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Beis Medrash Mikor HaChaim's Newsletter





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## Mikor Celebrates 13th Anniversary

### A Message From the Rabbanim of Mikor

In honor of Mikor's 13th year, we are excited to announce our "Bar Mitzvah Celebration" Grand Banquet. As Mikor continues to solidify its impact on the greater Chicago community, this dinner marks the celebration of the exponential growth of the Beis Medrash, Kehilla and all of its ancillary programs.

The driving force of Mikor is its active Beis Medrash full of shiurim (classes) and chavrusa (partner) learning. The distinctive atmosphere caters to a widely diverse range of men of all ages, and hundreds of them now consider Mikor their "home away from home". Understanding that each individual has his own needs and interests, Mikor strives to provide "mah shelibo chafetz" (whatever his heart desires). Throughout the week there are a full range of shiurim in all areas of Torah learning. We encourage you to see the attached bookmark for the list of current shiurim that are available.

In addition to addressing individual needs, Mikor has exploded into a community resource that provides a full slate of programming geared towards the entire family. Many of these programs are highlighted in these pages, including a Summer learning program, active women's programming, children's events, community-wide inspirational concerts, uplifting and informative guest speakers, and so much more.

This year's dinner will be honoring the following worthy couples:

**Rabbi Ephraim and Rebbetzin Yitty Friedman** will be presented the Chochmas Adam Rabbinic Leadership Award. Rabbi Friedman, recognized as one of the leading poskim in Chicago, is the Mora Hora'ah of Mikor. From the very beginning, his halachic and practical guidance for the Beis Medrash has been invaluable. A pillar of the beis medrash, Rabbi Friedman's Ahavas Hatorah (love of Torah) and Yiras Shamayim (fear of Heaven) are palpable and infectious, causing so many to advance in their personal Avodas Hashem (service of G-d) because of his influence. The Rebbetzin has faithfully stood by his side, making her own impact on the families of the shul by hosting scores of Shabbos guests and participating in the women's programming. She has helped make so many families, particularly newcomers, feel welcome and comfortable in Chicago and our kehilla.

**Stanford and Mashie Gertz** will be presented the Mesilas Yescharim Lev V'Nefesh Award. As one of the founding partners, Stan has been heavily involved with Mikor since its inception. Along with his wife Mashie, they continue to play a pivotal role in the Beis Medrash's

continued successful growth and development. No matter how busy he may be, Stan can consistently be found within the walls of the Beis Medrash, either learning with a chavrusa or attending one of the many nightly shiurim. What is much more concealed, however, are the seemingly limitless hours that Stan pours into ensuring the economic stability of Mikor. As the Beis Medrash's treasurer for the last several years, Stan has guided Mikor through the challenging process of two previous moves that were necessary to further accommodate our growth.

**Jeremy and Tatum Stern** will be presented the Gur Aryeh Young Leadership Award. This award is being used to recognize and express our hakaras hatov (gratitude) to the newest generation of Mikor faithfuls who are committed to our vision of a bright future. Jeremy and Tatum have done so much for the Beis Medrash since they joined just a few short years ago. Having been regular attendees of shiurim and minyanim, they have helped to draw so many others in to experience the unique warmth and vibrancy of Mikor. The Sterns' genuine concern for others has endeared them to so many people in our community, and it's this same type of approach that has spilled over into their professional careers as well. Jeremy is a licensed social worker and Tatum is a registered dietician, and both are honored to dedicate their days in a way that assists other people. It is for these reasons and more that Jeremy and Tatum are such worthy recipients of this award.

We would be honored if you would join us at the dinner on May 28th at the Holiday Inn in Skokie to celebrate with us and help us give recognition to this year's worthy honorees.

*Wishing You and Your Family a Chag Kasher V'Sameach.*



*Rabbi E. Friedman*



*Rabbi Y. Robinson*



*Rabbi M. Schechter*



# Source of Inspiration



## Visiting Roshei Yeshiva and Rabbanim

Beis Medrash Mikor HaChaim had the privilege of hosting the following Rabbanim who imparted Divrei Chizuk to the Kehilla.



R' Akiva Tatz



R' Paysach Krohn



R' Yeruchom Olshin



R' Shmuel Brazil



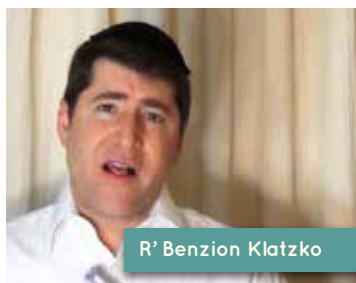
R' Dovid Schustal



R' Ephraim Wachsmann



R' Y.Y. Rubinstein



R' Benzion Klatzko



R' Yehoshua Kurland



R' Avrohom Schorr



R' Sheftel Neuberger

## Legal Holiday Series, Elul & Sefirah Lecture Series

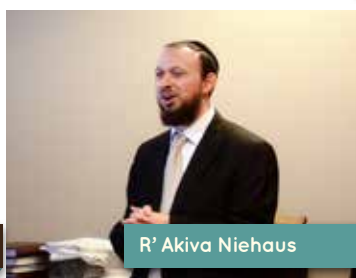
Whatever the season, Mikor seizes every opportunity to educate, uplift and inspire. During Elul and Sefira Mikor hosts weekly lectures and on Legal Holidays there are special presentations by local Roshei Yeshiva and Rabbanim.



Zidichover Rebbe



R' Efraim Twerski



R' Akiva Niehaus



R' Henoch Plotnik



R' Shmuel Fuerst



R' Chaim Dov Keller



# Source...



Daf Yomi with Rabbi Raizman

“I’m privileged to begin my day with a Mikor shacharis and end it with a lively daf yomi from Rabbi Raizman.” - Stan Gertz

## It’s 8pm...

Mikor is aflame with Torah learning. Jews from all ends of the spectrum are coming through the doors of the Beis Medrash. Students arrive after their college classes to learn one-on-one with rabbeim. Young professionals settle across the table from each other to connect over a sefer. Shiurim are in motion...Rabbi Friedman clarifies the intricacies of Hilchos Shabbos, Rabbi Robinson inspires with the teachings of the Maharal and the Chovos Hatalmidim, Rabbi Schecter imbues the words of the Siddur with meaning and purpose, and Rabbi Raizman energizes with his daily Daf Yomi shiur. **THIS** is Mikor HaChaim.

**THIS** is the source of the energy that fuels everything that happens at Mikor.

Come and join us. **Be warmed by the fire.**



“After a long day at work, Mikor helps remind me what’s important in life.”

- Aryeh Polstein  
Admissions Director, Healthcare



Olamot Chaburah, lead by R' Aaron Katz



# ...af Life



JET Students at Mikor



Thursday Night Parsha Shiur



**Rabbi Shalom Garfinkel**

Jewish Education Team

“How do you introduce a Jew who grew up with little or no Jewish background to the awesomeness of being Jewish? Friday night Kabbalas Shabbos at Mikor has been JET's answer. The energy and palpable excitement for being Jewish pulses through the Beis Medrash. In addition the vibrant Beis Medrash program really provides an opportunity for our talmidim to engage in Limud HaTorah on a very high level while seeing great mentors at night Seder who are learning after work. Finally, the amazing team of rebbeim provide constant inspiration for JET talmidim in their quest to become closer to Hashem. Thank you Mikor!”



Sunday Morning Drash V'Iyun



“At college, you're faceless and nameless. Mikor gives me my sense of purpose.”

- Yisroel Baral  
Student at UIC



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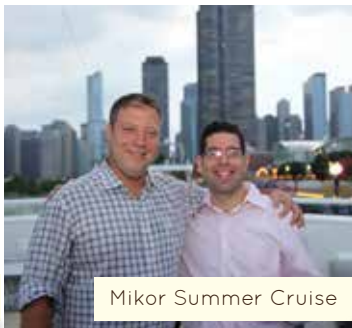


## Community Events at Mikor

Throughout the year, Mikor has great community-wide parent and family-friendly events.



Jerry Latinik  
Founder of Shabbos of Achdus



Mikor Summer Cruise



Shlomo Katz  
Shabbos of Achdus



Karduner Concert

## Father & Son Learning



## Summer Learning Program



Six days a week, Mikor hosts dozens of High School and Beis Medrash aged boys for the duration of their Summer vacation. A daily morning seder with shiurim, night seder, deluxe breakfast and weekly trips provide a framework to help insure that these boys spend their time away from school highly motivated and in the right environment. Rabbi Schechter teaches a well attended Parsha shiur for 30 minutes, followed by a Gemara shiur for those boys who are driven to finish a masechta. In addition, Rabbi Robinson leads an advanced level program for post High School boys about to spend a year in Eretz Yisroel, joined by those just returning from their year abroad. Mikor's summer program is one Chicago's most beautiful gems, but don't take our word for it... we invite you to come see it for yourself.



# Family Re-Source



Mikor puts great focus on helping the entire family develop both spiritually and emotionally. Mikor has excellent children's programming, shalom bayis and chinuch lectures, children's safety presentations and many other family-oriented events.



Purim



Chanukah Bubble Man



Summer BMX Event



Simchas Beis Hashoeva



Packing Shabbos Packages for CMC



Daf Yomi After Bowling



Purim



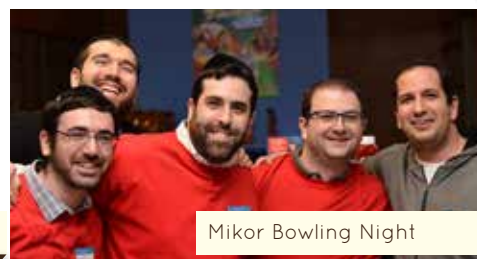
Pizza Party after Shabbos Packages



Mikor Chanukah Party



Rabbi Lob, Child Safety Event



Mikor Bowling Night



  
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 בית מדרש מקור החיים

# JUNE 2014






# GROUNDBREAKING

## GROUNDBREAKING - JUNE 2014

With tremendous excitement, we are proud to announce that the groundbreaking for Mikor's new Beis Medrash building will be in June of this year.

The new building, right in the heart of the community, will be both spacious and state of the art. Its size will allow Mikor to comfortably accommodate all the functions and activities that will be hosted within its walls, and its central location will make it an attractive destination for Torah and Tefillah.

### The NEW building will have:

-  A well lit, airy and aesthetically pleasing Beis Medrash lined with Sefarim.
-  A separate social hall, spacious enough for large kiddushim and family simchas.
-  An entire floor of children's classrooms to house our bustling youth program.
-  A secondary Beis Medrash for additional minyanim and shiurim.
-  Ample parking on-site for easy access and much more...

B"H, we have outgrown our current location, so this progress could not have come at a better time. We look forward to celebrating together as we transition into our new home. A home that will enable us to continue flourishing as a family-oriented kehillah, while impacting the community at-large with our strong Torah presence.

We extend our personal invitation to you. Come draw from our re-sources, because Mikor HaChaim is a **source** of inspiration, a **source** of achdus...a **source of life!**



Visit our website for the latest Mikor shiurim.

