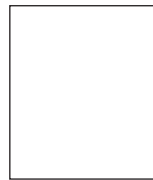




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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ROSH HAYESHIVA



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But I have an issue. Leaning can be uncomfortable and sometimes makes it harder to eat. Wouldn't it be simpler to eat normally? Wouldn't it be more comfortable to sit back and enjoy the סעודה, not necessarily leaning to the left? Wouldn't it be more גשמעק if we could crack the bones and get to the juiciest pieces of meat on them? We

would be much calmer if we didn't have the fine china on the table with all the little kids bumping around, breaking a few dishes, and spilling grape juice on the beautiful white tablecloth.

So why must we act royally? It's much easier to relax, put on a pair of sweatpants and slides, use nice plastic dishes, lay back on a recliner, and dig into our food.

Perhaps a lesson we can learn is that although royalty is inherited, it needs to be maintained. We are מלכים, and it takes a commitment on our part to be above all those around

us. It's often not the easiest or most comfortable way to act. It's not about convenience but about recognizing our greatness and living up to it.

It may be more comfortable to dress down, but when I dress up, I am better at living up to my royal status. I may enjoy digging into a kiddush but is that how royalty acts? It may be easier to use unbreakable plates but is that royalty?

One night a year, we remind ourselves that we are מלכים and live it to the fullest. But it's really just a reminder for the rest of the year! Just as on ראש השנה we accept that ה' is our מלך all the time, so, too, on פסח we accept the fact that you are royalty and deserve to live like a king all the time. Raise your standards of what you expect from yourself. Then, work on living up to those standards, even if it takes more effort, even if it's not as easy as the life of an ordinary man.

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Record Breaking
WINTER ZMAN!

Early mornings. Late nights. Jam-packed days. In the past five months, our boys maintained a rigorous schedule and intense level of learning that most people never achieve in a lifetime. It's been hard work,

but they stayed motivated by the sweet taste of growth and success. (And some healthy recreation to keep them balanced, of course.) Please enjoy the nachas with us as you read about their accomplishments.

קבלת עול חלכותינו

ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF חלכות

A Message From Our Rosh HaYeshiva

Here's an interesting contrast: On ראש השנה, we recognize Hashem's מלכות over us. On פסח, we realize our personal מלכות.

As we sit at the סדר, we mimic many practices of a king. We lean when we eat. We can't break bones to get to the good parts of the פסח קרבן. We put out our finest china and silver. On פסח, כלל ישראל recognizes that we are royalty.

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Wow X 10 X 111!

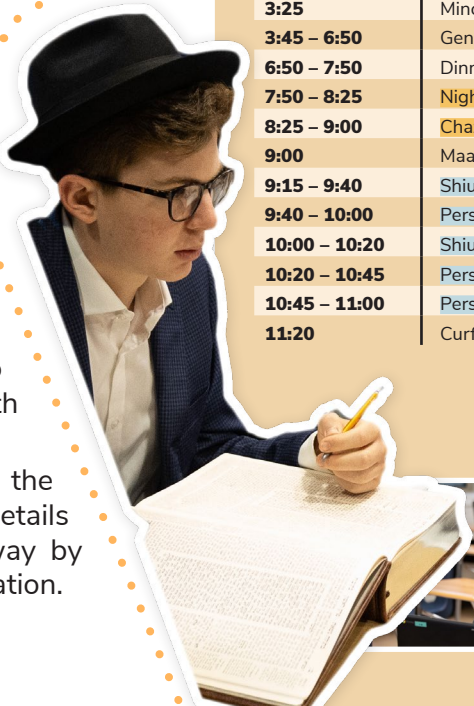
TEN TENTH GRADERS

(close to half the grade) are wowing their rebbeim, families, and the entire yeshiva with their hasmada! YOM always encourages the boys to finish the second half of their bekiyus mesechta on their own time, and many bochurim rise to the challenge. But these tenth graders are on pace to finish not only Brachos, their bekiyus mesechta, but also Kesubos, their b'iyun mesechta.

It will be an incredible accomplishment. Their morning shiur covers only 15 of Kesubos's 111 blatt. They aim to complete the remaining 96 blatt during "extra" time outside their regular daily schedule!

The yeshiva facilitates and encourages their commitment with additional shiurim. YOM hired R' Pam to learn with the 10th graders at night. R' Kutoff and R' Zecharia Rubin, our mashgiach, made time from their busy schedule to give them additional shiurim. The hanhala (administration) also arranged for 12th graders to learn with the 10th graders on Shabbos.

See the schedule in the sidebar for more details and to be blown away by these boys' determination.



All In a Day's Work

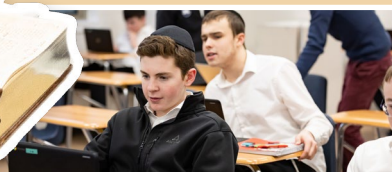
How does a bochur finish a 111-blatt mesechta? With incredible dedication and perseverance. Here's a peek into one tenth grader's daily schedule.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Note the daily hours of learning. Mandatory learning and shiur are highlighted in yellow. Extra-curricular learning is highlighted in blue.

7:15	Wake up
7:20 – 7:30	Morning Kollel Maseches Kesubos chazara
7:30 – 7:45	Morning Kollel Maseches Kesubos new gemara with Rabbi Rubin (Perakim 1,3,6 & 13)
7:50	Shacharis
9:00 – 9:30	Breakfast
9:30 – 9:45	Halacha shiur learning hilchos seudah from the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch
9:45 – 10:35	Hachana b'chavrusa to prepare for b'iyun shiur
10:35 – 10:55	B'iyun shiur learning Kesubos
10:55	Break
11:10 – 11:25	Mussar seder learning Nefesh Hachaim
11:25 – 12:25	B'iyun shiur learning Kesubos
12:25	Lunch
12:55 – 1:40	Chazara seder b'chavrusa reviewing Kesubos
1:40	Midday break spent at the rec center, playing hockey or baseball
3:00 – 3:25	Personal chazara seder during break time
3:25	Mincha
3:45 – 6:50	General Studies (5 periods)
6:50 – 7:50	Dinner/Basketball
7:50 – 8:25	Night Seder, Bekius Shiur learning the first half of Maseches Brochos
8:25 – 9:00	Chazara seder b'chavrusa, reviewing Brochos
9:00	Maariv
9:15 – 9:40	Shiur learning the second half of Maseches Brochos with Rabbi Pam
9:40 – 10:00	Personal chazara of Rabbi Pam's shiur
10:00 – 10:20	Shiur learning Kesubos with Rabbi Kutoff (Perakim 2,4,& 5)
10:20 – 10:45	Personal chazara of Rabbi Kutoff's shiur
10:45 – 11:00	Personal learning
11:20	Curfew

Even on **Shabbos**, this tenth grader supplements YOM's mandatory post-Shalosh sedos learning seder. He learns Kesubos with a senior before the meal. Later, he has a seder on Motzai Shabbos before playing on our hockey league's winning team.



Mastering THE MESECHTA

The 11th and 12th graders are conquering their own challenge to earn next year's Colorado trip. Their goal is not only to know the mesechta but to master and own it. To that end, about 15 bochurim are learning 80 blatt of Kesubos 10x each! Many also know the shakla v'tarya (give and take) of an entire perek by heart. There's even one special bochur who aspires to learn **every single blatt** of Kesubos 10x and know the shakla v'tarya of **the entire mesechta** by heart!



A TASTE OF Tefillah

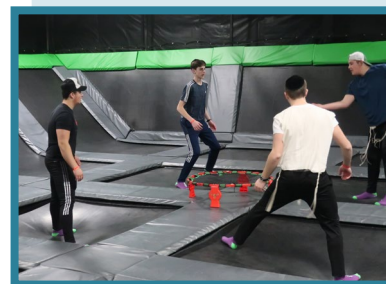
Learning Torah is our boys' primary goal, but YOM encourages and inspires them in **all** areas of avodas Hashem. R' Shea Trenk, our 9th-grade rebbi, speaks about tefillah for five minutes before our nightly maariv. He goes through the siddur, explaining each section and its meaning. Besides the bochurim, R' Trenk's audience includes baalei batim, who came to YOM to learn or daven.



Varied VAADIM

Self-improvement is another essential component of growth. Each week, R' Kutoff and R' Rubin host small, informal "vaadim" groups in their office. They schmooze with the boys about overcoming nisyonos in davening, inyanei kedusha, interpersonal relationships, and more.

MID-WINTER AT METROPOLIS



Our 3-day yeshiva trip to Metropolis was the perfect break during an intense zman. The bochurim had a blast swimming, go-karting, jumping, and more. The food and fun were amazing, as were the davening and sederim. Our beis medrash bochurim even organized a mini-yarchei kallah program.

The trip was planned for Minneapolis's winter break so our rebbeim's families could come. It was a welcome and well-deserved treat for the families who are an integral part of YOM.

Our time at Metropolis was a microcosm of the energy of the yeshiva. The ruach was unbelievable in both the recreation and the learning. And the bochurim, rebbeim, and families bonded in a unique way.

