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5775 – A Remarkable Year

5775 has really been a remarkable year for Yeshiva V'Kollel Bais Moshe Chaim. While it is a special year as it marks the fortieth anniversary of the Yeshiva's founding, it will long be remembered as the year the Rosh HaYeshiva and Rebbetzin were thanked by the South Florida Jewish community for their contributions to Torah in South Florida over the last forty years.

Indeed, their accomplishments over the last four decades have been a major contribution to Torah life and living in S. Florida. Some of the more noteworthy:

- A Yeshiva, Kollel, and Mechina with over one hundred and seventy Talmidim
- A preschool and elementary school with over six hundred Talmidim
- A five year old Kosher Food Bank that serves nearly five hundred families every year
- Satellite learning programs in Bal Harbour and Aventura
- Housing a Choshen Mishpat Kollel and Beis Din led by Harav Dovid Schoen
- Housing a Gitten Beis Din headed by Harav Yehuda Zweig

This year of honoring the Rosh HaYeshiva and Rebbetzin was commemorated by the writing and dedication of a special Sefer Torah in their honor. The celebration culminated with a gala celebration with Talmidim flying in from all over the country for a Shabbaton and gala banquet with over one thousand people in attendance.



Chairman's Update

The Future Begins Now

Mr. Abbey Berkowitz
TUF Chairman of the Board

Chazal teach us that the human condition is one of dynamism. That is, the main difference between angels and humans is the human ability to grow and develop. This ability to transform ourselves is the source of both our potential and our power.

It is with this in mind that I am writing to you today. I remember well the day the Rosh HaYeshiva and his family were brought to Miami through the efforts of my father and R. Sender Gross, Zichronom Levracha. They entrusted him with the sacred job of continuing and expanding the transformation of Miami into a Makom Torah. Rav Zweig started modestly, establishing a Yeshiva with the ten Bochorim that were brave enough to follow him to Miami. Today, under the leadership of the Rosh HaYeshiva, the Yeshiva has expanded into an entire educational system beginning with preschool all the way through two Kollelim, with more

than eight hundred current students and thousands of graduates.

Last October, the Rosh HaYeshiva called me into his office to discuss starting his plan of transitioning some of his responsibilities to two of his very gifted children, R' Akiva and R' Yehuda.

R' Akiva, whom I have known since he was very young, has his father's ability to develop young men into B'nei Torah, and is a proven community leader – having been a shul Rov for a few years. He is a much sought after speaker, with weekly community classes



Rosh HaYeshiva and Rabbi Akiva Zweig

across south Florida, and regularly gives the Rosh HaYeshiva's Machshava classes when the Rosh HaYeshiva is traveling.

R' Yehuda, who I know particularly well – I had the pleasure of learning with him B'chavrusa for years, is a world class Talmid Chacham and Lamdan.

The Rosh HaYeshiva has always said that true leadership is about empowering others.

He is also an expert in Halacha and recently received a Kabala to do Gittin by the world renowned R' Nota Greenblatt, who has been looking for a successor in the SE United States. R' Yehuda regularly gives the Rosh HaYeshiva's Gemara shiurim when the Rosh HaYeshiva travels.

Under the future leadership of R' Akiva and R' Yehuda, our yeshiva will be on par with any Yeshiva in the world for many decades to come.

The key ingredient that I believe will make these future Roshei Yeshiva very successful is that they are being guided slowly by the steady hand of Rav Zweig now. Knowing that this is his plan and trusting the process that he has begun, is what makes me so comfortable that the next forty years of the Yeshiva's growth are going to also be the beautiful transformation of Miami into an even bigger and stronger Makom Torah.



Rabbi Yehuda Zweig

Our Relationship with Hashem Defines Us

The only mitzvah on Pesach which is obligatory throughout the entire Yom Tov is the prohibition to eat or own chametz. Chazal find great significance

in this mitzvah. Chametz represents the yetzer hara – the evil inclination, and by distancing ourselves from chametz, we are rejecting the yetzer hara. The Arizal said that a person who is careful to avoid even the smallest amount of chametz on Pesach will not sin the entire year.

It is difficult to understand how refraining from chametz for a week helps to defeat the yetzer hara an entire year. Since chametz is eaten during the year, the connection to the yetzer hara should return. Further, why is Pesach the time

to fight our yetzer hara? The Aseres Yemei Teshuva would appear to be a more appropriate time.

"And Hashem saw all that He made, and it was very good." The Midrash explains that this refers to the creation of the yetzer hara, without which no one would build or plant anything. The yetzer hara is the drive to serve oneself. If we try to fight the yetzer hara by sublimating our desire to serve ourselves, we will ultimately fail because we would in essence be fighting ourselves. The correct approach is to internalize that serving Hashem is the best thing we can do for ourselves.

On Pesach, we remember Hashem's love for Klal Yisrael. We thank Hashem for taking us out of Egypt and making us His nation. Hashem's love made us feel privileged and fortunate to be chosen to serve Him. The connection to Hashem

on Pesach is so intense that the notion of indulging in our own self-interest is inconceivable. Therefore, chametz, which represents the Yetzer Hara and self-centeredness, is forbidden. As the feelings of closeness and love are reified, our self-perception alters. On Pesach, we define ourselves in terms of our relationship with Hashem. After Pesach, with this new identity, we can return to chametz because our self-interest is synonymous with Avodas Hashem.

On behalf of the Hanhala, Kollel, and bochorim of the Yeshiva, I wish all our friends an uplifting and enjoyable Yom Tov. May we all merit to continually grow in our Ahavas Hashem and Avodas Hashem throughout the coming year.

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1. Bereishis 1:31
 2. Bereishis Rabbah 9:7



Hachnosas Sefer Torah

of the Benalloun Sefer Torah

In honor of the Rosh Hayeshiva and Rebbetzin

Thursday May 21st – 3 Sivan 5775

5:00 - 6:30 pm	Filling in final letters	8:30 - 9:00 pm	Presentation to
6:30 - 7:45 pm	Celebration		Rosh Hayeshiva
7:45 - 8:00 pm	Mincha	9:00 - 10:00 pm	Rosh Hayeshiva's shiur
8:00 - 8:30 pm	Dancing Sefer Torah to BM	10:00 pm	Ma'ariv

It will truly be a beacon of Torah light and Jewish life, attesting to the great efforts of so many families of the Miami Jewish community over the last four decades.



The atmosphere and energy will be one of vitality and inspiration – a quintessential paradigm of a seamless integration of Torah into modern life.

Yeshiva Unveils Plans for New Beis Medresh Building

This past February, the Yeshiva received approval from the city of Miami Beach to build the final phase of the Yeshiva on the Rohr Campus. This new building will house both the new Yeshiva Beis Medresh and new Mechina Beis Medresh.

Also included in the plan:

- New offices for the Rosh HaYeshiva and administration,
- 6 new Mechina classrooms including a science lab and computer lab,
- Expansion of the dining room and new kitchen facilities,
- Full size indoor gymnasium. This new building will be topped off by a rooftop garden with magnificent views of both the ocean and the bay.

Over the last few months the Yeshiva staff has been hard at work designing the interior of this building so as to accommodate all the future needs for many decades to come. These plans, as well as exterior elevations, are available for viewing on the Yeshiva's website: www.Talmudicu.edu

This planned addition of approx. 25,000 SF is projected to break ground by the end of the summer, and will cost an estimated \$7 million.

Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig, CEO of Talmudic University, states: *"The beautiful study halls and classrooms will not only be for the students here, but will also serve as a nexus of Torah and Jewish life for the entire S. Florida Jewish community."* His vision is that this facility will be a magnet for people of all walks of life who want to see what Judaism is all about. *"People from all over the world will say, 'This is what Torah Judaism can and should be.'"*

This unique project **sits at the gateway of one of the most visited cities in the world.**

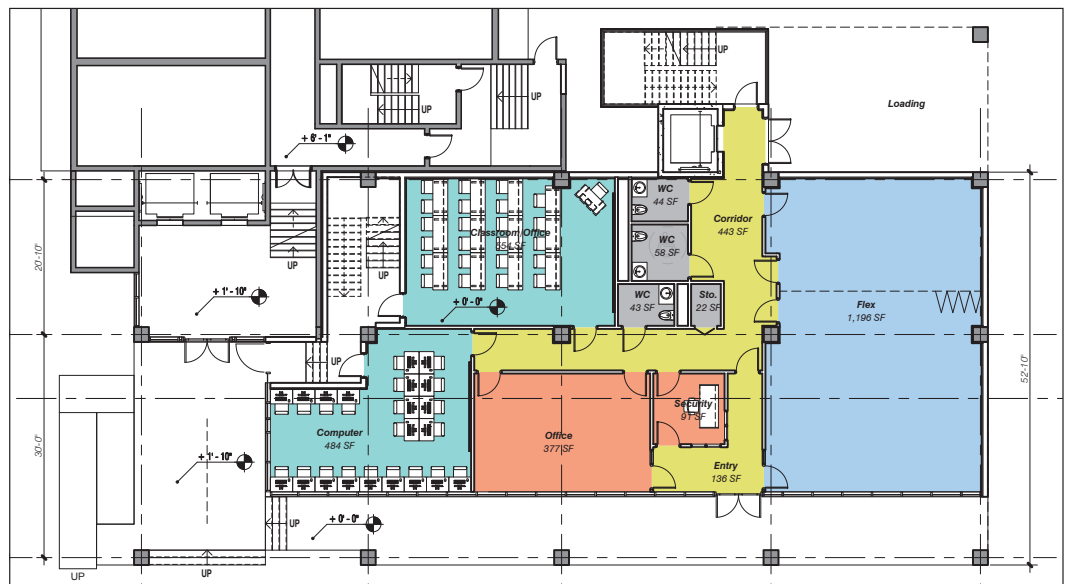
Of course many dedication opportunities will be available. The **Rosh Hayeshiva** shlita says: *"Anyone who participates in any way will have a share in a magnificent statement of Jewish scholarship. When we think about naming opportunities, we're thinking about the kind of person who wants to see his great-grandchildren still be connected to Judaism. Having one's name associated with a modern citadel of Jewish scholarship will be an enormous legacy and message to succeeding generations about the values he or she cherishes."*

We look forward to your participation.

For a short video of the expansion project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1m8JNCdQgk>

Dedication Opportunities	
Building.....	\$5,000,000
Main Beis Medrash.....	\$1,800,000
Mechina Beis Medrash.....	\$1,000,000
Gym.....	\$1,000,000
Dining Room/Kitchen.....	\$500,000
Rooftop Garden.....	\$250,000

Capital campaign begins after Pesach.





The Foundation's mission is to help disseminate, in print and other media, the Torah of the Rosh Yeshiva.

The letters that spell "Yam" – Yud Mem refer to the Yam Hatorah – endless sea of Torah wisdom. They are also the initials of the Rosh Hayeshiva – Horav Yochanan Moshe Zweig.

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A Collection of Transcribed Shiurim on Maseches Bava Basra by HaRav Yochanan Zweig

Dedicated Le'ilui N'ishmas – Moshe ben Shabtai Behar a"h and Miriam bas Yoel Sterental a"h

Manuscripts to be completed in 2015:
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English seforim to be completed in 2016 and beyond

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SAMPLE OF THE MANY DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Item	Cost	Placement
5 Chumash Series	\$100K	Cover of each Sefer + full page inside
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Parsha (multiple shiurim)	\$1,800	Listing on chart of Parshiyos – front section
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Half page	\$180	Back section

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WHERE ARE THEY TODAY?

TUF Alumni are in the forefront of Torah Judaism around the world.

Positions held: Roshei Kollel, Rabbonim, Menahelim and Principals, Executive Directors and Administrators of Day Schools, Yeshivos and Jewish non-profits; heads of large kashrus agencies, Kiruv leaders, Rabbeim, NCSY Directors, Soferim.

Cities and Countries: Miami, Aventura, Boca Raton, New York area, Lakewood, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Los Angeles area, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, Riverdale, Savannah, Baltimore, Yerushalayim, Israel, South America, Canada, Panama, Mexico, Brazil.

Each Newsletter Will Highlight Alumni From Different Eras

1970s Born in Newport News, VA in 1955. **Rabbi Dovid Shawel** received rabbinical degrees from the Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Talmudic University of Florida and also attended the Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland. He earned an M.A.- Ed (Barry University, Miami). He came to Talmudic University during its inaugural year, after Pesach 1975.



Rabbi Dovid Shawel with his son, Akiva

He has been an active mohel performing Bris ceremonies since 1977. This has taken him throughout the country, having performed brisim in Israel and twenty of the United States.

In Rabbi Shawel's words:

"The environment the Rosh Hayeshiva and the Rebbitzen created felt like home. Our Rebbe nurtured and exposed us to a world of Torah and Yiddishkeit we knew few were privy to. Through the inspiration of the Rosh Hayeshiva, I was able

"In my heart I never left the Yeshiva"

*to fulfill my dream of returning to the south to teach Torah and perform milah. **Rabbi Shawel has been the Director of Supervision of the Vaad Hakashrus of Dallas for the past 24 years.** Personally, I was influenced the most by how I saw him interact with people, not just his Talmidim. His respect, care and love of everyone was a daily shiur onto itself.*

All my days, weeks, months and years have been touched in some way by the Rosh Hayeshiva. And now, my eldest son, Akiva, his wife Rachelle and their four children have found their place of Torah with Rebbe and in the Yeshiva in Miami Beach."

1990s **Rabbi Isaac Entin**, currently the Menahel of Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia, was the founding Principal of Torah Day School of Virginia as well as Principal of Phoenix Hebrew Academy.



Rabbi Isaac Entin

Rabbi Entin holds a Master Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Barry University and Smicha from HaRav Yochanan Zweig. He is a graduate of Harvard University's Principals Institute as well as Bar Ilan University's Principal's Program.

He has pioneered innovative programs and is an active lecturer to parent groups as well as fellow educators, presenting for Torah Umesorah's National Convention, the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools and CAJE.

Rabbi Entin says that the impact of the Talmudic University and the Rosh HaYeshiva has been immense.

"I grew up in Miami Beach in the Yeshiva itself. My earliest memories are of davening in the Yeshiva, learning in the

"The Yeshiva's investment has paid incredible dividends for the Jewish people"

Yeshiva and more than a little bit of playing around in the Yeshiva. The Yeshiva invested in me and my peers and made a makom Torah for the community, children included. That investments paid incredible dividends over 40 years.

The Rosh HaYeshiva has been an integral part of my life since my bris milah. He taught me how to learn with hasmadah, think through a problem, and how to become involved with the broader community, which I have done over the last 20 years."

Locally and Internationally

Community Classes

Women

- Hilchos Shabbos (Mon. - Bal Harbor)
- Beauty of Shabbos (Wed. @ Yeshiva)
- Tefillah Insights (Wed. @ Yeshiva)
- Tefillah class (Hollywood)
- Shidduchim class for young women (Hollywood)

Men

- Parsha Insights (Th. Night, Fri a.m. @ Yeshiva)
- Relationships class (@ Yeshiva)
- Insights into Shabbos
- Ramchal (Highland Lakes)
- Parsha (Aventura)
- Contemporary Business Dilemmas (@ Yeshiva and Skylake)
- Hilchos Shabbos (Fri. before Mincha)
- Baal Haturim – Shabbos a.m.

Couples

- Lunch and Learn (Tuesdays – M.B.)

The Miami Choshen Mishpat Kollel



Rabbi Schoen and the Rosh HaYeshiva

is headed by **Horav Dovid Schoen**, shlita. It is comprised of a number of full time scholars, as well as local Rabbonim and scholars who participate in one of the two daily sessions. The daily curriculum consists of a rigorous in depth study of Jewish business law culminating in the obtainment of Yodin Yodin (qualification to adjudicate Jewish civil law disputes). The program is being coordinated with Harav Hagaon R Chaim Kohn Shlit" a head of the Business Halacha institute.



An important component of the Kollel is focused on the community, offering shiurim at various locations throughout the South Florida area. In addition, there are Yarchei Kallah programs which draw many community members to study and confront halachic issues that are rarely part of one's Yeshiva experience, yet important in everyday life.



Weekly Beis Midrash at Young Israel of Bal Harbor



Rosh HaYeshiva's Pre-Pesach shiur



ORLANDO SHABBATON

TUF students ran a Shabbaton at the recently established outreach center in Orlando, "I Am Jewish". 30 people joined for the minyan, and great meals filled with songs and Divrei Torah. **TUF alum – Rabbi Avshalom and Sara (Holzer) Baskin**, moved to Orlando area last fall to work with the many Jews in the area searching for Torah-true Yiddishkeit.

Similar Bachurim Shabbatons are planned during the coming year in other South Florida communities.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Yeshiva Programs to Prepare Bachurim and Yungerleit for Future Service in Klal Yisroel

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Signature Program (especially for shidduch aged students)
- Training in Speaking and Lecture Development, utilizing the local talent in South Florida
- Kiruv and Chinuch Training, based on the highly successful Ner LeElef Leadership and Outreach Training Program (Jerusalem Israel)

NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- Events around the country (Chicago, Balt. and Toronto already being planned)
- Live shiurim for alumni only
- Updates from other alumni
- Unique alumni site: www.talmudicu.edu/alumni/
- Feedback or to help plan: alumni@talmudicu.edu

Yarchei Kallah – Elul 5775 Shabbaton Dec. 2015

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New Website Launched Others Revamped and Updated

Our newest website – www.Rabbizweig.com, is the repository of audio and video shiurim, written articles, seforim, and features centered on the Torah of the Rosh Hayeshiva, shlita.

The existing Yeshiva website – www.talmudicu.edu – has been revamped and streamlined to focus on students and communal needs. The site has been upgraded to include links to easy online forms for admissions, financial aid, payments, student calendars and services, and request for student transcripts.



Added links for community services initiated or run by the Yeshiva include:
 Kaddish: www.getkaddish.com --- Misheberach list
 Y.E.S. & Mechina High School links --- Donate a vehicle program

We are always looking to better serve you.

Please send your feedback and suggestions to:

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