

# 2017 Annual Report

*Our Twenty-Third Year*



**Cincinnati Community Kollel**



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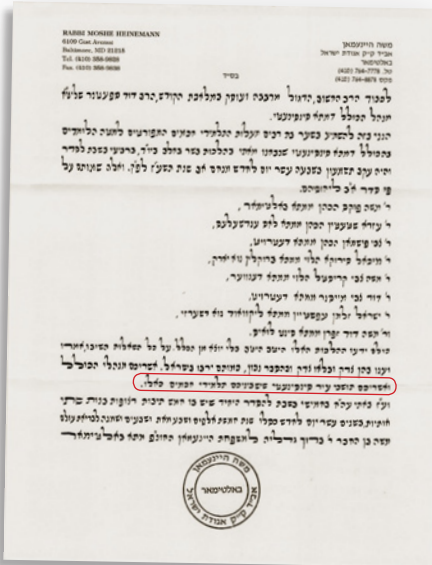
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# Advanced Study

## Staff Scholarship

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, where in a group format they probe, study, and analyze the Torah.

This past year, our staff scholars completed one section of the laws of kashrus, in preparation for an advanced ordination in conjunction with Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore. An oral exam was administered by Rabbi Moshe Heinemann, who leads the Star-K Kashrus Agency.



Letter of approbation from Rabbi Moshe Heinemann. Translation of the highlighted line: "The residents of Cincinnati are fortunate to have Torah scholars like these in their midst!"



Skype lecture from Rabbi Yosef Weinman of Lakewood, NJ

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# For Men

## Kollel Dirshu

Being part of Dirshu...  
has helped me grow  
tremendously.  
—Tuvia Gilbert, O.D.

Daily at 5:50 a.m. a group of around 20 members of the community gather to study a page of Talmud and on Sunday take a test on that weeks material.

## Night Seder Chabura

Every evening over two dozen laymen study Talmud in depth at 9 pm in the Kollel's library.

*Under the leadership of Rabbi Tzvi Fishman.*



Rabbi Nota Schiller,  
dean of Ohr Somayach of Jerusalem,  
addresses the Night Seder Chabura

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## Daf Yomi

For 22 years, this group has met to study a daily folio (two pages) of Talmud, in conjunction with the worldwide movement of Daf Yomi.

## Daily Mishnah Podcast

Provides easy access to clear and concise Mishnah lessons.

## Other Classes and Study Opportunities

Throughout the week there are additional classes and study partnerships for beginners to advanced scholars—with well over 100 participants.

*[The Kollel] has set up a learning partner... to provide me with the flexibility in learning day or night, or in person or by telephone, whenever I can find the time... someone whom I can relate to on a personal level.—Jay Bernstein, M.D.*



*I am very grateful for this wonderful experience, as it has given me an opportunity to grow and learn.  
—Andrew Nadel*

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# For Women

The perfect inspiration  
for me on a Shabbos  
afternoon!

—Shanny Katzman

I love to learn and  
Kollel Women's Learning,  
without fail, offers me  
another perspective.

—Krickel Schwartzberg

## Shabbos afternoon class

A variety of male and female speakers who zoom in on important life lessons which are extracted from the weekly Torah portion

## Wednesday evening class

A class given by a Kollel Rabbi on practical and interesting topics in Jewish law.

## Israel Trip

Our city's leaders, Aviva Minster and Kayla Soroka, brought thirteen local moms on this year's inspiring mission

The Israel trip was  
restorative for my soul...

—Shari Hiuddt

I feel so lucky to have  
had an opportunity to...  
reflect on what Judaism  
means to me and my family  
in Israel...—Dr. Karen Klugo



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# Online learning

Israel trip alumnae share a weekly online learning experience, learning and discussing topics of relevance to young Jewish mothers.

# Community Engagement

## Year-to-Year Comparison: 2016–2017

As reported to the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati

Kollel Learning Center individual participants—monthly



Campus Outreach students impacted—total



Synagogue Learning interactions—monthly



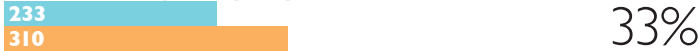
Partners in Torah individual participants—monthly



Publications readers—monthly



General Outreach program participants—total



Donors individuals—total



The Rabbis that run the organization, they are true gems.—Michael Rosenbaum

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# For Everyone

## Kollel Partners—Tuesdays at the J

Participants study topics of their choice in pairs, to maximize spirited debate and the exchange of ideas.

The brunches are... a fantastic opportunity to learn little bites about the Torah, Talmud, and Midrash, with great humor added in.  
—Richard Frohman

Paula and I love and admire R' Heinemann because we are always warmly welcomed by name and he is a great listener.  
—Norman Nevins

Reading, studying and discussing passages... has brought me to new levels of understanding my faith and heritage...—Dian Deutch

## Federation & JCC Staff Lunch & Learns

A monthly program providing food for body and soul for Jewish community staffers.

## The Shabbat Project

A variety of seasonal Shabbat experiences, uniting a broad mix of Jews of varied ages and affiliations

## Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Heinemann

Upwards of fifty people come on monthly Sunday mornings, to enjoy a deluxe breakfast and hear an informative, humorous Torah class focusing on personal growth and character development.



Rabbi Heinemann speaks at a Sunday morning Brunch & Learn

## Cincinnati Torah Newsletter

Read weekly by hundreds, locally and nationally.





Kollel Partners  
at the J

Anyone can ask any question...and a substantive answer is forthcoming.  
-Jon Hoffheimer

We have always found these classes to be very interesting, informative, and inspiring.  
-Robert & Joyce Cantor



Legal holiday class at Sha'arei Torah

## Home Study Groups

in Kenwood, Montgomery, Amberley, and Golf Manor

## Weekly Downtown Lunch & Learn

Stimulating study and discussion, hosted by Strauss & Troy.

## Keilim Mikveh for immersing dishes

Rabbi Pinchas Landis  
addresses guests at  
"A Taste of the Kollel,"  
our 2017 Annual Event

## Yaacov's Place judaica store at the Kollel

## Weekly classes at local synagogues

## Weekly Torah Treasures class for seniors at the J

Life lessons from the weekly Torah portion.



a kumzits at the boys'  
Thursday Night Chabura



## For Youth

### Thursday Night Chabura for seventh & eighth graders

This group of day school students have a great educational experience in a fun atmosphere.

### Sunday morning for 7–11 year olds ("The Boys' Club")

This group of children from a variety of backgrounds learn Jewish fundamentals in the inspiring atmosphere of the Kollel.

### Teen Learning at Graeter's & more

a Fun interactive learning session led by Rabbi Heinemann with teens in various locations around town (but always involving sports or food)!

### Friday Evening for Girls— Learning to Watch Our Words

Led by high school volunteers, several groups meet in neighborhood homes, ushering in the Shabbos by learning about the power of the spoken word.

*The topics... make us  
want to come back week  
after week.*

—Yehoshua Ottensoser

*Avi is having a very positive  
experience! ...Your caring  
has meant so much!*

—Jan Maltinsky

*The excitement that Eitan  
has... is beautiful to see!*

—Steven and Dahlia Maman

*These Torah Programs take  
us away from our busy  
lives, to enjoy and strive  
in Torah—David Benzaquen*

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at Miami U. of Ohio & University of Cincinnati

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**Shabbatons at Hillel & AEPi**

**Weekday study at the Kollel**

**Shabbos with the Kollel**

**Subsidized Israel trips**

**Subsidized stateside retreats**

**Weekly classes  
offered at Hillel**

*I always feel such a boost  
after learning with  
[Rabbi Aryeh].*

*—Jack Tajerstein, Miami U.*

*I feel like this is the most  
important learning I do all  
week. —Max Bleich, U.C.*



Rabbi Heinemann and the boys, at Graeter's

*You eat like this every  
week? —Jason Judis, U.C.*

*I am so happy to use this  
winter break to grow in my  
Judaism! —Avi Dave, Miami U.*

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## Assets

### Cash

Cash	243,171.80
Petty Cash	0.00
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>243,171.80</b>

### Other Receivables

Accounts Receivable	19.94
<b>Total Other Receivables</b>	<b>19.94</b>

### Fixed Assets

Land	183,146.06
Buildings	981,248.45
Building Improvements	406,330.65
Furniture & Equipment	62,179.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-255,652.03
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,377,252.35</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	<b>434,129.13</b>
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,054,573.22</b>
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## Liabilities & Equity:

### Payroll Withholding Liability

Fed & FICA Taxes Payable	2,692.93
State Tax Payable	693.05
Local Tax Payable	1,197.02
<b>Total Payroll Withholdings</b>	<b>4,583.00</b>

### Long Term Liabilities

Mortgages/Loans	438,269.66
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>438,269.66</b>

<b>Equity</b>	<b>1,611,720.56</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>2,054,573.22</b>
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## Expenses

## Financial Statements

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Funds set aside to cover expansion

costs for Jan.–June 2017 100,000.00

Building Improvements 29,097.40

Equipment/Machines 997.99

Closing Costs 4,325.00

Security Deposits 1,000.00

Mortgages/Loans (principal) 14,157.81

Automotive expenses 19,207.64

Honoraria & Contracted Labor 1,300.00

Legal/Attorney's Fees 185.00

Charitable Contributions 100.00

Event expenses 12,225.00

Books and Publications 1,320.05

Gifts 649.85

Informational Advertising 400.00

Insurance—Liability 5,542.50

Insurance—Health (benefits) 96,513.46

Food & Entertainment 12,145.53

Repairs & Maintenance 23,900.02

Office Supplies 2,969.04

Printing, Copies, Developing 30.89

Shipping & Postage 1,507.36

Wages 190,041.08

Moving Expenses 30,000.00

Payroll Taxes (ODJFS & BWC) 857.13

FICA & Medicare Taxes 13,563.80

Fellowships 207,852.00

Parsonage 74,762.59

JCC Facility Rentals 3,756.00

Property Taxes 56.87

Telephone & Data 10,460.57

Travel 17,176.53

Utilities (gas & electric) 18,520.92

Water 9,554.94

Snow Removal 999.00

Trash Removal 802.89

Religious Articles 143.00

Miscellany 73.49

Interest and Banking Fees 19,314.74

### Total Expenses

**925,510.09**

### Income

Charidy Campaign

(collected in 2016)

203,356.23

Other Donations

732,339.37

### Income

**935,695.60**

### Balance

**-6,945.49**

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P. O. B. 37145, Cincinnati OH 45222-0145

## With a legacy gift

You can remember the Kollel with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

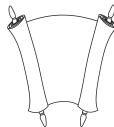
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with its important role,  
needs to be sustainable—  
and the only way to do this  
is through  
legacy commitments.  
—Richard & Sara  
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