College. In tribute to Rav Shaviv, this year’s Yemei Iyun b’Tanach at Herzog College were dedicated to his memory.

An azkara was held in the Beit Midrash to mark the shloshim and it included talks by Rav Shaviv’s son-in-law Rav Yoel Godis ’82H, fellow founding staff member Rav Yoel Bin-Nun, and an alumnus of the first class in Yeshiva, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan. Videos of the azkara are available on the Yeshiva’s YouTube channel and many of Rav Shaviv’s shiurim are available online at the VBM.

May his memory serve as a blessing.

Helping Milo and Jon

Several years ago, Milo and Jon fled the massive civil rights abuses and compulsory 20-year army service of their native Eritrea, eventually finding their way to Israel. They were in limbo, refugees without official status, until the Yeshiva hired them to work in the kitchen. The Yeshiva assisted them with their legal status and treated them with the same respect it grants all its employees, and over the course of three and a half years Milo and Jon proved themselves to be hardworking, trustworthy, and dedicated workers. Because they were not eligible for Israeli citizenship, the Yeshiva eventually helped them arrange visas to Canada. Before they left, Yeshiva CEO Rav Shmuel Maybruch LCSW stopped the Yeshiva’s lunch rush to publicly thank Milo and Jon for their dedication to the Yeshiva and to share their story with all the talmidim in the dining room. The Yeshiva wishes them happiness and success in the next chapter of their lives.

Gift of Life

Each year the Gift of Life organization comes to the Yeshiva to take mouth swabs from talmidim and enter the results into the organization’s bone marrow/stem cell database. This year saw the Yeshiva’s 21st match made, a staggering number. Shana Aleph talmid Kyle Seidel ’18 flew overseas to donate stem cells over an extended weekend, after which he was back learning in the Beit Midrash. The Yeshiva is truly honored to be a part of this life-saving effort.

Mini Seminar on Mental Health and Halacha

The overseas program recently dedicated an afternoon to a topic that doesn’t get discussed in many yeshivot, Mental Health and Halacha. Speakers included Rav Shmuel Maybruch, LCSW, on “Self Esteem and Its Impact on Torah Study,” Dr. Rael Strous ’98PC on “Chazal’s Approach to Mental Health,” and there was also a talk about internet addiction. All the speakers commended Har Etzion for being one of the only yeshivot to address such important issues.
Daf Yomi Siyum

In Elul 5771 (2011) Rav Udi Shwartz ’02H began delivering the daily Daf Yomi shiur in the Yeshiva, in addition to his full-time role as a rabbi in the IDF. Although the international Daf Yomi calendar is currently mid-cycle, this past February marked the completion of a full seven-and-a-half year cycle through all of Shas since Rav Shwartz began delivering the shiur. The Yeshiva celebrated the occasion with a special siyum ceremony, at which Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein praised Rav Shwartz for his dedication to “the goal of completing Shas, accomplished by adding day after day and hour after hour of learning, without stop,” and for the increasing depth of the shiur as time goes on. 

Yashar koach!

Videos of Rav Shwartz’s Daf Yomi shiur are uploaded to the Yeshiva’s YouTube channel.

Rav Udi Shwartz ’02H at the siyum

Smicha

Eight alumni of the Yeshiva received smicha (rabbinic ordination) from the Israeli Rabbinate at a ceremony in February. Yashar koach to Yeshiva Ram Rav Yishai Jeselsohn, former madrich bnei chul Ariel Brounstein ’05H, Uriya Dor ’09H, Yaniv Elmaliach ’09H, Gatacho Barhano ’13K, Yehuda Baras ’08H, Dvir Baris ’09H, and Daniel Reutlinger ’13K.

Newly ordained rabbis Uriya Dor ’09H, Yaniv Elmaliach ’09H, Yishai Jeselsohn, and Dvir Baris ’09H at their smicha ceremony

Election Day Yom Iyun “Asher Bachar Banu”

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Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein and Rav Udi Shwartz ’02H at the siyum

Revava

Each year as talmidim prepare to leave Yeshiva and begin college, they have many concerns about the transition. The Yeshiva has created a series of lectures for overseas students titled “Conversations on Life After Yeshiva,” and each year the program grows. This year featured talks on fighting BDS on campus, chesed opportunities in college, halachic issues that may arise on campus, the Orthodox response to biblical criticism, dealing with those who are less religious or not Jewish, and more.

This informative and eye-opening series takes place due to the generous support of Revava, which provides educational programming at Yeshiva in memory of Riva Koschitzky z”l. It is a fitting tribute to Riva, who gracefully combined career excellence with unabashed Jewish pride and commitment, that students leave Yeshiva prepared to become well-rounded campus and community leaders in their future lives.

Rav Ze’ev Weitman ’71H, Rav of Alon Shevut and of Tnuva Foods, giving a shiur in Yeshiva on election day

On April 9 Israel held elections for the 21st Knesset. Election Day is a vacation day in Israel, and hundreds of alumni and parents of current talmidim elected to join the Yeshiva on their day off for a Yom Iyun entitled “Asher Bachar Banu” (Who Chose Us), which featured shiurim on topics related to the upcoming Pesach holiday.

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Mishnat HaRA”L Yom Iyun

On May 16, talmidim were joined by alumni and friends for a Yom Iyun in memory of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l on “Women in the Torah World.” Opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein, who explained that her husband “saw Talmud Torah for women as critical to developing women as ovdei Hashem. He developed both high school and midrasha programs for women’s learning.” Rabbanit Toni Mittelman, daughter of HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l, gave the opening lecture and spoke of her father’s view that “women’s learning has to be expanded qualitatively and quantitatively.”

The first panel was on “Women in the Public Sphere.” It was moderated by Rav Amnon Bazak, and featured Rav Ezra Bick, Dr. Tehilla Elitzur, and Rabbanit Dr. Michal Tikochinsky. Rav Bazak concluded the panel by remarking that HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l used to say that sometimes it’s not the content that matters as much as having the discussion, and the fact that this important topic was being discussed in Yeshivat Har Etzion was important and noteworthy in its own right.

The second panel was entitled “Talmud Torah for Women – Fifty Years of Batei Midrash for Women”; it was moderated by journalist Yifat Ehrlich and featured Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, Rosh Beit Midrash of Migdal Oz, Rabbanit Dr. Esther Fischer, and Rav Reuven Tvol. Rabbanit Rosenberg said, “The biggest change is that there is now a world in which a woman can involve herself in avodat Hashem for a year or two straight. There were just a handful who learned back then and it is more common now. That is a major change.” Rav Tvol commented, “Today’s students have an advantage that I did not have: They learn Torah from both men and women. They are able to raise children in homes in which both their father and their mother learn Torah. What can be sweeter than that?”

The final panel, moderated by Dr. Chayuta Deutsch, was titled “Religious Leadership,” and featured Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi, Rabbanit Inbal Melamed, Rabbanit Malka Puterkovsky, and Rabbanit Carmit Feintuch. Rav Gigi spoke about the importance of educators. He noted that the Yom Iyun was in memory of HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l who, as an educator, was a major force in the Torah world, and he added that education is an avenue available to men and women alike.

The Yeshiva is grateful to the many contributors to Mishnat HaRA”L whose support enabled this event to take place. The event was live-Tweeted on the Yeshiva’s Twitter account and pictures and videos of the event are available on the Yeshiva website.

Tiyulim

Shana Aleph talmidim in Tel Azeka with Rav Menachem Leibtag

Overseas talmidim in the Upper Jordan Valley

Shana Aleph talmidim on a tiyul in northern Israel
**Hesder**

This past year our third year Hesder talmidim were on active duty in the Nachal Brigade, one of the IDF’s main infantry brigades. They spent most of their time in intense operations on the volatile Gazan border. It was a challenging army service, and – together with their families – we look forward to their return to the Beit Midrash in December.

**Yahrtzeit of HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l**

On Rosh Chodesh Iyar, the Yeshiva marked the fourth yahrtzeit of HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l with shiurim by Shai Lichtenstein ’88H, son of HaRav Lichtenstein zt”l, and Rav Elyakim Krumbein, and with the study of mishnayot taught by Rav Dr. Tomer Mevorach ’04H. Videos are available on the Yeshiva’s YouTube channel.

**Bar Mitzvah Day**

On May 30, over 40 alumni brought their bar mitzvah age sons and grandsons to the 21st Bar Mitzvah Day, a biannual event in which participants enjoy a day of learning and fun in the Yeshiva. Participants met with the Roshei Yeshiva, had a special shiur and tiju, and played some group games, including a treasure hunt in the Yeshiva library.

**MTA Hello/Goodbye**

Rav Mordechai Friedman and his shiur with departing MTA 2018 students

Children and grandchildren of alumni meet Rosh Yeshiva Rav Moshe Lichtenstein

Members of the incoming MTA class of 2019

Rav Yishai Jeselsohn with Har Etzion chayalim, after spending Shabbat with them on their army base

YHE soldiers with visitors from Yeshiva, at a ceremony in Latrun marking the completion of the Armored Corps course

Shana Bet talmidim enlisting to be “Lone Soldiers” are assisted by Nachum Goldstein ’16H, an Adjutant Officer at the IDF Recruitment Office
Learning about Rav Pinchas Kehati z’l

Almost every contemporary learner of Mishna makes use of the precise and clear commentary of Rav Pinchas Kehati z’l. This winter, the talmidim in Yeshiva were honored to hear Alon Shevut resident Tamar Rosenberg, the daughter of Rav Kehati z’l, tell the story of her father’s life and the publication of his legendary work. The video of her talk is available on the Yeshiva’s YouTube channel.

Journey to Poland and Lithuania

This year’s annual pre-Pesach journey to Poland also included a stop in Lithuania. The trip aims to give participants a taste of the beauty of pre-war Jewish life in Europe, contrasted with the horrors of the Holocaust. The 40 participants were accompanied by Rav Shmuel Shmoni and Rav Dovid Gottlieb, by the Yeshiva’s tour guide, Rav Dr. Shalom Berger ’77, and by Stanley Fortgang, who joined his son Judah ’18.

One of the participants this year was Itai Eliach ’18, whose grandmother Professor Yaffa Eliach z”l authored a book about her hometown titled “There Once Was a World: A Nine Hundred Year Chronicle of the Shtetl of Eishyshok.” The group visited Eishyshok and in Itai’s words, “During the walk up the stairs of my great-great grandmother’s house I could feel my heart pounding fast. Actually seeing the place where they were murdered moved me to tears.” May the memory of all of the Jews martyred in the Holocaust serve as a blessing.
Yeshiva Album

Shana Bet talmidim wearing aprons they designed and printed

Shana Bet talmidim at the home of Rav Dovid Gottlieb for a Shabbaton

Talmidim who ran over 14 miles from Yeshiva to the Kotel on Yom Yerushalayim

Talmidim enjoying the snow after a winter storm blanketed the Yeshiva

Talmidim who made aliya this year were honored at the Yeshiva’s Yom Yerushalayim celebration: Zev Stochinsky ’17, Zev Wiesenthal ’17, Asher Stein ’17, third year Darkaynu student Zalman Feiglin, Yaakov Greenberg ’16, Uriya Durani ’17, and Raphael Kay ’17

Talmidim of Rav Mordechai Friedman at his home for an end-of-year BBQ

Israeli talmidim on an erev Shabbat tiyul with Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan
VISITORS AT YESHIVA

Visitors from Down Under

From the Midrasha of Mizrachi Melbourne with Rav Moshe Taragin and Director of Development Hillel Mann, following a tour of the Yeshiva and a meeting with Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein

120 students and staff of Mount Scopus Memorial College visiting the Yeshiva and getting a tour

Rav Moshe Taragin giving shiur to the visitors from Los Angeles

Visiting Alumni

Gush Hesder 2008 and 2009 in a shiur with Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein as part of a mishmar in January

Gush Hesder 2007 in Yeshiva on Parashat Ki Tisa

Gush Hesder 1989 and 1991 spending Parashat Teruma together in Yeshiva. This was the largest ever alumni Shabbaton, with over 280 participants.

From LA to YHE

For the second year in a row, a special delegation from Los Angeles spent a week of intense learning in the Yeshiva. Alan and Barbara Gindi, parents of Shoshi ’11MO, invited friends and family to join them in honoring the memory of Alan’s father Jack Gindi z”l. The participants heard shiurim from Rav Moshe Taragin, Rav Menachem Leibtag and other Yeshiva staff, and toured sites of interest in the area. In addition, Mr. Gindi addressed the overseas talmidim, giving them advice for making learning a regular feature of their days even after entering the work force.
Shavu Banim

A group of MTA alumni from Australia, South Africa and New Zealand returned to the Yeshiva for two weeks in January, during their summer break, to learn Torah and spiritually recharge before starting another year in university and in their communities back home.

Winter Break at Yeshiva

Once again, thanks to a program dedicated in memory of Yoni Jesner ’01 Hy”d, college-aged alumni visiting in December and January were treated to special shiurim, va’adot, and tishes, a Q&A with the Roshei Yeshiva and, the main event – a festive lunch with the Ramim.

This program, which enriches the lives of so many, thanks exists to the generosity of Steven and Renee Adelsberg, whose son David ’01 was a chavruta of Yoni z”l.

ISRAEL EVENTS

On Purim Katan (Adar Aleph), alumni of the Yeshiva gathered at the Psagot Winery to hear Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi, Rav Dr. Benny Lehman, and Michael Eisenberg ’89, author of The Vanishing Jew: A Wake Up Call From the Book of Esther, giving talks about the Megilla and Purim, while enjoying a wine tasting.


Rav Moshe Taragin gave a shiur at Kehillat Darchei Tzion in Modi’in on “Navigating the World of Social Media as an Oved Hashem” on March 14.

Rav Tzvi Chaim Kaye gave a shiur at Kehillat Darchei Tzion in Modi’in on “The Everlasting Depth of Purim” on March 17.

Pre-Pesach shiurim: Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein gave a shiur at Or Shalom in Ramat Beit Shemesh on “The Rambam’s Seder” on April 14. Rav Michael Edrei gave a shiur at Lechu Neranena in Givat Shmuel on “Guarding the Matzot” on April 15.

Rav Ezra Bick gave a shiur in Chashmonaim on “The Five Sages in the Haggadah” on April 10.

Neranena in Givat Shmuel on “Guarding the Matzot” on April 15.

Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman at the home of Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman

Shavu Banim participants at the home of Rav Yisrael Krengel ’88MTA

Visiting overseas alumni with Yeshiva Ramim

Shavu Banim participants at a closing party with Rav Pini Cohen

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An alumni BBQ at the home of Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman

Shavu Banim participants at the home of Rav Yisrael Krengel ’88MTA

Rav Pavol Rizbi in Chashmonaim on “Bowing in Davening; Why, How, and When” on June 30.
OVERSEAS EVENTS

US

On Shabbat January 4-5, Rav Menachem Leibtag spoke at multiple shuls on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. During the week he gave shiurim in Washington Heights, NY, Teaneck and Highland Park, NJ, Chicago, IL, and Silver Spring, MD. On Shabbat January 11-12, Rav Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence at Kneseth Beth Israel in Richmond, VA.

At the end of January and beginning of February, Rav Yair Kahn visited and gave shiurim to alumni of the Yeshiva and Migdal Oz on their college campuses, including Columbia, Yale, Harvard, Brandeis, Queens, Stern, NYU, YU, Maryland, Penn, Princeton, and Rutgers.

At the home of Jason '96 and Rachel Cyrulnik in Teaneck, NJ. On February 3, he joined alumni from 2002 for breakfast at the home of Michael '02 and Leora Stein in Riverdale, NY.

On February 1-2, Rav Dovid Gottlieb was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Beth Abraham in Bergenfield, NJ. Rav Yair Kahn spoke at Lincoln Square Synagogue in NYC.

On February 8-9, Rav Dovid Gottlieb was the scholar-in-residence at the Young Israel of West Hempstead, NY. Rav Moshe Taragin was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation K.I.N.S. in Chicago, IL.

On February 15-16, Rav Moshe Taragin was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Ohr Saadya and at Arzei Darom in Teaneck, NJ. On February 17 he spoke at Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck, NJ.

On April 4, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi gave a pre-Pesach shiur at the Young Israel of New Rochelle, NY on “The Pesach Sacrifice: From Betrothal to Marriage.”

On April 5-6, Rav Menachem Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence at Anshei Chesed Congregation in Boynton Beach, FL. Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi spent Shabbat in Brooklyn, NY, giving shiurim at Sephardic Rabbinical College and at Ahaba VeAhva. Rosh Yeshiva Rav Moshe Lichtenstein was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Brothers of Israel in Long Branch, NJ. Rav Moshe Taragin was the scholar-in-residence at Young Israel Aish of Las Vegas, NV.

On January 30, Rav Mordechai Friedman gave a shiur on “The Use of Electricity for Shabbat Lighting” at the home of Eli ’85 and Cheryl Sanders in Brookline, MA. On February 2, he spoke at a Melave Malka event in Brookline. On April 2, he spoke at a Melave Malka at the home of Jason ’96 and Rachel Cyrulnik in Teaneck, NJ.

On February 2, Rav Mordechai Friedman gave a shiur at Castle Harlan, office of Jay Rosenberg ’91, on May 21.

Alumni with Rav Mordechai Friedman on Motzei Shabbat of a Shabbaton on February 2

Rav Yair Kahn with alumni in Princeton University

Rav Yair Kahn with alumni in University of Maryland

Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg giving a pre-Purim shiur at Castle Harlan, office of Jay Rosenberg ’91, on May 21
During the week Rav Menachem Leibtag gave shiurim in Boynton Beach and Hollywood, FL, New Rochelle and Oceanside, NY, and Silver Spring and Baltimore, MD.

On April 12-13, Rav Menachem Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence at the University of Maryland.

On May 3-4, Rav Chanoch Waxman was the scholar-in-residence at Young Israel Ohab Zedek of North Riverdale/Yonkers in Bronx, NY. Rav Moshe Taragin was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Baltimore, MD. Rav Dovid Gottlieb was the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Shaarei Torah in Cincinnati, OH. During the week, Rav Leibtag gave shiurim in Los Angeles and San Diego, CA, Englewood, Teaneck, and Highland Park, NJ, Stamford, CT, and in NYC.

On May 5, Rav Moshe Taragin spoke on a panel on “Strength in Diversity: The Complementary & Conflicting Flavors of Torat Eretz Yisrael,” together with haredi journalist Yonason Rosenblum at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion in Baltimore, MD. Mr. Rosenblum wrote at length about the panel in his column in Mishpacha magazine, and concluded, “Rabbi Taragin’s ability to acknowledge and even celebrate the virtues of a religious community other than his own reflects a mindset that the Israeli religious world should embrace…. I cannot stress enough how uplifted the audience felt by watching representatives of different communities relate to one another with respect.”

Also on May 5, Rav Moshe Taragin delivered a pre-Yom Ha’Atzmaut shiur at the home of Rabbi David ’98 and Yael Goldfischer.

On May 10-11 Rav Menachem Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence at the Young Israel of Plainview, NY.

On Shavuot weekend, June 7-10, Rav Moshe Taragin was the scholar-in-residence at Keter Torah in Teaneck, NJ. Rav Dovid Gottlieb was the scholar-in-residence at Young Israel of Century City, CA. Rav Menachem Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence at Riverdale Jewish Center, NY.

On June 21-22 Rav Menachem Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence at the Beachwood Kehilla in Ohio. During the week Rav Leibtag gave shiurim at the Young Israel of Scarsdale, NY and the Young Israel of Holliswood, NY.

On June 28, Rav Mordechai Friedman spoke at an oneg at the home of Justin ’99 and Michelle Goldberg in New Rochelle, NY.

UK

On January 25-26, Rav Mordechai Friedman spent Shabbat in London. On Friday night he gave a tish at the home of Elkan ’93 and Patti Adler. He gave shiurim during Shabbat at Alei Tzion and Magen Avos. On motzei Shabbat he took part in a Melave Malka at the home of David ’15PC and Shira ’12MO Gottlieb.

On May 17-18, Eli Weber was the scholar-in-residence at Radlett Synagogue in Hertfordshire, Rav Moshe Taragin was the scholar-in-residence at Stenecourt Synagogue in Manchester, and Rav Menachem Leibtag was the scholar-in-residence at Golders Green Synagogue in London. All spoke at the “Day of Inspiration” organized by Mizrachi UK on May 20.
Deracheha: Women and Mitzvot is a new online initiative of Yeshivat Har Etzion in partnership with the Israel Koschitzky Virtual Beit Midrash and the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women at Migdal Oz. The Deracheha site presents halachot pertaining to women in an accessible manner that reflects the values and educational approach of the Yeshiva. Yoetzet Halacha Laurie Novick, the project’s Founder and Director, explains, “Jewish women today are eager to study the halachot that affect them on a deeper level, and increased understanding can elevate halachic discussion and mitzva observance.” The English site has already launched and a Hebrew site is in the works.

An event to celebrate the launch at Beit Knesset Nitzanim in Jerusalem drew a packed crowd. Director Laurie Novick opened the evening by introducing the website. This was followed by shiurim in honor of Shavuot by Rosh Beit Midrash Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, a meeting with Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan, a treasure hunt in the Yeshiva library, and more!

PM Netanyahyu Visits

We were honored to host Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahyu at the Migdal Oz Beit Midrash in January. Rosh Beit Midrash Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg presented him with two sefarim that reflect the philosophy of Yeshivat Har Etzion – “VeHa’aretz Natan L’Bnei Adam,” a collection of essays based on talks given by HaRav Yehuda Amital zt”l, and “B’Or Panecha Yehalaychun,” based on talks given by HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l.

PM Netanyahyu spoke to the talmidot and answered questions from the crowd. It was a tremendous privilege to host the sitting Prime Minister of the State of Israel, and the fact that he chose to visit Migdal Oz attests to its leading and significant position in the Religious Zionist world.

Bat Mitzvah Day

The 14th Bat Mitzvah day took place in June. 50 alumni of the Yeshiva and alumnae of Migdal Oz brought their daughters and granddaughters to a shiur with Rav Meir Nehorai, a meeting with Rosh Beit Midrash Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, a hike with Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan, a treasure hunt in the Yeshiva library, and more!

Rav Michael Edrei enjoying Bat Mitzvah Day with his daughter, Avigayil

Rabbanit Rosenberg presenting PM Netanyahyu with two Yeshiva sefarim

PM Netanyahyu speaking to talmidot in the Migdal Oz Beit Midrash

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Rosh Beit Midrash Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg with four different branches of the Seth family in attendance at Bat Mitzvah Day

Check out the site at womenandmitzvot.org and follow it on facebook and instagram @deracheha

Mrs. Laurie Novick speaking at the Deracheha launch
End-of-Year Programming

Talmidot of the Overseas program on an end-of-year rafting trip

Talmidot of Migdal Oz at an end-of-year Shabbaton

Marriages
Deni Kolatch ’04MO and Joe Helmreich
Noa Bordan ’13MO and Steve Burg

Births
Tali (Fuss) ’01MO and Aryeh Gregor, Yechezkel
Reina (Potaznik) ’03MO and Ethan Davis, Alexander Jacob “AJ” Asher Yaakov
Julia (Straus) ’09MO and David Baruch, Sarah Gwendolyn
Tehila (Fruchter) ’12MO and Mattis Goldmeier, Nili Elisheva

Mazal tov to Director of the Overseas Program Racheli and David Schmell on the birth of Lavi Mendel.
Mazal tov to Rosh Beit Midrash Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg and Rav Herzl ’91K on the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Tehillah, and on the marriage of their son Ariel ’14H to Diti Kahn ’16MO.

Alumnae News

VBM Digest
It’s almost a cliché to say that the internet has revolutionized the way information is spread, stored, searched, and consumed. It impacts businesses and industries as well as politics, medicine, media, affecting daily lives across geographical locations and cultural boundaries. The drastic improvements in communications technology, and most recently, the explosion of social media, have radically changed how people live their lives. However, while much academic and popular writing has been devoted to analyzing these effects, little has been written about how it affects halacha, or the ways in which halacha can address the fundamental questions raised by these technological advances. Enter Rav Yonatan Ziring ’09 and his new VBM series, “Halacha in the Age of Social Media.”

The Israel Koschitzky Virtual Beit Midrash is constantly adding new content to the thousands of shiurim available, as well as improving the search options and interface. Rav Ziring’s class is just one of several new series. Explore the VBM and register for online classes at www.vbm-torah.org

YouTube
The Yeshiva’s YouTube channel has been very active. Videos of Hebrew shiurim from the Yeshiva are uploaded weekly, as well as 2 short dvar Torah on the parasha, one in Hebrew and one in English. Every week since early January, the English dvar Torah has been given by a different rabbinic alumnus from around the world. The Yeshiva appreciates that its rabbinic alumni take time out of their busy schedules to support this project that spreads the Torah of Yeshivat Har Etzion around the world. Tune in to the Yeshiva’s YouTube channel each week to join the learning.
Aharon Lichtenstein and community leaders of our time – HaRav Yehuda Amital

Four decades, the Yeshiva was headed by two of the most outstanding scholars: intellectual excellence, spiritual growth and national commitment. For over 50 years, Yeshivat Har Etzion, founded in 1968 in Gush Etzion, has become one of Israel's outstanding institutions of learning, inculcating in its students a love of Torah, Halacha, and Machshava, and are a true testament to the Yeshiva's success in producing alumni immersed in Torah and engaged with the world.

Sefer HaYovel of Yeshivat Har Etzion
(English)
Roshei Yeshiva and Yeshiva alumni
Edited by Rav Yonatan Shai Freedman, Rav Yair Kahn, Rav Elyakim Krumbein, and Rav Tzvi Sinensky ‘98
Yeshivat Har Etzion and Kodesh Press

A collection of Torah essays from the Roshei Yeshiva and alumni of Yeshivat Har Etzion, in honor of the Yeshiva’s 50th Anniversary. The articles span a broad range of topics, from Halacha and Iyun to Tanach and Machshava, and are a true testament to the Yeshiva’s success in producing alumni immersed in Torah and engaged with the world.

Talelei Shabbat, Volume 2
(Hebrew)
Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi
Yeshivat Har Etzion

Rav Gigi deals here with melachot prohibited on Shabbat, elaborating their foundations, principles and details. The reader is taken on a journey through the basic sources, starting with the Mishna and Talmudim, as elucidated by the Rishonim, in light of which halachic rulings have been rendered. Volume 2 focuses on the thirteen types of labor involved in manufacturing clothing.

II Kings, In a Whirlwind
(English)
Rav Alex Israel ‘85
Maggid Press

The Book of Kings narrates the turbulent history of Israel from the Temple’s construction until its destruction and the nation’s exile. This volume brings the personalities and events of the Second Book of Kings to life. Using traditional and modern commentary, literary analysis, archaeology, and Near-Eastern history, it leads the reader through the complex biblical narrative by way of an enthralling and readable new commentary. Based upon shiurim originally released via the Israel Koschitzky Virtual Beit Midrash.

Iyov: Between Darkness and Light
(Hebrew)
Rosh Yeshiva Rav Yakov Medan
Yedioth Aharonot Press

This sefer deals with the existential and interpretive questions raised by the Book of Job. It outlines a complex religious world, one in which the challenge of maintaining belief in difficult circumstances takes on a new and surprising form. Rav Medan also attempts to apply this approach in light of the Holocaust and the rebirth of the State of Israel.

Sacred Training: A Halakhic Guidebook for Medical Students and Residents
(English)
Edited by Dr. Jerry Karp ’05 and Dr. Matthew Schaikewitz
Yeshiva University Press

For observant Jewish medical students and residents, navigating the system of medical training while observing halacha is challenging. The essays here, written largely by medical professionals, introduce fundamental halachic principles and then apply those principles to contemporary issues such as taking the Hippocratic Oath, participating in dissections, praying after working the night shift, counseling patients on treatments that violate halacha, caring for moribund or deceased patients, doing residency on Shabbat, and more. This book will be of great value to budding doctors; it is a resource that can be referenced again and again, and it can help transform the long, difficult years of medical training into a spiritually meaningful journey.

Panim el Panim
(Hebrew)
Rabbi Dr. Yonatan Feintuch ’88H
Maggid Books

Panim el Panim presents a profound reading of twelve aggadot of the Sages, elucidating the themes, ideas, and educational messages that are embedded in them. Through literary analysis on the one hand, and an investigation of halachic context on the other, Rav Feintuch shows how halacha and aggada connect, collide and complement one another. This new work is based upon shiurim originally released via the Israel Koschitzky Virtual Beit Midrash.
When it comes to education, the goals vary depending upon whom you ask. The interests of parents, students, and teachers are often out of sync with each other, and may even clash. The author believes that an educational system cannot meet the burden of expectations imposed on it unless it takes into account the viewpoints of all the players in the system. To that end, this volume offers six variant outlooks on education, in an effort to explore the complexities of education and to suggest practical ways of improving it. It is a valuable resource for teachers, academics, and of course the primary educators – parents.

A collection of shiurim on masechtot Sanhedrin and Avoda Zara. This is Rabbi Shulman’s 9th sefer, and is based on his daily shiurim at RIETS in Yeshiva University. The sefer is written in traditional rabbinic style, and combines conceptual analysis with a careful working through of the sugyot. This sefer, as well as some of Rabbi Shulman’s previous sefarim (on Berachot/Pesachim, Shabbat/Arachin, Kiddushin, Baba Batra and the Haggadah) are available by contacting shiurei.yesamach.av@gmail.com

The thirst for spirituality and meaning is a defining characteristic of our times. A societal shift is taking place, one that emphasizes experience, feeling, and imagination. This book presents a Jewish approach to transforming how we see and live our lives, using the weekly parasha as a springboard to converse with both Eastern spirituality and Western thinking, creating a synthesis that unifies “being” and “doing.” Thought-provoking and original, this work draws on wisdom from the Bible, Talmud, and kabbala, as well as philosophy, poetry, literature, music, and film. Rich with stories and insights from the author’s personal journey, it seeks to guide its readers to discover their own path to fulfillment.

According to Ethiopian Jewry, when does a circumcision take place if the eighth day is Shabbat or Yom Kippur? What is the source for the Ethiopian custom to forbid marriages between relatives for seven generations? The ancient tradition of Ethiopian Jews is strongly connected to the tradition of the entire Jewish people in ancient times. Throughout the book, classical rabbinic interpretations of the Torah are presented in parallel with explanations of how Ethiopian Jewish customs connect to these interpretations. The book, which is arranged according to the weekly parasha, simultaneously reveals the uniqueness of the Ethiopian Jewish community, and enriches the reader’s understanding of Torah. The book is based on the author’s deep personal knowledge and the intensive research he carried out over a period of two decades.

In 2013 Rabbi Avi Baumol was hired to serve as a rabbi in Krakow, Poland. He expected to find a dwindling community on the verge of extinction but instead discovered a city in the midst of a miraculous Jewish revival. For 6 years Rabbi Baumol wrote articles about his extraordinary experiences, posting them to various media outlets. This book is a compendium of those essays, with additional new stories about the remarkable rebirth of Jewish life in Poland.
Prof. Moshe Koppel ’74 was awarded the “Oz Zion” Moskowitz Prize for Zionism of 5779 for his role as founder and chairman of the Kohelet Policy Forum

Rabbi Perry Tirschwell ’82 is the incoming Head of School of the South Peninsula Hebrew Day School in Sunnyvale, CA

Matanyahu Engelman ’83H was elected by the Knesset to be the State Comptroller of Israel

Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom ’83 became the Rosh Beit Midrash of the Shalhevet High School in Los Angeles, CA, in addition to his responsibilities at YULA Boys High School

Mark Sturm ’83 recently completed working with his father, Izaak Sturm, on a Holocaust memoir titled “Filling in the Pieces”, shortly before his father passed away

Rabbi Avi Levitt ’86 became the Head of School at Katz Yeshiva High School in Boca Raton, FL

Moshe (Kinley) Tur-Paz ’90H became the CEO of the World ORT educational system in Israel

Aryeh Halivni ’93 created a video project telling the story of American Jews who contributed to the establishment of the fledgling State of Israel

Rabbi Yehuda Sarna ’95 became the first Chief Rabbi of the United Arab Emirates

Yaakov Katz ’97, Editor-in-Chief of The Jerusalem Post, published “Shadow Strike: Inside Israel’s Secret Mission to Eliminate Syrian Nuclear Power”

Matti Borowski ’02MTA was appointed Director of Student Wellbeing at Mount Scopus Memorial College in Melbourne

Rabbi Mark Steiner ’02MTA became the Rabbi of the Elsternwick Jewish Community in Melbourne, Australia

Rabbi Noam Horowitz ’04 is the incoming Rabbi of Congregation Ayin L’Tzion in Toronto, Canada

Rabbi Dov Lerner ’05 is the incoming Rabbi of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates in Queens, NY and is the Resident Scholar at the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought of Yeshiva University

Rabbi Alex Tsykin ’07MTA became the Rabbi of the Brighton Hebrew Congregation in Melbourne, Australia

Rabbi Judah Kerbel ’13PC became the Rabbi of the Forest Hills Queens Jewish Center and a Judaic Studies Teacher at Ramaz Middle School

Asher Finkelstein ’15 was the valedictorian of the Mazer Yeshiva Program at YU

Amit Gleicher ’16H and Itai Weiss ’16H won the national Torah Writing contest for their article on “The Rambam’s View of the Father’s Obligation to Teach his Son Torah”

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

ALUMNI NEWS

Marriages

Joseph Israel ’07 and Moselle Paz Solis
Avi Matanky ’08 and Sarah Kellerman
Hillel Weintraub ’09 and Kira Joel ’08MO
Aryeh Goldstein ’10 and Rachel Muller
Yossi Szpigiel ’10 and Sarah Reiss
Jeremy Cooper ’12 and Ellin Mitchell
Yair Strachman ’12 and Sara Leora Wiener
Yoni Abadi ’13MTA and Katya Dembovsky
Rafi Diamond ’13 and Miriam Renz
Akiva Schiff ’13 and Talia Edelman ’15MO
David Schwerdt ’13 and Kineret Koschitzky ’17MO
Gabi Bender ’14MTA and Alexa Rapp
Yair Polster ’14 and Jenna Fox
Daniel Schwartz ’14 and Jasmine Peled

Yishai Abrams ’15MTA and Rachel Zucker
Daniel Riesenburg ’16MTA and Chaya Kirsh
Lior Ronthal ’16MTA and Jayde Moss
Avishav Engel ’18K and Reayah Paltiel

And mazal tov to staff members...

Rav Moshe and Atara Taragin on the marriage of their daughter Tamar to Ariel Weil
Rav Yair and Hadasah Kahn on the marriage of their daughter Diti ’16MO to Ariel Rosenberg ’14H, son of Rosh Beit Midrash of Migdal Oz Rabbanit Esti and Rav Herzl Rosenberg ’91K. Mazal tov to Ariel’s grandmother, Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein, and the extended Lichtenstein family.

Rabbi Dov ’95 and Esther Malka Karoll, Hodaya Chana
Rabbi Binyamin ’96 and Alisa ’00MO Zimmerman, Sara Hodaya
Daniel ’98 and Madeleine Mark, Natan Tuyva
Seth ’99 and Ali Jacobson, Nehira
Yaki ’99 and Adina Rydzinski, Shmuel Elisha
Rav Dr. Aaron ’99 and Chaya Segal, Itamar Moshe
Gabi ’00 and Yael Spiewak, Naala Emuna
Baruch ’01 and Emma Baigel, Yagel Lev
Yisrael

And mazal tov to... Moshe (Kinley) Tur-Paz ’90H

H = Hesder MO = Migdal Oz PC = post-college MTA = Midreshet Torah v’Avoda K = Kollel • The year indicates the commencement of study

Births

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Yisrael

Yitz ’01 and Rachel Ehrenberg, Navah Kaylie
Ari ’01 and Shira Gontownik, Abraham Meir
Dr. Daniel ’01 and Yael Strauchler, Ariel Yona
Fondly remembered

- Mendy Shurin
- Yehuda Ben-Shitrit
- Meir Tawil
- Arie Kagan
- Benjy Fixler
- Avital Naftali
- Ilia Auerbach
- Michael Slepian
- Tamar Kahan
- Eilat Fishelson
- Alon Peretz
- Benjy Dvir

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

Rav David '83 and Adina Milston, Reut Rav Reuven '86 and Dr. Yael Ziegler, Noam Jay '85 and Malka Neustadter, Ronen David '87 and Leah Neustadter, Itamar Rav Assaf '88 and Leora Bednarsh, Mati Seth '88 and Lori Gerson, Yair Baruch David '89 and Jo Odes, Yoav Yishai David '91 and Pinna Rosenstark, Rachel Howard '92 and Vanessa Jackson, Zvi Shmuel '95 and Talya Bloom, Tzvi Yosef Rav Yehuda '95 and Orit Seif, Uriel and Iszy Rav Eliav '95 and Adi Silverman, Matanel Rav Rafi '98 and Atara Eis, Chezi Rav Elia '99 and Pesha Fischer, Zeharia Yehuda Boris '99 and Esti Melamed, Amitai Rav Jay '00 and Sharon Weinstein, Ora Rav Elichai '01 and Havi Bitter, Nedoiva Simona '04K and Sarah Mandel, Chana Rav Moshe and Atara Taragin, Sefi Rav Dovid and Ilana Gottlieb, Ahron

Condolences

To Rabbi Mordecai '07 and Sarabeth Weisel Yishai '10 and Ariel Roodyn
Matan Goldman '15
Jacob Namrow '15
Tzvi Kantorovitz '17
Raphael Kay '17
Asher Stein '17
Zev Wiesenthal '17

Rabbi Daniel '09 and Yardena Thwaites, Raz Rivka
Ilan '0MTA and Shira Lavan, Nili
Yishai '10 and Ariel Roodyn, Uziel Yitzchak
Rabbi Jacob '10 and Penina '1OMO Bernstein, Avigayil Tikvah
Thomas '11 and Alyssa Cohn, Mordechai Shmuel
Josh '11 and Sara Herzberg, Moshe Aryeh Elyakum
Rabbi Hudi '12 and Dina Chinskey, Kayla Etta Shmuel '12 and Soochi Wagner, Eitan Shalom
Josh '13 and Teeli '16MO Brull, Itai Chanan
Josh '13 and Ade Libin, Yehudit Esther Hadassah
Marty '13 and Adina Spiewak, Michal Aviya
Former MTA madrich Alon '14MTA and Zoe Tal, Ma'ayan Ta’ir
Rabbi Jack '15PC and Rivka Cohen, Itzik Meshulem
Rav Tzvi Chaim and Tamar Kaye, Tehilla Miriam
Director of Institutional Advancement Hillel '01H and Adina '12MO Mann, Yedidya David Former madrich bnei chul Rabbi Noach '09H and Orly '09MO Singer, Yagel Shimshon
Former madrich bnei chul Nemehchia '08H and Batya Rosenfeld, Shmuel Naftali

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Rabbi Dr. Josh Joseph ’88, Senior Vice President at Yeshiva University, and featured Moishe Bane ’77, President of the Orthodox Union, Rabbi Dr. Leonard Matanky, Rabbi of Congregation K.I.N.S of West Rogers Park, Dean of Ida Crown Jewish Academy and past President of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis ’76, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth.

Another panel, entitled, “The Devar Hashem in the Digital Age” was moderated by Rabbi Zvi Engel ’92, Rabbi of Congregation Or Torah in Skokie, IL, and featured Rabbi Menachem Penner ’88, Dean of RIETS and of the Men’s Undergraduate Torah Studies Program at YU, and Rabbi Dr. Michael Rosensweig ’73, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, and Rav Moshe Taragin.

The final session was a discussion of “The Worldwide Dati Leumi Community and the Har Etzion Institutions: Past, Present and Future” with Rosh Yeshiva Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Baruch Gigi, and Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, Rosh Beit Midrash of Migdal Oz. It was introduced by Rabbi Dr. Seth Grauer ’96, Rosh Yeshiva and Head of School at Bnei Akiva Schools of Toronto, and was moderated by Rabbi Gidon Rothstein ’82.

All the conference sessions are available for viewing on the Yeshiva’s YouTube channel.

A panel on “Passing Torah from Generation to Generation: Engaging Post-Millenials in a 2020 Jewish World” moderated by Sarah Robinson’11MO with Yoetzet Halacha Shiffy Friedman ’06MO, Rabbi Dr. Gil Perl ’96, and Rabbi Joe Wolfson ’04