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ROSH YESHIVA'S D'VAR TORAH

Rav Michael Yammer, Rosh Yeshiva

Dear Shaalvim family,

At the conclusion of the year, the students of Yeshivat Sha'alvim and Sha'alvim For Women left with excitement and the elevated feeling of having accomplished so much this year. Among other things, they have gained tools to learn independently, acquired a Derech HaLimmud, grown in Ahavat HaTorah — a love of Torah study— and in their character development. Ahavat HaTorah has incredible importance because it causes Torah to become a part of a student's very personality and not remain something external. When one possesses Ahavat HaTorah, their learning is meaningful, brings them joy and builds character.

In Birkat HaTorah, after the blessing of engaging in Torah study, we add the blessing of "Ve'Haarev Na":

May these Divrei Torah be Le'ilui Nishmat our beloved Talmidim: Eliyahu Moshe Zimbalist Hy"d, Yakir Levi Hy"d, and Shalom Menachem Hy"d, who were tragically killed during their service defending Am Yisrael and making it so that Am Yisrael can dwell in Eretz Yisrael and be "a kingdom of Kohanim and a holy nation."

"Please make sweet, Hashem our G-d, the words of your Torah in our mouths and in the mouth of Your nation the House of Israel. And may we and our descendants, and the descendants of your nation the house of Israel, all of us know Your name and learn Torah for its own sake. Blessed are You Hashem who teaches Torah to his nation Israel"

This is the only blessing in which we add a prayer and request after the recital of the blessing. What is the meaning of this addition?

The Eglei Tal answers that a lifelong bond with Torah can only be forged with an emotional connection to Torah study. The intent of the blessing is for a person to realize that the main Mitzvah of Talmud Torah is "to be joyous, happy and take

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MESSAGE FROM YESHIVAT SHA'ALVIM

Rav Aryeh Leibowitz, Menahel

This year was truly an exceptional one for our Yeshiva. The Beit Midrash was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a vibrant atmosphere of serious Torah learning. Students embraced their learning with dedication and passion, creating a dynamic environment where growth and achievement were felt every day.

At the same time, this year brought significant challenges for Am Yisrael. In response, our students deepened their sense of responsibility and connection to the Jewish people. The increased intensity of both tefilah and Torah was palpable throughout the yeshiva.

One of the unique strengths of our program continues to be the combination of high-level Torah study with a marked focus on simcha and shleimut ha'adam. Our talmidim not only grow in their learning but also develop a profound connection to the land, the people, and the mission of Am Yisrael. This powerful combination helps shape thoughtful, committed young men who take these values with them long after their year at Yeshivat Sha'alvim.

As our recruitment season concluded, we were honored to see that Sha'alvim remains a highly sought-after destination for students seeking excellence in Torah learning, personal growth, character development, and deepening their connection to Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael. We are proud that we continue to attract outstanding young men who are eager to challenge themselves and maximize their potential.

Looking ahead, our goals remain clear: to continue striving for excellence in Torah study, to foster meaningful personal development, and to cultivate true growth in our talmidim as bnei Torah. We are committed to helping our students become proud, knowledgeable, and responsible members of Am Yisrael who are prepared to make a positive impact on their communities and the Jewish world. A central part of that mission is nurturing a deep and lasting connection to Eretz Yisrael, encouraging our students to see themselves as active participants in the future of the Jewish people and, for many, to consider making aliyah and building their lives in our national homeland.



Rav Yammer speaking at the Yeshiva Mesibat Siyum



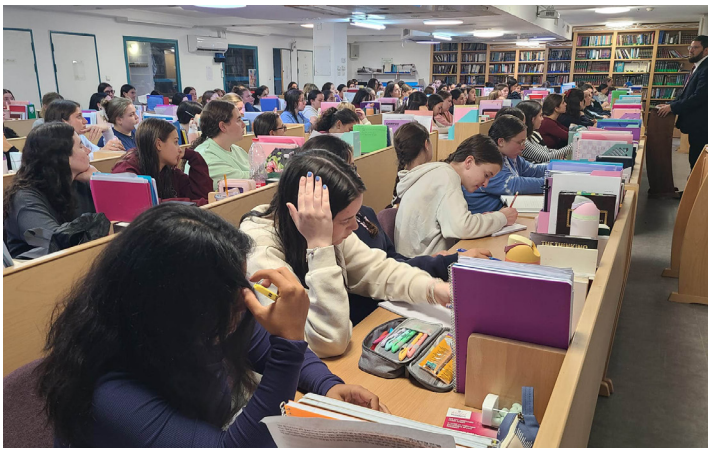
3 on 3 basketball tournament Sponsored by American Friends of Sha'alvim



Rav Ezra Shapiro at the Hachnosas Sefer Torah sponsored by Mr. Henry Schwartz in memory of fallen Hesder talmidim: Yakir Levi Hy"d, Shalom Menachem Hy"d, and Eliyahu Moshe Zimbalist Hy"d










Lag B'omer in SFW

Shabbaton in Ashkelon

Yom Ha'atzmaut in Mitzpe Yericho

Bayit Cham with Rabbi Bernstein



MESSAGE FROM SHA'ALVIM FOR WOMEN

Rav Gershon Turetsky, Menahel

Shalom from Yerushalayim!

At our Mesibat Siyum at the end of the year, celebrating the exceptional SFW class of 5786, I shared with our students an insight based on a careful reading of Parshat Shelach and the Gemara in Sotah (35a). Perhaps part of the tragedy of the Meraglim was not only how they perceived the Land, but how they perceived themselves. Seeing themselves as "grasshoppers" in comparison to the inhabitants of Eretz Yisrael, they lost confidence in their mission and ultimately, in themselves. The way they saw themselves shaped what they believed they were capable of accomplishing. Our message to our students was precisely the opposite.

The talmidot of Sha'alvim for Women have every reason to feel confident in who they are and in what they have accomplished. This year has been one of tremendous Torah growth, meaningful relationships, and real accomplishments. Through a blend of broad, text-based shiurim and serious independent Beit Midrash learning, our students immersed themselves in Torah study and developed the skills, confidence, and passion necessary to become lifelong learners. Whether continuing on as Shana Bet students, serving as B'not Sheirut Leumi, or heading to universities around the world, our students are moving forward with tremendous Torah knowledge and skills, deep inspiration, and a sense of responsibility. We are sure that they will continue to grow and make a meaningful impact wherever they go, as B'not Torah and ambassadors of Sha'alvim for Women.

As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement as we get ready to welcome the SFW class of 5787. Next year promises to be one of our strongest yet, with a record-high Shana Bet class and over 80 Shana Aleph students. We look forward to another year of continued growth in Torah and Avodat Hashem, B'derech Sha'alvim.

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delight in his learning. Then the words of Torah are absorbed into his very blood, and since he enjoys the words Torah he will become connected to the Torah with D'veikut" (Eglei Tal, Introduction).

Rav Wosner zt"l offers another answer emphasizing the role of joy as motivation. Since Torah study is very demanding, we turn to joy and love of Torah study to make the study easier and allow a person to achieve greater heights and meet their goals. Rav Wosner argues that "through this we will have the strength to engage in Torah learning. For this reason, we immediately juxtapose the blessing of 'Ve'Haarev Na' with the first blessing of engaging in Torah study, for this is the means and the tool for learning Torah and must constantly be strengthened" (Drashot Shevet HaLevi, p146). The pleasantness and sweetness of Torah encourage us to appreciate the tremendous value of Torah study and thereby motivates further Talmud Torah.

The Tiferet Shlomo offers a third answer, arguing that the tefillah of "Ve'Haarev Na" is derived from the word Ta'arovet (תערובת) a mixture, as opposed to the word "sweet". Only through the process of creative Torah study of combining our new learning to our previous knowledge can we experience the pleasantness and sweetness of Torah. The Tiferet Shlomo argues that "the words of Torah should be mixed together each day with new Divrei Torah, with new additional achievements in Torah. This is the meaning of what is written 'do not read the verse as ways (הליכות) but rather Halachot (הלכות)'. For through the Halacha we renew the ways of the world through new positive influences" (Rabbi Shlomo HaCohen of Radomsk, Tireret Shlomo on the Holidays).

In our final answer, Rav Kook zt"l emphasizes that everyone has their own "letter" in the Torah and their own personal connection to learning Torah. This is the intent of the beracha of "Ve'Haarev Na" as "pleasantness comes from a matter encountered emotionally" (Rav Kook, Olat ReIyah —Birkat HaShachar). We therefore ask for a personal connection of a correct match between each individual and their Torah study.

In Yeshiva and SFW, we place great emphasis on clarity in learning and learning on a high level. These push each student to innovate and create and thereby become deeply involved and active in their Torah learning. When a person has depth, clarity, and innovation in Torah learning, then the person will come to love learning.

Another essential part of our educational approach is the importance of being a person committed to giving to Klal Yisrael.

The Shaarei Yosher understands that this is the intention of the Torah in the commandment of "Kedoshim Tehiyu." Kedusha — holiness — is a quality found in the whole of Klal Yisrael, and when an individual gives to others then he receives Kedusha. As the Shaarei Yosher writes:

> "Therefore it seems to me that this commandment encompasses the entire foundation and root of the purpose of our lives: all of our actions and toil should always be dedicated to the benefit of the whole".
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> *(Shaarei Yosher, Introduction)*

The Shaarei Yosher further writes that when a person defines his sense of self and says the word "I", he should think about his role as part of Am Yisrael. A person should strive so "his "I" includes all of Am Yisrael. For in truth, each member of Am Yisrael is like a limb of the body of the Jewish people" (Shaarei Yosher, Introduction).

We are grateful that our students internalize this message as well. As part of our end-of-the-year programming, a Shana Bet talmid reflected on his time at Shaalvim. He highlighted the important lessons his Israeli peers have taught him about giving to Am Yisrael by enlisting in the IDF and placing their lives in danger for the good of Klal Yisrael.

Our educational mission is only possible because of the efforts of many people. I offer my deepest thanks and gratitude to the broader Shaalvim family; to the members of the Board; to Mr. Stuart Wagner and Mr. Allen Pfeiffer, Co-Presidents; Mr. Moshe Orenbuch, Chairman; Rav Avi Rosalimsky, Executive Director; and Rav Reuven Ungar, Director of Alumni Affairs. I offer my tremendous thanks and appreciation to our Rabbanim who work day and night with tremendous dedication to ensure our talmidim acquire Ahavat HaTorah, high level learning and the importance of giving to Klal Yisrael. I thank Rav Aryeh Leibowitz, Menahel of Yeshivat Sha'alvim and Rav Gershon Turetsky, Dean of Sha'alvim For Women, for their incredible leadership and all of their tireless efforts to help Yeshivat Sha'alvim and Sha'alvim For Women reach new heights. Lastly, I thank our dear students of Yeshivat Sha'alvim and SFW for their commitment to Talmud Torah, Middot and Chessed. We are fortunate to have such wonderful students who embrace our goals and teach us so much. May we continue together to instill in many more generations of talmidim and talmidot the goals of Ahavat HaTorah and giving to Klal Yisrael.

Sincerely,

Rav Michael Yammer

STUDENT EXPERIENCES, PROGRAMS & CHESSED

YESHIVA

While the Beit Midrash serves as the center of life and growth at Yeshivat Sha'alvim, the students also benefited from a rich array of incredible programming throughout the year. This included inspiring Shabbatonim in diverse communities and regions across the country, monthly "Tanach Trails" tiyulim, and engaging presentations by many distinguished guest speakers. Monthly Thursday night "Leil Shishi" programs featured uplifting ruach and great food, while special seasonal events celebrating Yat Kislev, Tu BiShvat, Yom HaAtzmaut, and other significant occasions added excitement and inspiration.

Students also participated in a powerful visit to the Gaza Envelope and attended a special event honoring our drafted chayalim. Together, these transformative experiences strengthened their bonds with one another and deepened their connection to Torah, Am Yisrael, and Eretz Yisrael, helping to translate the values cultivated in the Beit Midrash into lived experience.

















Tanach Trail trip to Lachish with Rav Waxman



Rav Hutt giving shiur in the bomb shelter during the Iran war



Shiur with Rav Eli Stefansky

STUDENT EXPERIENCES, PROGRAMS & CHESSED

SHA'ALVIM FOR WOMEN

This year, Sha'alvim for Women continued to provide students with meaningful opportunities for growth in Torah, leadership, chesed, and connection to Am Yisrael. From inspiring Shabbat in Chevron to tiyulim in the Galil, from pre-Chagim Yemei Iyun to Wednesday night guest shiurim with leading Mechanchot and Rabbanim, our students engaged deeply with Torah, Yiddishkeit, and contemporary issues.

At the same time, student-led chesed initiatives, from supporting our chayalim to running carnivals for children from Sderot, helped strengthen our students' connection to the people and communities of Israel. And of course, Chagigot, Tanach-athons, and the unique Yamim Noraim experience in Yeshivat Sha'alvim helped create the vibrant and supportive environment where learning and growth extend far beyond the classroom and Beit Midrash.









Tiyul to Midbar Yehuda







Chesed trip in Gush Etzion





Shana Bet Shabbaton



Chanukah chesed carnival in Sderot

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT
RAV BINYAMIN HUTT



Tell us a little about your background — where you grew up, your educational journey, and what brought you to Sha'alvim.

I grew up in Denver, Colorado, and attended Skokie Yeshiva, where I learned for three years before coming to Sha'alvim in 2003. I had the zechus of learning from Rav Dovid Lebor and Rav Yechezkel Yaakovson. From there, I continued on to Beis Midrash L'Talmud (Landers) where I had the opportunity to learn from Rav Parnes and Rav Bamberger, both of whom played formative roles in developing my approach to learning and my Avodas Hashem.

What is your current role at Sha'alvim, what inspired you to join Sha'alvim, and what keeps you passionate about your role today?

After getting married in chutz la'aretz, my wife, Dalia, and I moved back to Eretz Yisrael, straight to Sha'alvim in 2008, where we have been ever since. Over the years, I have served in a number of capacities within the yeshiva, beginning as a sho'el u'meishiv in the morning while taking on additional responsibilities, including giving vadim, chaburas, and bekius shiurim. This year I have the zechus to be a R"am for an incredible group of shana alef talmidim, which involves developing clarity and depth in Gemara and in ourselves. In addition, I have taught weekly in Sha'alvim for Women for the past 10 years - sharing critical Torah perspectives on life, and things that "you just have to know."

My decision to return to Sha'alvim was strongly influenced by seeing talmidim who had come through the yeshiva. I was struck by their maturity, well-roundedness, mentchlichkeit, and passion for Torah and life, and I wanted to be part of helping shape that experience for others.

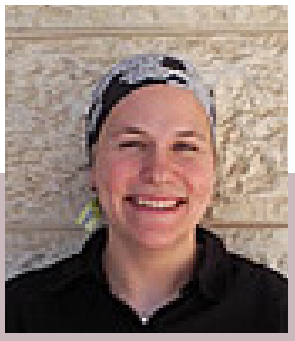
What is one message or value you hope every student carries with them long after leaving Sha'alvim?

One core idea I try to convey to my talmidim that runs through all the different shiurim and ideas that I try to share is that Hakadosh Baruch Hu believes in every person, and our job is living with a constant awareness of purpose, asking in every situation, "What does Hashem want from me here?" In learning, in middos, in Shalom Bayis - what's the Avodas Hashem of each situation? The more that you live a life thinking about Hashem, the more meaningful and enjoyable your life will be. Only a life of learning and living Torah can enable this ambitious goal.

What is something people may not know about you outside of your role at Sha'alvim (a hobby, interest, fun fact, favorite activity, etc.)?

I thoroughly enjoy every opportunity to appreciate the vast Niflaos HaBorei that surround us. I love sharing my fascination with Hashem's magnificent world and capturing its beauty through photography—from expansive, breathtaking landscapes to the intricate details and vibrant colors of a single flower. Each scene offers a unique glimpse into the wonder and artistry of creation.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT
MRS. NILI TURETSKY



Tell us a little about your background — where you grew up, your educational journey, and what brought you to Sha'alvim.

I grew up in Miami Beach, Florida, went to RASG Hebrew Academy, Stern, and Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies for Judaic studies, and after getting married (to the one and only Rabbi Gershon Turetsky), came to Israel for the year to the Sha'alvim Kollel. That was the year that Sha'alvim for women was founded, and we were asked to be the founding Av and Eim Bayit, and we've been in SFW ever since!

What is your current role at Sha'alvim, what inspired you to join Sha'alvim, and what keeps you passionate about your role today?

I am a proud educator and the Shana Bet Mashpia at SFW. What keeps me excited and passionate about my role is the excitement and passion I see in my students- their love for Torah, excitement and appreciation for Avodat Hashem, and their search for authenticity. It's inspiring and helps keep me excited and grateful for the zechut to have a small part in their journey.

What is one message or value you hope every student carries with them long after leaving Sha'alvim?

I would hope every student leaves with a love and appreciation for Torah, and particularly Torat Eretz Yisrael.

What is something people may not know about you outside of your role at Sha'alvim (a hobby, interest, fun fact, favorite activity, etc.)?

A fun fact about me is that I am a card-carrying member of the Creative Pretzel Eater's club.

STUDENT REFLECTION
MICAH CYRULNIK



The Sha'alvim rebbeim are fond of noting that these aren't just your "one or two years in yeshiva." This is the start of a lifelong relationship with Torah and preparation for a lifetime of contribution to Klal Yisrael.

The yeshiva distributed T-shirts in memory of the three Sha'alvim chayalim HY"D who were killed in Gaza 2 years ago, which cites the Mishnah in Avos: "במקום שאין אנשים, השתדל להיות איש" - "when no one steps up to the plate, you should be the one who does." Rashi (אבות ב,ה) explains that this mishnah is referring to general צרכי ציבור, the needs of Klal Yisrael. Rabbeinu Yonah (שם) interprets the mishnah as a specific directive to take responsibility for Torah in our generation, the same way that the Rabbis wrote down תורה שבעל פה, in an unprecedented move, to save thousands of Halachos from being forgotten for generations.

These T-shirts displayed the word "איש" as an acronym for the three soldiers: אליהו, יקיר, שלום, and the message was simple: anyone wearing this T-shirt, any student of Sha'alvim, must continue the legacy of those three boys and take the weight of Klal Yisrael on their shoulders.

While Yeshiva has granted me many great opportunities in Talmud Torah, it has also connected me to Am Yisrael. Two years ago, I never would've pictured myself at a Toldos Aron chossid's house, carrying on a 2-plus-hour conversation in broken Hebrew (on both sides) over Friday night dinner, or discussing complex halachic and hashkafic topics with a fellow Israeli hesder student, but here we are.

I'm grateful for the invaluable connection with Torah and Am Yisrael that I gained in yeshiva, and I only hope I can use all that Yeshivat Sha'alvim has given me to serve Klal Yisrael in the future.

STUDENT REFLECTION
ATARA LANDA



When I reflect on my Shana Aleph at SFW, I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. The teachers, the role models, the lifelong friendships I have built, and the passion for Yiddishkeit and Torah that I have developed are skills and gifts that I will carry with me forever!

What impacted me most was not one dramatic moment, but rather the consistent passion and love for Torah that radiated throughout the Beit Midrash, classrooms, hallways, and every aspect of the programming. My teachers were able to balance being inspiring role models while remaining relatable, approachable, and understanding. Their genuine care for each student truly stood out and created an environment where growth felt natural and attainable.

Being surrounded by like-minded, growth-oriented, passionate, and genuine girls made me feel at home every day. It was a place where I felt secure and comfortable. Together, we created lifelong memories and shared unforgettable experiences. These girls are my Sha'alvim sisters, and those bonds are here to stay. I'm so excited that I am not ending this chapter but rather continuing it next year as I attend Shana Bet - which will hopefully give me more time to learn, develop, and grow while trying to be a role model for the Shana Aleph students.

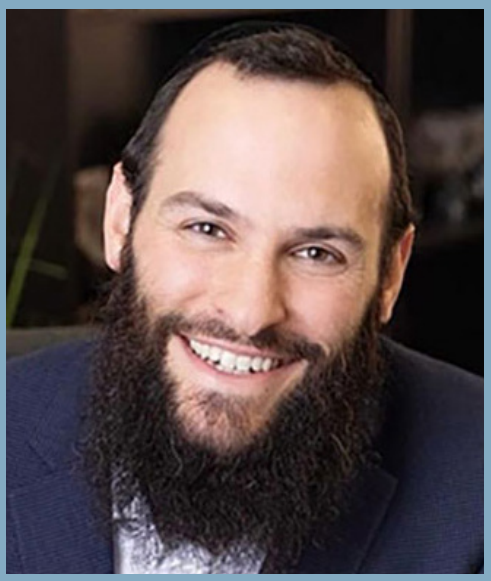
One of my favorite parts of the week was Thursday night at SFW, beginning with an impactful and thought-provoking Shiur Klali by Rabbi Goldsmith, followed by a night filled with Torah, dancing, and meaningful conversations.

This year also deepened my love for Eretz Yisrael and Am Yisrael. Living and learning Torah in Yerushalayim gave me the opportunity to witness Jewish history firsthand. And to truly understand what responsibility I have to be the next link in the beautiful chain of Am Yisrael.

Yom Yerushalayim was a particularly powerful experience. We began with an incredible Yom Iyun, gaining a deeper understanding of the miracles that took place and realizing how privileged we are to be living and learning in Yerushalayim. We then joined the parade, dancing through the streets on our way to the Kotel. Surrounded by thousands of Jews celebrating together, I felt an immense sense of pride and appreciation for the greatness and resilience of our people, unlike anything I had ever experienced before.

Looking back over the past year, the growth, the relationships, and the passion that were created are amazing! Although I'm extremely sad that my Shana aleph is coming to an end, I know that once a Sha'alvim student is always a Sha'alvim student!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



RABBI YAKOV DANISHEFSKY

YESHIVA
(2008-2010)

Tell us a little about your background – where you grew up, your educational journey, and what brought you to Sha'alvim.

I grew up in Bergenfield, but before Bergenfield became what it is today. I went to Moriah for elementary school and MTA for high school. I went to NCSY Kollel and became close with a few madrichim who were Sha'alvim alumni. I think this was the main reason that I, along with many of my friends, was drawn to Yeshivat Sha'alvim.

How did your year(s) at Yeshivat Sha'alvim help shape the person you have become?

My years at Sha'alvim were foundational in setting my intention to live a well-rounded life. The form of Avodas Hashem that I was exposed to there was so healthy, integrative, and all-encompassing. The Rabbeim had personalities, they were different from one another, and there was a warmth, inspiration, and seriousness that resonated very deeply for me. To this day, I think that foundation has shaped my way of life.

Was there a particular rebbe, experience, or lesson from Sha'alvim that continues to influence you?

Without a doubt, Rav Waxman. His eclectic approach to serving Hashem that emerges from the deepest place of authenticity and genuine connection grabbed my attention from the start. Late-night excursions, singing silent niggunim, learning pshat in a Mishnah, are but a few of the very special memories that stick out to me. He really opened a world of individuality in Avodas Hashem for me. He showed me that to truly serve Hashem, one can and should experiment out of the box, go off the paved roads, and fearlessly find what is actually real to them.

Rav Yakovson was also a tremendous figure for me. I was zoche to learn night Seder twice a week b'chevrusa with him, and in addition to learning Gittin together, we had many long and deep conversations about Hashkafa. He gave me a connection to a world of Eretz Yisrael and Avodas Hashem that I would have otherwise never had. His tall figure and deep voice are mere expressions of his towering hashakafas ha'chaim and his deep relationship with Hashem.

What accomplishment are you most proud of in your personal or professional life?

Aside from my marriage, which is most definitely my most important accomplishment, I am proud of the wide range of people that my shiurim, books, and work have reached. From Lincoln Square Synagogue to Lakewood, Ger Chassidim to seminary girls, I feel proud that I have been able to speak a language of Torah that resonates at a level deeper than communal or political affiliations. In many ways, I credit this ability to the Sha'alvim hashkafa that I received and continue to live with.

How do you incorporate the values of Yeshivat Sha'alvim into your work and daily decision-making?

As I mentioned, Sha'alvim taught me to live a well-rounded life, to search inside myself for true authenticity, and to value all types of Jews. I try my best to live with these values. I'll also mention that Sha'alvim emphasized chevra - friendship. This is one of the most important possessions a person can have in life. Meaningful relationships are the medicine we all need. I appreciated this about Sha'alvim, and much of my life's work is about cultivating those relationships and sharing the value of relationships on a broader societal level.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



ALIZA (GOTTLIEB) ADLER

SHA'ALVIM FOR WOMEN (2011)

Tell us a little about your background – where you grew up, your educational journey, and what brought you to SFW.

I grew up in a few places- Chicago, Boston, then we settled in Teaneck for High School. I then spent an incredible year and a half at SFW, and continued on to Stern College, majoring in Judaic Studies. I've now been working at my Alma mater, Maayanot High School, for the last seven years, as the Director of Student Activities and a Tanach teacher. When I was a senior and starting to look at seminaries, I had a very open mind; I wanted to look into a bunch of places and really weigh the pros and cons of each school. Then, at Israel night, I heard Rabbi Goldsmith's presentation, and I just knew- I had a very strong gut feeling that SFW was the place for me- the Torah R' Goldsmith shared, and the way he represented SFW drew me towards choosing SFW, and my gut did not fail me- SFW was definitely the place for me!

How did your year(s) at SFW help shape the person you have become?

I think that my years at SFW had a huge influence on who I am now, in so many ways. First and foremost, the Torah I learned that has stayed with me today. Whether it was halachot relevant to my life every day, the skills and motivation to learn difficult texts on my own, or the mussar I learned b'chavruta or from teachers, the content of what I learned sticks with me to this day, and helps me be a better Torah teacher, and halachik Jew. and maybe even more importantly, the values I learned at SFW, from my teachers, have really shaped me and my goals for myself and my family. SFW ingrained in me the idea of striving to always be growing, the centrality of Hashem in every aspect of our lives, our charge to help those around us, and the commitment to eretz and Medinat Yisrael.

Was there a particular rabbi/teacher, experience, or lesson from SFW that continues to influence you?

So many of my teacher, rebbeim, and experiences from SFW are still fresh in my mind, and continue to influence me today. In particular, there is one short D'var Torah that we heard from Rabbi Goldsmith that I think about almost daily, and give over to my students quite often- the idea comes from Parshat Vayeshev, when Yosef is in jail. The Sar Hamashkim and Sar Ha'ofim are in jail with him, and one day he notices they look upset, and he asks them "מדוע פניכם רעים היום?" "Why do you seem sad today?" As Rabbi Goldsmith explained, that interaction sets off the chain of events which lead to Yosef becoming second in command to Pharoh, and saving his family, and therefore the entire future of Bnei Yisrael. Rabbi Goldsmith emphasized that the key was Yosef taking the time to both notice the distress of others, even in his own troubling situation, and then attempt to help them. That lesson, of always trying to notice, and then act to help, has stuck with me so strongly to this day.

What accomplishment are you most proud of in your personal or professional life?

I am definitely most proud of my children- personally, my three adorable daughters, who push me to be my best self every day , and then professionally, my "kids" are my many amazing, talented, and inspiring students (many of whom go on to SFW!), who also push me every day to grow in my learning, middot, and connection to Hashem. It's a zechut to get to be a mother and teacher to all of these wonderful girls!

How do you incorporate the values of SFW into your work and daily decision-making?

I think that the values of SFW have become my values, and help inform so much of my work and daily decision making- I try to be growth oriented in everything I do, and "reach for the rougher stones." I also really try to recognize that there are so many different ways to live a Torah life, and to be open to the different ways that different people live- every person is unique, and we all strive to get closer to Hashem in our own way, and that should be respected. I learned that from SFW, and seeing so many different living examples of Ovdei Hashem, who all respected one another.

SUPPORT TO MILUIM FAMLIES

Talmidim from Yeshivat Sha'alvim bring joy and support to miluim families throughout the year by delivering beautiful gift packages for the chagim, providing babysitting, and by running arts and crafts activities and fun carnivals for their children. Through these acts of chesed, they bring joy to the children and provide families with a much-needed joy during challenging times.



Talmidim bringing packages to miluim families on Erev Yom Kippur



Talmidim delivering fruit platters to miluim families in honor of Tu B'Shvat

SPOTLIGHT COUPLE
MEIRAH & ISAAC JACOBSON



Tell us a little about yourselves - where you're from, when you attended Yeshivat Sha'alvim/SFW, where you live, and what you're doing today.

Our names are Meirah and Isaac Jacobson. Meirah is originally from Los Angeles, California, and attended SFW from 2021–2023, later returning as a madricha in 2024 and 2025. She is currently in nursing school at Machon Tal. Isaac is originally from Boston, Massachusetts, and attended Yeshivat Sha'alvim from 2021–2023. He graduated from Yeshiva University in Israel in 2026 and is drafting into the IDF Intelligence in August bezH!

What are some values, lessons, or memories from Yeshivat Sha'alvim/SFW that continue to influence your home and family life?

We are currently living in Yerushalyim and were actually set up through Rav Zach Frisch, who works at both SFW and Yeshivat Sha'alvim, which made our story feel especially full circle. One of the biggest values we took from Sha'alvim and SFW is that Torah learning should always remain a central part of daily life. For the past few years, Isaac has learned two Sedarim a day, and even as he begins his army service, we are committed to ensuring that Torah remains an anchor in our home and in our daily lives. Another value that we have taken with us is giving back to Klal Yisrael and building our lives here in Eretz Yisrael. That commitment has shaped many of our choices, from living in Yerushalyim to Isaac's upcoming army service and both of us investing in our education and ourselves so that we can build a strong family with Torah and purpose. Hachnas orchim is also something that is deeply influenced by our Sha'alvim/SFW experience. We make a strong effort to invite others into our home, especially girls and boys who have stayed in Israel on their own after Seminary and Yeshiva, because we know firsthand how meaningful it is to have a warm home and community when you're so far from family.

What advice would you give to current Sha'alvim and SFW students as they think about building their futures?

We both agree that Yeshiva and Seminary are some of the most special and influential years. Everyone should really take full advantage of them. Invest deeply in not only the learning but also in the relationships with friends, Rebbeim, and teachers. Those relationships often continue to shape your life years later.

What's one "very Sha'alvim" or "very SFW" habit, phrase, food, minhag, or memory that still shows up in your home?

Our favorite memory is the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur davening led by Chazan Jonathan Paley!!

SERVING AM YISRAEL
CHAYALIM

The Meir Mishkoff Chayal Boded Program at Yeshivat Sha'alvim provides comprehensive spiritual, emotional, and practical support for our lone soldiers throughout every stage of their IDF service. Led by Rav Ezra Shapiro and Rav Zach Frisch, the program ensures that no talmid faces the challenges of military service alone. From the moment a student begins preparing for enlistment, through active duty and beyond, Rav Shapiro and Rav Frisch maintain close קשר with each soldier, offering guidance, encouragement, and assistance with army bureaucracy, personal needs, and the many challenges that arise during service.

Preparation for military service begins in the Beit Midrash through specialized Va'adim and Halachic Shiurim that address the unique religious, ethical, and practical questions encountered in the IDF. Once enlisted, talmidim remain deeply connected to the Yeshiva community through regular communication, personal support, and visits by the Rabbeim to bases throughout the country.

Today, Yeshivat Sha'alvim proudly supports lone soldiers serving on the front lines in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria, as well as in units across the IDF. Wherever they are stationed, our soldiers know that they have a Yeshiva family standing behind them.

At the heart of the program is the Yeshiva's Beit HaChayal, an on-campus home away from home that provides a warm and welcoming environment, a מקום של תורה, and a strong sense of belonging. The Beit HaChayal enables talmidim to return to the Yeshiva whenever possible, reconnect with their Rabbeim and friends, and draw strength from the Torah community that continues to support them throughout their service. Through the Meir Mishkoff z"ל Chayal Boded Program, Yeshivat Sha'alvim remains committed to ensuring that every lone soldier feels supported, connected, and strengthened as they serve and defend the State of Israel.



Chayalim from Golani finished Masa Kumta



Chayalim from Handasa Kravit at their Tekes Hashba'a





Some of the lone soldiers from Yeshivat Sha'alvim joined with the Mishkoff family for the dedication of the Meir Mishkoff Chayal Boded Program.

SERVING AM YISRAEL
SHEIRUT LEUMI

This year, Sha'alvim for Women graduates continued to serve communities across Israel through Sherut Leumi and other service opportunities, while remaining active members of the SFW family. Throughout the year, the B'not Sherut joined the seminary for Yamim Noraim, participated in special programming, and gathered regularly for weekly learning with Rav Yamin Goldsmith. The evenings included dinner together, a chabura, and often continued with Shiur Klali and Night Seder. The B'not Sherut also participated in a special Shabbaton and shared their experiences with current students through panel discussions, offering guidance and insight to those considering Sherut Leumi. A dedicated WhatsApp group provided ongoing halachic guidance and support whenever needed.

Our alumnae serve in a wide range of impactful roles. **Kira Hoffer** helps build community for young Anglos through JLIC Jerusalem. **Batya Waks** works with first-grade students at Mekor Chaim Elementary School, providing classroom support and individualized tutoring. **Shevy Milobsky** supports North American olim through her work in marketing and events at Nefesh B'Nefesh. At Shalva, **Sari Gross** works with children with special needs, assisting their learning, development, and daily care. **Abi Boyden** coordinates volunteer opportunities through GIFT Israel, mobilizing students to support soldiers, displaced families, hospital patients, and communities affected by the war.

One of our B'not Sherut also returned this year as a madricha on the SFW Poland trip, demonstrating the continued connection between our graduates and current students. Through their service, leadership, and commitment to chesed, our alumnae continue to bring Torah values to life while strengthening communities throughout Israel.





SFW ALUMNI SUMMER VISITS

Rabbi Gershon and Nili Turetsky, Mrs. Michelle Elmaleh, and Rabbi Yamin Goldsmith enjoyed reconnecting with SFW alumni at their summer programs, including NCSY Michlelet, NCSY GIVE, Camp Kaylie, Amcha Girls, HASC, Camp Morasha, Camp Lavi, and Camp Nesher. These visits were a wonderful opportunity to catch up with our alumni, strengthen relationships, and continue building the connections that will extend far beyond their years at Sha'alvim.











AMERICAN FRIENDS OF SHA'ALVIM GENERAL ALUMNI UPDATES

A central mission of American Friends of Sha'alvim is to ensure that alumni remain connected to Yeshivat Sha'alvim and Sha'alvim for Women long after their years learning in our batei medresh. Through a wide range of programs and initiatives, American Friends of Sha'alvim continues to strengthen those lifelong relationships while creating opportunities for alumni growth through professional networking, shidduchim, Torah learning, and community engagement. Once a student of Sha'alvim, always a student of Sha'alvim.

One such example of American Friends of Sha'alvim's annual alumni programming took place in October, when many Yeshivat Sha'alvim and Sha'alvim for Women alumni and their families returned to Yeshivat Sha'alvim for the annual Chol HaMoed Sukkot Family Fun Day. The event featured an exciting afternoon of activities, including bouncy houses, arts and crafts, sports, laser tag, music, Tehillim, prizes, a magic show, and an animal show. Families also enjoyed pizza, cotton candy, popcorn, iced coffee, and other refreshments while reconnecting with rebbeim, friends, and fellow alumni from across the Sha'alvim community. The event provided a meaningful opportunity for alumni to strengthen their connection to one another and to the Sha'alvim as a whole in a fun and family-friendly atmosphere.

In addition to general alumni programming, American Friends of Sha'alvim seeks to also bring the spirit and Torah of Sha'alvim to the broader Jewish community. One example was the Sha'alvim Community Blitz in December 2025. Rav Zach Frisch, Rav Noam Koenigsberg, Rav Aryeh Leibowitz, Rav Yosef Nusbacher, Rav Eli Reich, Rav Gershon Turetsky, Rav Yehuda Turetsky, and Mrs. Michelle Elmaleh spent Shabbat in the Teaneck/Bergenfield community, delivering shiurim and drashot at Bais Medrash of Bergenfield, Beis Knesses of New Milford, Beth Abraham, Bnai Yeshurun, Keter Torah, Ohr HaTorah, and Rinat Yisrael. A community-wide Seudat Shlishit was hosted at Beth Abraham.

For the Yeshivat Sha'alvim alumni, the Shabbat also featured a magnificent tisch at the home of Benyamin and Esti Kaminetzky, as well as meals with rebbeim and alumni hosted by the Burg, Emerson, Gibber, Goldstein, Greenberg, Rotblat, and Warburg families. For the Sha'alvim for Women Alumni, there was a beautiful oneg at the home of Bennett and Tammi Schachter as well as a Shabbat afternoon shiur and Seudat Shlishit at the home of Rabbi Josh and Tamar Kahn.

The weekend concluded with an alumni Melaveh Malka at the home of Shukie and Robyn Grossman, headlined by a panel discussion entitled "Educating Ourselves and Educating Others: Growth, Influence, and Chinuch in a Changing World," featuring Rav Gershon Turetsky, Rav Yehuda Turetsky, and Sha'alvim alumnus Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin.

In addition to the many alumni events throughout the year, American Friends of Sha'alvim also organizes a powerful annual Tisha B'av Program, led by Rabbi Aryeh Leibowitz. The event is hosted in Torah Academy of Bergen County (TABC) in Teaneck and is open to the public.











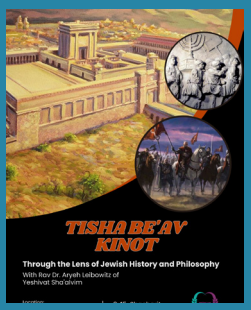












YESHIVAT SHA'ALVIM ALUMNI UPDATES

Throughout the year, numerous Yeshivat Sha'alvim alumni events were held at Yeshiva University and Lander College for Men, often centered around the Yomim Tovim. Pre-Yamim Noraim, Chanukah, Purim, and Pesach events brought alumni together for divrei Torah, camaraderie, and, of course, Poppers from Golan and/or Holy Schnitzel. Guest speakers included Rebbeim from Yeshivat Sha'alvim and Yeshiva University. American Friends of Sha'alvim Executive Director Rabbi Avi Rosalimsky was also on hand for these events, sharing words of Torah and helping facilitate the programming.

In addition to programming geared toward the more recent alumni, Rav Reuven Ungar also continued to foster meaningful connections with Sha'alvim graduates across North America through shiurim and alumni gatherings in communities including Bergenfield, Chicago, Fair Lawn, Los Angeles, Monsey, Teaneck, West Hempstead, and many others. Rav Reuven Unger also spearheaded the popular **Back to the Beis** program, providing alumni living in Israel with the opportunity to return to Yeshivat Sha'alvim for inspiring learning, to reconnect with their rebbeim and friends, and experience once again the unique atmosphere of the Yeshiva.

In January, many alumni returned to the Yeshiva for **"hock week,"** a special week of shiurim, meals with rebbeim, and tiyulim with Rav Ari Waxman. The program provided a valuable opportunity to reconnect with both rebbeim and friends while experiencing the unique atmosphere of the Yeshiva once again.

In February, alumni gathered for the dedication of the **Meir Mishkoff Chayal Boded Program,** an important expression of support for the Sha'alvim lone soldiers serving in defense of Israel. The evening continued with a special panel discussion, entitled "Shaping Our Place: A Candid Conversation About The Role of Sha'alvim Alumni in Eretz Yisrael," moderated by Rav Yehuda Turetsky and featuring Sha'alvim alumni Mr. Joseph Gitler, Rav Dovid Gottlieb, Rav Shalom Rosner, and Rav Ari Waxman. The program combined Torah, great food, and a shared sense of connection to Yeshivat Sha'alvim and Eretz Yisroel as a whole.



Rav Yosef Nusbacher & Rav Yehuda Turetsky attend 5 Towns alumni Melave Malka



Alumni gathering after "Sha'alvim Shabbos Blitz" in Teaneck/Bergenfield



Alumni event on YU Campus



Rav Avi Rosalimsky and Rav Aryeh Leibowitz leading a panel discussion at an alumni event on YU campus



Rav Reich with alumni at panel event at Pre-Purim alumni panel at Yeshivat Sha'alvim

That same month, Rav Yehuda Turetsky and Rav Yosef Nusbacher spent **Shabbat in the Five Towns,** speaking at Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst, hosting a tisch for prospective talmidim, participating in a beautiful Seudah Shlishit with alumni, and concluding with an alumni Melaveh Malka at the home of Kalman and Ruki Renov. Simultaneously, Rav Chaim Cohen led a tisch for alumni at the home of David and Shira Greenberg in Bergenfield.

At the end of February, Yeshivat Sha'alvim alumni gathered at Yeshiva University for a delicious dinner and an engaging panel discussion with Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz entitled **"From Sha'alvim to YU and Beyond: Being a L'chatchilah Jew at Every Stage of Life."** The discussion was moderated by American Friends of Sha'alvim Executive Director, Rabbi Avi Rosalimsky and provided alumni with a valuable opportunity to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of their current stage of life while considering how to continue carrying the Torah values and ideals of Sha'alvim into their homes, careers, and communities.

In May, alumni returned to campus for a moving **Hachnasat Sefer** Torah dedicated in memory of the sixteen kedoshim connected to the Yeshiva who fell in the aftermath of October 7. The event included a Seudat Mitzvah and divrei chizuk from Israel's Chief Rabbi, HaRav Kalman Bar, and served as a powerful reminder of the strength of Torah, the resilience of our community, and the responsibility we share to carry their legacy forward.

SFW ALUMNI UPDATES

The alumni year began during the Yamim Noraim, when many alumnae returned to Sha'alvim for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The opportunity to spend these powerful days with Sha'alvim allowed graduates to reconnect with faculty, current students, and friends while experiencing once again the unique atmosphere of the Sha'alvim community.

Throughout the year, regular Zoom shiurim enabled graduates around the world to continue learning together and remain connected to the SFW community. Presentations were delivered by Rabbi Gershon and Nili Turetsky, Rav Yamin Goldsmith, Mrs. Michelle Elmaleh, Mrs. Leora Bednarsh, Mrs. Tali Ifrah, Rabbi Jacob Bernstein, and other members of the faculty.

Rav Yamin Goldsmith continued to foster meaningful relationships with alumnae throughout the year through community shiurim and alumni programming. He delivered shiurim for alumnae in Ramat Beit Shemesh, the Five Towns, Bar-Ilan University, and Stern College, providing opportunities for graduates to reconnect with one another while continuing their Torah learning. Rabbi Gershon Turetsky and Mrs. Michelle Elmaleh also take these opportunities to give shiurim to alumnae as part of their annual trips overseas.

In December and January, Sha'alvim for Women welcomed alumnae back to campus for special Alumni Days featuring lunches, reunions, and shiurim from faculty members. Alumnae had the opportunity to reconnect with friends, faculty, and current students while once again experiencing the unique atmosphere of the seminary.

The year also featured a variety of opportunities for alumnae to gather in person. The special alumni Shabbaton in New Jersey brought together graduates from across North America for a meaningful weekend of learning, inspiration, and connection with Rabbi Gershon Turetsky and Mrs. Michelle Elmaleh.

Alumnae also remained connected to the seminary through Mishmar programming, which encouraged students to return to the Sha'alvim for Women Beit Midrash for Thursday night learning!

During the summer months, Rav Goldsmith further strengthens the bonds of the SFW community through special alumni shiurim in New Jersey and the Five Towns, as well as visits to numerous camps attended by current students, incoming students, and alumnae, including Kaylie, Mesorah, Nesher, Morasha, HASC, and many others. During these visits, he delivers inspiring shiurim, meets individually with alumnae, and often spends Shabbos on campus, fostering meaningful personal connections. Rav Goldsmith is scheduled to return to these camps again this coming summer, continuing to nurture relationships and reinforce the sense of community that remains a hallmark of the SFW experience long after the girls leave.

Through these gatherings, shiurim, and ongoing learning opportunities, Sha'alvim for Women continues to nurture a vibrant alumnae community rooted in Torah, friendship, and the shared experiences that connect generations of SFW graduates.



Mrs. Michelle Elmaleh with alumni at Melave Malka in Teaneck



Alumni event with Rav Yammer in his home



Alumni trip to Kever Rochel



Shiur with Rav Yamin Goldsmith in the 5 Towns



Shiur with Rav Yamin Goldsmith in Yerushalayim

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Mashpia Emeritus Rav Dani (06-08 and Kollel) & Mrs. Lea (Cohen- SFW 07/08) Abell on the birth of Faiga Reva Noa.

Rav Ari & Mrs. Daniella (Kotowitz- SFW 12) Ackerman on the birth of Aliza Ora.

Mr. Gershon & Mrs. Aliza (Gottlieb- SFW 11/12) Adler on the births of Yehudis Zelda and Tzena Rachel.

Mr. Yehuda (17/18) & Mrs. Gila Alter on the birth of Esther.

Mr. Gilad & Mrs. Leora (Staiman- SFW 06) Asharov on the birth of Michal Naomi.

Rav Jordan (13/14) & Mrs. Sarit Auerbach on the birth of a son.

Mr. Ezra (21/22) & Mrs. Leah Baron on the birth of Daniel Simcha.

Mr. Avi (19) & Mrs. Eliana Blumgart on the birth of Azarya Yosef.

Mr. Dani (20) & Mrs. Michal (Ginsburg- SFW 20) Bodoff on the birth of Yaakov Ephraim.

Rav Jakey (14/15) & Mrs. Meira Borck on the birth of a son.

Mr. Ariel (05/06) & Mrs. Ariella Caplan on the birth of Amichai Dror.

Mr. Moshe & Mrs. Lior (Pinchot- SFW 21) Chinn on the birth of Reuven Yehuda.

Mr. Ethan & Mrs. Emma (Rubin- SFW 20/21) Dalva on the birth of a son.

Mr. Jamie (18) & Mrs. Avital Davila on the birth of Meir David.

Rav Mordechai (12/13) & Mrs. Rivka Djavaheri on the birth of Yosef Chaim.

Mr. Yehuda (09/10) & Mrs. Shoshana Fein on the birth of a son.

Rav Yisrael & Mrs. Rachel (Schwartzbard- SFW 12) Feld on the birth of Adira Devorah.

Mr. Yoni (15/16) & Mrs. Rikki Fenster on the birth of Ora Yocheved.

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Mr. Shaya (18/19, Machal and Hesder) & Mrs. Dina Forman on the birth of Hadar Tehilla.

Rav Daniel (05/06) & Mrs. Bryna Fox on the birth of Yosef Yitzchak.

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Yeshiva Mashpia and SFW Programming Director Rav Zach (12 and Hesder) & Mrs. Tova Frisch on the birth of Nava Ariella.

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Mr. Benjy & Mrs. Julia (Blumenthal- SFW 19) Thall on the birth of Mirel Eliora.

Mr. Shai (18/19) & Mrs. Ayelet Vadnai on the birth of a son.

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Rav Dr. Effie (13/14) & Mrs. Tova Wagner on the birth of Asher Moshe.

Mr. Yishai & Mrs. Shayna Liba (Brainin- SFW 13/14) Walk on the birth of Neriya.

Rav Eli (14/15) & Mrs. Arianne (Pinchot- SFW 13) Weinstein on the birth of Avigail Gitel.

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Mr. Jonathan & Mrs. Rena (Stahler- SFW 12) Yousefzadeh on the birth of Fruma Raizel (Rose).

Mr. Efraim & Mrs. Eliana (Friedman- SFW 22) Zellermaier on the birth of a daughter.

Rav Avi (04/05) & Mrs. Caroline Zinberg on the birth of Chaya Meita.

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Rav Yechiel (10/11) & Mrs. Davina Bresler on the birth of Maayan Meira

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Mr. Yamin (21/22) & Mrs. Eliana Semer on the birth of a daughter.

WEDDINGS

Gavriel Aharon (21/22) on his marriage to Aliza Walzman.

Atara Ambinder (SFW 24/25) on her marriage to Yosef Heller.

Orly Banafsheha (SFW 20/21) on her marriage to Jared Scharf.

Daniel Becker (21/22) on his marriage to Riki Posner.

Anna Chasky (SFW 25) on her marriage to Avi Rothberg.

Chaim Davidowitz (22/23) on his marriage to Miri Smith.

Leora Ellenberg (SFW 22/23) on her marriage to Noam Kornwasser.

Yehuda Emerson (23/25) & Arieli Mahler (SFW 23) on their marriage.*

Ari Fenster (24/25) on his marriage to Temmi Gerson.

Michal Fine (SFW 22/23) on her marriage to Gabi Baratz.

Shai Friedman (22/23) & Racheli Phillips (SFW 23/24) on their marriage.*

Emily Goldstein (SFW 21/22) on her marriage to Eli Fishbein.

Isaac Geifman (22/23) on his marriage to Temima Edgar.

Miri Glaser (SFW 24/25) on her marriage to Avi Schlossberg.

Marissa Golden (SFW 11/12) on her marriage to Amos Remer.

Aryeh Halpert (18) on his marriage to Meira Cohen.

Alex Herman (21/22) on his marriage to Daphna Lent.

Aryeh Hirt (22/23) on his marriage to Miri Gelbtuch.

Sahar Import (SFW 22) on her marriage to Yehoshua Gruenspecht.

Leah Kahn (SFW 20) on her marriage to Yona Schaeffer.

Tamar Kander (SFW 24) on her marriage to Gavriel Jaeger.

Meirah Kanovsky (SFW 21) on her marriage to Meir Uretsky.

Samuel Kaufman (20/21) & Naomi Gettenberg (SFW 24) on their marriage.*

David Kleiman (22/23) on his marriage to Shoshana Besser.

Abie Kupchik (20/21) on his marriage to Leora Sturm.

Ephraim Landa (20/21) on his marriage to Zahava Grunstein.

Ali Lenefsky (SFW 21/22) on her marriage to Asher Rauzman.

Yakira Linzer (SFW 24/25) on her marriage to Ezra Barishansky.

Abby Lyons (SFW 21/22) on her marriage to Aron Gherman.

Gaby Mamane (19) on his marriage to Leah Ohayon.

Tzvi Mayer (23/25) on his marriage to Shira Goldstein.

Jared Mark (22/23) & Gabriella Golshan (SFW 22) on their marriage*

Chaim Mermelstein (24/25) on his marriage to Amira Rosenfeld.

Liora Nimchinsky (SFW 19) on her marriage to Shai Boruhov.

Stevie Paul (19) on his marriage to Cayla Selt.

Jordana Posner (SFW 25) on her marriage to Zachary Zimmer.

Miriam Regal (SFW 25) on her marriage to Eli Morris.

Yaakov Saks (22/23) on his marriage to Chana Schandelson.

Azi Rottenberg (22/23) & Kayla Schneider (SFW 23/24) on their marriage.*

Kyra Seidel (SFW 24/25) on her marriage to Nachman Deutsch.

Sam Sicklick (19/20) on his marriage to Ellie Ginsberg.

Danny Srulowitz (21/22) & Abigail Lambert (SFW 24) on their marriage.*

Zach Stein (18/19) on his marriage to Becca Wernick.

Yossi Sugarman (22/23) on his marriage to Dena Kaye.

Yonah Tarzik (22/23) & Aviva Luxenberg (SFW 22) on their marriage.*

Akiva Teichman (22/23) & Leora Konig (SFW 23/24) on their marriage.*

Yossi Weiss (20/21) on his marriage to Ayelet Schochet.

Aliza Zilberberg (SFW 24) on her marriage to Motti Kuhl.

Leora Zomick (SFW 14) on her marriage to Binyamin Kadar.

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Rav Assaf & SFW teacher Mrs. Leora Bednarsh on the marriage of Sarah to Jacob Lerer.

Board member Emeritus, Mr. Chaim (84) & Mrs. Yosifa Book on the marriage of Gavi to Tziporah Pinczower.

Rav Yoni (00/01) & Mrs. Shonnie Chambre on the marriage of Michal to Mordy Oldak

Dr. Darrin (87) & Mrs. Laurie Hirt on the marriage of Aryeh (22/23) to Miri Gelbtuch.

Rav Yosef (96/97) & Mrs. Elisheva Kalinsky on the marriage of Leah to Kehos Gorelick.

Dr. Daniel (89/90 and Machal) & Mrs. Elana Kaszovitz on the marriage of Elchanan to Shira Shapiro.

Ra"מ Rav Noam (Shana Aleph 90) & Mrs. Leora Koenigsberg on the marriage of Tzvi Yitzchak to Rut Hess.

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Rav Dov (95/96) & Mrs. Rina Emerson on the marriage of Yehuda (23–25) to Arieli Mahler (SFW 23).

BAR AND BAT MITZVOT

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Rav Meir (00/01) & Mrs. Tzipporah Neuman on the bar mitzvah of Yaacov, son of the late Shira Neuman, a"h.

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Mr. Shloimie (06/07) & Mrs. Aliza Zeffren on the bar mitzvah of Eitan.

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Rav Jeremy (08/09) & Mrs. Alana Bari on their Aliyah.

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Ms. Estee Troodler (SFW 24) on her Aliyah.

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Rav Dr. Effie (13/14) & Mrs. Tova Wagner on their Aliya.

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With profound sorrow, we note the passing of

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