

## HARAV AKIVA GRUNBLATT *Visits MTI*



with Harav Grunblatt about timely *chinuch* topics. *Talmidim* imbibed Harav Grunblatt's words of Torah and *hashkafa* on Friday and throughout the weekend with a *shmues*, *oneg* and a Q&A session.

As the uplifted atmosphere of the *Yamim Noraim* faded into the routine of Cheshvan, MTI received an infusion of inspiration with the visit of Harav Akiva Grunblatt, *shlita*, *Rosh Yeshiva* of Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim of Queens, New York. Harav Grunblatt provides *hadracha* to the *hanhala* of MTI, and his guidance and influence are instrumental to the yeshiva's success.

It was a sight to behold and a big *Kiddush Hashem* as *talmidim* came to greet the *Rosh Yeshiva* at the Saint Louis airport on Friday. It was a real hands-on lesson for the *talmidim* in learning how to give proper *Kavod HaTorah* to our *gedolim*.

MTI *talmidim* and *rebbeim* alike gained a tremendous amount from Harav Grunblatt's visit. During a staff lunch, *rebbeim* consulted



On Sunday morning, the older *mesivta talmidim*, *bais medrash talmidim*, community members and *chavrei hakollel* were invited to participate in a *shiur* from Harav Grunblatt on the topic of *Zemer Achar HaChurban*.

The broader community also benefited from the visit of this Torah luminary. On *Motzei*

*Shabbos*, over 120 community members filled Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Deutsch's home to hear Harav Grunblatt address the relevant



topic of "The Pursuit of Happiness: Attaining *Simcha* in Our Lives" and to enjoy a delicious catered *melava malka*. The *Rosh Yeshiva* masterfully wove in many teachings of *Chazal* and a number of enlightening stories to share his message. It was both thought-provoking and enjoyable to gain more insight into the proper pursuit of happiness. Our search for happiness will not be successful if it is based on a drive for more material wealth. Rather we must strive for excellence and have spirituality in our lives—only that will give us true contentment.

8 MTI WELCOMES TALMIDIM FROM  
**NEW CITIES**

CREATING A STUDENT BODY FROM  
**TOTAL CITIES**

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MEET OUR NINTH GRADE (PAGES 4-5)



WHAT'S NEW

# LIMUDEI KODESH

Mah Shelibo Chafetz Seder

Several new voluntary learning programs were initiated to keep the learning fresh and to inspire the *talmidim* to constantly strive to increase and improve their *limud HaTorah*:

## FINISH THE MASECHTA PROGRAM

*Talmidim* work toward the completion of *Maseches Kiddushin* by supplementing their regular *shiur* with an extra *shiur* on Shabbos afternoon, as well as investing extra independent learning time. As one 12th-grader reflects, "It gives me a tremendous sense of accomplishment to work on my goal of finishing a *masechta*."

## MAH SHELIBO CHAFETZ SEDER

For early risers, boys use the time before *shacharis* to cultivate their own learning

interests by pursuing a topic or sefer not covered in their regular curriculum. "It feels amazing to be so productive and learn right when you wake up in the morning," shares one participant.

## OFF DAYS SEDER

This optional *sefer* after *davening* and breakfast takes place on days when the yeshiva is not in session, so that even when they are "off," the boys can start their days in the best possible way with Torah learning. One enthusiastic participant appreciates how this program enriches the Torah atmosphere in the yeshiva. "It's awesome to see the *chevra* so excited to learn with their *rebbeim*, even on the days when they don't have to be in *shiur*."



## CAMPUS UPDATE

-MTI hallways now feature *gedolim* pictures and beautiful scenes from Eretz Yisroel. These pictures really enhance the decor and help the *talmidim* appreciate that the *gedolim* are our true role models and Eretz Yisroel is our true home.

-New audio speakers were installed that now play music during breakfast, lunch, and dinner. This serves to complement the

yeshiva's serious learning environment by giving *talmidim* an opportunity to unwind and relax during their breaks.

-With Project LED, the yeshiva has replaced their lighting with energy-saving LED bulbs, thereby saving the yeshiva a substantial amount of money on electricity. The new lights are also more aesthetically pleasing, creating an even more conducive learning environment.







## WOMEN'S LEARNING PROGRAM

Excited and with a great sense of accomplishment, attendees of the Women's *Mesilas Yescharim* class, taught by Rebbetzin Toby Goldman, celebrated their completion of the *sefer* with a *siyum*. MTI's Rabbi Mendy Rosner shared his insights on learning *mussar* as a lifelong journey. Following a beautifully prepared buffet lunch was a reading and explanation of the concluding paragraphs of the *sefer*.

Mrs. Debbie Friedman remarked, "It was so refreshing to study personal discipline with a group of women who are sincere and have been working to refine their character for years."

"Each lesson added a new tool that can be accessed to deal with every situation in life," enthused Mrs. Rhonnie Goldfader.

"*Mesilas Yescharim* and character development were a common denominator that enabled us to make real friends across the age groups in our community," noted Mrs. Rivka Jacobs.

Rebbetzin Goldman emphasized the

importance of learning *mussar*. "Learning *mussar* on a consistent basis makes a definite, noticeable impact, and keeps you connected and growing. It affects every aspect of your day as well as your entire approach to life. I feel so privileged to join with such a committed group of women; each individual inspires others by adding personal stories of challenge and growth."

The *siyum* is the culmination of a two-year learning collaboration between MTI's Community Learning Initiative and the St. Louis Kollel. A special *yashar koach* to Rebbetzin Goldman for giving these great *shiurim* each week in University City and Chesterfield. Due to the Chesterfield group starting later, that group is looking forward to finishing *Mesilas Yescharim* later this year. Hatzlacha to the University City group who began learning *Sefer Orchos Tzadikim* this year.

This month's series has been sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jaffa in loving memory of Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz, zt"l.

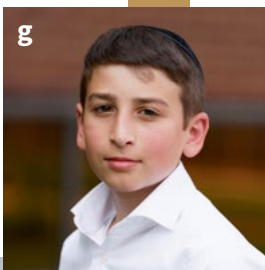
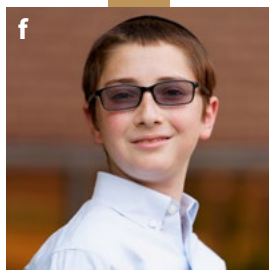
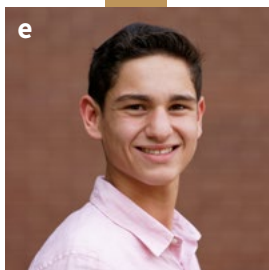
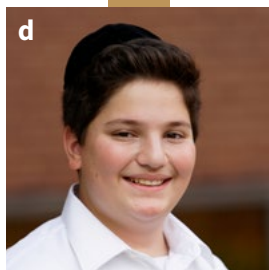
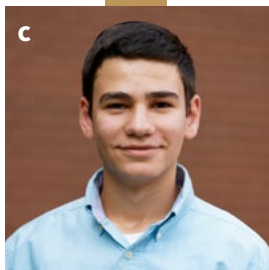
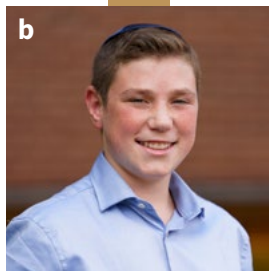
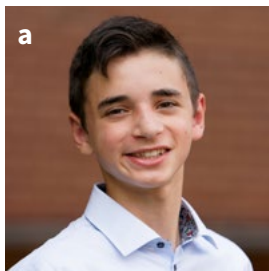
## SIYUM MISHNAYOS AT MTI FOR FIRST YAHRTZEIT OF RABBI AARON WINTER, זצ"ל



In appreciation for Rabbi Aaron Winter, zt"l's, strong connection with the yeshiva, MTI *talmidim* divided and completed *Mishnayos Seder Moed l'ilui nishmaso*. Rabbi Winter, zt"l, was the backbone of the Chesterfield community and the impetus behind the founding of MTI. The yeshiva and the entire community sorely miss him. To commemorate Rabbi Winter's first *yahrtzeit*, the boys gathered for a special lunch seuda to make a *siyum* and hear words of Torah from Rabbi Moshe Winter, son of Rabbi Aaron Winter, zt"l, and current rav of Tpheris Israel Chevre Kadisha Congregation (TICK).



# תש"פ Grade Nine 2019-2020



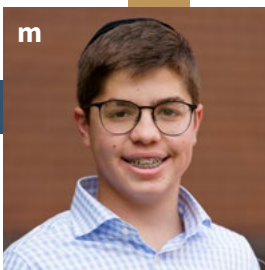
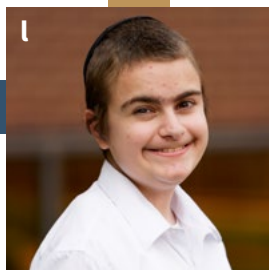
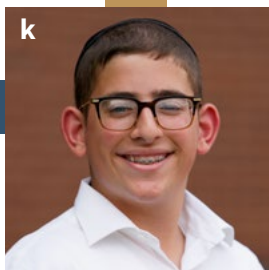
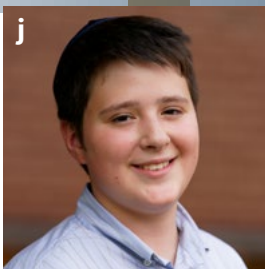
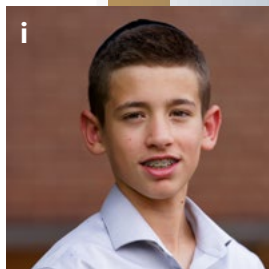
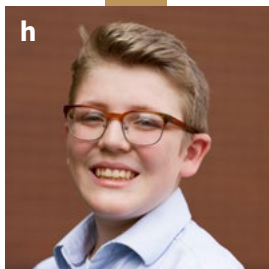
## g. AHARON GOLDBERG

**Why I Chose MTI:** I enjoy the warm environment.

**What I Like to Learn:** Math

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Ping-pong

**Interesting Fact:** I'm the shortest guy in the school.



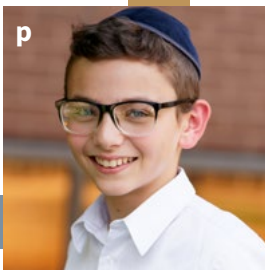
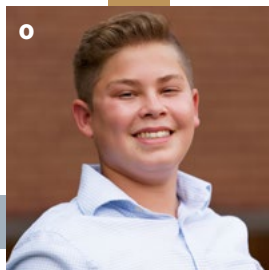
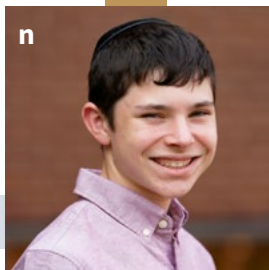
## k. DOVID ORRIN

**Why I Chose MTI:** It's a great yeshiva with a great curriculum and warm environment.

**What I Like to Learn:** Iyun Gemara, Torah, Halacha

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Hanging out with my friends

**Interesting Fact:** I recently learned how to play piano.



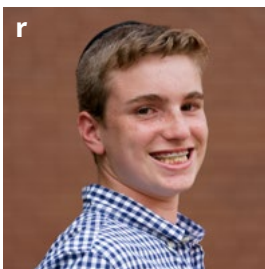
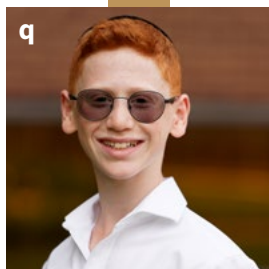
## o. YOSEF CHAIM WEIL

**Why I Chose MTI:** Everyone here is nice and the *rebbeim* are caring.

**What I Like to Learn:** Iyun & Science

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Working out, ping-pong & Ahavas Chessed

**Interesting Fact:** I enjoy photography.





### a. DOVID ALLSWANG

**Why I Chose MTI:** The building looked nice and the teachers and *rebbeim* were friendly.

**What I Like to Learn:** Math

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Basketball

**Interesting Fact:** I like to write my own music.

### b. SHLOMO APPLEBAUM

**Why I Chose MTI:** I chose MTI because when asking around I heard very good things about the family-like environment.

**What I Like to Learn:** Math

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Ping-pong, working out & basketball

**Interesting Fact:** I once rode a zip-line over a zoo.

### c. SHALOM ARONIN

**Why I Chose MTI:** It sounded like a good place for me and I was excited to hear about all of the extra-curricular activities.

**What I Like to Learn:** Gemara & Math

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Playing piano & basketball.

**Interesting Fact:** I like to bake desserts.

### d. EZRA COHEN

**Why I Chose MTI:** It's a warm and friendly environment where I felt that I could grow.

**What I Like to Learn:** Chumash & English

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Ping-pong

**Interesting Fact:** I'm the only person from Canada and the only *sfardi* in my class.

### e. MICHOEL EDELSTEIN

**Why I Chose MTI:** The atmosphere in MTI is just uncomparable. It's a very warm environment of *talmidim*.

**What I Like to Learn:** Iyun Kiddushin

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Basketball

**Interesting Fact:** I enjoy kickboxing.

### f. SHUA FISCH

**Why I Chose MTI:** I like what I heard about the great dual curriculum and caring *rebbeim*.

**What I Like to Learn:** Gemara Iyun

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Ping-pong

**Interesting Fact:** I read an 793 page book in one day.

### h. YONI HOROVICZ

**Why I Chose MTI:** I thought that by learning here I would get a great education and have a good time.

**What I Like to Learn:** Iyun Gemara

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Trips & Ahavas Chessed

**Interesting Fact:** I once got stuck in a train station for 10 hours.

### i. DANIEL ILLSON

**Why I Chose MTI:** It has a balanced education in *limudei kodesh* & general studies.

**What I Like to Learn:** Iyun

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Basketball

**Interesting Fact:** I am fluent in Russian.

### j. ARYEH LICHTENFELD

**Why I Chose MTI:** I was impressed by the guys that I always saw in shul who were part of MTI so I have always wanted to come here since I was young.

**What I Like to Learn:** Halacha & Math

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Ping-pong

**Interesting Fact:** Rabbi Fromowitz stayed at my house when he came to start MTI.

### l. SHLOMO SIMON

**Why I Chose MTI:** They have great classes and *rebbeim*.

**What I Like to Learn:** Gemara

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Playing with my friends

**Interesting Fact:** I'm the oldest in the class.

### m. ELYA VILENSKI

**Why I Chose MTI:** I heard about the great *rebbeim* and teachers at MTI.

**What I Like to Learn:** Math & English

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Basketball, ping-pong & working out

**Interesting Fact:** I can do a backflip.

### n. YECHIEL WARREN

**Why I Chose MTI:** I thought it would be a good fit for me. I liked the atmosphere.

**What I Like to Learn:** Math & Gemara

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Intramural football

**Interesting Fact:** I don't like chocolate.

### p. YITZY ZEHNWIRTH

**Why I Chose MTI:** I thought that the loving and caring environment was a good fit for me.

**What I Like to Learn:** Iyun & Mussar

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Sports

**Interesting Fact:** I love sushi.

### q. YOSSE ZIFKIN

**Why I Chose MTI:** My brother went to MTI and it sounded like a place I wanted to be.

**What I Like to Learn:** Iyun - it's very dependant on logic and I'm a logical thinker.

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Fun Trips

**Interesting Fact:** I have a black belt in karate.

### r. SHIMON ZILBER

**Why I Chose MTI:** It's a very nice place and people are nice to everyone.

**What I Like to Learn:** Math

**Favorite MTI Activity:** Basketball

**Interesting Fact:** My father owns a restaurant in Manhattan (Mr. Broadway).

**NEW  
STAFF**

*Welcome*

Rabbi Moshe Chaim Biron, *Bekiyus Rebbe*  
Mr. Al Cox, *Facilities Caretaker*  
Mr. William Doolin, *History*  
Mr. Timothy Gartin, *Government & English*  
Mr. Bruce Green, *English and History Teacher*  
Mrs. Dena Love, *Food Service Manager*

## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

### NEW! NIGHT KOLLEL FOR ALUMNI IN QUEENS

We are so proud of our distinguished alumni who are learning, working, and in school in many yeshivos and communities across the country. They should continue to make a *kiddush Hashem* in all that they do.

Keeping our alumni connected to each other and to their alma mater is an important goal of MTI. One of the programs started to facilitate this is a thrice-weekly night *kollel* for MTI *talmidim* learning in Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim in Queens. The *kollel* strengthens members' evening learning while providing them with additional funds to support their families. The *kollel* has added so much additional *ruach* to the night *seider* and is a great *chizuk* to the younger *talmidim*.

A highlight of the program is *kollel* members' weekly Thursday evening *chavrusos* with MTI alumni who are working or in college, helping these young men stay strongly connected to learning Torah. Says alumnus Reb Moshe Mordechai Levy, "The alumni come to yeshiva after a long week of college or work and are excited to be reconnected with their MTI family and with the sweet words of the precious Torah. It's quite inspiring!"

## ALUMNI PHOTOS



Students make



New York Sukkos Reunion



St. Louis Sukkos Reunion

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RSVP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

4:10 - 4:40	Travel from school to MTI
4:40 - 4:50	Refreshments
4:50 - 5:35	Basketball in gym
5:35 - 6:30	Learning with MTI Bais Medrash bochrim
6:30-7:00	Dinner








calls for Annual Israel Raffle



Talmidim participate in live broadcast pre-Rosh Hashana video message from Rav David Harris of Chofetz Chaim in Queens



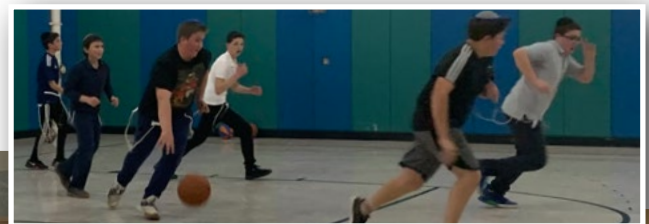
Rabbi Yossi Golombeck speaks at MTI during Elul



Rabbi Menachem Wachsman addresses parents & students at orientation



Castlewood State Park Fall Unity Trip







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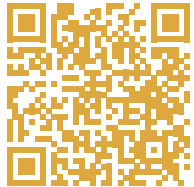
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