



YOM NEWS

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Yeshiva of Minneapolis

MAKES VIRTUAL LEARNING A REALITY

› COVID-19 Can't Stop the Spread of Torah

Though our physical beis medrash is empty, our Torah learning is stronger than ever. Through call-in classes, tefillah, and tehillim, our bochurim are learning and growing. They are connected to their rebbeim and each other and bringing nachas to their parents. We didn't choose this situation, but we couldn't be prouder of how our rebbeim and students rose to the challenge. Here's a glimpse into our virtual yeshiva that's bringing very real merit to the Jewish people.

MESSAGE FROM ROSH HAYESHIVA

No bachurim in the yeshivos. No people in the shuls. How can כלל ישראל function? How do we fight a battle when we have no ammunition? What do we do when our front line of defense is scattered around the country?

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MORE LEARNING, LESS DOWNTIME

At YOM, we like to keep things uncomplicated. Our virtual learning was up and running immediately, thanks to our simple call-in system. Our bochurim and rebbeim all call the same phone number but input a unique access code for each rebbi. No technical glitches. No confusion. Just immediate and accessible Torah learning for all our students.

280
COLLECTIVE HOURS
OF VIRTUAL LEARNING

UNQUENCHABLE THIRST FOR TORAH

“The thirst for Torah that our boys have is even more evident in these times. As so many boys have told me, they are calling in to many more types of classes than they had the opportunity to do before.”

– RABBI ZECHARIA RUBIN, Mashgiach



EXTRA LEARNING SESSIONS

“In addition to participating in the daily classes in Yeshiva, Yakov has a number of chavrusas in the evening each day. He is extremely committed to these sessions and it is such a nachas to see his dedication.”

– MRS. LISA GREENSPON, parent

DAILY LEARNING



UNIQUE WINDOW FOR PARENTS

While our situation is far from ideal, one silver lining is the chance our parents have to see their sons' growth and commitment firsthand. As one of our parents so aptly put it, “so much of our avodas HaShem (service of Hashem) happens outside of the home, especially for our sons who are away at yeshiva.” And even during their vacations, the boys learn and daven out of the house. But now our parents tell us how they enjoy watching their sons learn at home for three sessions a day.

FULL SCHEDULE OF LEARNING

Our bochurim are clocking hours and hours of learning each day. Each bochur calls in to hear two daily shiurim (classes) from his rebbe. Then, the bochurim learn with their chavrusos over the phone or Skype two or three times a day. There are additional classes for the entire yeshiva together, such as R' Kutoff's on Sefer Chofetz Chaim and R' Schachters's halacha class. Add in group tefillos and tehillim, and you can see that our bochurim are maximizing every moment.

4
CALL-IN
CLASSES

80
BOCHURIM

2
TEHILLIM
CALL-INS

2
TEFILLA
CALL-INS

LEARNING NEW LESSONS

“The situation is far from ideal. However, a Yeshiva doesn't usually have the opportunity to teach how to daven biyechidus (alone) or learn in their home. It's always “go to the beis medrash or shul”. Now, bachurim can see that ruchniyus (spirituality) is everywhere - even at home. And they are really taking to it. They're involved in the class, with some even calling throughout the day to discuss it. It's amazing!”

– RABBI AVROHOM CHAIM GIBBER, Rabbi



SHARED SORROW

YESHIVA OF MINNEAPOLIS EXPRESSES OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEILIS FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF MEIR'S FATHER, MR. YERACHMIEL BEILIS Z"l.

OUR REMARKABLE REBBEIM

“It's truly remarkable how, despite the unfortunate circumstances of COVID-19, how much effort the rebbeim put into giving the boys the best possible daily schedule. Yeshiva of Minneapolis is truly the best!”

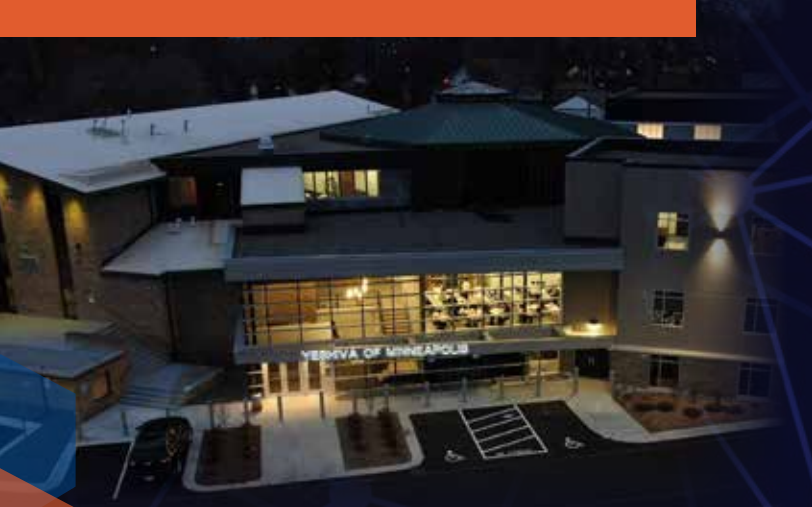
– SHMUELI HEBER, student



TOTAL VIRTUAL LEARNING
BEFORE PESACH

3000+ HOURS!

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים



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Each family has been sent inside. The situation is eerily similar to Hashem's instructions to כלל ישראל on their final night in Mitzrayim, על יצא איש מפתח ביתו, don't leave your houses. The מכתב סופר says this was the last test before יציאת מצרים, and he explains that

this will be the last test before the final גאולה, as well. The essence of the test is this: don't look outside even with all of the screaming around, just trust in ה'.

But perhaps there is another lesson that ה' is teaching us. We must make sure we fortify our homes with קדושה. לימוד התורה and תפילה must be a central part of our home life so our children will see what is most important to us. And we so often forget that the עמוד of חסד starts with giving time to our children to teach them, read to them, listen to them, and just sit around with them.

The מלבי"ם says that when יעקב אבינו split up his camps, he put his משפחה in one and all of his worldly possessions in the other. He told עשו, "You need to pick between רוחניות or גשמיות, but you can't take them both from me." We see from this that the home represents רוחניות. It's not a place to go and relax and forget about 'עבודת ה'. It is the central station of our 'עבודת ה'!

Our 'עבודת ה' is fostered at home and pours out into the בית המדרש and בית הכנסת.

Perhaps that is why ה' sent us all home. Perhaps He is telling us, "Don't leave your house until you have learned this lesson. Don't leave your house until you have filled it with קדושה." קדושה many of our בחורים have been doing just that – keeping up with their שיעורים and working on תפילה.

But unfortunately, we see ה'קב"ה wants us to work harder, learn harder, and daven better because he has taken one of our very special family members to remind us. We would like to send our sincerest condolences to the entire Beiles family and especially to our dear talmid, Meir, on the passing of their husband and father ל"ל. Mr. Beiles was so proud of what Meir was doing and was always the first to jump into the בית המדרש to learn with his son when he came to visit. המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

May ה'קב"ה see our sincere efforts to grow and improve. May He please send the final גאולה so that we can celebrate פסח together in ירושלים.

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