

BAIS MEDRASH: GROWING & THRIVING



bachurim learn the first perek of Bava Metzia and are divided into three shiurim. “The oilam is k’noking,” says first-year bachur Akiva Cohen. “The learning in the bais medrash is energizing and skill-oriented.” Second-year bachur Abe Shulman has seen his abilities improve tremendously over the past year. “I feel I have gotten much better in every aspect of learning.”

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Baruch Hashem, MTI’s Bais Medrash is the largest it has been in the yeshiva’s history, with almost fifty bachurim. “The first-year bachurim started off with great energy and ruach,” says Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Avrohom Goldman. “We are so proud that the older bachurim are leading the way not just for the bais medrash, but for the mesivta as well.”

For the first of the three sederim, the



St. Louis boasts three mosdos with the common bond of bnei Torah learning three sederim a day: the Chesterfield Kollel, under the leadership of Rabbi

Moshe Winter and Rabbi Yoni Rubin; the St. Louis Kollel, which for over 30 years was under the leadership of Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt, and is now under the new leadership of Rabbi Dovid Miller;

and the MTI bais medrash. For the first time ever, these three mosdos joined together for an inspiring event. At the beginning of the winter zman, members of the two kollelim visited the yeshiva. The Roshei Yeshiva and Roshei Kollel gave divrei chizuk, and the yeshiva had the opportunity to meet and welcome the many new members of the St. Louis Kollel. As Rabbi Miller put it, “We’ve had many welcomes coming to St. Louis, but there’s something very special about being welcomed by mosdos haTorah and bnei Torah.” The asifa was a great Kiddush Hashem!

LOMDEI TORAH JOIN TOGETHER





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As they grow in their limud haTorah, the bachurim focus on developing themselves as ovdei Hashem as well. "Mussar seder is one of the highlights of my day," says third-year bachur Shmuel Kosofsky. "It's like a little battery boost." The rebbeim facilitate this growth,

"helping and guiding us along the way," says alumnus Yoel Druxman. "They are always making time to talk and make sure that everybody is succeeding." The talmidim's effort pays off—Rabbi Goldman calls the older bachurim "super menschen."

Their shared goals fuse the bachurim into a tight unit. Shmuel says, "The positivity is amazing—there are no cliques, no negativity, no one ever being left out. We are so privileged to be part of a yeshiva that has such great learning and achdus."



Our bachurim are always scaling spiritual mountains. This summer, they got a chance to hike their physical counterparts as well.

After an intense year of learning, the bais medrash took a well-deserved trip to Utah during the last week of the summer zman. They spent the mornings learning and the afternoons visiting Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, the Grand Canyon, and Horseshoe Canyon.

Second-year talmid Abe Schulman expressed, "The

The MTI gym was completely renovated this summer, through an extremely generous gift by community philanthropists and supporters Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Carol Staenberg. "I really like the freshly painted walls and how much grip the new floor has," says student Pinny Kagan. "It's a lot easier to set myself up for good shots." Student Roni Staum remarks, "After an intense week of learning, it's great to be able to unwind with my friends on Motzei Shabbos with an amazing basketball game in a state-of-the-art gym." Mr. Michael Staenberg recently joined MTI to "tip off" the first official intramural basketball game in the new gym that bears his family's name.

The yeshiva also received addi-



BUILDING UPDATES

tional updates, including a new chiller and a campus-wide upgraded HVAC system. "The new system helps us more efficiently and effectively control the climate of the building so that we can

create a more comfortable, healthier environment for the talmidim," says Mr. Dovid Love, campus administrator. While this proj-

ect was extremely costly, it needed to be done, and in the long run the yeshiva anticipates financial savings on our utility bills due to the better control and efficiency.

To accommodate larger enrollment, the yeshiva renovated a new classroom and an additional dorm wing, and added an extra washing station in the dining room. We are in the process of adding more washing machines and dryers and purchasing new, larger ovens for the kitchen.

MTI WELCOMES

RABBI MOSHE MORDECHAI LEVY



The yeshiva is thrilled to welcome new maggid shiur Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Levy! An MTI alumnus, Rabbi Levy will be giving one of the first year bais medrash shiurim.

"It is such a zechus for me to be teaching at MTI," says Rabbi Levy. "I feel like I am back home. The amazing chevra creates a very special environment for real growth in Torah. The energy in the bais medrash is palpable. I am so excited to be a part of it!"

The hanhala and talmidim alike appreciate the passion Rabbi Levy brings to the bais medrash. "Besides being a role model for what it means to be "into learning," he is a dynamic, popular, and engaging rebbi," says Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Dovid Fromowitz. Rabbi Levy's talmidim agree. "He delivers his shiur with great enthusiasm, and that gets everyone arguing heatedly about the Gemara," shares talmid Shlomo Ruttenberg. Talmid Aharon Lehrer says, "He breaks the Gemara down in such a clear, crisp, and concise fashion that it comes alive."

Rabbi Levy's talmidim also appreciate his true concern for them. Comments talmid Nachi Lefton, "We see his care for every single person, and he loves learning with us all."

"He's giving the bachurim what he received here at the yeshiva," says Rabbi Avrohom Goldman, Rosh Yeshiva. "The talmidim love him, they're enjoying his shiur, and they're really doing great under his tutelage."



מה רבו מעשיך

BAIS MEDRASH TRAVELS TO UTAH DURING SUMMER ZMAN

house, with recent alumnus Yoel Druxman responsible for feeding the large group of growing Bnei Torah. "I definitely had my work cut out for me, but I enjoyed it," he says.

The bachurim did not simply enjoy the company of their rebbeim and friends; they were deeply inspired by niflaos haBorei. Says third-year bachur Shmuel Kosofsky, "We didn't realize how much seeing Hashem's incredible world would hit us spiritually. We thought

we were just going on vacation, but we were blown away again and again by Hashem's amazing wonders."

One inspiring moment that stands out in Shmuel's mind was the breathtaking culmination of the Angels Landing hike, in Zion National Park. "The view at the end is incredible. You're standing on top of the world, and you can just see forever into the distance. We were up there, a whole bunch of bachurim, and we were singing together—it was really special."



trip allowed me to develop a stronger keshet with so many more chaverim and an even stronger one with my rebbeim. One of my favorite experiences was at Bryce Canyon National Park, when a few of us stayed behind with Rabbi Goldman, just walking with him and schmoozing." First-year bachur Akiva Cohen also appreciated spending time with his rebbeim in a more relaxed setting. "We got to see how to vacation like a ben Torah."

The bachurim stayed in a large rented



MEET OUR
NINTH GRADE

'21-'22



Yehuda Cohen

Baltimore, MD

Why I Chose MTI: It seemed like a great yeshiva from the warmth of the rebbeim.

What I Like to Learn: Iyun

My Spare Time at MTI: Reading & Chilling with Friends

Interesting Fact: I'm the only בן דור in the grade.



Mordy Kramer

Orlando, FL

Why I Chose MTI: I heard it was a nice place filled with nice rebbeim and students.

What I Like to Learn: Mussar

My Spare Time at MTI: Music & Basketball

Interesting Fact: I only have brothers.



Yossi Richmond

Boca Raton, FL

Why I Chose MTI: When I came to visit, I saw it was a good place, with nice kids and a big building.

What I Like to Learn: Gemara

My Spare Time at MTI: Designing things on the computer for woodworking

Interesting Fact: I went on a houseboat in Kentucky.



Yitzy Wasser

Chesterfield, MO

Why I Chose MTI: My father heard about it and thought it was a good place for me.

What I Like to Learn: Math

My Spare Time at MTI: Basketball & Football

Interesting Fact: I used to have a pacemaker.



Tzvi Benmoshe

Columbus, OH

Why I Chose MTI:

My cousin and brother both went here and thought it was a good place.

What I Like to Learn: Gemara

My Spare Time at MTI: Reading & Basketball

Interesting Fact: My grandmother is Egyptian.



Daniel Dubovick

Chicago, IL

Why I Chose MTI: I was drawn by the great atmosphere and my brothers loved it here.

What I Like to Learn: Chumash & American Government

My Spare Time at MTI: Basketball & working out

Interesting Fact: I'm the 3rd in my family to go to MTI.



Gedaliah Levi

Scottsdale, AZ

Why I Chose MTI: The extra curriculars sounded fun and everyone was nice.

What I Like to Learn: Everything

My Spare Time at MTI: Fitness room

Interesting Fact: I live in the desert.



Shmuel Rosenzweig

Rochester, NY

Why I Chose MTI: All my brothers came and had a great time. I heard it was a great place and everyone gets along.

What I Like to Learn: Gemara

My Spare Time at MTI: Reading

Interesting Fact: By the time I'm finished at MTI, there will have been 20 straight years of Rosenzweigs.



Avi Wise

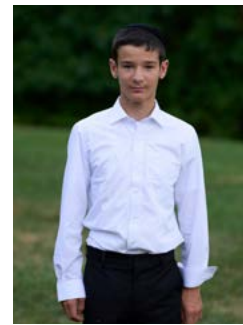
St. Louis, MO

Why I Chose MTI: It seemed like a nice yeshiva with nice people where I could learn well.

What I Like to Learn: Biology

My Spare Time at MTI: Art & Workout Room

Interesting Fact: I wasn't born in the US.



Chaim Meir Blaustein

Brooklyn, NY

Why I Chose MTI: I thought it would be the best place for me to grow.

What I Like to Learn: Gemara

My Spare Time at MTI: Listening to Music & Basketball

Interesting Fact: I have a twin.



Avraham Gewirtz

Chesterfield, MO

Why I Chose MTI: My cousin told me that the general studies principal is really good.

What I Like to Learn: Iyun

My Spare Time at MTI: Biking and Trips

Interesting Fact: I have a white streak in my hair.



Reuven Majeski

North Miami Beach, FL

Why I Chose MTI: When I came to visit I was impressed with the building, the classes & the teachers.

What I Like to Learn: Iyun & English

My Spare Time at MTI: Basketball

Interesting Fact: I moved twice in 1 week! (My family moved to Florida, then a week later I moved to MTI.)



Gavriel Salehrabi

Denver, CO

Why I Chose MTI: It has a nice campus and great Judaic & General Studies.

What I Like to Learn: Iyun & Biology

My Spare Time at MTI: Basketball and going to the store with friends.

Interesting Fact: I am Sefardi.



Yaakov Yachnes

Orlando, FL

Why I Chose MTI: When I came for my father everyone was very nice and welcoming.

What I Like to Learn: Mussar

My Spare Time at MTI: Sunday Trips

Interesting Fact: I have cash from the 1700's.



Akiva Brumer

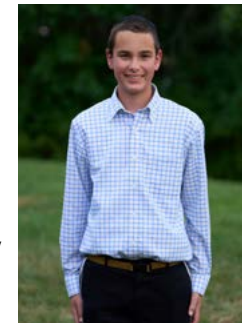
Scottsdale, AZ

Why I Chose MTI: It's a chilled out place and the boys here are very nice and welcoming.

What I Like to Learn: I don't like math that much but I like Mr. Winstral.

My Spare Time at MTI: Workout Room & Basketball

Interesting Fact: I can bench press over 210lbs.



Shaya Gordon

Baltimore, MD

Why I Chose MTI: My brother went to MTI and it sounded like the rebbeim and chevra were great.

What I Like to Learn: Math & Coding

My Spare Time at MTI: Using the computers

Interesting Fact: I am learning Arabic.



Shalom Yitzchok Raskas

St. Louis, MO

Why I Chose MTI: Because of the care that the Rebbeim give to the boys and how communicative they are.

What I Like to Learn: Iyun & Science

My Spare Time at MTI: Shmooze in the dorms and play basketball.

Interesting Fact: I'm good at voice impressions.



Zevi Strimber

Passaic, NJ

Why I Chose MTI: Because of the campus and my brother recommended it.

What I Like to Learn: Iyun, Math & Biology

My Spare Time at MTI: Basketball & Ping-Pong

Interesting Fact: I can see the Empire State Building and Freedom Tower from my house.



Yackov Zaitschek

Waterbury, CT

Why I Chose MTI: I liked the building.

What I Like to Learn: Art

My Spare Time at MTI: Trips

Interesting Fact: I'm from England.



Students enjoy designing and then creating in the woodworking elective



Talmidim hear from Rabbi Dovid Harris, Rosh Yeshiva of Chofetz Chaim in Queens, via video hookup



12th grade BBQ



Bais Medrash breaking up into mussar groups during mussar seder



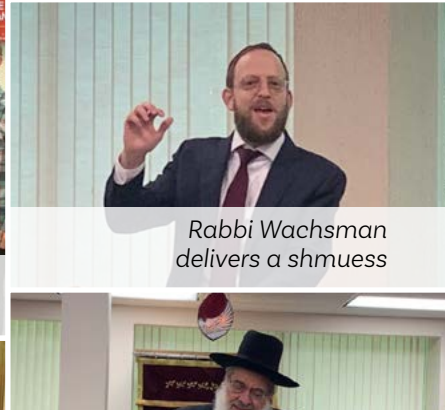
10th grade BBQ



MTI alumni and talmidim join together for a simchas bais hashoeva in New York



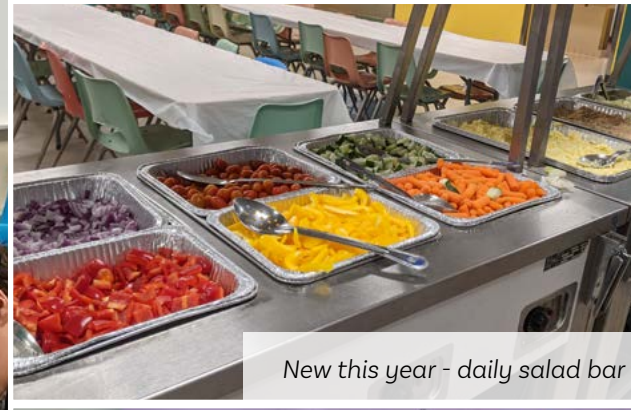
10th grader Yosef Margolese makes a siyum upon the completion of Meseches Sukkah



Rabbi Wachsman delivers a shmuss



Students participate in PSAT testing



New this year - daily salad bar



Bais Medrash talmidim visit the Omaha Jewish community for a Shabbos of chizuk



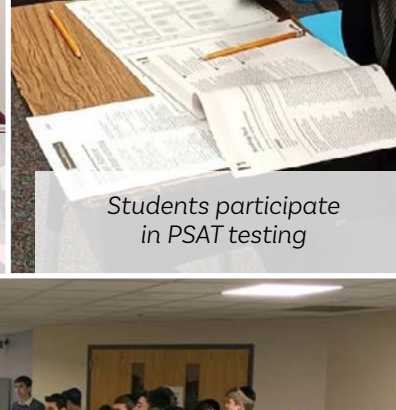
Rabbi Biron announces the new "MTI Learning Workout" program and a week later many students celebrate their retzifus progress with wontons



The yeshiva arranges for students to purchase land in Eretz Yisrael to participate in the mitzvah of shmittah



Rabbi Pinchas Green, mashgiach of Yeshivas Kamenitz, speaks to 12th grade and bais medrash talmidim



Students participate in PSAT testing



High school bowling trip



Dancing at Yechiel Goldman's siyum on Bava Kama



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Students play the first game of volleyball in the new gym



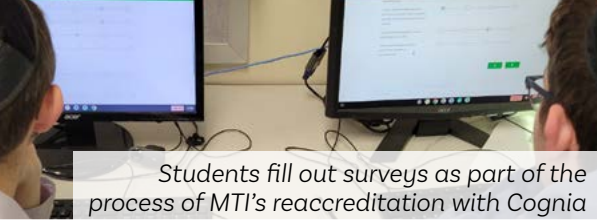
Dancing during Rosh Chodesh breakfast



Rabbi Yaakov Stein of the Chesterfield Kollel joins the bais medrash staff for night seder



Sunday trip to Swing-Around-Fun-Town



Students fill out surveys as part of the process of MTI's reaccreditation with Cognia



Talmidim shteiging during night seder



Eli Silverman makes a siyum upon the completion of Bava Kama



Bais Medrash students enjoy a melava malka at the Kahanes during their shabbaton in Memphis, TN



Rabbi Rosner learns with Torah Prep 7th grade students at the Agudah



The yeshiva offers several opportunities to hone computer skills throughout the week including a coding elective



Annual Achdus Trip to Castewood State Park



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MAZEL TOV!

July 2021- October 2021

Alumni Marriages

Dovid Chait on his marriage to Ms. Rochel Malka Kravetz of Baltimore, MD!

Alumni Engagements

Aron Ackerman on his engagement to Ms. Esti Ehrenpreis of Kew Gardens!
 Menachem Glazer on his engagement to Ms. Ashira Marks of San Diego, CA!
 Aaron Sanders on his engagement to Ms. Ashley Myers of Lawrence, NY!
 Daniel Stein on his engagement to Ms. Tehilla Portnoy of Baltimore, MD!

Alumni Births

Mr. & Mrs. Yehuda Azer on the birth of a baby boy!
 Mr. & Mrs. Menashe Brown on the birth of a baby boy!
 Mr. & Mrs. Sedy Freud on the birth of a baby girl!
 Mr. & Mrs. Avraham Gifter on the birth of a baby girl!
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Manne on the birth of a baby boy!
 Mr. & Mrs. Tzvika Scharf on the birth of a baby girl!
 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Small on the birth of a baby girl!
 Mr. & Mrs. Dani Treisman on the birth of a baby girl!

Staff Simchas

Mr. & Mrs. Naftali & Ditzza Friedman on the bar mitzvah of their son Yosef Elisha!
 Rabbi & Mrs. Efraim & Shulamis Fromowitz on the birth of a baby girl!
 Rabbi & Mrs. Shmuel & Chanie Wasser on the engagement of their daughter Ruchama to Mordechai Aminov of Queens, NY!

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