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Dear Parents, Talmidim & Friends,

Baruch Hashem the limud haTorah and atmosphere of growth has really taken off this winter zman in Yeshiva. Excitement is building for the special events in the upcoming couple of weeks!

Last Shabbos the 2nd year talmidim and rebbeim led by Rabbi Abramov enjoyed a truly memorable Shabbaton in the beautiful moshav of Tirosh.

This Shabbos will be the last of the shiur shabbatonim, with the 1st year talmidim and rebbeim going away to Har Shmuel to enjoy a special shabbos together.

Shabbos Chanukah (Dec 27-28) is anticipated to be a very special In-Shabbos with the Rosh HaYeshiva and family joining for all of shabbos, and a special Friday night oneg with many of the Rebbeim joining as well.

During Chanukah, besides for mesibas hosted by the Rebbeim, the Yeshiva will be having a special learning incentive program to help motivate the talmidim to shteig to higher levels during the special days of Chanukah. More details to follow. **Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact the office.**

Following the week of Limud HaTorah on Chanukah, the talmidim will be given a "break" to recharge, with an Off-Shabbos and then depart on Sunday to the winter zman trip.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Shiur Shabbatonim**

1st Year- Har Shmuel (Dec 20-21)

- **Chanukah Mesibas-**

Maggidei Shiur- Dec 26

Meishivim- Dec 29

Yeshiva- Dec 31 (details below)

- **Yeshiva Chanukah Mesiba**



We are excited to announce that on Tuesday night, December 31 at 8 PM, we will be having our annual Chanukah Mesiba in Yeshiva.

We will be joined by singer Shimmy Lifschitz and his band. All fathers are welcomed to join us.

- **Off-Shabbos (Jan 3-4)**

Parshas Vayigash will be a yeshiva wide Off-Shabbos.

- **Winter Zman Trip (Jan 5-6)**

The entire yeshiva will be headed on an exciting 2-day trip to the Meron/Kinneret area. Activities include > hiking Har Arbel, a night boat ride on the Kinneret, desert ATV-ing, a winery tour, davening at Meron and more...

THE INSIDE SCOOP

featuring Rabbi Avi Leiberman

(1st Year Maggid Shiur)



Q- As a rebbe, what's the main quality you seek to instill into your talmidim?

A- Confidence. By the time a bachur comes to learn in Eretz Yisroel, he has usually decided where he can still grow and where he just can't. These years are an opportunity to revisit previous stigmas and beliefs, reassess them and break free. I want each talmid to believe in his unique abilities, which will enable him to achieve greater levels of avodas Hashem. Very often, a bachur will end up surprising even himself!

Q- What is your derech halimud?

A- Most of it originated from my rebbe, Rav Nissan Kaplan shlit"a, whom I learned under for many years in the Mir Yeshiva. I eventually went on to be a shoel u'meshiv in his shiur, which required me to be extremely in-tuned to his style of teaching.

Of course, my main focus in learning is reading the gemara inside. Next, my approach is a combination of pshat and lomdus. I love giving over the thread of lomdus within each sugya while remaining connected to the pshat on the page. I also enjoy teaching the halacha l'maaseh of the sugya when time allows it. For example, last week we devoted a shiur to the halachic ramifications whether it's permitted to learn, daven, or sing songs

of pesukim by heart based on a Tosfos in Bava Kama.

Q- Throughout the week, you also give many vaadim. How do you decide which topics to teach about?

A- Our vaadim are made up of both hashkafic and halachic topics. Some of them are related to the parsha or that time of year, while others are spent learning through specific sefarim, such as Even Shleimah, Tomer Devorah, etc. My main goal in my vaadim is to get the bachurim to think. To stop life for a moment and gain the ability to take perspective. This enables them to live life with a greater self-awareness and gain confidence to own their decisions.

This is why I love bringing up halachic topics that are relevant to their lives and try to explore them further. Like, “An American keeping two days of Yom Tov in Eretz Yisroel,” or, “At which age must a person halachically begin shidduchim?”

Still, the vaadim I love most are the topics that came from the bachurim themselves. We once had a group of Kohanim who wanted to learn the mitzvos specifically applicable to them. Being a Kohen myself, we started a vaad learning the halachos of birchas kohanim. Another time, a bachur felt he wasn’t getting enough Chassidus, so we began a weekly Chaburah in different Chassidish sefarim on the parsha.

Q- How do you help bachurim deal with their struggles?

A- My focus is not about his today - it’s about his tomorrow. I’m not looking for a “Band-Aid Solution” which will only be focusing on this challenge alone. I try to analyze the struggle together with him in order to get to the root of where it’s coming from. Now, he can use his self-awareness to acquire the tools he’ll need for his future, for other challenges that may stem from the same source.

We’re all climbing through this mountain called “Life” and that’s the way it should be. As Reb Moshe Shapiro zt’l once told my father-in-law, “Every Yid is on a journey. Our job as Mechanchim is not to get in their way!” I truly believe that every one of my talmidim is awesome and really wants to grow further. I admire and respect them and never stop believing in them.

Q- What do you enjoy about being a rebbe at Yeshivas Arzei Levanon?

A- I feel privileged to have been part of building this yeshiva from the very beginning! I love working with our amazing Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Sussman, who is completely dedicated to cultivating the core of each and every bachur. He and his amazing family breath every aspect of the yeshiva and are always seeking ways to enhance the learning, gashmiyus and ruchniyus of the talmidim. The Staff in our Yeshiva is made up of an amazing team of Mechanchim, who work together to make the Yeshiva the great place that it is. Our Yeshiva is known for its warm and homey atmosphere which enables the bachurim to create friendships while really being there for each other. I love hearing from families who’ve hosted our talmidim for Shabbos Seudos, that they’ve never seen bachurim with such fine middos! What can I tell you? This is really what it’s all about!

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