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Charlie Harary Inspires Packed Crowd

Four hundred people gathered together to hear words of inspiration from the charismatic Charlie Harary. Masterfully weaving humor within his powerful message, Mr. Harary uplifted and inspired the large crowd, many of whom were making their very first visit to the MTI campus.

With his signature charm and enthusiasm, Mr. Harary helped the audience understand that for one to be a giver, one must first recognize the G-dliness and power within himself. While we tend to think of Hashem as being separate from us – around us and on top of us – in reality,



MTI Choir Performing at the Event

we all contain a part of Hashem inside us. Our job is to recognize this and bring out our G-dliness to the best of our abilities.

The inspirational event was graciously sponsored by the Fox family, commemorating the third Yahrzeit of Greg Fox (Chizkiyahu Moshe Yaakov Ben Shlomo), A”H. A recording of Mr. Harary’s speech, in addition to many other shiurim, can be found on our website, www.missouritorah.org.



INSIDE: STEM Studies, Rabbi Yonah Weinrib, 8th Grade Shabbaton & tons of photos!

MTI Introduces New STEM Offerings

At the start of this academic year, we launched several new educational initiatives in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

First, we introduced several advanced STEM course offerings: an Advanced Biology class, in which students earn college credit, and three AP-level math classes. We also began offering AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A for the first time. Both classes utilize the CodeHS platform, which allows each student to learn computer programming at his own pace. This platform is also used in our introductory computer programming elective class.

In addition, we added a new course, Engineering Principles, for tenth-graders. In this class, students analyze the principles behind mechanical and electrical engineering

and apply them to build cars, airplanes, robots, rockets, and quadcopters. In this month's computer science unit, students are programming Arduino computers. The course will culminate with a final project that incorporates all the material the sophomores have learned.

Recently, we also completed the months-long process of updating our student computer lab. In addition to moving the computer lab to an area closer to the students' classes, we also converted our Windows student computers to 20 brand-new Chrome OS desktops and several Chromebooks. This new purchase helps us maintain the highest standards of safe technology for our bochurim. We also invested resources to update our hardware, improving the speed, bandwidth and reliability of our network. Our students now benefit from computers that are more reliable and efficient.

With the rapid pace of technological advancement, STEM skills are quickly becoming valuable for job seekers in almost any field. MTI is proud to help our students gain a competitive edge in an ever-evolving world. With our addition of course offerings and our investment in powerful computing, MTI students will be STEM-savvy graduates with up-to-date skill sets.



Investigating a non-Newtonian fluid



Building drones



Demonstrating electrolyte conductivity using a kosher pickle



Preparing static powered vehicle races

Chesterfield Kollel and MTI Joint Weekly Seder



The Chesterfield Kollel and the Bais Medrash of MTI are joining together weekly for a more impactful Monday afternoon seder with a greater Kol Torah. The Kollel is led by Rabbi Moshe Winter and the newly appointed Rabbi Avrohom Morgenstern, who recently moved to Chesterfield with his family to take this position. The location alternates between the yeshiva and the Kollel's Bais Medrash at TICK. This new initiative gives great chizuk to both the bnei hayeshiva and the chavrei hakollel.



Dr. Robert Lefton, PhD Shares Secrets of Success With MTI Seniors

On November 27, Dr. Robert Lefton, CEO of Psychological Associates in Clayton, MO, gave a presentation to our 12th-grade class on success in leadership. Dr. Lefton, a consultant to senior executives for Fortune 500 companies, has harnessed his expertise in psychology and understanding of the human personality to develop proven methods for becoming a successful leader in the business world. Currently, Dr. Lefton's company is hired by top corporations all over the world to help advance the quality of leadership and productivity from their executives and top employees.

Dr. Lefton shared the concept of his "Q4" leadership model, fascinating our 12th-graders with his analysis of U.S. presidents based on his insightful system. His examples from modern U.S. history demonstrated clearly how these concepts, when applied properly, can dramatically change outcomes and are invaluable aids to achieving success as a leader. We are grateful to Dr. Lefton for taking the time from his busy schedule to visit our school and spend time with our students.



Join Us For Another Inspiring MTI - U. City Shul Shabbaton!

Spend an Inspiring Shabbos with the MTI Bais Medrash rebbem & bochurim at U. City Shul. We'd love to have you join us for any part of this special Shabbos!

Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel/Shekalim March 1-2

5:35pm Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos
8:45pm at the Tendler Home - 7901 Balson Ave.
8:50am Davening - Drasha by Rabbi Shmuel Wasser, Rosh Yeshiva
Following Davening
Between Kiddush & Lunch - Rabbi Avrohom Goldman, Rosh Yeshiva
Catered by Jon Rubin Catering
5:25pm Mincha and Shalosh Seudos

Friday Night Community Oneg
Shabbos Morning
Shabbos Kiddush
Halacha Shiur on the Parsha
Shabbos Luncheon
Shabbos Afternoon

100 Adults, \$14 Kids (5-10), Kids under 5 - no charge.
Call 314-863-7485 to reserve.

The University City community truly enjoyed bonding with the yeshiva during our 2nd annual MTI-U. City Shabbaton



Pre-Purim Mesiba



Reb Shlomo Schlesinger shares his personal account of the Holocaust & gives brachos



Blood Drive at Young Israel



Rabbi Naftoli Elzas speaks to MTI talmidim



Rabbi Zev Smason speaks at MTI



Rabbi Shuki Nissan inspires talmidim over Shabbos with davening, divrei Torah & a kumzits



MTI Junior Varsity Basketball Champions with coach Avi Rubin



Rabbi Shmuel Meir Fromowitz gives vaad



National Asara B'Teves Video by Project Witness



Rabbi Dr. Benzion Sorotzkin addressing bnei yeshiva



CPR training from the Monarch Fire Department



Rabbi Leibel Rockove gives vaad to talmidim



Rabbi Mordechai Palgon addresses the bochurim



Cholent Cook-off



MTI boys at Benny Friedman concert



MTI Annual Ski Trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort



MTI band performs with new sound system



Swimming at the JCC



Rabbi Shmuel Wasser legal holiday shiur at TICK

Evening of Art & Spirits with RABBI YONAH WEINRIB



An elegant “Evening of Art & Spirits” was held on Motzei Shabbos, February 12th with world-famous artist and calligrapher Rabbi Yonah Weinrib of Judaica Illuminations, whose stunning works of art based on chazal and meforshim bring the Torah to life.



Rabbi Weinrib spoke about the concept of “זה א-ל ואנורה” “This is my G-d and I will glorify Him,” showing with his life’s work that art can be used as a means of sanctifying Hashem’s name.



Guests enjoyed gourmet food paired with a sample of delicious wines from Eretz Yisroel sponsored by the Herzog family. Additionally, native St. Louisan David Hermelin debuted “Righteous Seven,” a crafted premium liqueur consisting of a blend of the Shivas HaMinim.

Thirty Seven Prospective Students Attend MTI's Annual Eighth-Grade Shabbaton

On Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim, MTI hosted the annual Eighth-Grade Shabbaton. Thirty-seven bochurim from St. Louis and cities across the country, including Denver, Chicago, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Houston and Portland, attended. The prospective students were invited to experience firsthand what it means to be an MTI talmid and the positive approach to chinuch the yeshiva is known for.

The boys enjoyed a Shabbos filled with ruach, great food, and a packed schedule. They attended shiurim, met current talmidim, and received a glimpse of life at MTI. Highlights of the weekend included a science lab activity on Thursday and exciting trips. The bochurim attended the MTI league basketball game at the JCC on Thursday and had a blast at Bowlero on Friday. On Motzei Shabbos, the boys enjoyed ice skating and basketball at St. Peters Rec-Plex. Later, at a pizza melave malka, the talented MTI band treated all current and potential students to an

evening of music and dancing. On Friday and Sunday, the yeshiva administered *farhers* and assessment tests to the prospective talmidim.

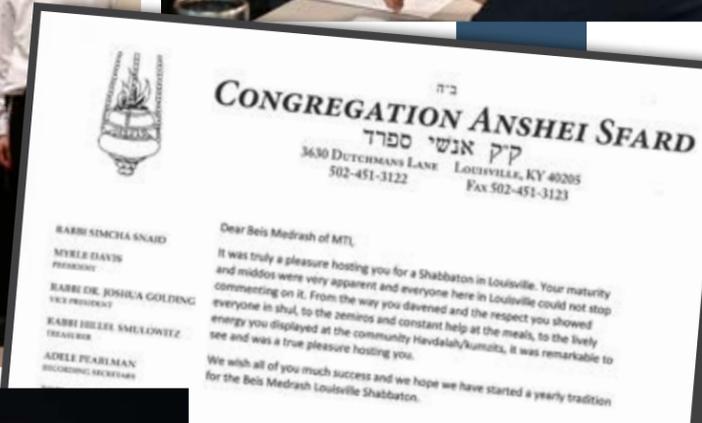
Despite the Shabbaton being only a few days, many of boys made friendly connections with one another. Several attendees commented on the uplifting and inspiring Shabbos, the school’s positive environment, and the warmth of the talmidim. Next year’s ninth-grade class will consist of approximately 20 students and is poised to be another quality freshman class.



Charidy Campaign-YOU DID IT!

Our ambitious and exciting fundraising campaign raised \$1,002,978! The matched amount came from 1,284 donations from all over the world, including the U.S., Canada, the UK, England, Israel, and even Brazil. There were 16,998 campaign page views from 36 different states and over 10 countries.

Parents, alumni, talmidim and friends of the yeshiva gave generously and reached out to others to participate, helping us reach this lofty goal. It was incredible to see how many people are invested in MTI; it was a magnificent team effort and great Kiddush Hashem! Yashar Koach to all!



MTI Bais Medrash Bochurim Enjoy Shabbos in Louisville





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Sunday Evening

June 16, 2019 . 5:30 PM

Envision. Empower. Build for the Future.

Honoring

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& Naomi Ruth Deutsch**

*In Recognition of the
Campus Dedication*

**Ambassador & Mrs.
Sam & Marilyn Fox**

*In Recognition of the
High School Naming*

Community Service Award
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