



## MARAN HAGAON HARAV AHARON LEIB STEINMAN, ZT"l

The *chareidi* world was plunged into mourning Tuesday with the *petirah* of the *Rosh Yeshivah*, Maran Hagaon Harav Aharon Leib Steinman, *zt"l*.

Hundreds of thousands of brokenhearted, freshly orphaned Jews streamed to Rechov Chazon Ish in Bnei Brak Tuesday for the *levayah* of the *Gadol Hador*, the senior *Rosh Yeshivah*, a light in the darkness of the *galus*, Maran Hagaon Harav Aharon Leib Shteinman, *zt"l*.

As the terrible news spread of Rav Shteinman's passing shortly before 8:00 a.m. in Bnei Brak, Jews from across Israel began flooding all roads as they headed to Rechov Chazon Ish, toward the same home that had been the address for Jews from across the world seeking *daas Torah*, a *brachah*, a solution to a personal *tzarah*.

Hagaon Harav Gershon Edelstein, *shlita*, had called on all *bachurim* from *yeshivos ketanos* and *yeshivos gedolos* to take part in the *levayah*, and indeed, it seemed as if just about every Torah Jew attended. Please see attached biography taken from the Hamodia.



**וכל בית ישראל יבכו את השריפה אשר שרף ה'**



The Rosh Hayeshiva giving a *hesped* on Rav Shteiman *zt"l* to the 7th & 8th grade *talmidim*

## Haschalos Chumash Celebration



The first graders *Haschalos Chumash* Celebration was a pleasure to behold from the moment the *talmidim* entered the auditorium, eager to perform the eagerly anticipated event. The program included *Menahel*, Rabbi Rawicki greeting all in attendance followed by Rabbi Peikes, eighth grade rebbe and father of first grader, Avraham Peikes. Rabbi Peikes shared a few words of inspiration right before the *talmidim* were to begin. The first graders couldn't wait to exhibit everything they knew by heart to their parents and relatives who *shepped nachas* throughout as the boys sang sweetly and delivered their parts confidently. The boys then received their *Chumashim* which they tightly held it in their hands like one would hold onto a new treasure – a treasure of a lifetime.



Rosh Hayeshiva's visit to 1st grade in honor of the *haschalos chumash*

## Chesed Trip Winners

The lucky winners of the special *Chesed* Trip award, were Rabbi Robinson's fifth graders; the class collected the most *chesed* items from the entire school.

The boys won the privilege of touring Good Samaritan Hospital's *chesed* room. They saw exactly how the *chesed* room looks and where the impressive array of food, which they helped donate towards, is kept accessible for patients and families.

The students heard about the history of the *chesed* room from Mr. Stern, whose parents founded the room. The *talmidim* went away feeling inspired and moved after seeing

in person what their *chesed* collection went towards and how important their accomplishment was for so many.



## PSAT Power in the Mesivta!

Mazel to the General Studies staff and eleventh grade *talmidim* of the *mesivta* on their amazing performance on the recent PSAT examination. On the exam, a scholastic aptitude test administered to eleventh graders nationwide, the YOR eleventh grade scored higher than 87% of students in the nation! The Yeshiva Ketana alumni surpassed even that incredible mark, exceeding 91% of students nationwide. Three of the eleventh graders scored in the 99th percentile, putting them in the top 1% of students in the entire country! Simply phenomenal!

The parents and faculty of YKOR would like to thank the N'shei for the refreshments served at the PTC. A thank you is deserved as well for the donuts served at the *chagigah* and for sponsoring the show. All of this and more is greatly appreciated.

## CHANUKAH HAPPENINGS...

### How amazing it was... "Grand Chanukah Chagiga" Chanukah performance!

=Grades 1-5=

**First grade:** Dreidel dance

**Second Grade:** Light Up!

**Third Grade:** Shmata band

**Fourth Grade:** Chana and seven sons

**Fifth Grade:** Chashmonaim finding the oil

Thank You for the good entertainment! It was so enjoyable!  
... and...exciting show by,  
Master Ventriloquist!!  
JONATHAN GEFFNER!



Kindergarten morahs were so happy to meet you today by the "Mother-son event"

Thursday's Pre 1-A Chanukah Chagiga... what fun!  
Hope you enjoyed...!

6th grade Chanukah Melave Malka will be Motzei Shabbos, December 23! Looking forward... R' Plotzker

7th graders, hope you had a wonderful time at the Chagiga at Rabbi Prupas's house

8th graders, hope you had a GRAND time at Rabbi Peikes's house!



Pre 1-A boy, Moshe Port lighting the menorah

Rabbi Myski's 1st grade had the privilege to make their own Chanukah candle!



Rabbi Biller's 3rd grade with their impressive menorah display!

### Going Strong in Tefillah

Every morning during *davening*, the stunning voices of the *talmidim* are heard echoing throughout the building as YKOR continues growing strong in *tefillah*. Participating in bringing out the beauty of the daily *tefillas* is encouraged by the many exciting *tefillah* programs that expand the knowledge of the *talmidim* on a day by day basis. **Middle school talmidim** also have a wonderful program, led by Rabbi Pruzansky and are part of a very unique and inspiring *Shacharis* each morning. Starting at 7:45, the *talmidim* are treated to a short story or inspiring message that helps them get into the mode of *Avodas Hashem*. *Brachos* and *pesukei d'zimra* are led by *talmidim* of sixth and seventh grade who are getting great practice in being *Sheluchei Tzibbur* and our eighth graders are becoming excellent *shluchei Tzibbur*, *gabbaim* and *Baalei Kriah*. This week many *talmidim* from the sixth grade were treated to "Breakfast Specials" and baked goods for their superb participation in our *davening*. **Rabbi Myski's first graders** welcomed *Reb Boruch*, the *birchas hashachar* man into their class. Every week, *Reb Boruch* is going to teach the boys the meaning of a new *bracha* in *birchas hashachar*. This week the students learned the first *bracha* thanking *Hashem* for giving the rooster the understanding to know the difference between day and night. **Rabbi Lowy's fourth grade** began a new program about *tefillah* entitled "*Tefillah Power*". The boys will learn many important lessons about *davening*. This week the lesson was about saying "*Modeh Ani*" as soon as one wakes up. The boys also learned about having *hakaras hatov* to *Hashem* for returning the *neschama* to each person in the morning. May all of our *tefillas* be accepted, and you *talmidim*, keep up the great work!!



### Brachathon Begins

All *Talmidim* from second grade through eighth grade are participating in the "Chai4ever Brachathon Organization".



The *Brachathon* program is an opportunity to enhance a child's desire to not only make *brachos* out loud but to also encourage others to say amen on the *brachos* that are made. The children are provided with incentives that encourage them to make *brachos* out loud so others can say amen. The incentives also encourage them to answer amen to other's *brachos*. At the same time, the program teaches the importance of *tzedakah* and *chesed*. Children are asked to track *brachos* and secure sponsors so as to increase *zechusim* throughout the program and beyond.

## Middle School Updates

In honor of Chanukah, the 6th, 7th and 8th graders watched videos on history themes; Egyptian engineering, the road to the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Next week: Dreidel science challenges!

### Middle School Honor Roll

*Mazel tov* to the following sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who were named to the Middle School Honor Roll for the month of October!

Yehuda Berman, Aryeh Leib Brachfeld, Moshe Tzvi Czegledi, Avi Noam Dembitzer, Aron Drel, Shalom Yaakov Frances, Ezra Yehuda Gold, Shlomo Zalman Gottlieb, Shalom Gavriel Gross, Gavriel Hook, Yosef Isaacson, Yaakov Koegel, Dov Aharon Yehuda Morell, Moshe Needleman, Daniel Robinson, Yehuda Baruch Saperstein, Benzion Shuster, Yehuda Gamzeh, Dani Kohn, Natani Raff, Mayer Walden, Yehoshua Dahan, Yehoshua Dovid Haas, Tzvi Haas, Tzvi Karp, Azriel Laster, Yehuda Lichstein, Rafi Perry, Dovi Schacher, Dovi Silber, Akiva Yampel, Shuel Batsalel, Yosef Gross, Yonah Perlman, Noam Schechter, Shimon Schwab, Efraim Tenenbaum, Eitan Warum

## Healthy Habits

It is THAT time of year...again!!  
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**K** Mordechai Gold **2** Yisroel Yeshaya Reichler **8** Meir Morell

### Mystery Solved

The sight in Yeshiva Ohr Reuven on Tuesday of last week was something to behold. At 10:00 a.m. the third graders strode in and made their way to the Rosh HaYeshiva's office. All the older *bochurim* were wondering what such little boys were doing in their *Bais Medrash* and what business they could possibly have with Rabbi Rudinsky. The answer soon became clear as the third graders, one after another, went into the Rosh HaYeshiva's office to get tested on *mishnayos* by heart. Rabbi Rudinsky was enthralled as he listened to the mini *talmidei chachamim* saying the *mishnayos* with such assurance. The Rosh HaYeshiva rewarded each boy with a half dollar for every *Mishna* he knew by heart.



Dani Maimon with the Rosh Hayehiva

### Timely Tales

What do you think one can accomplish in just a few minutes? Don't waste any of your precious time trying to figure out the answer. Just ask one of Rabbi Plotzker's sixth graders. In **30 minutes, 27 seconds and 99 milliseconds** the entire class managed to learn two full *blatt* of *gemara* of **164 lines!** Rabbi Plotzker can't help but be proud of such a marvelous use of time.

### Mazel Tov

5th Grader, **Avi Bunick**, on the engagement of his sister  
To the *Mishanyos Chaburah*  
on completing *Masechtes bava metzia*  
To **Rabbi Lowy's 4th grade**  
on completing entire *Parshas Beshalach*

### A Peek into Upcoming YKOR Calendar

**Friday, December 22,**  
Chai Lifeline Toy Drive Ending  
**Monday, December 25,**  
NO TRANSPORTATION, A: K-5: 9:00, 6-8: 7:45,  
D: K-8 **3:00**, General Studies Teacher- In-Service  
**Tuesday-Wednesday, December 26-27,**  
NO TRANSPORTATION, A: K-5: 9:00, 6-8: 7:45,  
D: K-1 3:00, 2-8: 4:15

## Hagaon Harav Steinman, Zt"l: A Biography

YERUSHALAYIM -

The *chareidi* world was plunged into mourning Tuesday with the *petirah* of the *Rosh Yeshivah*, Maran Hagaon Harav Aharon Leib Steinman, *zt"l*.

We present here a brief biography of the exalted life of the *Rosh Yeshivah*.

Harav Aharon Yehuda Leib Steinman was born in Cheshvan 5674/1913, the third child of Harav Noach Tzvi and Gittel Feiga Steiman. The family name was later changed to "Steinman." He was named after two ancestors, Reb Aharon and Reb Yehudah Leib.

The family lived in Brisk, then part of the Russian Empire, where Rav Noach Tzvi served as a *melamed* in the local Talmud Torah, and was also in charge of the *eiruv* in the city. At the time of Rav Aharon Leib's birth, the family was living in Kamenitz, due to the winds of war that prevailed at the time. They stayed throughout the years of World War I at the home of his paternal grandfather, Reb Moshe Eliyahu Gibornowski.



In Brisk, they lived next door to the Brisker Rav, Hagaon Harav Yitchak Ze'ev Soloveitchik, *zt"l*. His daughter, Rebbetzin Lifsha Feinstein, *a"h*, said that Reb Noach Tzvi was devoted to her father, and thus was *zocheh* to a son like this. Reb Noach Tzvi would bring his son to the Rav for a monthly *faher*.

From his youth he was recognized for his greatness. At the age of just 12, it was said in the Torah world that in Brisk there is a "new Chofetz Chaim in the making..."

He learned in Yeshivas Toras Chessed, headed by Hagaon Harav Moshe Sokolovsky, the author of *Imrei Moshe*, in Brisk.

He also learned for a while in Kletzk under Hagaon Harav Aharon Kotler, *zt"l*.

From bar mitzvah age, he learned on a daily basis with the son of the Brisker Rav, Harav Yoshe Ber – who was a few years his junior. Rav Steinman would reminisce about these years, adding that Reb Yoshe Ber had the notes of his grandfather, Hagaon Harav Chaim Soloveitchik, and "it was *mamash* a delight" to learn with these notes. He also founded a close relationship with Reb Moishe Soloveitchik, a grandson of Reb Chaim, a relationship that lasted a lifetime.

Upon reaching draft age in 1937, he was subject to the Polish draft, as Brisk had come under the control of the newly established Polish state in the aftermath of World War I.

He and his close friend, Reb Moishe Soloveitchik, fled with other *bachurim* from Brisk to Switzerland. In Switzerland, the two were categorized as war refugees and were incarcerated in the Schonenberg labor camp near Basel, where all who weren't Swiss citizens were put to work laying roads.

After a few months, they were both given positions as *maggidei shiur* in Yeshivas Etz Chaim, in Montreux, which relieved them of any army duty.

Harav Steinman was the only member of his family to survive the war. While still in Switzerland, in 5704/1944 he married Rebbetzin Tamar Kornfeld, *a"h*, the daughter of Rabbi Shammai Kornfeld of Antwerp.

A short while later, they moved to Eretz Yisrael, where Rav Steinman – on the advice of the Chazon Ish – was appointed *Rosh Yeshivah* in Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim in Kfar Saba. He lived near the yeshivah.

Eventually they relocated to Bnei Brak, where he was appointed *Rosh Kollel* of the



Ponevez Kollel by the Ponevezer Rav, Harav Yosef Shlomo Kahaneman, *zt"l*.

Later, the Ponevezer Rav opened the *yeshivah ketanah* of Ponevez, called Ponevez L'Tze'irim, and asked Rav Steinman to serve as *Rosh Yeshivah* together with Hagaon Harav Michel Yehuda Lefkowitz, *zt"l*.

Over the years, Rav Steinman was seen as a leader of Torah Jewry. He was a leading member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah of Degel HaTorah.

Many would seek his counsel and *brachos*, at his humble home in Bnei Brak. Rav Steinman was noted for his *hanhagos* and leadership in the *chareidi* world.

His *petirah* is a loss to all of *Klal Yisrael*, one of the last connections and links to the previous generations.

*Zecher tzaddik livrachah.*

# The Tzava'ah of Harav Steinman

By Hamodia Staff

The incredible *tzava'ah* of Harav Steinman was read aloud by Harav Chizkiyahu Mishkowsky, *Mashgiach* of Yeshivas Orchos Torah, before the *mittah* of the *Rosh Yeshivah* left on its last earthly journey. Below is an English translation of the *tzava'ah*.

1) I greatly beseech that no one be *maspid* me, neither in front of me nor not in front of me, not to make any *atzereshisorerus* or *atzeres avel*, or any sort of [similar event] with any other name, whose intention is to be *maspid*.

2) Not to write any articles about me in the newspapers, daily, weekly or monthly. Not to publish my picture, not to publish my biography as is customary.

3) Not to print signs about the *levayah* and not to announce on loudspeakers or radio. It is enough that there will only be ten people at the *levayah*.

4) To try not to take time between the *petirah* and the *kevurah* and to hasten that the *kevurah* should be as close to the *petirah* as possible.

5) My place in the cemetery should be amongst simple people.

6) Not to write on the *kever* any titles, only, "Here is buried Reb Aharon Yehudah Leib son of Reb Noach Zvi Steinman."

7) The *matzeivah* should be the cheapest and simplest, not to waste money for buying an expensive plot in the cemetery. However, if it is desired to give *tzedakah*, it should be done but without buying [an expensive] plot.

8) On those days when it is customary to visit the *kever*, such at the end of the *shivah*, *sheloshim* and on the *yahrtzeit*, not to waste too much time over this. Instead, it is more worthwhile to learn Torah throughout that day, and to refrain from speaking about *devarim beteilim*.

If searching for a place to *daven* for the *amud* will cause much *bittul Torah*, it is better to use the time to learn *l'shem Shamayim*.

9) I request that anyone who seeks [to do something for] my benefit should learn a *perek* of *Mishnayos* every day until the end of the 12-month period. Girls should recite *pirkei Tehillim* every day, including Shabbos and Yom Tov.

10) [My] manuscripts of divrei Torah and Aggadah should not be published, except those about which it is known that I have reviewed them and that they are ready for publication.

11) I ask not to be referred to with the title "tzaddik" or "yerei Shamayim," so that I shall not be embarrassed by this in the *Olam Ha'emes*.

12) I greatly beseech forgiveness from all those whose honor I have slighted; and to those who, unbeknownst to me, I owe money to, and in reality will not demand it (i.e., that they cannot collect it according to *Halachah*) – that they should forgive me.

13) All my descendants shall not follow the *mittah*, per the *minhag* of Yerushalayim.

**NOTE: In deference to the *tzava'ah* of Maran Hagaon Harav Aharon Yehuda Leib Shteinman, *zecher tzaddik livrachah*, Hamodia asked a *sheilah* regarding its coverage of his life and *petirah*. Below is the handwritten *teshuvah* received from Hagaon Harav Chaim Kanievsky, *shlita*, transmitted by his son, Harav Yitzchak Shaul. Our goal was to follow the *teshuvah* faithfully and to be *marbeh kvod Shamayim* through our coverage.**



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Name of תלמיד (Please Print Clearly)

Class: (Please Check One)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 10 פסוקים
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 15 פסוקים
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 20 פסוקים
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 25 פסוקים
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 30 פסוקים
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 50 פסוקים
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – The complete פרשה

My son completed שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום for  
this פרשה in the amount specified for his class.

Parent's signature

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December 5, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Yes, it is THAT time of year again! The "I don't feel well", stuffy, coughing, sore throat season for all of us.

Let us help each other through it. We want to maintain good health and well-being in our boys and staff, so we ask that you please keep your son home if he is not feeling well and/or presents any symptoms of illness, with or without fever. If he is well, make sure he dresses appropriate to the weather as the boys are inside and outside throughout the day.

**The following are some signs/symptoms indicating that your child should remain home:**

- Fever of 99.8 or more
- Thick yellow or green mucous from nose
- Earache
- Rash (that is not normal for your child)
- Sore throat (until strep is ruled out)
- Persistent/productive cough
- Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting
- Persistent abdominal discomfort
- Achiness , lethargy

It is important that your child rest at home until:

- He has been afebrile (without a fever) for 24 hrs. without the use of Tylenol, Motrin,...
- If he is recovering from the flu, it is recommended to stay home for 48 hrs. after fever resolves.
- He has no signs of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting for 24 hrs.
- If antibiotics are prescribed, a **full day** of medication is needed (and of course he should remain on antibiotics for the full course of treatment, even if he seems better.)
- He feels better

**\*\*When medication is needed during school hours, PLEASE bring me a note from your Doctor.**

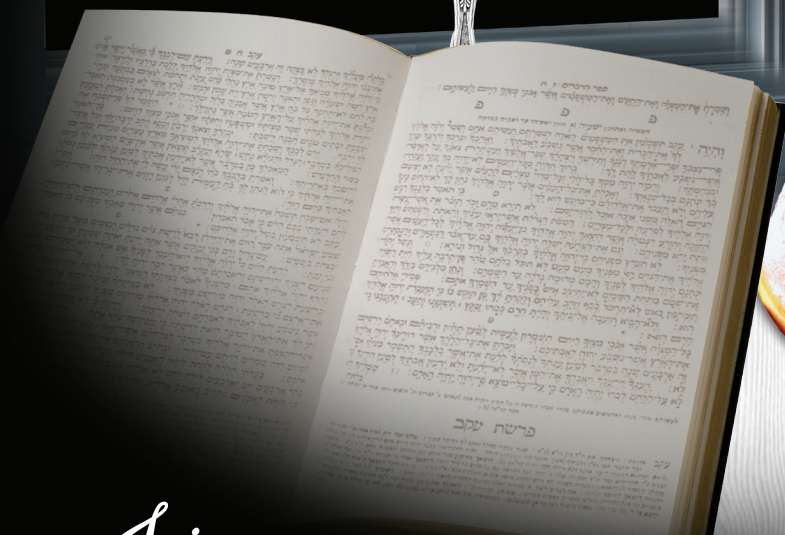
As always, our children need plenty of sleep, physical activity, water, and nutritionally balanced foods to stay well, physically and emotionally.

**...and do not forget!!** As you are taking care of your children, **PLEASE** take the time to care for yourself

as well.

Thank you for your support and cooperation,  
Aimee Kirshblum, RN

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