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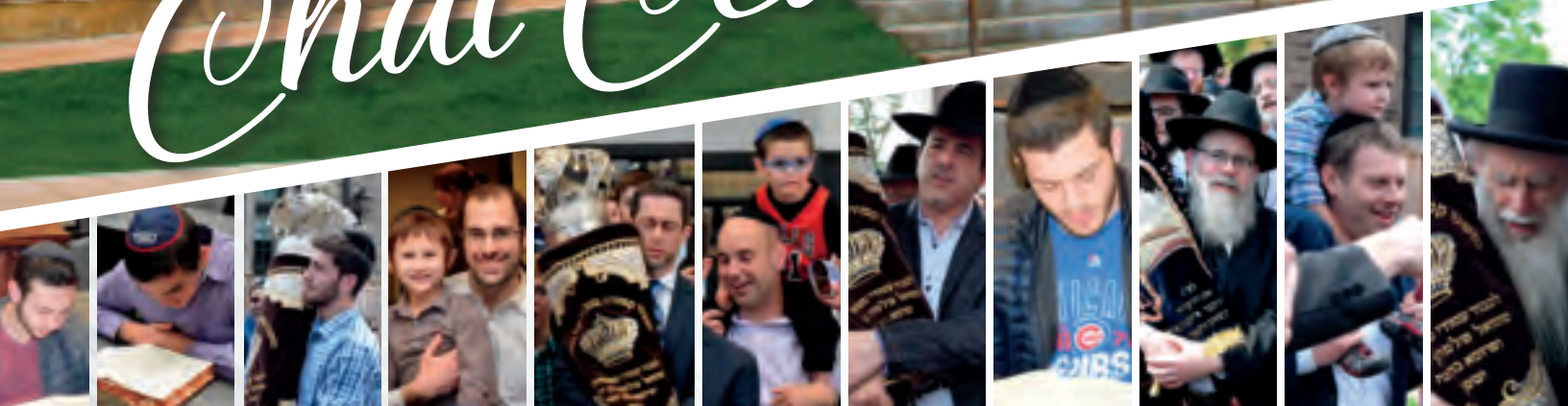


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Beis Medrash Mikor HaChaim Newsletter



## Chai Celebration







Dear Friends and Family,

**“A Source of Life for 18 Years.”** Mikor Hachaim, our name has become our reality. From a small seed of 8 people in 1999 much CHAIM/LIFE has been generated from within our walls, and it's this CHAIM that we would like to focus on together. It is truly amazing to see how far we have come in such a short span of time, and it is exciting to think how much more we anticipate will happen in the future.

It is our pleasure to present to you **the latest issue of Mikoros**. As in the past, these pages will highlight the growth and activities at Mikor over the year, but this issue will also reflect upon the rich 18 year history of our Beis Medrash.

We started this past year with the phrase, **“Second Year in Second Gear”** as our slogan. It symbolized our aspirations to make the second year in the new building even greater than the first. Although we thought it would be exceedingly difficult to accomplish our goal, looking back at the year it clearly became a reality.

This has been a year of strengthening existing programs and adding new ones. Here are a few highlights:

- Our **night seder** is still a hub for college age students and young professionals from across the community.
- Additionally, many **new shiurim** and learning opportunities have been offered throughout the day.
- New **minyanim** are being added on Shabbos and throughout the week to meet the needs of the community.
- **Youth programs** are bursting at the seams. On Shabbos morning there is a fun, organized, and educational program for children of all ages. This year also introduced our popular **youth minyan**.

- Every **Yom Tov** and special calendar date was utilized as an opportunity for chizuk and growth. Kumzitzes and special interest shiurim marked days like Tu B'Shvat and Zos Chanukah. Many were drawn from every Chicago neighborhood.
- **Women's programming** was bolstered with Summer and Winter halacha shiurim series. This Summer will also introduce a program of more regular shiurim for women.

At this year's **Chai Anniversary Celebration Dinner** we will be recognizing two couples that joined us at the very beginning and have made major contributions to our growth and expansion. Josh & Michal Rosen will be the recipients of the Eitz Hachaim Award and Doug & Rebecca Bassman will be receiving the Nefesh Hachaim award. These awards are a mere fraction of the debt of gratitude that we have to them and all others that have been integral in getting us to where we are today.

Please consider joining at the dinner as we recognize the honorees and we celebrate together.

We look forward to greeting you there.

Kol tuv,

*Rabbi E. Friedman   Rabbi Y. Robinson   Rabbi M. Schechter*





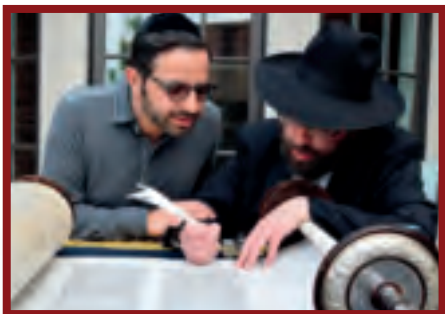


# SIMCHAS HACHAIM

## *Chanukas Habayis Event*



Last May, we celebrated the Chanukas Habayis and Dedication Ceremonies of our new building with a weekend full of events that were attended by hundreds of community members. The event was scheduled in conjunction with the Hachnasas Sefer Torah that was dedicated by our dear friends and neighbors Shmuel and Talia Mashiach in honor of their parents Stanley and Phyllis Jaspan. We had the zechus of hearing divrei bracha by Harav Aharon Feldman shlit"á, and the preceding weekend we hosted the world renowned speaker Rabbi Yechiel Spero as our scholar-in- residence.





# HISTORY OF MIKOR

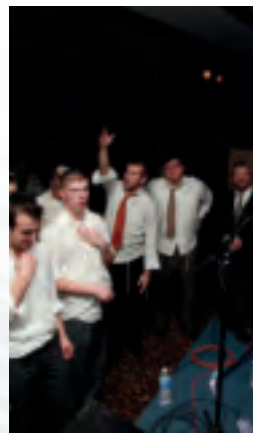
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le beginnings offering a limited schedule that targeted a specific group of constituents, Mikor exploded into a Beis Medrash that is an indispensable resource for the entire community. While still core mission, Mikor today offers countless opportunities to connect and grow for everyone; men, children from across the spectrum and across the community. Enjoy this pictorial history of what has led us to where we are today and to understand why we have such optimism and vision for the future.

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# EITZ *HaChaim*

Josh and Michal Rosen, both native Chicagoans, have been pillars of our Beis Medrash since its inception. Since then, it has been our honor to have a shared history; as the Rosens grew, the Beis Medrash grew, and much of our growth is to their credit.

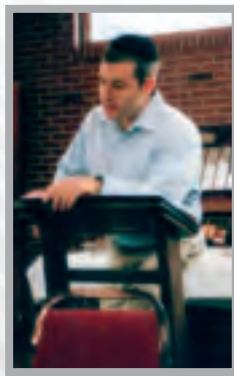
Josh lives a life dedicated to what's important: learning with consistency, davening with sincerity and involvement in countless chessed opportunities. Josh has always been involved in the growth and development of the Beis Medrash, both by serving on its board for many years, including a period as its President, and through his generosity. Josh also gives his time and insight to many other local mosdos, including being the current Co-Chairman of the Board at Madraigos Midwest.



Michal has been one of the most dedicated women in our Beis Medrash's history. She has served on many event and design committees and is a regular at shiurim and on Shabbos. Both Josh and Michal, frequently look to Gedolei Yisroel and their rabbanim for chizuk, guidance and insight, and they routinely follow their direction.

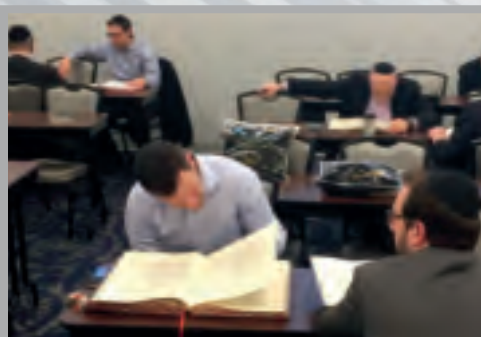
The Rosens are deeply devoted to their family, and together they have built a Torah-true home and have B"H raised a beautiful family of committed children.

It gives us great pride to recognize Josh and Michal Rosen at our upcoming dinner with the Eitz Hachaim Award.



# TORAS *Chaim*

From day one, the primary focus of Mikor has been its Beis Medrash. It is the epi-center of action that gives energy to all that we do. To add to the long list of learning opportunities, last year we started a popular Kollel Boker. At this year's dinner, we will have the zechus of officially recognizing the naming of the kollel as the Zichron Avraham Gershon Kollel Boker in memory of Avi Karesh z"l, a close friend and family member of many in our Beis Medrash.





# NEFESH *Hachaim*

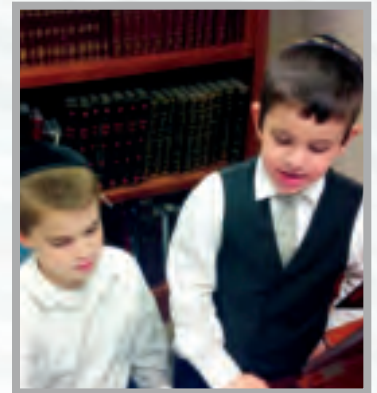
Doug and Rebecca Bassman are the type of family that represent the pride of Mikor Hachaim. Doug, originally from Chicago, and Rebecca who is from Seattle settled in Chicago shortly after their marriage. At that time, they were drawn to Mikor, and have been part of everything good within its walls ever since.

In addition to being a regular in the Beis Medrash, Doug founded Mikor's wildly popular Avos Ubanim program and has run it weekly for the last several years. He takes care of every detail from prizes and food to guest speakers and Melave Malkas. Rebecca started the equally successful parallel Mother/Daughter Melave Malka program.

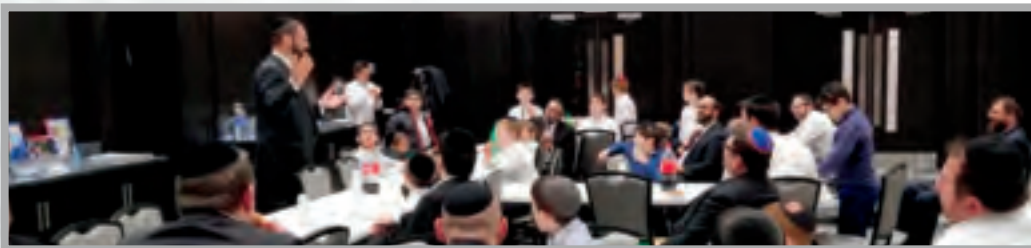
Both Doug and Rebecca haven given their heart and soul to the Beis Medrash. They are regular attendees of Mikor shiurim, programs and tefillos and they can always be relied upon to be on a committee or to run a project. The Bassmans always look to include their children in the Beis Medrash experience, and have raised a beautiful home of Bnos Yisroel and Bnei Torah.

The Bassman's desire to give and make a difference reaches far beyond Mikor. Among other things, Doug is an active volunteer for Chaveirim and Rebecca is the current Co-President of Daughters of Israel.

It is our great privilege to present Doug and Rebecca Bassman the Nefesh Hachaim award at this year's dinner.



## *Chaim* **TOVIM**



Mikor Hachaim puts a heavy emphasis on the whole family unit. Under the leadership of Ms. Shira Taxer, we offer a full range of programs and trips for boys and girls from infants through high school. The youth experience at Mikor is always fun and enriching. This year, we are proud to announce the formation of our Youth minyan. Under the leadership of Shua Merzel, this minyan has provided the boys with a meaningful Shabbos morning davening, and an opportunity to develop their skills as baalei kria and baalei tefilla.



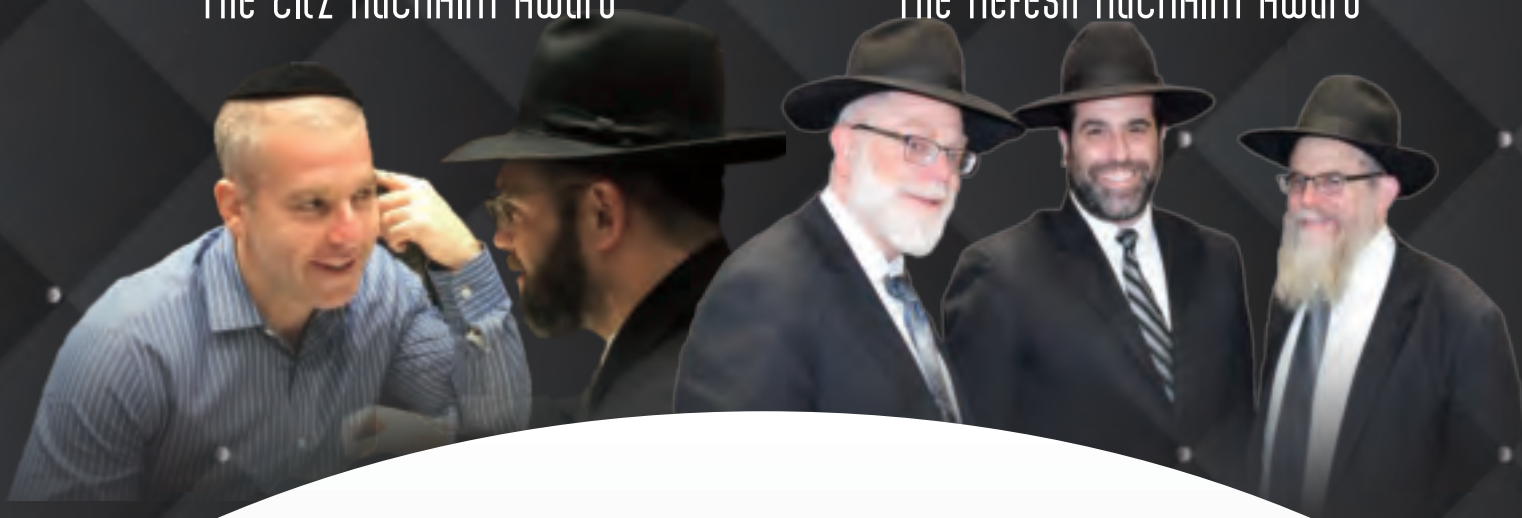
You are formally invited to join us as  
we celebrate Mikor's "Chai" Anniversary

*Josh & Michal  
Rosen*

The Eltz HaCHAIM Award

*Doug & Rebecca  
Bassman*

The Nefesh HaCHAIM Award



**THIS** Monday, May 7th, 2018

HOLIDAY INN | 5300 W. TOVHY AVE, SKOKIE IL

Join us in the dedication of the Zichron Avraham  
Gershon Kollé Boker in memory of Avi Karesh Z'L

Register at [MikorHachaim.org](http://MikorHachaim.org)