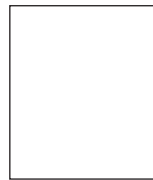




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**EVERLASTING GIFTS**

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR ROSH HAYESHIVA**



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Have we missed the point of modern-day חינוך? Don't we have it right? Shouldn't we focus on the good?

ר' שמשון פינקוס brings out a beautiful יסוד. He explains that since we are a צלם אלקים, we are naturally connected to the good in the world. When things are going smoothly and when learning

and davening flow, that is the natural way of the world which is connected to ה'.

But ה' also gave the world the amazing נח to be like Him and create יש מאין. The bad in us is not the צלם אלקים, but we have the potential to create אור from its חושך. That is making something יש מאין.

We can create good even when we are having a rough day. We can push even when the learning is hard, and we can't get ourselves up for davening. We can persevere even when the צלם אלקים is nowhere to be found. Those

times are when we create good, which is man's greatest accomplishment.

Therefore, the "bad" is really a chance for the greatest good. And therefore, the תורה lists all the seemingly negative events so we can know where to find the opportunities to become truly great and successful!

Over the course of the year, there are so many times that it is hard for בחורים (or anyone!) to push themselves on a constant basis. But some did, and we recognized them with leather-bound גמרות to give חשיבות to this accomplishment of constantly creating and pushing. On Shabbos afternoon, it's so hard for בחורים to get out of bed. But ברוך ה', from this difficulty has come out one of the Yeshiva's greatest programs, טועמיה. (See details in the newsletter.)

Keep working and finding hardships to overcome-and become great!

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**GO FOR THE** *Win*

What's a win at YOM? A win is seeing a weakness and turning it into a new growth opportunity, as in our Shabbos Toamehu program. A win is recognizing consistency as its own achievement, as in our new Ne'emanim award. And even though it's

not our main focus, yes, it's also when we win our annual baseball game against the Minneapolis Police Department. Look inside to see how our boys pursue excellence and growth in all areas.

**THE POWER OF "BAD" TO BRING OUT THE BEST** *A Message From Our Rosh HaYeshiva*

During the summer weeks, we read so many פרשיות about ישראל's mistakes. Why does the תורה focus on the bad? Even the good, such as בנסוע, is surrounded by negative events. If the תורה was a modern-day report card, it probably wouldn't be allowed to get mailed out. Every teacher knows you need to sandwich criticism with two compliments around it, but the תורה does the opposite.

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# Win-Win MISHMOR PROGRAM

YOM NEEDS MINNEAPOLIS AND MINNEAPOLIS NEEDS YOM.

The incredibly successful Mishmor program is a beautiful example of how we benefit each other. Rabbi Zecharia Rubin, our mashgiach, paired balabatim (community members) with bochurim to learn at least once a week. Most pairs learned on Thursday nights, while some learned throughout the week.

The program is a clear win-win. The bochurim gained from the one-on-one connection, while the men loved tapping into YOM's Torah-based energy. We had more than 30 participants this past year, and we're looking forward to expanding Mishmor next year.

## טועמיה

### RECHARGING SHABBOS AFTERNOONS

LONG SUMMER SHABBOS AFTERNOONS WERE A GAPING HOLE IN OUR SCHEDULE.

The seudah ended at 12:00, mincha wasn't until 8:00, and how long could even a teenage boy nap? Recognizing the problem, the Hanhala devised an innovative solution. We call it "Shabbos Toamehu," and this past zman, our bochurim enjoyed the REAL taste of Shabbos.

Shabbos afternoon came alive at 5:30 p.m. with interesting learning chaburos. There was something for everyone: parsha, halacha, machshava, and more. The beis medrash was buzzing with over 90% participation!

The momentum continued with a delicious, bochur-friendly shalosh sedos, followed by mincha and an enthusiastic learning seder.

As one bochur put it, "Rebbe, we appreciate the incentive for this program, but honestly we didn't need it." Another bochur said, "I never thought I would look forward to Shalosh Sedos."

Baruch Hashem, with some creative thinking, Shabbos afternoon was revitalized for our boys.

פרשת השבוע with R' Trenk	הלכות שבת with R' Pam	מנחת חינוך with R' Rohlstein
פירוש on the פרשה with R' Berkowitz	בקיאות מסכתא חורה	מוסר and השקפה with R' Mintz

More than 80 Bochurim are already tasting the sweetness, and experiencing the pleasure of Shabbos!



## Consistency COUNTS

At our end-of-year siyum, Rabbi Kutoff recognized more than twenty bochurim for YOM's new "Ne'emanim" award. All year, these boys came on time, all the time, to davening, shiur, and seder. They deserved to be acknowledged for their commitment and consistency. Each bochur received a magnificent, personalized, full-sized, leather-bound Gemara Kesubos for next year's learning.



## PLAAAAAY BALL!

YOM went all out to claim a "W" in our 2nd annual baseball game vs. the St. Louis Park Police Department. After last year's blowout (24-3, YOM), the officers were determined to step it up. They brought their younger squad for a nail-biting game that had the cheering crowd on the edge of their seats. The score was 8-7 at the bottom of the eighth, but YOM rallied in the ninth inning, winning the game 19-7.

The game was fun, and the win was exciting. But more importantly, we showed our hakaras hatov to our dedicated police force. YOM provided the cops with jerseys and free concessions for them and their families. Jack Fiterman, a YOM alumni father, spoke before the game, expressing our appreciation. He emphasized the importance of solidifying our relationship with law enforcement officials.

Thank you, Officer Luke, our neighborhood's Police Community Liaison, for helping us arrange the game.



## Grand Send-off

YOM WISHES A HEARTFELT צאתכם לשלום TO OUR SEVEN THIRD-YEAR BEIS MEDRASH STUDENTS:

- Yitzzy Fried
- Meir Greenwald
- Shmueli Heber
- Elisha Kirshner
- Yitzchok Matitia
- Eitan Miller
- Toby Nussbaum

These boys were from our Beis Medrash "pioneers" who started the program three years ago. Five of the seven have been at YOM since ninth grade! Now they're off to continue learning in Eretz Yisroel. At our seudas preida (farewell dinner), Rabbi Kutoff, Rabbi Sklare, and Rabbi Rupp spoke about each boy. Then each bochur spoke, reflecting on what he gained in his time at YOM.

