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# Impacting the Jewish World

## Alumni Highlights

LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

**1980s** Ephraim Katz, born and raised in Miami Beach, graduated from NIRC in Baltimore in 1987, studied under the Rosh Ha'Yeshiva for 5 years, and in 1994, graduated cum laude from U.M. School of Law.



Ephraim, is a **principal** in Octazon Management, a full service property management company, **practices real estate law** and is a **business coach and consultant** for several businesses.

**He has sedorim** for several hours each day, gives a weekly Gemarah shiur and is actively involved in several community projects.

### In Rabbi Katz's Words:

*"From my early childhood, the Rosh Hayeshiva guided me on how I should approach my daily life by conducting oneself Al Pi Torah – both in personal and business affairs. What made the greatest impact on me was the zechus to watch how the Rosh HaYeshiva actually lives the Torah that he teaches. He was mechazek me to be kovaya itim and spend as many hours as possible learning each day. He personally showed me how to be involved in the community and most importantly he showed me how Torah has to guide every aspect of how you are to live your life. Not a week goes by where I don't reflect upon the lessons of my Rosh HaYeshiva, whether it be in how to learn, analyze and share a piece of Torah, or how to address a particular situation. These lessons have impacted my entire misphachah."*

Ephraim Katz

**2000s** Rabbi Ben Gonsher, Southern NCSY's Chief Relationship Officer, leads the Southern Region Development Team and advises on OU's donor engagement policies nationally. He previously served as the Founding Executive Director of the Kansas City Community Kollel.

Rabbi Gonsher holds a B.A. & M.A. in Talmudic Law, Semicha from the Rosh HaYeshiva, and an MBA from FIU. A regular presenter at professional development conferences and Jewish Federation affairs, he serves as a community involvement mentor for executive directors of many national Jewish organizations.



Ben Gonsher

### Rabbi Gonsher shares:

*"The six years I spent learning in Yeshiva, were of the most formative years in my life. It was then where I met chavirim who I am still close with today, who challenge me in learning and professionally, as well as rebbeim, who continue to provide me with hadracha today. It was the Rosh HaYeshiva who was and still is with me at every critical junction of my life. Rabbi Zweig helped me develop a sophisticated approach to learning, guided me to a career path that has been personally rewarding and of true benefit to Klal Yisroel and more than both of those, mentored me as my wife and I began our bayis ne'eman. Finally, it was at the Yeshiva where I found my place in the community at large, understanding the importance of remaining dedicated to an uncompromised authentic Torah life style, while still remaining active in the larger Jewish community, showing genuine love and respect for even those with whom I may disagree. "*

## NEW POSITIONS IN THE BEIS MEDRASH

Rabbi Yaakov Burstyn, a Miami native, studied under such gedolim as the Rosh HaYeshiva, shlit"a, and ybm"l, Harav Yaakov Weinberg zt'l, Harav Yaakov Kulefsky zt'l (Balt.) as well as Harav Nossen Tzvi Finkel zt'l (Mir Yerushalayim).

He was sent to Toronto by Harav Kulefsky zt'l, and with the advice of Harav Zweig to be a mashpia and mechazek the newly founded Yeshiva Darchei Torah. In Baltimore, he received Semicha from Harav Aharon Feldman and others, worked as Assistant to the Mashgiach, while receiving is MA in Talmudic Law. Rabbi Burstyn joined the Yeshiva as a Maggid Shiur, and this past spring, was promoted to be **Mashgiach**



**Ruchani**. Besides adding a unique ruach chaim to the Bais Medrash, he maintains a close and meaningful relationship with the Bachurim. He is involved in every aspect of their lives, whether in finding a chavrusa, understanding a Tosafos, Shidduchim, or even to help book a flight. The Burstyns have an open house where Bachurim feel at home. Rabbi Burstyn's personality, warmth and caring have already made a significant impact on the Bais Medrash and the bachurim.

Rabbi Zechariah Zweig, the youngest son of the Rosh Hayeshiva, shlita, graduated Mechina of S. FL in 2002, and studied for 6 years at Yeshiva V'Kollel Bais Moshe Chaim, receiving an M.A. in Talmudic Law. After 2 years in the Mir Yerushalayim Kollel, he joined the Miami Choshen Mishpat Kollel in 2010. He is still a part time C.M. Kollel member, studying for Yadin Yadin Semicha.

In April of 2015, Reb Zechariah became the Yeshiva's 12th grade Rabbi. It is a pivotal position, as he is not only entrusted to inspire the boys to learn and grow, but also to transition them from H.S. to Yeshiva, as his students spend most of their day in the Beis Medrash. Reb Zechariah's smile, caring and derech halimmud are uniquely suited for this role.



### Maimonides Florida at Talmudic University

Joint venture of college students studying weekly at the Yeshiva



Opening session with Rabbis Saj Freiberg and Berel Simpser, program coordinators at the home of Dr. Chaim and Judy Herman.

## Yeshiva To Launch **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The Yeshiva is getting ready to announce the beginning of the capital campaign for the final phase of construction on the beautiful **Rohr Campus**. In preparation, there have been multiple meetings with the architects and designers to make final tweaks to the building plans and interior design.

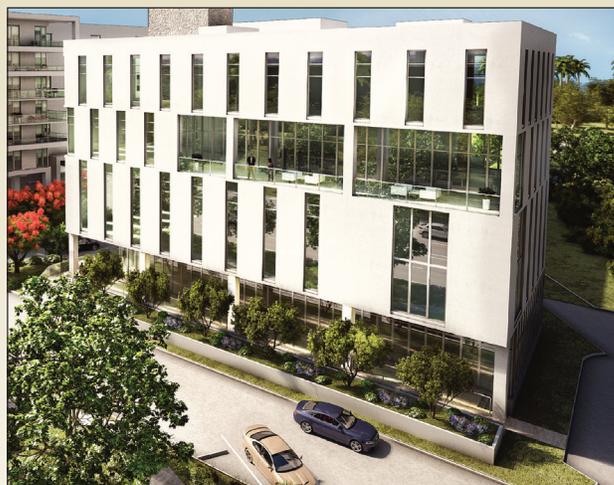
**Based on input** from builders and land developers, we are adding a second elevator and increasing the building height from sixty nine feet to eighty five feet. This will better accommodate the indoor gym and Simcha hall.

**To prepare for the launch** of the capital campaign we have prepared a booklet describing the project and a list of the major dedication opportunities. While some of the opportunities have already been spoken for, there are still some to choose from. A copy of the

booklet is available by request to [YWinkler@talmudicu.edu](mailto:YWinkler@talmudicu.edu)

**Another key component** of this project is The **YOCHIN U'BOAZ SOCIETY**. Yochin U'Boaz – are the two legendary foundation pillars erected by Shlomo Hamelech at the entrance of the first Beis Hamikdosh. The members of this society are the foundation upon which this new building will be built. Yochin U'Boaz Society Members will be recognized in the lobby at the main entrance to the new building.

**This is similar** to the **CAMPUS WALL OF VISIONARIES** which is located today in the resident lobby of the main building. These are the special families that committed \$100,000 for the original acquisition of the campus property back in 2003. Both of these groups are only open to membership during the capital campaign. Once



## Yeshiva V'Kollel **Beis Moshe Chaim**

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the project has been completed these members are eternally bound in a special relationship with the Yeshiva and no one will be added in subsequent years.

**For more information** on this or other dedication opportunities please call the office or email: [ywinkler@talmudicu.edu](mailto:ywinkler@talmudicu.edu)



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### Parshas Bereishis: **HISTORY REORDERED**

**The Torah relates** the birth of Kayin and Hevel after Adam and his family were banished from the Garden of Eden for the sin of eating from the Tree of Knowledge. Rashi points out that their birth actually took place prior to the sin. This is very odd; why would the Torah place this out of chronological order? The basic rule is that everything in the written Torah is in chronological order unless there is a specific reason to alter the order. What is the reason here?

**Adam was created perfect.** Chazal teach us that part of this perfection was that he was immortal. In such a situation it is impossible for a child to eclipse his parents. Because as he continues to grow so do his parents. It is only after the sin that Kayin and Hevel can be identified as separate entities because it is only now, because of Adam's immortality that they are assured of one day stepping out of his shadow and coming into their own. Therefore, their very existence, and reference in the Torah, wasn't relevant until Adam had sinned.

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**Dec. 2, 2015 – Annual Dinner**  
**Jan. 21 – 24, 2016 – Alumni Shabbaton**

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