

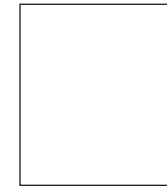
# THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO OUR YOM Family

Welcome to 35 new bochurim! We're especially excited about the record-breaking 28 boys in our 9th grade classes.

SHIMON ALBO, 9 <sup>TH</sup> DEAL, NJ	MEIR ALYSHMERI, 11 <sup>TH</sup> LAWRENCE, NY	YOSEF BACHRACH, 9 <sup>TH</sup> CHICAGO, IL	LEV BADER, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MINNEAPOLIS, MN	AVI BEER, 9 <sup>TH</sup> TOMS RIVER, NJ	EZARYA BLOOM 1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR BEIS MEDRASH ST. LOUIS, MO	TUVIA CHARNER, 9 <sup>TH</sup> SILVER SPRING, MD	NAFTALI COHEN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MINNEAPOLIS, MN
SHMULLY DAVID, 9 <sup>TH</sup> ST. LOUIS, MO	BINYOMIN GALEN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> PHILADELPHIA, PA	MEIR GALILI, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MINNEAPOLIS, MN	EZRA GOLDMAN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> CHICAGO, IL	EITAN HIRSCHEL, 9 <sup>TH</sup> WATERBURY, CT	NOACH KASS 2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR BEIS MEDRASH ST. LOUIS, MO	MOSHE KIRSHNER, 9 <sup>TH</sup> CHICAGO, IL	SHIMON KIRSHNER, 9 <sup>TH</sup> CHICAGO, IL
YAIR KLEIN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> ST. LOUIS, MO	AKIVA KRUPP, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BALTIMORE, MD	GAVI KRUPP, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MINNEAPOLIS, MN	YONAH LYNN, 11 <sup>TH</sup> ATLANTA, GA	SHULI OBERLANDER, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BOCA RATON, FL	ABIE PANETH, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BROOKLYN, NY	TZVI RABHAN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> SAVANNAH, GA	ELAZAR SARAGOSSI, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MONSEY, NY
BENNY SHERMAN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MINNEAPOLIS, MN	MENDY SPAR, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BALTIMORE, MD	SHMUEL SPAR, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MINNEAPOLIS, MD	KEHAS SPETNER, 9 <sup>TH</sup> FAR ROCKAWAY, NY	YITZZY SPIRN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> FAR ROCKAWAY, NY	AVI STATMAN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BALTIMORE, MD	NACHI STERN, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MIAMI, FL	NATAN TOKARSKIY 1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR BEIS MEDRASH CHICAGO, IL
MORDY WEINBERG, 9 <sup>TH</sup> MINNEAPOLIS, MN	ZECHARYA WHITE, 10 <sup>TH</sup> CINCINNATI, OH	MOSHE WOLF, 9 <sup>TH</sup> CHICAGO, IL					



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# New Year



### ברוכים הבאים!

It's a new year, and we welcome all the new members of our YOM family. Come meet our new staff and new students. Learn about exciting innovations to our signature programs. There's a sense of hischadshus (renewal) for 5784 as we shake up the status quo while preserving our winning YOM formula.

## REJOICING IN OURSELVES!

### A Message From Our Rosh HaYeshiva



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כלל ישראל, and the entire world. This feeling of self-worth naturally leads to tremendous שמחה. Perhaps this is why we go out to the סוכה and remind ourselves that שמחה is not about all the extras. Life should be stripped down to the bare bones. We need to realize that the true שמחה in our lives is our accomplishments. Each little step we grow without any bells and whistles changes the world. Perhaps our newfound recognition of self-worth is why סוכה is one of the few מצוות that

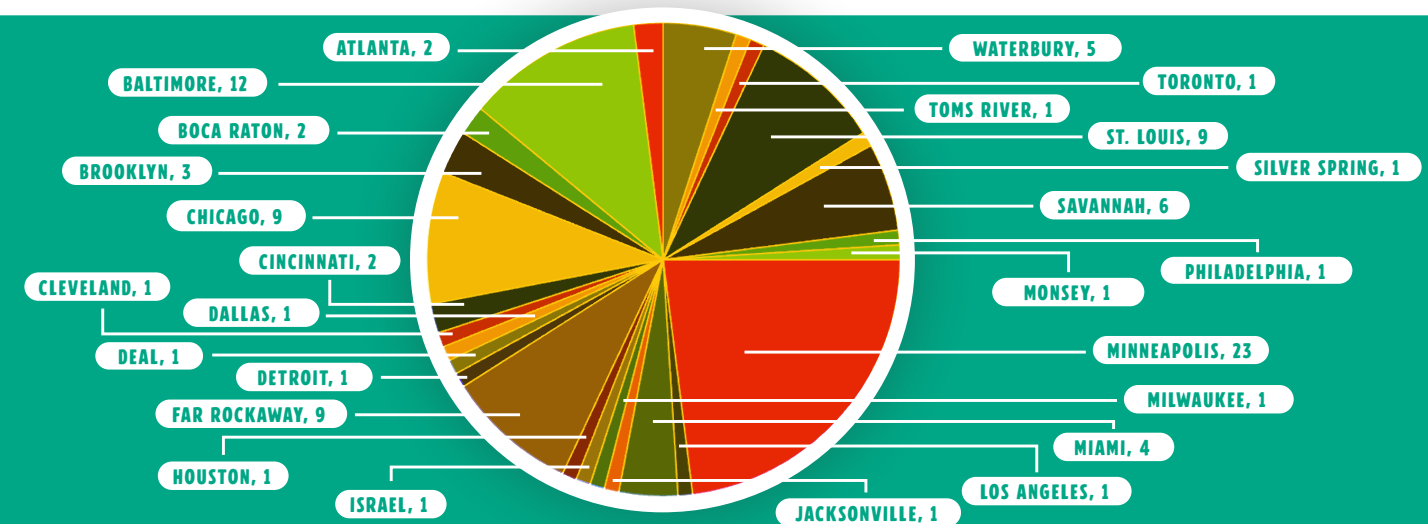
most agree need כוונה (intent) to fulfill the סוכה. We learn that even the thoughts that pass through our heads are important. And perhaps we hold the סמנים 'ד' to show how our body (לולב), eyes (הדסים), mouth (ערבות), and heart (אתרוג) are the most powerful כוחות in the world and they are in our hands to use to their fullest potential. If this knowledge doesn't make a person be בשמחה, I don't know what will!

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## REJOICING IN OURSELVES!

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As we enter שנת תשפ"ד, I would like to reflect on an area that can truly enhance this amazing time of שמחה. One of the main reasons a person may feel down and sad is that he believes he doesn't make much of a difference and his life is not that important. Perhaps this is why סוכות, the שמחתנו, takes place right after the ימים נוראים. For the past month and a half, from ראש חודש אלול through סליחות and the עשרת ימי תשובה, we have been super focused on every little detail of our lives from our thoughts to our smallest actions. This focus highlights that small changes in our personal lives can change ourselves,

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# Welcome TO NEW STAFF AND YUNGERLEIT!

YOM's staff is expanding and shifting to support our growing student body. Three additional YOM families moved to Minneapolis this summer!



**RABBI YAAKOV DISKIND,** our new administrator, was brought on to better support the increasing needs of YOM's business office. Rabbi Diskind was the former administrator of the Mesivta Yesodei Hatorah in Naugatuck, CT. Working alongside Rabbi Rothstein, he hit the ground running at YOM and is already impacting operations.



**RABBI YEHUDA WOLIN** is already a familiar face at YOM but now has an increased role. He moved from 12th-grade shoel u'meishiv to full-time 11th-grade rebbi.

**RABBI MICHOEL ATIAS (L) & RABBI DONI SCHABES (R)**



are the two latest yungerleit (young married men) to join Yeshiva. Rabbi Atias came from Monsey and Rabbi Schabes from Brooklyn. We now have four yungerleit adding depth and maturity to the Beis Medrash. R' Yaakov Kaufman, our Beis Medrash shoel u'meishiv, guides the group in and out of YOM.

## REBBEIM WHO'S WHO

Many rebbeim switched roles this year to accommodate two parallel classes in each high school grade.

GRADE	REBBI	REBBI
9th	Rabbi Yisroel Berkowitz	Rabbi Shea Trenk
10th	Rabbi Levi Botnick	Rabbi Hillel Engelson
11th	Rabbi Avrohom Chaim Gibber	Rabbi Yehuda Wolin
12th	Rabbi Shlomo Kutoff	Rabbi Yosef Aryeh Schachter
Beis Medrash	Rabbi Chaim Leib Rupp – 1st year	Rabbi Zev Sklare – 2nd year

## A BEN-TORAH'S Healthy Diet

Our annual Colorado deal is a YOM trademark! Each year, Yeshiva challenges the bochurim to push themselves in learning. The following year, boys who meet the requirements earn an incredible Colorado ski trip.

This year's theme is "a ben-Torah's healthy diet." What and how should a bochur learn for well balanced Torah growth? Each grade has an RDA (recommended daily allowance) of learning time. For example, 9th graders must learn five hours daily to meet the challenge. That encompasses their four hours of shiur plus an extra half hour. A balanced diet must also include daily chumash, halacha, and mussar.

Every boy works out his own schedule. Once approved, he then tracks his own progress. The Colorado trip will be amazing for all who earn it, but we want all the bochurim to get experience with healthy, balanced daily learning and responsibility.



## Training for a LIFETIME OF LEARNING

At YOM, we encourage our boys to finish mesechtos and hold a grand siyum at the end of the year to celebrate their accomplishments. But this year, we're shifting the focus of our bekiyus shiur.

Each grade has two bekiyus tracks. One track will move quickly and complete the mesechta. The other will focus on kriyah (reading) skills instead, emphasizing confidence and fluency.

These foundational skills will enable a lifetime success of gemara learning.



## KFWE MINNESOTA – Much more than wine!

This summer, our community wined and dined at YOM's Kasher Food & Wine Experience (KFWE) Minnesota. Thanks to Herzog Wines and other sponsors, the evening was a great success! We got positive feedback from the 200 attendees about the wines, food, and atmosphere.

An interactive program introduced Minneapolitans to an exciting initiative called "Bring the Future Back Home." Minneapolis's young adults grow up and often establish their adult lives in other cities.

Setting up "local talent" to move back to our city could fuel incredible growth! At YOM, for example, we know that Minneapolis still holds a special place in our alumni's hearts. In fact, we already have four yungerleit in our beis medrash and see their impact. "Bring the Future Back Home" was received enthusiastically at the event. This idea is still in its infancy, but KFWE launched a conversation that will develop into concrete steps.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I just wanted to drop a letter to commend you group of students that were traveling through Wyoming on the 3rd of July.

I am the maintenance supervisor at the Best Western in Hulett, WY. Late in the evening on the 3rd, you group of students arrived to check in. Even though it was late, and the fact that they had to unload and prepare their rooms, they were very polite, quiet, and considerate of the other guests.

It was very nice to have them overnight and to interact with them on a personal level. I just wanted to let someone know how they impacted us here in Hulett and had nothing but positive feedback from other staff and guests as well.

They should be commended for their behavior, as it had a very infectious impact on all that I have talked to.

Have a blessed day,  
- Bryce Gamer



## Viral MIDDOS

Did you hear about YOM's traveling camp this past summer? Actually, we ran two camps. The 10th grade went from Minneapolis to the West Coast and back, and the 11th and 12th grades explored in the opposite direction, from Maine to Minneapolis. But it's the 10th-grade camp trip that went viral.

A maintenance supervisor in a Hulett, Wyoming motel was so impressed with our boys' behavior that he wrote us a beautiful email. (See sidebar) That email got posted on a "Living Kiddush Hashem Weekly Email" and then published in Mishpacha magazine.

But it's not the publicity that we're proud of. It's how our boys owned the middos that we work so hard to promote. It's how they translated them into real life. It's how they internalized the lessons so well that they made a kiddush Hashem just by being themselves.

