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SHIR SHEL YOM

Rabbi Yaakov Mordechai Rapoport – Rosh HaYeshiva

The Orchos Chayim (see Bais Yosef O.C.133) rules that the “*Shir Shel Yom*” should be recited after *Shacharis* but not after *Mincha*. He explains that as part of the morning “*avodah*” in the *Beis HaMikdosh* the Levites chanted a psalm that was suited to the significance of the particular day of the week as a memorial to the *Beis HaMikdosh* these psalms were incorporated into *Shacharis*. The Levites did not chant a psalm as part of the afternoon “*avodah*” therefore there was no need to incorporate psalms into *Mincha*.

Maharan Alshich (see Magen Avraham O.C.132:4) questions the Orchos Chayim’s ruling citing the Mishna in Rosh Hashana 30b that states clearly that the Levites *did* chant a psalm as part of the afternoon “*avodah*”. He therefore suggests that although the “*Shir Shel Yom*” was chanted by the Levites in the *Beis HaMikdosh* both as part of the morning “*avodah*” and as part of the afternoon “*avodah*” nevertheless it is incorporated as a memorial to the *Beis HaMikdosh* into *Shacharis* yet not into *Mincha*. He explains that omission of the “*Shir Shel Yom*” in the morning “*avodah*” invalidates the morning sacrifice however omission of the “*Shir Shel Yom*” in the afternoon “*avodah*” does not invalidate the afternoon sacrifice.

Minchas Chinuch (394) questions the Maharam Alshich’s explanation. (1) Even if we were to assume that his premise is correct and omission of the “*Shir Shel Yom*” only invalidates the morning sacrifice and not the afternoon sacrifice why did this bear any relevance to the requirement of saying “*Shir Shel Yom*” as part of *Shacharis* or *Mincha* as a memorial to the *Beis HaMikdosh*? (2) The premise is incorrect. There is a disagreement in Eruchin 11a between R. Meir and Rabanan whether omission of the “*Shir Shel Yom*” invalidates the sacrifice. The opinion of the *Rabanan* (which is the halachic conclusion) is that the

omission of the “*Shir Shel Yom*” does *not* invalidate the sacrifice therefore even the morning sacrifice would not be invalidated if the “*Shir Shel Yom*” was omitted!

The fact that the “*Shir Shel Yom*” is chanted by the Levites sacrificing the morning and afternoon sacrifices can be understood in two ways. It is possible that the chanting of the “*Shir Shel Yom*” is one of the many *dinim* pertaining to sacrificing the morning and afternoon sacrifice just as these sacrifices require other things they also require that the “*Shir Shel Yom*” be chanted when they are sacrificed. Alternatively, it is possible that chanting the “*Shir Shel Yom*” is not an integral part of sacrificing the morning and afternoon sacrifice it is simply one of the *mitzvos* incumbent upon the Levites, the time to perform this *mitzvah* is when the morning and afternoon sacrifices are sacrificed.

Maharam Alshich who maintains that the omission of the “*Shir Shel Yom*” at the morning sacrifice invalidates the sacrifice obviously maintains that the morning “*Shir Shel Yom*” is an integral part of the sacrifice, one of the many *dinim* of the sacrifice therefore if it is omitted the sacrifice is missing one of its *dinim* and invalid. The “*Shir Shel Yom*” chanted at the sacrificing of the afternoon sacrifice is not an integral part of the sacrifice, it is not one of the *dinim* of the sacrifice it is one of the *mitzvos* incumbent upon the Levites, the time to perform this *mitzvah* is when the afternoon sacrifice is being sacrificed, therefore its omission does not invalidate the sacrifice.

The *Shacharis* and *Mincha* prayers were instituted in place of the morning and afternoon sacrifices and that which was an integral part of the sacrifice was somehow incorporated in the prayer. Therefore, only the “*Shir Shel Yom*” of the morning sacrifice was incorporated into the *Shacharis* prayer and the “*Shir Shel Yom*” of the afternoon sacrifice was not incorporated into *Mincha*.

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From the desk of the Executive Director

Dear Supporters, Parents, and Alumni,

It has been an exciting past few months in Lev Aryeh. I am honored to have this quarterly opportunity to update you on the latest developments in yeshiva. During the *Aseres Yemai Teshuva* we began what we call the "Chai Campaign". This program has commenced with tremendous success and has already helped supplement the yeshiva budget on a monthly basis. Please read the enclosed article for more information about this innovative project.

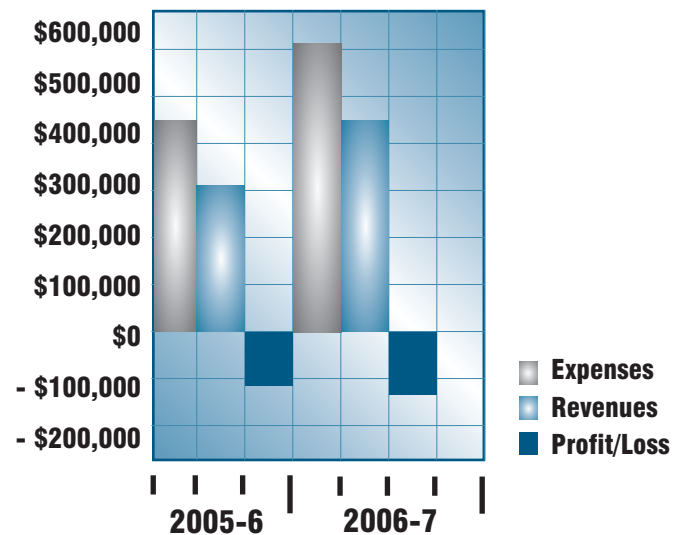
The yeshiva has initiated an intensive campaign throughout the United States to inform various yeshivas on the tremendous progress and success, *bli ayin harah*, that the yeshiva has experienced over the past few years. During the month of November Rabbi Rapoport and myself visited yeshivas in Los Angeles, Detroit, South Bend, Chicago, and Cleveland. We are planning on expanding this campaign in the coming months, *IY"H*. Upon completion of our "week around the USA" Rabbi Rapoport and myself traveled to New York for Thanksgiving and presented our "re-experience yeshiva" morning of learning which I know was enjoyed by all, participants and *Hanhola* alike. (Please read the enclosed article about this event.)

Whenever I see supporters and alumni of the yeshiva they say to me, "Nu Rabbi, what's the budget situation in yeshiva". Upon which I usually smile and say, "What is the next question?" The yeshiva ended its fiscal year on August 31, 2006. The year-end deficit was \$117,364.29 USD. This obviously does not include previous outstanding debts.

The projected deficit for this fiscal year is approximately 30% more (with the increased tuition collections for this year). The situation has obviously led to the delay in payments made to our suppliers and utility providers, but more importantly our dedicated Rebbeim. I urge each and every one of you to take advantage of the "Chai Campaign" I can attest to the fact that this has a DIRECT IMPACT on our monthly operating budget.

With gratitude for your continued support and best wishes for a warm and healthy winter,

B'vracha,
Rabbi Yoni Strimber



RECAP of RE-EXPERIENCING YESHIVA ON THANKSGIVING

Many of you may have received a postcard, e-mail, or perhaps you noticed one of the ads in *HaModia* or the *Yated* and took advantage of the rare opportunity this past Thanksgiving to "re-experience yeshiva".

The gathering in Flatbush began with *Shacharis* (slightly delayed due to the fact that Rabbi Lopian was a bit late arriving into the States that morning). Once underway though, the program progressed beautifully with the *tzibbur* being treated to words of Torah from Rabbi Rapoport, the Rosh HaYeshiva, and Rabbi Michoel Levy, Menahel Ruchani of Yeshiva Ruach HaTorah. During the intermission the participants were invited downstairs for a light breakfast graciously

donated by Mr. and Mrs. Shabsi Klein's, **Pressers Bakery**. We thank them for the delicious bagels, pastries, etc. We would also like to thank Congregation Bnei Israel, and its president, Mr. Alan Hirsch, for the use of their facilities, may they continue to be *marbitz Torah*.

That evening a similar gathering took place in Lakewood with Rabbi Lopian, the Menahel Ruchani of Lev Aryeh replacing Rabbi Levy. We have received very positive feedback from participants of both programs and will try to organize these events more often.

We look forward to seeing you next time!

Please note that the *divrei torah* from the Flatbush gathering are available online at www.levaryeh.com.

CHAI CAMPAIGN

As many of you have already heard the "Chai Campaign" has changed the way people donate to the yeshiva and is giving the yeshiva a steady basis for its operating budget.

Briefly for those who are not familiar with this program, it began during the Asres Yemai Teshuva 5767. This program was created for those who would like to contribute on a regular basis but cannot afford to give major amounts to the yeshiva. To accommodate these supporters this program was created.

One can donate a minimum of \$18 per month (only 60 cents a day). This amount is charged via any major credit card or "direct debit" from a one's bank account on the date specified by the donor.

We would like to thank the following people who are already participants in this program. May HaShem grant them continued health and success in all their endeavors.



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Original letter from the Hanhalah and staff of Lev Aryeh published during Aseres Yemei Teshuvah.



Tishrei 5767 / September 2006

Dear Friends of Yeshivas Lev Aryeh,

As we begin the New Year, *Habah Aleinu Ltova*, the yeshiva is placed at an overwhelming crossroads. On the one hand we have our new building, a new alumni Kollel, and tremendous learning the likes of which have never been seen. On the other hand, operating costs have been rising, some of our long time financial supporters have run into financial distress, and we could not even meet the legitimate financial aid needs of some of our students. As of now, the yeshiva is battling an over \$150,000 yearly budget deficit. We simply are not able to keep up with all of our expenses.

During the *Asres Yemei HaTeshuva* Lev Aryeh will be launching its "Chai Campaign". With this campaign we will be able to cover a large size of the budget deficit if our alumni and friends of the Yeshiva contribute a minimum sum of \$18 a month to the yeshiva. Join the select group of alumni and friends who will be spearheading this campaign by attending the parlor meeting in New York, Lakewood, and Passaic during the *Asres Yemei HaTeshuva*. Become an essential partner in the Lev Aryeh community and inspire others to do likewise.

From a financial standpoint we are turning to you to help ensure the stability of the yeshiva. Everyone knows that for any family, business, or institution to remain afloat there must be a steady and reliable income. Therefore, the yeshiva has devised a mechanism that allows all those who would like to have an active role in supporting Torah learning in Yeshivas Lev Aryeh to contribute what ever amount is most fitting to their personal budget on a regular basis.



We ask of all of our friends, especially our alumni - the yeshiva and its devoted staff were and are there for you 24 hours a day every day of year – please reciprocate. *Your minimum contribution makes all the difference for you and for the Yeshiva!*

Gmar Chasima Tova,



Rabbi Yaakov Rapoport, Rosh HaYeshiva


Rabbi Aaron Lopian, Menahel Ruchani


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and the engagement of their daughter*



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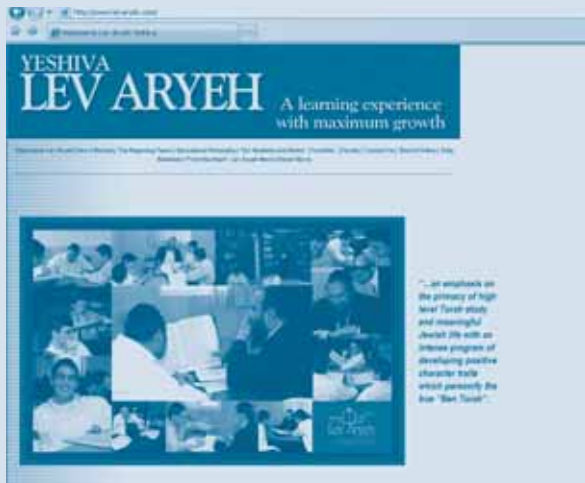
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APOLOGY

We would like to apologize for the late delivery of the Elul Newsletter and accompanying disk. We are aware that many only received part of the mailing while others did not receive it at all. This was due to postal and technical issues. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Eli Neuman who went out of his way to try and make the bad situation just a little bit better.
Thank you for your understanding

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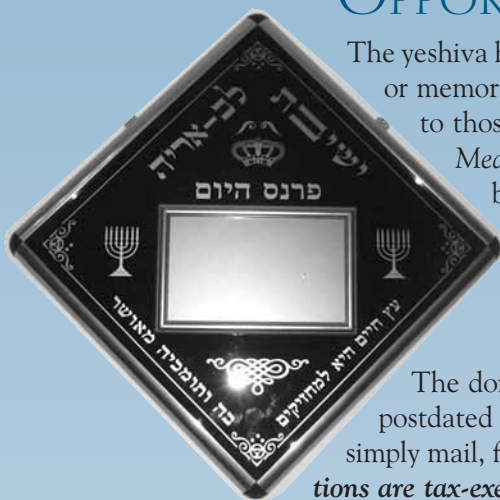
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The yeshiva has introduced a new *PARNES YOMI* program for those wishing to honor or memorialize love ones. The purpose of a *PARNES YOMI* is to provide a merit to those that are honored through the learning that will take place in the *Beis Medrash* on that particular day, week, or even month. The donor's name will be placed by the front door of the building along with those that are being honored or memorialized. The cost to sponsor the learning which takes place in the *Beis Medrash* on that day is as follows:

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