



Top Row (L-R): Eli Duban, Chaim Boruch Teitebaum, Eitan Agor, Shmuel Slonim (Shliach), Shlomo Stark, Dovid Mendelow, Reuven Havin, Mendy Reicher, Benji Licht, Sholom Loebenstein, Edan Hanoukah, Yisroel Lever, Eli Baker, Avrumi Engel (Shliach), Moishe Amzalak, Menachem Aron, Levi Berger, Pinchas Cyprys, Zalman Simons, Menachem Dahan, Tzemach Diamant.

Second Row (L-R): Yossi Gutnick, Yosef Lipskier, Menachem Morozov, Avrohom Tatarka, Mendel Jedwab, Bentzi Weiss, Yoni Rubin, Kasriel Kay, Yosef Kastle (Shliach), Mendel Szmeling, Shneur Ossowiecki (Shliach), Yisroel Chanowitz (Shliach), Aron Niasoff, Mendy Rahmani, Menachem Dyce, Yossi Gopin, Izzy Adelist, Ari Glick, Raphael Abargel, Ezri Israel.

Third Row (L-R): Mendy Spielman, Yisroel Leib Lester (Shliach), Mendy Krinsky, Menachem Breindel, Moshe Lerman (Shliach), Yossel Lebovits, Shloimy Henenberg, Mendy Jaffe, Shloimi Gross, Yossi Chriqui, Levi Gutnick, Dovi Straiton, Mendel Groner, Aron Kastel, Hirshy Gutnick, Yisroel Cohen, Benny Begun, Levi Gross, Mendy Lieberman (Shliach).

Front Row (L-R): Eli Lowinger, Menachem Procel, Mendel Hertz (Shliach), Yossi Moshel, Rabbi S Goldzweig (Meishiv), Rabbi M Szmeling (Maggid Shiur), Rabbi SB Engel (Mashgiach), Rabbi S Lesches (Maggid Shiur), Rabbi B Cohen (Rosh Yeshivah), Rabbi Y Winner (Mashpia), Rabbi Y Schneier (Mashpia), Mr A Procel (Executive Director), Mr M Joseph (General Manager), Herman Miller (Chef), David Bando, Yankel Hirsch, Sholom Ber Lazarus (Dorm Supervisor), Shmuli Rutman (Dorm Supervisor), Mendy Nutovics.

Absent: Moshe Backman (Shliach), Israel Ohana (Shliach), Mendel Jameson, Mendel Gurevitch.



The Rabbinical College recently packed and distributed over 1,800 Shmura Matzos amongst the wider Melbourne Jewish community.



Camp Gan Israel - Melbourne is an overnight summer camp run under the auspices of Chabad Youth. The comprehensive camp program is designed to imbue the campers with a deep sense of pride in their Jewish heritage, through exciting activities, stories, songs and discussions. The success of camp lies in its staff. Our students serve as counsellors and learning teachers. As role models, they warmly care for each individual child, ensuring a rich and wholesome experience replete with fun, friendship and meaningful educational experiences. Training begins weeks before camp.



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Passover Australia

Pesach 5773 will see groups of students travel to many parts of Australia and Asia. The students will arrange seders, offer guidance and encouragement, and provide religious items. The Passover Australia 5773 Passover Guide is



currently available at:
RabbinicalCollege.edu.au/Passover.

Heoros

"Heoros Hatmimim" is a periodical published by the Rabbinical College of Australia & NZ, containing Torah thoughts and insights. See the "Heoros" page, under the "Students" section of our website.

All submissions (both in Hebrew and English) may be emailed to heoros@rabbinicalcollege.edu.au.

Our Website

The Rabbinical College of Australia & NZ Website is being constantly updated.

Visit us at:
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Talmud

This past semester, *Iyun* (in-depth Talmud) studies at the Rabbinical College was devoted to the first chapter of Tractate *Bava Metziah*.

This chapter discusses a number of core issues in Talmudic financial law, including guidelines for resolving ownership disputes, the requirements for administering an oath in *Beis Din*, the ethical propriety of acquiring something that another is actively seeking to obtain, the acquisition mechanisms known as *Kinyan Chotzer* and *Kinyan Daled Amos*, and the efficacy of an agent commissioned to perform an *Aveirah* (sin).



Girsa (Talmud survey) studies varied, with some students focussing on the principles of faith as discussed at the end of Tractate *Sanhedrin*, such as the coming of Moshiach and the resurrection of the dead. Other students studied the rights and obligations inherent in an employer-employee relationship, as described in the second half of Tractate *Bava Metziah*. The students of Shiur Beis recently completed Tractate *Makos*, and began studying Tractate *Chagigah*.

Chassidus

Over the course of the last semester, Chassidus studies spanned a large number of *Maamorim* covering a range of topics. A fundamental cornerstone of Chassidus is that every single Jew's innermost desire is to serve *Hashem*, which is achieved through

tapping into the core of the *Neshamah* (soul). There was a lot of discussion about how to overcome spiritual apathy and become truly devoted, as well as to be truly happy at the same time.

Yom Tov

One of the basics tenets of Chassidus is that an inspiring "Yom-Tov" (Jewish Holiday) is a product of diligent preparation.

An important cornerstone of Pesach preparations is the study of Shulchan-Aruch (Code of Jewish Law). The students devoted themselves to learning and memorizing the especially intricate Halachos (laws) of Pesach. Many of our students will be conducting Pesach Seders across Australia and Asia, and their wealth of knowledge will serve them in good stead.

Chabad History



Rabbi Mendel Feller is a Chabad emissary in Minneapolis, Minnesota. On a recent visit to Australia, he visited the Rabbinical College as a guest lecturer, where he presented a detailed and highly-researched lecture about the history of Chabad in the United States, and 770 (Chabad's international headquarters) in particular. He shared a wealth of information with the students, who came away from the presentation with a greater appreciation and understanding of Chabad in the post-war era.





Above the Fray

Rabbi Mutty Fogelman is the Executive Director of the Chabad Terror Victims Project which aids and assists victims of terror and war in Israel. At a recent Farbrengen at Yeshiva Gedolah, Rabbi Fogelman shared an incident involving his father, which took place in the "early years" of the Rebbe's leadership.

In 1945, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe appointed Rabbi Hershel Fogelman to head Chabad's Hebrew Day School in Worcester, Massachusetts. At the time, Worcester boasted a large Jewish community, and the Hebrew Day School quickly became an integral part of the Jewish community.

Several years later (in 1952 or 1953), a number of prominent Jewish community figures challenged Chabad's presence in Worcester, and Rabbi Fogelman turned to the Rebbe for advice on how to cope with the adversity. He presented the problem to the Rebbe at a Yechidus (private audience), and the Rebbe responded with a story.

"Reb Yonasan Eybeshitz (1690-1764), renowned for his brilliance and wit, became a close friend and confidant of the king. As has happened repeatedly throughout Jewish history, this close friendship was a thorn in the eyes of the other ministers, who could not stand the presence of a Jew in the king's court. They began scheming for ways to discredit Reb Yonasan, without being overtly anti-Semitic.

"In those times, a favourite sport of the aristocracy was the cockfight (a blood sport between roosters who fight to the death in a ring called a cockpit). In the weeks and months prior, each minister would select a rooster of the fiercest breed, and provide it the best of care, whilst at the same time conditioning it for increased stamina and strength. Wagers were made on the outcome of the match, and the owner of the last rooster left standing was the declared winner.

"The ministers decided to complain to the king that Reb Yonasan was aloof and haughty; far from the kind of team-player that makes a good minister in the court of the king. Their "proof" was the fact that

Reb Yonasan did not participate in their regular cockfights. (Cockfights and similar such sports are frowned upon by Jewish Law). The king acquiesced to their demands, and instructed Reb Yonasan to participate in the next ministerial cockfight.

"All of the ministers eagerly began prepping and fattening up their roosters. The day of the cockfight arrived soon enough, with a lot of angry long-clawed combatants placed in the ring. Reb Yonasan arrived with a thin and scrawny chicken, and gently placed it in the ring. The chicken took one look at the other ferocious roosters in the ring, and made a quick dash for cover. The other roosters began ripping each other apart, and they fell one by one. At the end, Reb Yonasan's chicken hesitantly peered out of its hiding place and gingerly stepped out. The ministers had no choice but to declare Reb Yonasan the winner – his chicken was the last one left standing.

The Rebbe's message was clear. Community politics must be avoided at all costs, even when antagonists overstep their bounds. Instead, one must focus one's energies on the good that needs to be achieved, and any adversity will eventually die out.

Rabbi Fogelman returned home and heeded the Rebbe's advice. He completely disengaged himself from the controversy swirling in Worcester, thereby retaining his integrity and credibility.



PURIM IN THE BUSH

Over the Purim weekend, 1,100 Venturer scouts aged 14-18 attended an annual fun packed activity weekend near Drouin Victoria. As this coincided with Purim, three students of the Yeshiva Gedolah (Izzy Adelst, Chaim Teitlebaum and Mendel Hertz) travelled to the campsite Purim morning to read the Megillah for a dozen Jewish Venturers from around Victoria, distribute Mishloch Manot and assist in giving Tzedakah. Their visit was coordinated and facilitated by the Jewish scouting chaplain, Rabbi Moore. Yeshiva Gedolah received this follow-up email:

Thank you very much for allowing me to borrow Izzy, Chaim and Mendel. As I said on the phone, they were magnificent, and they made the day for the scouts. I have only received positive feedback about their performance. Kol Tov Rabbi Moore, District Chaplain/Development officer - Stonnington Glen Eira district

MITZVOYIM ROUNDUP

Over the last half year, Friday weekly Mitzvot has expanded to over 50 routes.

Chanukah was a major success, with outreach efforts focussed in Bentleigh, Brighton, East Brighton, Moorabbin, and the CBD. This year, the Menorah kits included candles that burned for ninety minutes instead of thirty, allowing the Mitzvah to be observed in the best possible manner.

The students also organized a community Menorah parade, with close to a hundred vehicles participating. Menorah kits were distributed along the parade route, and many pedestrians were reminded of the Chanukah festival.

Purim activities included the packing and distribution 1,000 Shalach Manos, 20 Purim parties hosted at various homes and workplaces, and 75 Megillah readings with over 1,500 participants. Some of the students also travelled to Mildura and to Brisbane, bringing the joy of Purim with them.

The Shluchim and students are currently coordinating Passover-Australia, with Seders being organized around the country.



YG Capital Works Project - Stage 1



The Rabbinical College of Australia & New Zealand is Australia's first and largest fully residential institute of tertiary Jewish studies.

Since its establishment, the Rabbinical College has grown in stature, international repute and in the sheer numbers of students passing through its doors. However, its facilities and amenities have not kept pace with its phenomenal growth. With enrolments regularly at capacity levels, current facilities are heavily overburdened.

As a result, the Rabbinical College is launching its most ambitious project yet – a major extension and redevelopment of its Alexandra Street campus. Purchased in 1970, the facility has served for over forty years as a Torah-study centre for thousands of full and part-time students.

When completed, the new works should ensure that the College is well equipped for the foreseeable future to maintain its reputation as one of the world's premier Jewish tertiary colleges.

The first stage of our plans includes the extension of the Study Hall (known as the Zal), new staff offices and bathroom facilities, four new bedrooms to accommodate sixteen students, and restoration of the Dining Room to its original grand size. Council approval for the project has been granted and endorsed. Estimated cost of the first stage is in excess of \$1 million.

The staff and students of Melbourne's senior yeshivah, the Rabbinical College, have made an indelible impression on the local and general Australian Jewish community.

As the Rabbinical College approaches its Golden Jubilee of dedicated service to the community, we invite you to invest in the college's future and expansion through contributing generously towards this building project.

Your contribution will enable the first stage of the college's redevelopment and proposed works to proceed and will afford even more students the opportunity to further their personal growth and development. It is truly a bricks and mortar investment with a guaranteed return. Please contact us for naming opportunities.



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