

Chaim Dovid in concert



Rabbi Mordechai Becher answers questions about Kabbalah



Rabbi Minster teaches the Daf Yomi class





Rabbi Landis and the Israel Learning Experience at Masada



the new Kollel building, at 2245 Losantiville



the Kollel's main building and Bais Midrash



Kollel staff apartments-right around the block from the main building



a picnic for Israelis at the Kollel Retreat Center



at the Sushi Kumzits

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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Cincinnati Community Kollel. The Kollel is now in its thirteenth year of activity and we are proud of its accomplishments. It is with great excitement that we offer this review to our community and supporters. The report in your hands contains our activity reports, as well as staff bios, a balance sheet and income statement, and an alphabetical list of our contributor base.

What is our Community Kollel? At its core it is a *makom Torah*, a place dedicated to the study of Torah. The Kollel operates with the philosophy that, more than any other spiritual or physical asset, it is our Torah and the study of it that have kept our people alive through-

A fifth-generation Midwesterner, Rabbi David Spetner served as a congregational rabbi in Richmond, Virginia before moving to Cincinnati in 1995 to help establish the Kollel.

# Rabbi David Spetner

out the millennia. It is the goal of our staff to share the beauty of Torah study throughout the Cincinnati Jewish community and, through that, to help each Jew draw closer to their Judaism.

We call the Torah *Etz Chaim*—a Tree of Life—and, like a tree, in order to bear fruit it must have roots deep within the earth. In order to share Torah, our staff must be deeply rooted in their own dynamic Torah study. Our staff scholars maintain two intensive daily study sessions, each three hours in length,



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Outreach Director, Rabbi Yitzchok Preis, has very effectively led that charge, overseeing all of the Kollel's off-site learning opportunities.

This year, the Kollel's expanded activities, which were introduced last year, have really taken off. First, our larger team of six Staff Scholars has created a whole new, dynamic level of energy in our Study Center. Next is the Kollel Retreat Center in Deerfield Township, headed by Rabbi Pinchas & Naomi Landis. In only a year and a half, weekly participation has grown to more than fifty individuals and overall participation to over 200. The Kollel's Aish campus project at University of Cincinnati and at Miami University (of Oxford, Ohio), headed by former Staff Scholar Rabbi Rafi Weinschneider has sent many students to Israel and has scores involved in weekly Jewish activities. Please read more about these exciting endeavors in their individual reports.

We are excited about our staff and we hope you will get to know them. They are truly a special group, each with a unique blend of humanity, compassion, and scholarship. We look forward to the opportunity to touch the lives of ever more Jews with the beauty of Torah.

### **ON-SITE LEARNING**

### Rabbi Meir Minster KOLLEL DIRECTOR / TORAH STUDIES

We take great pride as we look back on the learning of the Kollel in the past year. Our staff scholars focused their learning on the tractates *Beitza* and *Chagiga*, which deal with the laws specific to the Jewish holidays. At the same time, we completed an in-depth study of the laws of Shabbos.

In this current year, our thirteenth, we have begun a two-year course of study of the tractate *Chulin*, which deals with the laws of kashrus and forms the core of practical Jewish law. This marks the third time that *Chulin* has been studied in the Kollel, and it attests

#### to the continuing cycle of advancement for our past scholars and the arrival of our newer staff members over the years.

We also get much satisfaction from the fact that the majority of our Staff Scholars make Cincinnati their home after leaving the Kollel, serving the Jewish community in so many different and meaningful ways.

Over the years we have had the pleasure to learn and review many of the tractates of the Talmud that cover the practical areas of Jewish living. Besides *Chulin*, we have studied *Niddah* (the laws of family purity) and Berachos (the laws of blessings and prayer). As mentioned, we have spent several years covering the laws of Shabbos, which are found in the tractates Shabbos and Eiruwin. We also accepted the challenge to study the Laws of ribbis (interest and finance), one of the most complex areas of discussion within Jewish law; these are found in tractate Bava Metzi'ah. More recently, we completed the tractate Yoma, which deals with the special service in the Temple on the day of Yom Kippur, as well as the observances and fasting that still pertain to us today; and Avodah Zarah, which discusses other religions and our interaction with the non-Jewish world.

I would like to take a moment to describe the daily activities of our Beis Midrash. *Beis Midrash* translates literally into a "study hall" or "place of learning," but in our case it is much more. Besides serving as the physical hub for much of the Kollel's activities, the spiritual impact of the Torah learned there permeates and drives all that we do.

This is the essence of the Kollel. While our day is anchored by our personal study, it is from this learning that the Torah insights we share with others take shape. In the morning session we attempt to master specific areas of *halacha*, legal conclusions, while in the afternoon we survey the entire tractate at hand, gaining an appreciation for the context from

Ordained by the late Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg of Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Rabbi Minster oversees the academic excellence of the Kollel's staff scholars. He also delivers the Daf Yomi (page a day of Talmud), among other classes.

which *halacha* is derived. No less important, however, is the community learning which we view as flowing from these sessions.

From 5:30 in the morning until after 10:30 at night, members of the community can be found learning in the Beis Midrash—with the Kollel staff or on their own. They are taking time from their schedules to incorporate the beauty of Torah into their days. Whether studying one-on-one over breakfast, at lunch, or during our evening community session, or by joining a class or lunch-and-learn, people are finding their lives enriched by the Torah.

Besides our regular classes and one-on-one learning, the Kollel has developed several special learning opportunities. Now completing its fifth year, Kollel Dirshu, an exciting and extremely successful early-morning learning program for laymen, has exceeded even our most optimistic expectations. Cincinnati continues to be a shining star among the growing number of cities that participate in this international program. Kollel Dirshu, led locally by Rabbi Yitzchok Preis, encourages the mastery of sections of the Talmud by setting a daily



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pace and a weekly examination of the material covered. A stipend is offered for those who reach attendance and grade requirements. Although the learning ends before 7:00am, the participants have found their entire day transformed by this early morning spiritual workout. Some even return later in the day to continue their Torah discussions.

We continue to be amazed by the number of people this program has attracted. Kollel Dirshu has earned a prominent space among our other successful programs, Yesodei Hatorah (where participants acquire the skills to learn on their own) and Daf Yomi (the daily study of a folio of Talmud). They provide

an opportunity to gain an appreciation for the breadth of the Talmud.

Perhaps our proudest moment is at Father and Son Learning, where parents, grandparents and children fill the Kollel building to capacity. The sweet sound of Torah being passed on, from generation to generation, is truly inspiring. Special thanks go to our volunteers—Josh Kibel, who runs this program so effectively in the winter, and Rabbi Shai Scherer, who has expanded the program to include Shabbos afternoons in the summer. I invite you to come in to the Kollel. Join us in our learning, and discover your own place in Torah. We look forward to seeing you.

## OFF-SITE LEARNING

# Rabbi Yitzchok Preis

The Kollel's vibrant Beis Midrash continues to create an energy that spreads far beyond its walls. This past year saw Kollel outreach activities for teens, college students, and adults of all ages in a wide variety of settings.

Our Kollel Retreat Center (KRC) in Mason has outpaced all expectations. Several popular weekly classes attract adult learners from Mason and far beyond. Lively, lavish Shabbos dinners attract dozens of young professionals and families of all ages and backgrounds, and a variety of exciting seasonal events keep the KRC humming with activity. Our college outreach programming increased significantly, with more students than ever before participating in weekly learning, Shabbos experiences, and Israel trips.

The KRC and college outreach programs will be elaborated upon later in this Annual Report.

Our Women's Learning Initiative, sponsored in part by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, presented a special evening of camaraderie and learning and provided the crowd with a more profound appreciation of Shabbat candles. Woman to Woman **Partners in Torah**, now under the direction of **Ahuva Goldman**, continues to provide unique one-on-one learning experiences that bring together women of different ages and backgrounds in a variety of local settings.

A weekend **Gateways Retreat** at the Kings Island Resort Center brought hundreds of participants from Cincinnati, Columbus, Lexington, and Indianapolis together for a series of fascinating lectures, spirited services and lavish, festive meals.

The very inspiring (and *very* funny!) Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein was our guest speaker for a special, local **pre-Rosh Hashanah Shabbaton**.

November was **Kosher Awareness Month** and brought classes, resource materials, and inspiration for increased kosher observance to Cincinnati. Our co-sponsors were Avari's, biggs, Graeters, Marx Hot Bagels, and Ranelle's Gourmet Cookies and Challah.

Russian-speaking members of our community were treated to several informative lectures and film-based discussions with former Russian actor, now Torah educator and film producer, Rabbi Tzvi Patlas. Rabbi Patlas also made several special presentations for the Hebrew-speaking community.

Anti-Semitism was the focus of **"Why the Jews?"** in a presentation by Rabbi Motty

> A graduate of Ner Israel and Johns Hopkins School of Engineering, Rabbi Preis has become a well-known Jewish educator in Cincinnati. He has taught at the Melton School, UC's Jewish Studies Program, the Jewish Federation, and other venues.

Berger of Jerusalem hosted by **Brett and Alison Caller** and **Steve and Robyn Miller**. Rabbi Berger also spoke at a special downtown presentation hosted by **Larry Neuman** and the **Strauss & Troy** law firm.

A monthly **Jewish Culture Club** brings Torah thought (and refreshments!) to **Walnut Hills High School** students.

A Crash Course in Hebrew Reading offered at the Symmes Township Library attracted many unaffiliated and 'nominally-affiliated' participants.

Lunch-and-Learns continue to provide a midday spiritual boost for participants every week Downtown. Children's Hospital is the location of our newest Lunch-and-Learn, catering to physicians and medical staff.

Home-based study groups meet regularly in Amberley, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Montgomery, and Wyoming.

The Kollel would be happy to assist you in bringing Jewish learning into your home or office – please contact us today to take advantage!



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## RETREAT CENTER

## Rabbi Pinchas Landis

DIRECTOR, KOLLEL RETREAT CENTER

The Kollel Retreat Center has been open since August, 2006. This program was started to be an outpost for Jewish life and inspiration in the northern suburbs of Cincinnati. Our open house and welcoming approach has brought in over 200 people, who are now involved in regular programming at the Retreat Center including Shabbos and holiday programs, classes and lectures, and one on one study programs.

Our Shabbos program attracts many different types of Jews. The program includes lively and informative services, as well as festive, delicious meals. A Shabbos table with over forty people sitting around it is a regular occurrence at the KRC.

The holidays are always celebrated in a major way at the Center. With over 150 people attending the Purim Bash, sixty people enjoying the Passover Seders, fifty people participating in Explanatory High Holiday Services, 120 people sitting in the Succah, and ninety people at the Chanukah Party, everyone looks forward to the holidays with the Kollel.

Our classes have become very popular at the Center. We have a weekly Israeli group that meets to discuss Torah ideas in Hebrew. The "Back to the Past" History Series is very popular among Jews young and old. "Dinner and Discussion" is a great way to speak your mind about Judaism. Guest lecturers always attract nice crowds.

Many Jewish men and women have taken advantage of our one-on-one study program. We now have many different learning partnerships going on regularly around the city. All of these grew out of the Retreat Center.

This past August we ran a very successful trip to Israel. 25 participants from the Cincinnati area joined together on the Israel Learning Experience. We toured all over the country while learning about Jewish History and Culture. We also had the opportunity

Rabbi Landis grew up in suburban Atlanta and chose an observant Jewish life through his involvement with the Atlanta Scholars Kollel. He is a former International President of BBYO and serves locally as a BBYO adviser. He and his wife Naomi run the Kollel Retreat Center's many programs, classes, and Shabbos experiences.

Naomi Landis

KOLLEL RETREAT CENTER • WOMEN'S OUTREACH Born in Seattle and raised in Richmond and Miami, Naomi Landis studied in Israel and has taught both in Miami and Baltimore. A mother of three, she joins her husband in running the Kollel Retreat Center while studying with women throughout the community.

to hear from some of the most prominent teachers of Torah in Jerusalem. Everyone returned inspired and more connected to the Jewish People. We are now planning the Israel Learning Experience 2008 which will take place in September.

We are in the process of building an addition to the Kollel Retreat Center which will include two guest rooms and a bathroom, to make it possible for more participants to

spend Shabbos and holidays with the Kollel. We look forward to inspiring more and more Cincinnati Jews to get involved with their Judaism over the next year.

# CAMPUS OUTREACH Rabbi Raphael Weinschneider

AISH CAMPUS OUTREACH

This past year was a record-breaker in terms of student involvement in Shabbat dinners, Jewish learning, and Israel trips. Jewish pride and Israel-identity have reached new heights at both U.C. and Miami U.

Generous grants provided by the Jewish Foundation and Jewish Federation together with funding assistance from Aish Hatorah of Cleveland help us subsidize high quality Israel experiences. We have also assisted students with funding to attend educational retreats in Santa Barbara, St. Louis, New York and New Jersey.

Several dozen students are currently spending time each week furthering their Jewish knowledge in one-on-one or small class settings. Over sixty such sessions take place each month! We have also introduced the "Aish



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Café" on-line learning program, and we provide a stipend for students who master the curriculum.

Several lectures were hosted at the A.E.Pi. house at U.C. In one presentation, guest speaker Doron Kornbluth tackled the very controversial but very important issue of intermarriage. He was very well received by the more than twenty students who participated despite a severe winter storm.

Programs on Miami's campus are held at the "Aish Bayit," as well as some held in

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Rabbi Raphael Weinschneider AISH CAMPUS OUTREACH

of four generations of American rabbis. He also holds a M.B.A.

conjunction with Hillel at the Hillel facil-

ity. Guest speakers this past year were Rabbi

Motty Berger, from Jerusalem, Steve Belkin,

Shabbat at the Bavit is a weekly highlight

for many students looking for a "home away

from home" where they very comfortably ex-

The enthusiastic response we've gotten

from so many students has reinforced the

important role of the Kollel's Aish Campus

and Discovery Seminars' Rabbi Eliyahu

plore and expand their Judaism.

A native of Chicago, Rabbi Weinschneider hails from a line

from Johns Hopkins University. "Rabbi Rafi" reaches out

to students on the campuses of University of Cincinnati

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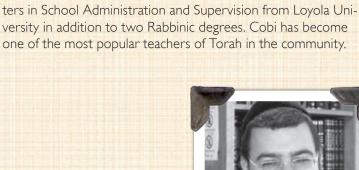
# Rabbi Chaim Barry

Born and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Rabbi Barry has a Judaic Teaching Certificate from Machon Teacher's Training Institute. He teaches Discovering Judaism at Miami University Hillel (in Oxford, Ohio), and a class on Ramban at Kneseth Israel Congregation every Shabbos.



Rabbi Yirmi Lederer STAFF SCHOLAR

Imported from Paris, France, Yirmi holds a rabbinic degree and an MBA, both earned in Miami, Florida. He teaches the highest level of Yesodei Hatorah, as well as leading a Jewish boys' choir.



Rabbi Dov Schwartzbaum

STAFF SCHOLAR

Born in Virginia and raised in Israel, Dov and his wife are our resident Hebrew speakers. He leads a weekly class for Israelis at the Kollel Retreat Center and other programming for the Israeli community.

Rabbi Aharon "Ronnie" Daniel

STAFF SCHOLAR

The most recent arrival at the Kollel, Rabbi Daniel studied in Israeli yeshivos for ten years. He also attended Ner Israel in his native Baltimore, where he earned a degree in history from the University of Maryland. Aharon teaches the Yesodei Hatorah skills-buliding class and a class at Golf Manor Synagogue based on the weekly Torah portion.



Alter Ranbrogel

Rabbi Cobi Robinson

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Rabbi Robinson attended Yeshivat Shaalavim in Israel and Ner Israel in Baltimore. He holds a Mas-

STAFE SCHOLAR

A Cincinnati native, Alter attended rabbinical schools in St. Louis and Brooklyn. He spent eleven summers as Art Director at a camp in New York's Catskills, and he continues to do crafts here at Camp Ashreinu. Alter's responsibilities at the Kollel range from running the Kollel office to creating publicity materials.



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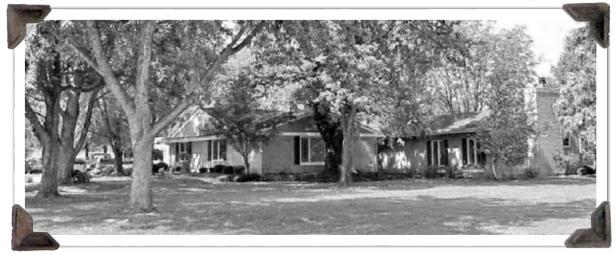
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending December 31, 2007

#### Year-End Profit & Loss

		For the year ending Decemb	er 31, 2007		
				Income	1,054,905.24
				Expenses	
				Automotive expenses	7,903.46
				Honorariums (reported on 1099)	
Assets		Liabilities and Equit	N/	Charitable Contributions	15,938.55
Assels		Liabilities and Equit	У	Convention/Seminar Admission	1,848.86
				Event expenses (Kollel)	46,723.47
Cash		Payroll Withholding Liability		Books and Publications	983.47
Cash	21,510.94	Federal/FICA Taxes Payable	4,163.70	Gifts (non charity)	36.46
Petty Cash	0.00	State Tax Payable	962.17	Informational Advertising	12,713.00
Total Cash	21,510.94	Local Tax Payable	1,091.68	Insurance	87,765.39
		Total Payroll Withholdings	6,217.55	Copier	589.00
Other Receivables				Food & Entertainment	7,093.52
Deposits	6,115.00	Other Short-Term Liabilities		Maintenance & Supplies	22,126.20
A/R—employees	187,281.27	Notes Payable	0.00	Office Supplies	2,515.30
Bureau of Worker's Compensa		Total Other Short-Term Liabiliti	ies o.oo	Printing, Copies, Developing	6,368.17
Total Other Receivables	193,530.84			Shipping & Postage	1,375.53
		Long-Term Liabilities		Wages (reported on W-2)	209,820.57
Other Assets		Chase (1)	69,534.86	Moving Expenses	4,000.00
Closing Costs—net	791.52	Chase (2)	350,230.26	ODJFS	433.42
Total Other Assets	791.52	USBank	28,976.99	Worker's Comp premiums	1,338.01
		Total Long-Term Liabilities	448,742.11	FIT/FICA Contributions	18,657.39
Fixed Assets				Scholarships	144,498.00
Land	182,656.06	Equity		Rent and Parsonage	11,187.50
Buildings	845,597.03	Retained Earning—Prior	580,999.09	Property Taxes	25,161.99
Building Improvements	92,155.72	Retained Earning—Current	79,264.45	Telephony	10,329.61
Furniture and Equipment	34,633.12	Total Equity	660,236.54	Travel	14,995.08
Car	0.00			Utilities (gas & electric)	26,179.27
Total Fixed Assets	1,115,223.20	Total Liabilities and Equity	1,115,223.20	Water	7,471.30
				Snow Removal	350.00
Accumulated Depreciation				Trash Removal	1,235.12
A/D—Buildings	(207,011.36)			Miscellany	2,103.25
A/D—Leasehold Improvem't	s (18,194.66)			Loan	3,548.53
A/D—Furniture and Equipme	ent (30,446.01)			Principal Payments	40,704.89
A/D—Car	0.00			Interest and Banking Fees	25,148.88
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	on (255,652.03)				
				Campus Outreach Expenses	72,048.82
Total Assets	1,115,223.20			Torah Lanetzach Expenses	17,032.16
				Retreat Center Expenses	174,221.10
				Total All Expenses	1,051,572.16
				Net Income	3,333.08

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**Rabbi Yehudah Bienstock** has taken a position in the healthcare field in Cincinnati, and is a community activist who still teaches for the Kollel.

**Rabbi Ben Travis** serves as Director of Development at Cincinnati Hebrew Day School.

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**Rabbi A. D. Motzen** serves Agudath Israel as both the Executive Director of its Cincinnati office and Ohio Director of Government and Public Affairs, where he advocates for education and religious issues.

**Rabbi Moshe Kibel** works marketing a new standardized testing system to religious & secular schools, while continuing to teach for the Kollel.

### OUT OF TOWN:

**Rabbi Boruch Leff** serves as Assistant Principal at Yeshiva Institute of Baltimore. He writes weekly columns in *Yated Neeman* and at Aish.com, and has published two books— *Forever His Students* based on the teachings of Rav Yaakov Weinberg *z*"l and *Shabbos In My Soul.* 

**Rabbi Dov Lipman** is on the staff of Yeshivat Yesodei Hatorah in Beit Shemesh, Israel, and is the author of *Discover: Answers* for Teenagers (and Adults) to Questions About the Jewish Faith and Time Out: Using Sports Stories as a Game Plan for Spiritual Success.

**Rabbi Ephraim Fischer** teaches Russian immigrants in Brooklyn, New York.

**Rabbi Ely Behar**, after completing a Masters in Social Work at University of Cincinnati, now serves as an instructor and guidance counselor at Yeshivas Neve Tzion, outside of Jerusalem.

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