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Rabbi Akiva Tatz talks about happiness



a Shabbaton with "Rabbi Yari"



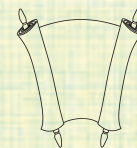
*Rabbi
Landis
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Israel Learning Experience 2 at Bar Kochba Cave



*a portrait of the Kollel "family"—current and former staff who live in Cincinnati,
with their spouses and children*

*the Kollel's
annual
Lag Ba'Omer
bonfire, in
Winton Woods*



**Cincinnati
Community Kollel**

**Annual Report
2009**

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INTRODUCTION

Rabbi David Spetner

KOLLEL DIRECTOR / OPERATIONS

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Cincinnati Community Kollel. The Kollel is now in its fourteenth 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, cash flow and income statements, balance sheet, 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 throughout 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 his or her 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, where in a group format they probe, study,

and analyze the Torah. In addition, in the early morning, over breakfast, during lunch hour, and every evening, our Staff Scholars can be found studying with and teaching Torah to people from every part of the Jewish community. This daily effort of studying and teaching is led by my co-director, Rabbi Meir Minster.

Our Mission Statement reads, “To enrich the Cincinnati Jewish community by creating an environment of Torah study and providing access to our spiritual heritage.” Anyone who has stepped into the Kollel’s Beis Midrash (study hall) understands how an environment dedicated to Torah study energizes Jews to pass on their heritage from generation to generation. But to provide education to the members of a community, you must meet them “where they are,” and the Kollel has done that, by partnering with a host of community organizations. Our Outreach Director, Rabbi Yitzchok Preis, has very effectively led that charge, overseeing all of the Kollel’s off-site learning opportunities.




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.

This year the Kollel enjoyed its greatest expansion since its founding, with the inauguration of the **Torah L'netzach** program. Torah L'netzach is an innovative program that has attracted six new scholars, who are ready to put down roots in Cincinnati's business and professional communities. They join the Staff Scholars for one of the two daily study sessions, while developing their professional or business careers. They all make time to participate in the Kollel's many programs and activities. Already, two of the six have "graduated" from the program and are gainfully employed in the Cincinnati community.

The **Kollel Retreat Center** in Deerfield Township, headed by Rabbi Pinchas & Naomi Landis, is in its third year and has weekly

participation of well over fifty individuals and overall participation of over 150. The Kollel's **Aish Campus** project at University of Cincinnati and at Miami (of Ohio) University, 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 coming year and 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 at the learning of the Kollel in the past year.

Our staff scholars have completed 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 attests to the continuing cycle of advancement for our past scholars and the arrival of our newer staff members over the years. We also take pride in

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.

Growing our community from within the ranks of the staff of the Kollel is one of the goals of our newest division of the Kollel, which we call **Torah L'netzach**. Six new staff members joined us this past year to inaugurate this very exciting and innovative program. While pursuing graduate degrees or

other career development for part of their day, the Torah L'netzach members spend the bulk of their time joining the learning of the regular staff scholars of the Kollel. Their impact on our learning and the community in general has been dramatic and this program promises to deliver great benefits for the future.

Over the past fourteen years of the Kollel, 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). We have spent several years covering the laws of Shabbos, which are found in the tractates Shabbos and Eiruv, as well as the tractates Beitza and Chagiga, which deal with the laws specific to the Jewish holidays. We also challenged ourselves to study the Laws of *Ribbis* (interest and finance, one of the most complex areas of discussion within Jewish law), which are found in tractate Bava Metzia. We have also studied the tractates Yoma (which deals with the special service in the Temple on Yom Kippur, as well as the observances and fasting that still pertain to us today) and Avodah Zarah (which discusses the subject of 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. A 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 that we share with others takes 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 which Halacha is derived. No less important, however, is 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 day. Whether studying one-on-one at breakfast, 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

Ordained by the late Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg of Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Rabbi Meir 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.



learning, the Kollel has developed several special learning opportunities.

Now completing its sixth 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 are participating in this international program. Kollel Dirshu, led locally by Rabbi Yitzchok Preis, encourages the mastery of sections of the Talmud by setting a daily 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.


Success breeds imitation, and a second early-morning program has been created and led

by Yitzchok Rosedale, pushing its members to study at an even more intense level.

These early morning programs have earned a prominent space among our other successful programs, **Yesodai Hatorah** (where participants acquire the skills to learn on their own) and **Daf Yomi** (the daily study of a folio of Talmud, 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 gather on winter Saturday

nights, filling the Kollel building to capacity. The sweet sound of Torah being passed on, from generation to generation, is truly inspiring. Special thanks go to volunteer Josh Kibel, who runs this program so effectively. We also thank Rabbi Shai Scherer, for expanding the program to include a summer version, on Shabbos afternoons.

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

OUTREACH DIRECTOR

Teens, college students and adults of all ages bolster their Jewish knowledge in an ever-increasing array of settings. **Our Kollel Retreat Center (KRC)** in Mason continues to draw participants from all backgrounds and has become particularly popular with young professional singles and couples. Our **College Outreach Programming** provides inspiring Shabbos experiences, tailor-made learning opportunities, and Israel trips. The KRC and college outreach programs are elaborated upon in articles that follow.

Some of this past year's highlights:

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

He shared his enthusiastic Chassidic song, moving stories and profound messages with a variety of audiences throughout the weekend.

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

Lunch-and-Learns continue to provide meaningful mid-day spiritual boosts for participants every week in **Blue Ash** and **Downtown Children's Hospital** was host to several lunch hour sessions catered to physicians and medical staff.

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

Renowned medical ethicist and author



A graduate of Ner Israel and Johns Hopkins School of Engineering, Rabbi Yitzchok 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.

Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz shared medical ethical analysis in sessions at **Jewish Hospital** and **Children's Hospital**. He also lectured on topics in Jewish spirituality to audiences in a variety of setting including a well-attended open lecture at **U.C. Raymond Walter's College**.

"**Yari**" was our guest for a **Shabbaton** and **Young Jewish Professionals post-Shabbat Kumzits**. For those who've never met, or I should say, experienced, **Rabbi Mordechai "Yari" Yaraslovitz**; let's just say this is a "wow" event that we hope to repeat—hope

you can join us next time.

Noted Jewish historian **Rabbi Berel Wein** presented a fascinating perspective on American Jewish history in a special lunch-time lecture hosted by the **Law Offices of Strauss & Troy**. Strauss & Troy continues to be the location of a weekly, often quite animated, **Lunch & Learn** as well.

Purim at the Preises hit a new record crowd—both for the meal itself as well as for the number of guests who took advantage of the late-in-the-day Megillah reading.

In conjunction with **Senior Services** of the **Mayerson JCC**, inspiring study, fascinating stories, and meaningful discussion are shared in the weekly **Torah Treasures** class.

The Mayerson JCC was also host to our

opening **Sunday Spirituality Sampler**. dreams, the afterlife, and the messiah were topics of study in this series. **Sunday Spirituality Sampler II** was held in the **Kollel Annex** and addressed the spirituality of time, place, and self.

Jewish Jargon was the topic of a two-part series aimed at quickly boosting Jewish vocabulary and comfort in Jewish settings. The series was hosted by the **Blue Ash Library**.

The Kollel continues to be a resource to other organizations. Kollel faculty spoke for several area study groups and community events this year in addition to weekly **Shabbat classes** in area synagogues.

Our outreach classes moved far beyond

greater Cincinnati with the introduction of our web-channel, <http://cincinnati.kollel.projectsina.org>. The site allows for interactive learning with popular educators from around the world as well as members of our own Kollel faculty.

As we look toward next year, we look forward to a great line-up for an upcoming **Distinguished Speaker Series**, a return of **Kosher Awareness Month**, a cutting edge **Hebrew Vocabulary Crash Course**, and much more! And, as always, we would be happy to assist you in bringing Jewish learning into your home or office—please contact us today to take advantage! ♪

RETREAT CENTER

Rabbi Pinchas Landis

DIRECTOR, KOLLEL RETREAT CENTER

2008 was a very productive year for the Kollel Retreat Center. We continued to inspire over 100 Cincinnati Jews while working

diligently to help each individual achieve personal Jewish growth and fulfillment.

Shabbos has always been the highlight of the KRC week. This year Shabbos programming took on new energy with the creation of a regular **Shabbos minyan** for both Friday

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 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.



night and Saturday morning. The services are a natural outgrowth of KRC educational programming. They are extremely user-friendly, and are always followed by delicious meals.

As part of our Shabbos Initiative, we added a **Shabbos Morning Youth Program**. Parents can now attend services while kids can participate in something age-appropriate.

This year, we made a conscious effort to do more social programs so that people could become acquainted with us in an informal environment. **Bagels, Lox, and Glocks** was very popular and brought us many new faces. We had a special dinner program, including a presentation on Jewish attitudes toward hunting, followed up with a trip to a shooting range.

We are in the process of planning **Bagels, Lox, and Shots: A Trip Down the Bourbon Trail**. Everyone is looking forward to this one.

KRC classes have continued to stimulate much thought and discussion. **Kabbalah 101** was very popular. **Great Controversies in Jewish History** was enjoyed by all and participants found **Lest It Come to Scandal** to be particularly thought-provoking. Despite stormy winter weather, **What the Athletes Know that We Don't: Why Should We Pray?** with guest speaker Rabbi David Orlof-

sky drew a very impressive crowd. Since his previous Cincinnati visit had been a sellout, we moved this event to the nearby, very accommodating **Cedar Village**. The KRC continues to be on the edge of Jewish education with our novel classes and unique seminars.

Jewish men and women often leave KRC events eager to further expand their Jewish horizons. As a result, many are now taking advantage of **one on one study** options that we provide on-site, at the **Mayerson JCC** and throughout the city.

In September, we ran our second trip to Israel. Twenty 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 to hear from some of the most prominent teachers of Torah in Jerusalem. All returned inspired and more connected to the Jewish People. We are now planning the **Israel Learning Experience III** which will take place in February, 2010.

We look forward to inspiring more and more Cincinnati Jews to get involved in their Judaism over the next year. ♪

CAMPUS OUTREACH

Rabbi Raphael Weinschneider

AISH CAMPUS OUTREACH


Torah study, Israel trips, Shabbat dinners, and even attendance at services are the norm for dozens of students participating in our programming on the campuses of U.C. and Miami U. Several dozen students spend time each week furthering their Jewish knowledge in **one-on-one** or **small class** settings. Over sixty such sessions take place each month! Many others come to seasonal seminars and guest lectures, and with our on-line **Aish Café**, some students continue their Jewish learning back at the dorm, as well.

With help from the **Jewish Foundation** and **Jewish Federation**, together with funding assistance from **Aish HaTorah of Cleveland** and a benevolent local sponsor, we continue to provide subsidized, high-quality Israel experiences. We have also assisted students with funding to attend **educational retreats** in various settings here in the U.S.

Our relationship with **Hillel** on both U.C.

and Miami campuses is great! **Miami Hillel** has been home to our weekly **Discovering Judaism** dinner-discussions for twelve years. **U.C. Hillel** hosted several **Kollel nights** this year—aside from Hillel’s partnering with us (in 2009) for our very successful tribute dinner, **Learning, Living, Growing: A Celebration of Education**.

Shabbat at **the Bayit**—our “home away from home” just off the Miami U campus—is a weekly highlight for many students looking for a comfortable place to explore and expand their Judaism. Some literally move in with our family for the whole Shabbos; others come for services and/or meals; but all know they’ll feel welcome whenever they enter the Bayit doors.

The enthusiastic response we’ve gotten from so many students (and some parents too!) gives us much reason to be optimistic about an exciting future. 



A native of Chicago, Rabbi Weinschneider hails from a line of four generations of American rabbis. He also holds a M.B.A. from Johns Hopkins University. “Rabbi Rafi” reaches out to students on the campuses of University of Cincinnati and Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

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Dov was previously a Staff Scholar for two years. His wife Avigaille has a Masters in Library Science. They have two children.

Rabbi Eli Polsky

Eli is pursuing a Masters in Business Administration at Xavier University. His wife Yehudis teaches Language Arts to junior high students at Cincinnati Hebrew Day School. They have two children.



Rabbi Yehuda Spetner

Yehuda was a founding member of Torah L'netzach. He is in the M.B.A. program at Xavier University. His wife Chaya is an early childhood educator.

STAFF SCHOLARS



Rabbi Chaim Barry

Chaim has been a Staff Scholar since 2006 and he plans to be a Judaic studies teacher in a day school. He and his wife Sharon have three children.

Rabbi Aharon "Ronnie" Daniel

Rabbi Daniel joined the Kollel in the fall of 2007 and leads the Scholars' afternoon study session. His wife Esther is a CPA with a local accounting firm. They have three sons.



Rabbi Asher Mendelsberg

Asher joined our staff in late 2008. He is a CPA, and he plans a career in accounting after his time in the Kollel. His wife Michal is a nurse practitioner. They have two sons.

Rabbi Cobi Robinson

Cobi joined the Kollel in 2006, and he plans to enter the synagogue rabbinate. His wife Atara is an accountant with a local firm. They have three children.



Rabbi Yitzie Stern

Yitzie joined the Kollel in the fall of 2008, with his wife Dena and their two children. He holds a Masters in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University. Dena is a speech therapist.

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 Mrs. Aviva Weisbord
 Brad Weisman
 Benjamin Weiss
 M/M Mitch Weiss
 Gila Weiss
 D/M Moshe Weiss
 M/M Bernard Weller
 M/M David Weller
 Miss Irene Wells
 Karl Weninger
 Dovid Werner
 Richard Wesley
 M/M Richard Westheimer
 M/M Robert Wilder
 R/M Asher Wilhelm
 M/M Ronald Wilhelm
 D/M Todd Winkler
 Marian Winner
 Ester Winston
 R/M Aaron Winter
 R/M Aryeh Winter
M/M Sidney Winter
 M/M David Wise
 R/M Dov Aharon Wise
 M/M Hirsch Wise
 M/M Isadore Wise
M/M Sol Wise
 M/M Tzvi Wodinsky
 M/M Alan Wolf
 M/M David Wolf
 Wolfson Family
 M/M Alan Wolkin
 M/M Yaakov Wollner
 Elizabeth Wood
 Dr. Edward N. Wolf
 M/M Barry Wolfson
 M/M Avi Yarmove
 R/M J. Hillel Yarmove

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending December 31, 2008

Year-End Profit & Loss

Income **1,135,296.11**

Expenses

Automotive expenses	15,504.62
Honorariums (reported on 1099)	22,558.36
Charitable Contributions	21,538.50
Convention/Seminar Admission	1,128.00
Event expenses (Kollel)	9,291.27
Dues / Subscriptions	765.00
Books and Publications	1,013.35
Gifts (non charity)	792.15
Informational Advertising	1,914.87
Insurance	86,080.76
Copier	589.00
Food & Entertainment	10,407.87
Maintenance & Supplies	18,524.03
Office Supplies	7,609.31
Printing, Copies, Developing	200.38
Shipping & Postage	1,183.58
Wages (reported on W-2)	196,956.26
Moving Expenses	3,089.32
ODJFS	526.74
Worker's Comp premiums	1,587.34
FIT/FICA Contributions	18,518.59
Scholarships	137,471.05
Rent and Parsonage	15,288.00
Property Taxes	25,815.51
Telephony	10,065.29
Travel	14,467.78
Utilities (gas & electric)	28,692.56
Water	10,018.04
Snow Removal	275.00
Trash Removal	1,229.30
Miscellany	55.90
Principal Payments	45,092.84
Interest and Banking Fees	24,084.41
Campus Outreach Expenses	80,807.77
Torah L'netzach	90,098.49
Retreat Center Expenses	160,027.93
Retreat Center Mortgage	64,431.51

Total—All Expenses **1,127,700.68**

Net Income **7,595.43**

Assets

Cash

Cash	9,437.21
Petty Cash	0.00
Total Cash	9,437.21

Other Receivables

Deposits	6,815.00
A/R—employees	253,712.78
Bureau of Worker's Compensation	134.57
Total Other Receivables	260,662.35

Other Assets

Other Assets	0.00
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Fixed Assets

Land	182,656.06
Buildings	845,597.03
Building Improvements	109,015.72
Furniture and Equipment	30,817.93
Car	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,168,065.74

Accumulated Depreciation

A/D—Buildings	(235,719.59)
A/D—Leasehold Improvem'ts	(21,395.90)
A/D—Furniture and Equipment	(28,514.86)
A/D—Car	0.00
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(285,630.35)

Total Assets **1,152,555.95**

Liabilities and Equity

Payroll Withholding Liability

Federal/FICA Taxes Payable	3,567.14
State Tax Payable	767.90
Local Tax Payable	835.98
Total Payroll Withholdings	5,171.02

Other Short-Term Liabilities

Notes Payable	2,526.00
Total Other Short-Term Liabilities	2,256.00

Long-Term Liabilities

Chase (1)	0.00
Chase (2)	0.00
Chase (3)	407,583.21
USBank	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	407,583.21

Equity

Retained Earning—Prior	660,263.54
Retained Earning—Current	77,012.18
Total Equity	737,275.72

Total Liabilities and Equity **1,152,555.95**

CONTRIBUTORS

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M/M Benny Yedidya
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D/M Jacob Yosafat
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M/M Gregory S. Young
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M/M Larry Zusman
M/M Zev Zussman
M/M Ben Zweiter

KOLLEL “ALUMNI”

We are proud of our former staff and the important positions they now fill.

OUT OF TOWN:

Rabbi Ely Behar serves as an instructor and guidance counselor at Yeshivas Neve Tzion, outside of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Yehudah Bienstock works in the healthcare field and is a community activist in St. Louis.

Rabbi Yoseph Aharon David formerly the Director of the Memphis Community Kollel, now serves as the Director of Aish HaTorah in St. Louis.

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

Rabbi Gershon Fruchter lives in Far Rockaway, New York, and he works in New York’s Diamond District.

Rabbi Yehiel Kalish serves as National Director of Government Affairs for Agudath Israel of America.

Rabbi Yirmi Lederer manages commercial real estate on Long Island, New York.

Rabbi Boruch Leff serves as Assistant Principal at Yeshiva Institute of Baltimore. He writes weekly columns for *Yated Neeman* and *Aish.com*, and has published three books.

Rabbi Dov Lipman is on the staff of Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim and Machon Maayan, both in Beit Shemesh, Israel. He has written five books.

Rabbi Reuven Pelberg is the principal of South Bend (Indiana) Hebrew Day School.

Rabbi Zev Weiner teaches Judaic Studies at the Torah Day School of Dallas, Texas. 🍷

IN CINCINNATI:

TL Rabbi Yechiel “Michy” Fishman continues to help out at the Kollel Retreat Center, while working in HR at a local company.

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman serves as Principal of Cincinnati Hebrew Day School.

Rabbi Moshe Kibel teaches Talmud to eighth grade boys at Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, as part of a yeshiva preparatory program.

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 Shai Scherer teaches at Cincinnati Hebrew Day School. He also runs Camp Ash-reinu, a summer camp.

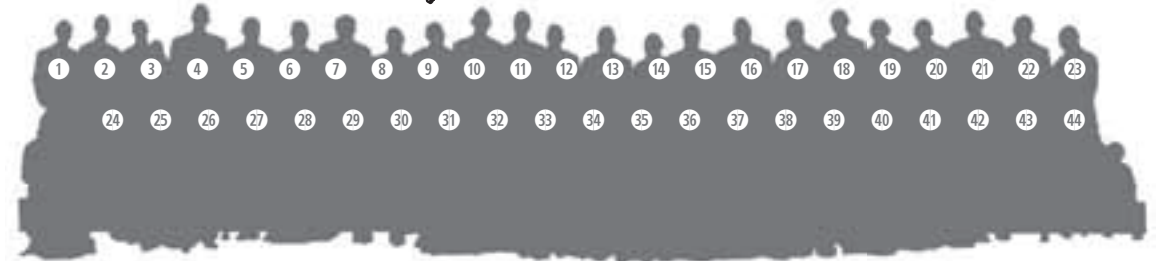
Rabbi Dov Schwartzbaum has started a new organization, Achim, to reach out to Israelis throughout Ohio.

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

TL Rabbi Binyomin Yudin serves as Chaplain at Cedar Village, while continuing to pursue a Masters in Clinical Social Work.

TL participant in the Torah L’Netzach program, described in the Introduction, on page 1.

The Kollel “Family”



Adults in photo:

1. Rabbi Yehuda Spetner
2. Rabbi Yitzchok Preis
3. Rabbi Shai Scherer
4. Rabbi Pinchas Landis
5. Rabbi Jeremie Lederer
6. Rabbi A. D. Motzen
7. Rabbi Avrohom Braunstein
8. Rabbi Yitzie Stern
9. Rabbi Dov Katz
10. Rabbi Cobi Robinson
11. Rabbi Rafi Weinschneider
12. Rabbi Yuval Kernerman

13. Rabbi David Spetner
14. Rabbi Meir Minster
15. Rabbi Chaim Barry
16. Rabbi Dov Schwartzbaum
17. Rabbi Moshe Kibel
18. Rabbi Binyomin Travis
19. Alter Raubvogel
20. Rabbi Yechiel Fishman
21. Rabbi Eli Polsky
22. Rabbi Binyomin Yudin
23. Rabbi Ronnie Daniel
24. Rivka Preis
25. Tova Scherer

26. Naomi Landis
27. Shifra Motzen
28. Penina Braunstein
29. Dena Stern
30. Avigaille Katz
31. Atara Robinson
32. Michal Kernerman
33. Dena Weinschneider
34. Chaya Gittle Spetner
35. Aviva Minster
36. Sharon Barry
37. Esti Schwartzbaum
38. Leila Kibel

39. Elisa Travis
40. Chana Raubvogel
41. Sarah Fishman
42. Yehudis Polsky
43. Sorah Liba Yudin
44. Esther Daniel

Not in photo:
Rabbi Asher & Michal Mendelsberg

Alter Raubvogel

A Cincinnati native, Alter is the Kollel’s Administrator, IT Director, and graphic designer. (He produced this report, as a matter of fact.) His wife Chana runs a preschool program. They have four children.

