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Beis Medrash Mikor HaChaim Newsletter

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A Message From the Rabbanim of Mikor



Dear Family and Friends,

With great joy, we present to you the latest issue of Mikoros. The previous issues focused on our optimistic hopes of the impact that our new building *could have* on the community. Now, a few short years later we can report to you about the great impact *it has had* and will B'Ezras Hashem *continue to have* on the community. An impact that has surpassed everyone's lofty expectations.

The new building has ushered in an era of so many **"Beginnings"**, and it is some of these beginnings that we would like to highlight for you in this letter and throughout these pages.

Since the move, we have greatly expanded our minyanim schedule, and there are still more new minyanim to come. In addition, we have launched the Zichron Avraham Gershon **Kollel Boker** in memory of our dear friend Avi Karesh a"h. The sweet yet powerful kol (sound) of Torah and Tefilla in the Beis Medrash is truly the perfect **beginning** for anyone's day.

Mikor's **night seder** program has been the hallmark of the Beis Medrash's growth and success. The new location has given us a renewed sense of responsibility to offer even more and varied learning opportunities for **beginners** and veterans at night and during the day. Read on for the full schedule of opportunities.

No **beginning** is as important as the chinuch of our precious children. We believe that a child's education should never be confined to the four walls of their classroom or just during school hours. That is why we have created a robust **youth program**. Fully equipped classrooms and a comprehensive program have enabled us to spread our influence down to the children of the community.

From the **beginning** of this process until today there have been many individuals who have given so much of their time, resources and energy to make this dream a reality. We cannot possibly begin to thank you properly, but we nonetheless would like to try. So...**"Thank you!"** May Hashem bless all of you with beracha and hatzlacha in all that you do, and may the zechusim generated in this new makom torah stand for you and your families for years to come." We look forward to recognizing all of you for your contributions at the upcoming Chanukas Habayis.

These are just a short list of some of the **"beginnings"** happening at Mikor. It is on this firm foundation of great beginnings that we envision building more than buildings, we plan on building individuals, families and an entire community. May we all be zoche to succeed in this mission together.

We look forward to greeting you personally at the Chanukas Habayis on May 28th. Mazel tov!

Sincerely,



Rabbi E. Friedman



Rabbi Y. Robinson



Rabbi M. Schechter



MOVING TOWARDS A NEW *Beginning*

This past Summer with the Yamim Noraim steadily approaching, the Beis Medrash had a difficult dilemma. On one hand, we hadn't passed all the inspections necessary to get a permit of occupancy, but on the other hand, our anticipated capacity crowd wasn't going to fit into the old location. With 6 as-of- yet unscheduled inspections and less than two weeks to go, things seemed bleak. However, with the help of Neal Stein and a heavy dose of Siyata Dishmaya, all the inspections were scheduled and passed within a week!

Mikor was on the move. There was a week left and everything needed to be transferred and the spiritual foundation of the new makom needed to be laid. The Kehilla and its friends forged together and with the help of bachurim from Fasman Yeshiva High School, all the sefarim and furniture were packed and moved in one day.



The following day the Sifrei Torah were festively escorted by the Kehillah from our former location on Touhy to our current one on Chase. That night, a special Avos U'banim, women's completion of Tehillim, the first Maariv, and an all-night Mishmar were scheduled. The excitement of that week propelled us into the Yomim Noraim, and it is that energy that has continued to carry us to this much anticipated day of our Chanukas Habayis. A day that we can celebrate our now-complete building with the entire community.



Final Shacharis on Touhy

INSPIRING YOUR DAYS FROM *Beginning to End*

*All of Shabbos at Mikor is a richly meaningful and uplifting experience, but there is nothing more important than **beginning** Shabbos on the right foot. Kabbalas Shabbos at Mikor has become a magnet for all those that are seeking a way to infuse their davening and their Shabbos with added inspiration and kedusha.*



*Our Night Seder program has built a unique reputation for being able to accommodate everyone from those **beginning** their journey in Torah to veteran learners, and everyone in between. Multiple new shiurim and chaburas have started since the move, and none have been as exciting as the formation of the brand-new “**Mikor Hahalacha**” chabura. Participants are guided through the sugyas from the **beginning**, into the depths of the sugya, and all the way to the practical halacha. Speak to one of the Rabbanim if you would like to join a chabura, a shiur or to have a one-on-one chavrusa.*



MINYANIM SCHEDULE

Shacharis:

Tue, Wed, Fri - 6:30, 7:45 | Mon, Thu - 6:20, 7:45
R' Chodesh - 6:05, 7:45 | Sunday - 8:30am
Shabbos - 8:45am

Mincha:

Sun-Thurs 15 before shkiyah
Shabbos -15 b4 shkiyah (winter)
6:30 or 6:45 (summer)

Maariv:

Sun-Thu: After Mincha & 9:30pm
Motzei Shabbos - 40 & 50 after shkiyah



SCHEDULE



Zichron Avraham Gershon Kollel Boker



Hilchos Shabbos



Hilchos Mezuzah Prep



Shalom Bayis Shiur



Daf Yomi

Kollel Boker

S-Fri from 7:10-7:45

Night Seder

S-Th from 8:30-9:30

Daf Yomi

M-Th after 9:30 Maariv
Shabbos- Two hours before Mincha
Sunday- 7:30am & After
9:30 Maariv

Sunday Mornings

9:15am- Halachic Insights from the
Parsha with Rabbi Robinson

Sunday Nights

8:45pm- Hilchos Mezuzah Prep with
Rabbi Schecter

Tuesday Nights

8:00pm- Young Professionals Shiur
with Rabbi Robinson
8:30pm- Mishna Berura Hilchos Shab-
bos with Rabbi Friedman

Wednesday Nights

8:30- Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deah
with Rabbi Friedman
8:45- Shalom Bayis Shiur with
Rabbi Robinson
8:45- Sefer Shoftim with
Rabbi Schecter

Thursday Nights

8:15- Parsha Shiur with
Rabbi Schecter
9:00- Mikor Hahalacha Chabura by
one of the Rabbanim

Shabbos Day

8:10 AM- Rishonim on the Parsha
with Rabbi Robinson
Shabbos Afternoon - Avos U'Banim
One hour before Mincha- Halacha
shiur with Rabbi Friedman
45 min before Mincha- Pirkei Avos
with Rabbi Robinson
10 minutes before the late Maariv-
Halacha Q&A with Rabbi Friedman



Couched between the two daily Shacharis minyanim (6:30 & 7:45 AM) is the popular Zichron Avraham Gershon Kollel Boker. The seder has been endowed anonymously in memory of Avi Karesh z"l, a family member and very close friend of so many in our kehillah. Many pairs of chavrusas are learning the same Masechta and occasional chaburas are given by Rabbi Robinson and the other participants. May the zechus of this learning be an Aliyah for his neshama.



Kollel Boker



Mikor is proud to host many guest speakers throughout the year. One of the most well attended lectures that we have had to-date was a shiur titled, "DNA in Halacha" delivered jointly by Rabbi Shmuel Fuerst shlit"a and Dr. Yosef Walder. Dr. Walder discussed the scientific background and accuracy of DNA analysis and Rabbi Fuerst discussed the halachic application of this information in cases of forensics, proving paternity, inheritance dispute and others. Several hundred men and women were in attendance.

DNA in Halacha



We are proud to offer a comprehensive Youth Program every Shabbos at Mikor. This program, run by our Director, Ms. Shira Taxer and her capable staff, has become the talk of the town both by participants and by others that have witnessed it. The children learn, daven, and play in the comfortable environment of one of our 6 spacious classrooms that are fully stocked with age-appropriate games, toys, and reading materials. Additionally, before every Yom Tov there is a special program for the children and there are group outings and chessed projects throughout the year.



Youth Programming



Sefer Chanukas Habayis

In honor of the Chanukas Habayis, a special book is being created to put on permanent display in the shul. This "Sefer Chanukas Habayis" is an opportunity to wish mazel tov and give a bracha to individuals

instrumental in the acquisition and/or construction of the building or to the kehilla as a whole as it starts this exciting and promising new stage of its history. Pages can be submitted by visiting MikorHachaim.org.



SEFER TORAH DEDICATION In honor of Mr & Mrs Stanley & Phyllis Jaspan

By Mr & Mrs Shmuel & Talia Mashiach

There are many great attributes that can be used to describe Shmuel and Talia Mashiach. For Mikor Hachaim, we have another one to add to our personal list; it is the trait of being a "shachein tov (good neighbor)". We are fortunate to have the Mashiachs as next door neighbors and as an expression of our close relationship, the Mashiachs will be donating to the Beis Medrash the Sefer Torah that they commissioned on the occasion of their son's bar mitzvah.

The Sefer Torah is being dedicated in honor of their parents and role models, Stanley and Phyllis Jaspan שיחיו. In Shmuel and Talia's own words, "our father is an

anav who is both brilliant and yashar. A person who conducts every aspect of his Jewish and professional life 'lifnim mishuras hadin (beyond the letter of the law)' and our mother is the most sweet, warm, loving and tzanua women we know."

The Sefer Torah had letters written by many of the Gedolei Yisroel shlit"a, including Rav Chaim Kanievsky, Rav Aharon Leib Shteinman, Rav Nosson Tzvi Finkel, Rav Nissim Karelitz, and Rav Gershon Eidelstein. It is our distinct honor to house a Sefer Torah written by giants in honor of two giants of our community.

Mikor Hachaim has a deep debt of gratitude to the



Mashiachs for their generosity and friendship. Mikor's mission statement from **beginning** to end is to inspire individuals to live a life of commitment to Torah and mitzvos. There could be no better way for us to celebrate our Chanukas Habayis than by integrating a Hachnasas Sefer Torah. May this new Sefer Torah be a merit for their entire family. Mazel tov!

Mikor HaChaim thanks the community



for its generosity in last year's campaign





Chanukas Habayis

Hachnasas Sefer Torah dedicated by

MR. AND MRS. SHMUEL AND TALIA MASHIACH



Building Dedications

*R Yisroel & Bryna Royza
Farkas Cornerstone
by
DR. & MRS.
YOSEF & SHIRA MALKA WALDER*

*Eliyahu & Julia Cohen
Torah Education Wing*

*Robinson & Nathan
Building
by
RABBI & MRS.
MORRIS & DELECIA ESFORMES*

**SUNDAY MORNING 10:30AM
MAY 28TH 2017**

ג' סיון תשע"ז

*Join us for our
Shabbos Chanukas Habayis
Parshas Bamidbar
with
Rabbi Yechiel Spero*



*Divrei Bracha from
Harav
Aharon Feldman shlita
Rosh Hayeshiva, Yeshivas Ner Yisroel*



THE ROBINSON & NATHAN BUILDING
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