THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO OUR

bochurim. They joined us in Elul from cities across the country and are already an integral part of our dynamic, growing YOM family.









SHALOM Fisch, 9th

MILWAIIKEE WI









ROCKOVE, 12TH



MIAMI REACH FI



SCHICK, 10TH

LAKEWOOD, NJ NORTH WOODMERE, NY 18T YEAR BEIS MEDRASH





SILVERMAN.











TURNER, 9TH

BALTIMORE, MD





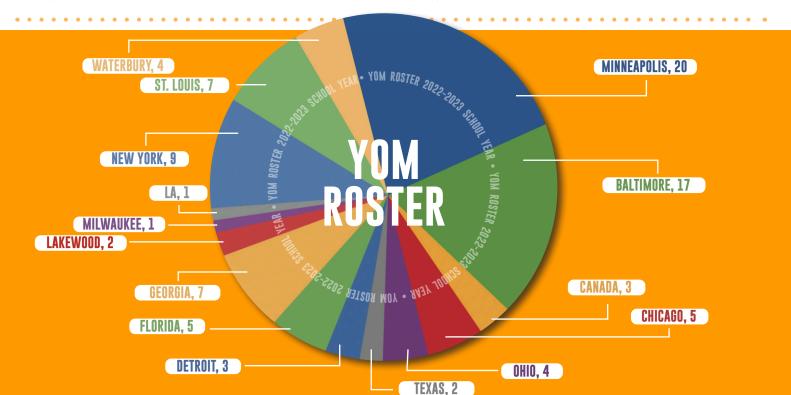








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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ROSH HAYESHIVA



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But then one בחור gets a burst of energy. Like wildfire, that energy is dispersed around the circle, and the come to life again. The cycle continues, keeping the boys dancing until late in the day.

ln משנת ר' אהרן, R' Aharon Kotler explains the importance of a person realizing how he can affect all those around him. He quotes a line from ברכות הריאת שמע:

מלאכים "All the וכולם מקבלים עול מלכות שמים זה מזה" - "All the look to each other to accept the yoke of 'ה on themselves." R' Aharon points out that one would think it makes no difference to מלאכים what others around them are doing, and yet we see that even they are affected by the others.

We also see this idea from the רמב"ם who says that a person should look at himself as being able to push the whole world Wishing you a warm winter filled with growth! over the edge to be judged favorably. When we do the right thing, we create a positive effect. We can tip the scales so that people around us become closer to 'ה.

This is the hallmark of our yeshiva. The older bochurim, in general, and the בית מדרש bochurim, in particular, have an amazing effect on each other and the younger bochurim. For the most part, they lead by example. The younger boys watch the older boys learn and see what is important in life. But the older bochurim have also initiated new לימודים. They started our כולל בוקר, being מחזק each other and so many younger bochurim to come to learn early each morning. They learn with younger bochurim after שבת on שבת morning.

The many positive interactions develop a strong bond between our older and younger bochurim. It creates a natural atmosphere of helping each other and being מחזק each other. In this way, even when some boys begin to slow down, their חברים are there to reignite their passion.

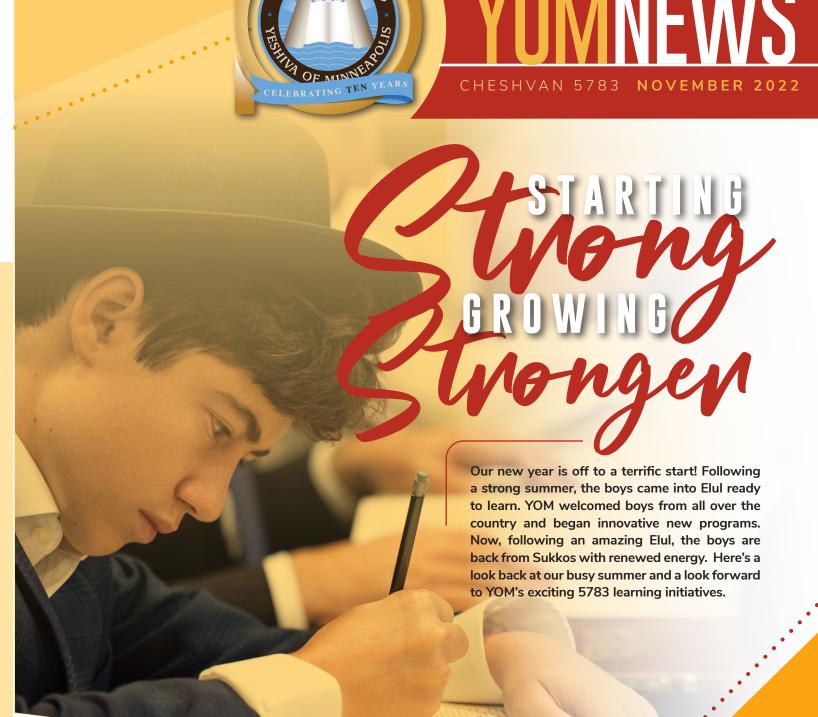
We should all be זוכה to live our lives in this wonderful way. Nobody lives in a bubble! We should recognize the incredible effect we can have on each other.

Rabbi Shlomo Kutoff

Rosh HaYeshiva / Dean







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A Message From Our Rosh HaYeshiva

As תשרי comes to an end, we look for messages to take us through the year. Perhaps there's a lesson from שמחת תורה that can inspire us for the long winter ahead.

Looking around the circles of בחורים dancing on שמחת תורה, you watch their energy and גשמעק. Over time, though, the dancing dies down as the boys tire out.

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"This trip was so adventurous! I never did anything like it before!"

Summer is officially YOM's time off, but we saw track of the schedule, the food, the Shabbos that our boys needed camps that were exciting, fun, plans, and even the Sefer Torah they brought for and adventurous-yet still structured and growth- minyanim. oriented. YOM stepped up to fill the need, pouring time and resources into two summer camps.

Thirteen of last year's tenth graders joined YOM's YOM hired a professional tour guide to plan the amazing traveling camp. Starting and ending in Minneapolis, the camp went all the way to California and covered fourteen states in three weeks. Four Beis Medrash boys were the counselors, keeping

NON-STOP ACTION!

itinerary down to the minute. The boys went rappelling, whitewater rafting, UTVing, and so much more. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and the bochurim loved every second of the trip.



OUT-OF-THE-BOX BENEFITS

Besides the adventure, the camp was unique in its timing and bonding. The camp ran mid-summer, out of the typical "first-half/second-half" summer box. It broke up the summer, giving the boys a few weeks with their families before and after.

The trip was also an incredible bonding experience. With only a GPS and a simple flip phone to use, the boys weren't distracted by technology. Instead, they forged deeper connections that they're building further this year.

MINNEAPOLIS MEMORIES 11TH-12TH GRADE CAMP



recently purchased YOM vans.









R' Avrohom Chaim Gibber, YOM's 11th-grade rebbi, ran a local camp for 15 of his talmidim, last year's 11th and 12th graders. The boys dormed in yeshiva and enjoyed boating, paintball, indoor climbing, night volleyball, and more. They also went on four incredible mini-road trips using the

Xtreme trips

4-day trip to Wisconsin

"I loved spending time with

some guys that I'm with the

whole year, but in a different

setting" - Nissi Spirn

- · Shabbos in Bricelyn, Minnesota, **Project Xtreme campgrounds**
- 2-day trip to Chicago
- Guided fishing trip to Boundary Waters, Minnesota

RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENTS

It was a huge effort, but it's clear how worthwhile the camp experience was for the boys. They had a solid summer, with much-needed fun in a kosher setting. The 11th and 12th graders solidified their relationships with each other and their rebbi, and the impact is noticeable. YOM was "on" this summer and, B"H, the boys are reaping the benefits in their learning this fall.

- Gweet Deal

13 TIMES IN ONE SHABBOS!

That's the amount a bochur chazered a blatt gemara - in just one Shabbos! YOM's new Mesikus Hatorah (Sweetness of Torah Learning) program has the beis medrash on fire. Boys earn \$1 for each blatt they review over Shabbos. After 10 blatt, the reward doubles. In the few weeks since the program started, our bochurim learned over 1,000 blatt! If you're in Minneapolis, please stop in on Shabbos to hear the incredible kol Torah (sound of Torah.)



Teenagers aren't known for waking up early, but YOM now has fifty bochurim learning Maseches Megillah for a half hour before Shacharis! Amazingly, this initiative didn't come from the hanhalla. It came from the Beis Medrash bochurim, who thought of this program and run it from start to finish. The Morning Kollel puts into action everything we want our boys to gain at YOM: love for Torah, a sense of responsibility, and the creativity to add a "geshmak" to every activity.

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