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Our Mission

Jewish education is key to our survival as a people, creating a link in the chain of our great nation. We instill within our students the timeless values of the Torah and a lifelong love for learning.

Message from the Dean



What an amazing year at the Yeshiva. We just graduated our second class of truly amazing Bachurim. It has been a tremendous year of growth both in numbers as we have 21 freshmen joining us

for the coming school year, and even more so in the level of the Bachurim that are in the Yeshiva. These students have truly shown a passion for what they are doing and look for ways to constantly push themselves to the next level.

In Parshas Balak the Jews are blessed by Billam about the greatness of their tents and then their cities. Perhaps one is dependent on the other: the greater the level of the tent, the greater the city that it is part of. We can understand the tent to be where the study of Torah takes place—thus the greater the center of Torah is in each city, the greater the city becomes!

Baruch Hashem so many have helped to make the Yeshiva of Minneapolis a “Tent of Torah” in

the true sense of the word. This support helps us strengthen the tent from which blessing pours out onto the entire city. So when you help us, you are really helping yourself and all those around you.

Please join us and show your support and partnership in keeping the flame of Torah strong in our city and help us keep the Yeshiva of Minneapolis an option for every boy who would like an authentic Torah education.

Inside this newsletter, you will find information on how to leave a legacy gift to the Yeshiva as well as details about our upcoming **Annual Benefit** taking place on Monday, August 14th. Learn how you can support the Yeshiva as a benefit sponsor or individual attendee. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Rabbi Shlomo Kutoff
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Yeshiva celebrates second graduating class

On June 27th, family and friends of the Yeshiva of Minneapolis gathered together to celebrate the graduation of seven students, marking the second graduating class since the Yeshiva opened its doors in 2012. The Yeshiva is excited to announce the 2017 graduating class and where each student plans to continue his education next year.

Pictured (l to r): **Eli Wenick**, Rabbi Newman's Yeshiva in Lakewood, NJ; **Chaim Fiterman**, Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, MA; **Yaakov Knobloch**, University of Minnesota majoring in mechanical or electrical engineering; **Chaim Zeffren**, Rabbi Nosson Stein's Yeshiva in Lakewood, NJ; **Yoni Chodos**, Rabbi Nosson Stein's Yeshiva in Lakewood, NJ; **Avi Mandelbaum**, Philadelphia Yeshiva, Philadelphia, PA; and **Noach Goldberger**, Rabbi Rubanowitz's Yeshiva in Manhattan, NY.



The Yeshiva welcomes Rabbi Shea Trenk

The Yeshiva of Minneapolis is happy to announce that Rabbi Shea Trenk will join the Yeshiva staff teaching Talmud to juniors at the high school. Rabbi Trenk has spent the last 15



years studying at the Kollel of Ner Yisrael in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition, he recently began working with students at Yeshiva Ohr HaTorah, a post high school for boys. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience that he brings to this position.

“I hope to instill in the students a broader and deeper knowledge of Torah,” said Rabbi Trenk, “along with newfound and better skills to be able to study more and an overall appreciation for studying Torah.”

Originally from New Jersey, Rabbi Trenk met his wife, Basya, while the two were living in Baltimore. Now married for 15 years, the couple has six children: Chaim 14, Zev 12, Malka 9, Yaakov 7, Yitzchak 4, and Bassheva 2. Chaim will remain in Baltimore to study at Ner Yisrael, while the rest of the family will move to Minneapolis in July.

“Rabbi Trenk will add to the excitement and enthusiasm our students develop for learning,” said Rabbi Shlomo Kutoff, Dean of the Yeshiva. “He is very energetic and a great role model for our students in all areas of life including Torah, Tfilah, Derech Eretz and Avodas Hashem.”

Although the Trenks are looking forward to their move, the weather is a topic that is on their minds. “We’ve been preparing ourselves for the cold,” said Rabbi Trenk, “but are happy that the warmth of the community, of which it is well known, will surely offset the chilly weather.”

Yeshiva Annual Benefit set for Monday, August 14th

The Yeshiva of Minneapolis Annual Benefit will take place on Monday, August 14, 2017, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins, Minnesota. For the first time, the Yeshiva is combining two of its fundraising events into one: the Annual Golf Tournament and Kosher Wine Uncorked, a unique wine tasting event.

The Annual Golf Tournament, now in its 5th year, welcomes teams of four (made up of all male, all female and mixed gender) to enjoy a game of golf on the championship course at Oak Ridge. The event begins at 12:00 p.m. with registration and a light lunch. Golfers will have the chance to win fun prizes throughout the day.

Kosher Wine Uncorked begins at 5:30 p.m. and offers guests a delicious gourmet buffet dinner and a unique wine tasting experience presented by Herzog Wine Cellars. More than fifty wines from around the globe will be available for tasting. A silent auction will also take place where guests will have the chance to bid on rare bottles of kosher wine.

Come to one or both events to support the Yeshiva of Minneapolis. Register for the golf tournament at \$300 per person, the wine event at \$150 per person or attend both events and receive a 20% discount and pay only \$360. Multiple sponsorship opportunities are also available. To learn more or to register, log on to www.yofm.org and click on events.

The Yeshiva of Minneapolis enrolls more than 50 students from around the U.S. and Canada. Dollars raised through the Annual Benefit will help support the learning of Torah, the securement of high caliber staff, improvements to the curriculum, and financial assistance to ensure the school is accessible to all students who wish to attend.

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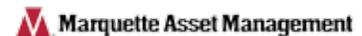


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Have you thought about what your legacy will be? Creating your Jewish legacy ensures that you'll be remembered and your work and Jewish values will continue beyond your lifetime.

As the Yeshiva of Minneapolis continues to grow, we need your help to ensure that we are able to provide a quality education to every Jewish boy who wishes to come. Legacy gifts allow us to plan ahead, continue building and feel secure that the future of our people will always remain strong and vibrant.

Legacy gift options include:

- A bequest in your will or trust
- A designation in your IRA or retirement plan
- A life insurance policy, to name a few

What an amazing legacy to leave for yourself and your family, showing how much you treasure, not just being Jewish at heart but practicing your Jewishness with the ideals laid out to us from the Torah, and with a smile on your face as you feel proud to carry on the lineage of our great People.

For more information on how you can make a lasting impact on the Yeshiva of Minneapolis, contact Rabbi Shlomo Kutoff at 651-356-9605 or email yeshivaofminneapolis@gmail.com.



The Goldberger Family



The Goldberger family back in 2014. Back row (l to r) Channah, Noach, Yaakov, Moshe. Front row (l to r) Jill, Chaim, Meyer Simcha and Yisrael Ovadyah.

In 1996, Rabbi Chaim Goldberger moved his family from Massachusetts to Minnesota to become the Rabbi of Keneseth Israel Congregation. At the time, he and his wife, Jill, who was eight months pregnant, had two boys, Yaakov 2 and Moshe 1.

Coming to the Twin Cities was a good move for the family, said Jill. "We love the quality of life here and appreciate how wonderful it is to have the shuls, schools, kollel and kosher market all within a few blocks of our home. We may be far from the East Coast," Jill went on, "but the warmth of this community truly meets all of our needs."

Now 21 years later, the Goldbergers have six children: Yaakov 23, Moshe 22, Channah 20, Noach 18, Meyer Simcha 15, and Yisrael Ovadyah, 4. Noach just graduated from the Yeshiva of Minneapolis, while Meyer Simcha completed the 9th grade.

"It was exciting to see Noach graduate as part of the second graduating class from the Yeshiva and it was wonderful having both boys together in school this past year," said Rabbi Goldberger. "We are so happy to have such a quality Yeshiva in our backyard that allows our boys to remain close to home."

Rabbi Goldberger, who was born in New Jersey, grew up in Ohio and Maryland. He attended the Jewish day school in Akron and the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland through high school. Later, he received a bachelor's degree from John Hopkins University in Baltimore and a semicha (Rabbinic ordination) from the Talmudic University of Florida.

After spending more than 20 years in the rabbinate, Rabbi Goldberger decided to make a change. A few years ago, he began working as a kosher food plant certifier and organic food facilities inspector. In his spare time, he writes books. He is the author of "The Six Steps of Bitachon," which, according to Rabbi Goldberger, is a practical and original formula for incorporating trust in G-d into our daily lives, built on wisdom found in classical Torah sources. The book is now in its second printing.

The Goldbergers, who have been married for 24 years, met while living in Atlanta. Jill, who was born in New York, grew up in Atlanta and attended Georgia State University, where she holds a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and a master's degree in teaching English as a second language. While she taught English for a few years to Russian immigrants, she has found that raising her children is the most rewarding job she could have.

"I like being the primary influence on my kids," said Jill. "I love seeing their enthusiasm and eyes open wide to learning new things... things that I learned in my childhood." With their children growing up and some moving away, time spent together is even more precious. And having a Yeshiva in town is greatly valued.

"Going to Yeshiva is a really big step," said Noach, "and having one close to home made it that much easier. My older brothers went out of town for their high school years. I feel blessed that the Yeshiva of Minneapolis opened its doors when it did. And the environment was ideal for learning with caring and energizing rebbeim."

Now that Noach has graduated, he plans to attend Rabbi Rubanowitz's Yeshiva in Manhattan. This might lead towards a career in teaching Torah as a rebbe, he said, but he is leaving his options open. What advice does he have for his younger brother Meyer Simcha? "Take advantage of what the Yeshiva is offering you while you can because the four years go by very fast."



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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Annual Benefit

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017 | OAK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

Annual Golf Tournament

Registration and Light Lunch • 12:00 p.m.

Shotgun Start • 1:00 p.m.

Teams of four will enjoy a game of golf on the championship course at Oak Ridge Country Club. Fun prizes to be won.

Kosher Wine Uncorked

5:30 p.m.

Guests will savor a gourmet buffet dinner while participating in a unique wine tasting of premium kosher wines from around the globe. A silent auction of rare kosher wines will also take place.

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