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Kvod Rabbanim Chashuvim of Passaic-Clifton, שליט"א

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אלול תשפ"ג

As Rabbanim in the Staten Island community for decades we had the privilege of meeting Talmidei Chachamim, Marbitzei Torah and others who have held positions of leadership. It has been 13 years that we cherish our relationship with a very special individual - Harav Eliyahu Weiner שליט"א.

As Rabbi Weiner is an accomplished lamdan and Talmid Chacham of repute, he was called upon to deliver numerous shiurim in the community. He quickly established a special rapport with many members of our shuls as he exudes a passion and love for limud haTorah and he is the personification of pristine middos and ehrlichkeit. **Rabbi Weiner's ability to clarify and elucidate a Torah topic is matched only by his ability to connect and relate to others.** He is sorely missed by the members of our shuls and the entire community at large. We have observed and it is well known in the community that this profound ability to connect and relate to others extends to his Talmidim as well. **Rabbi Weiner's warmth and genuine concern for each Talmid is legendary.** Undoubtedly, they are uplifted by his simchas hachaim and ahavas HaTorah.

Rabbi Weiner has shared with us his vision for the future (September 2024) to establish Yeshiva Keren HaTorah of Passaic-Clifton.

We are confident that Rabbi Weiner and his team of highly professional veteran mechanchim/educators will provide the Passaic-Clifton community with a stellar chinuch/education for limudei Kodesh and chol.

Finally- the Passaic-Clifton community is fortunate to have such a remarkable marbitz Torah and exemplar of midos tovos in its midst. **Fortunate are the boys who merit to be counted amongst his talmidim.**

Respectfully,

Hagaon HaRav Reuven Feinstein

ר' רובין פיינשטיין שליט"א
Rosh Hayeshiva of Yeshiva of Staten Island

HaRav Tzvi Halevi Pollack

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קהל אגודת שומרי הדת
גראסווארדיין

HaRav Shimon Lawrence

Shimon Lawrence
Khal Bais Yehuda

HaRav Chaim Nosson Segal

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New Springville Jewish Center
Director of Community Outreach
& Development - Torah Umesorah

HaRav Berel Isaacson

ברעל איזאקסאן
Khal Bais Shlomo

HaRav Moshe Meir Weiss

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(now of Lakewood)

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Young Israel of Staten Island

HaRav Zeesha Cohn

זשא קאהן
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(for last number of years)

HaRav Chaim Yehudah HaLevi Pollack

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Willowbrook Community Kollel



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באתי בזה להביע הערכתי הגדולה להג"ר אליהו מאיר ווינער שליט"א, על הקמת מקום תורה עצום להגדיל תורה ולהאדירה, ישיבת 'קרן התורה' בעיר פאססטיק. וכבר העידו עליו גדולי תורה שהוא מופלג בתורה וביראה ומחנך משכמו ומעלה, וגם אני מכירו מכמה פעמים שנשא ונתן עמי בתורה ובהלכה ונהנתי מאד מעומק עיונו וחרifות שכלו והבנתו. (וגם ראיתי קצת חידושו על ש"ס ומצאתי שהם מלאים וגדושים בחדושים מאירים וערבים וניכר בו כח ועומק עיונו וחרifות שכלו והבנתו הישרה - ומיוסד על דרך הפשטנים הגדולים כמו המהרש"א והמהר"ם שו"ף) והנני מברכו שיזכה להרביץ תורה ויראה לרבים, ושירבה גבולו בתלמידים. ובדאי שכל המסייעו בהקמת והחזקת הישיבה יתברך מן השמים בכל מילי דמיטב.

היה לינוג כבוד ופאזן יארה
יורם אטלס

In this letter I would like to express the great esteem in which I hold H"R Eliyahu Meir Weiner, Shlit"a, for his founding of a mighty makom Torah, Yeshivas Keren HaTorah of Passaic, for the sake of magnifying the prominence and the splendor of Torah. Gedolei Torah have attested that Rabbi Weiner is outstanding in both his Torah knowledge and his Yir'as Shomayim, and that he is a Mechanech par excellence. I too have had the pleasure of meeting Rabbi Weiner personally on several occasions; we spoke in learning, and Halacha, and I enjoyed immensely his depth of lyun, his keen mind, and his profound understanding. (I have also seen some of his Chidushim on Shas and I have found them to be replete with sweet and illuminating novellae, which clearly demonstrate his profound powers of lyun, his sharp intellect, and his straight-as-an arrow grasp of the profundities of Torah - based and formulated in the spirit and tradition of the masters of pshat, like the Maharsha and the Maharam Schiff...)

I wish to extend my wishes of blessing to Rabbi Weiner that he merit to share his Torah and Yir'as Shomayim with the masses, and that he have many talmidim. I am certain that all those who assist him in building and supporting the Yeshiva will be blessed from Heaven with all forms of goodness.

To this I affix my signature, in honor of the Torah, those who learn the Torah, and those who disseminate Torah,

HaGaon HaRav Yeruchom Olshin Shlit"a- Rosh Yeshivas Beth Medrash Govoha/ Lakewood



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Four out of my five sons merited to learn in Rabbi Weiner שליט"א's shuir in mesivta (where he was Rosh Yeshiva as well). Each of them are different from one another in many ways. **Rabbi Weiner tailored his expert chinuch to each of them according to what they needed. The amount that they gained and grew in learning, refinement of middos and so much more is hard to quantify or put into words. I have seen and it is well known that it was like this with all of my sons' classmates and all of Rabbi Weiner's talmidim. They all receive the same incredible warmth and dedication to their growth in all areas.**

My boys' keshet continued and remained strong long after they were no longer in his direct orbit. When the time came Rabbi Weiner was graciously mesader kiddushin at 2 of my sons' weddings and recited a bracha under the chupah at 2 others. **To this day many years later, they seek his counsel and benefit from his vast Torah wisdom and advice on a myriad of topics.**

Presently, my sons are BH thriving adults married with children, raising wonderful families. Two of them are still learning in Kollel and two of them entered the business world successfully -after having learned a number of years in yeshiva. **They all have developed BH a love and passion for learning and life. My husband A"H and myself (along with so many others) have endless Hakaras Hatov to Rabbi Weiner שליט"א for all he did to transform them from impressionable young teenagers to mature, well rounded and articulate B'nai Torah/talmidei chachamim. We are forever grateful.**

Sincerely,

Mrs Reva Freud
Grateful Parent



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The Rebbe-Talmid relationship is crucial for a high school bochur. Sometimes, the Rebbe can fill a certain role that even parents cannot.

That was certainly our experience with Rabbi Eliyahu Weiner שליט"א.

Rabbi Weiner became our "superhero." Our son responded not only to the learning, but also to the unconditional love that Rabbi Weiner offered. Rabbi Weiner has a unique ability to take boys of all levels and from diverse backgrounds and work with them successfully, creating well balanced bnai torah of the highest caliber. He has a knack for tapping into each individual boy's potential and helping him realize or even exceed expectations.

Graduation from Mesivta did not sever the Rebbe-talmid relationship. Rabbi Weiner visited camp in the summer (with the Rebbetzin's home baked cookies!), and called our son (and vice versa as well) from time to time while he was in bais medrash.

To this day, when our son has sheilos, he calls his Rebbe, who he trusts will lead him the right way. Yes, b"H, our son is thriving. He's a husband and father who teaches elementary Gemara and high school math.

We will always be grateful to Rabbi Weiner for giving our son the strong foundation he needed to succeed.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nesanel (& Nancy) Yachnes
Parent/ Educator

Nesanel Yachnes



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Rosh HaYeshiva Yeshivas Torah Ore

ד' תשרי תשפ"ד

September 19, 2023

To the Greater Passaic Community,

My nephew, HaRav Eliyahu Weiner, shlit"a, has undertaken to establish Yeshiva Keren HaTorah of Passaic – Clifton. This holy endeavor will produce talmidim steeped in Torah, Yiras Shamayim, and refined character.

HaRav Weiner has deep roots in the field of chinuch. His ideals and vision are reflective of his vital experience and pristine lineage. He spent many years under the tutelage of HaGaon HaRav Henoah Leibowitz, זצוק"ל, as well as other Gedolei Yisrael. During these formidable years, his intense study of Torah and Mussar allowed him to greatly increase his scholarship and to develop a deep understanding of kochos hanefesh (psychodynamics). On several occasions, he seized the opportunity to spend time with my saintly father, HaGaon HaRav Chaim Pinchas Scheinberg, זצוק"ל, to develop his coveted approach to education.

These rare opportunities have molded him into the venerable Talmid Chacham that he is today and worthy of his position as Rosh HaYeshiva.

As he embarks on his journey with the Yeshiva Keren Hatorah of Passaic – Clifton, may all of his endeavors be met with unbridled success and continuous blessing.

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Passaic-Clifton Mesivta To Open in Fall 2024

By Robert Isler

A new mesivta with a compelling educational model is just a year away from becoming a reality. Yeshiva Keren Hatorah of Passaic-Clifton (YKH-PC) is the brainchild of Harav Eliyahu Weiner, who will be its rosh yeshiva. Rabbi Weiner, along with principal Rabbi Dr. Wallace Greene, recently sat down with The Jewish Link to share the educational model of the mesivta. Their excitement was palpable.

Rabbi Weiner explained that the concept has been in his mind for quite awhile and has been in the process of being concretized for the better part of three years. The basic structure calls for the best of both worlds, a serious limudei kodesh program “with strong emphasis on midos and mussar from classical seforim that will be woven into the learning throughout the day,” followed by a complete set of secular study coursework. Rabbi Greene added that these would include four-five periods of history, English, mathematics, science and computer science, all with the goal of developing analytical skills and providing each student a solid background to continue his limudei kodesh after graduation, with the foundation to enter the business world if he so chooses.

Rabbi Weiner’s plans to shape the mesivta are based on his own background and positive influences. As the grandson of HaGaon Harav Chaim Pinchos Scheinberg, zt”l, he spent close to 20 years learning in Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim and the Mir, and was imbued with the conviction that iyun haTorah and mussar are critical elements in shaping a student. He went on to serve as rosh chabura in the yeshiva’s beis medrash and kollel. From 2010-2022, he served as rosh yeshiva at Yeshiva Zichron Paltiel of Staten Island, where he was known for his warmth and compassion for everyone who crossed his path, developing a strong rapport with students, parents and colleagues alike.



Rabbi Eliyahu Weiner

Rabbi Weiner’s background complements that of Rabbi Greene, who has degrees in both English literature and history, and has had a long leadership career at various yeshivot in the New York-New Jersey area. He is particularly proud of taking a small school in Newark-South Orange known as the Hebrew Youth Academy of Essex County and building it into what is now the Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy in Livingston, where he served as principal for



a decade. He also founded the Sinai School at a time when there were no options for the developmentally disabled in New Jersey.

Working with both of them in an academic consultative role will be Rabbi Dr. Yaakov Zvi Nierman, an educator, administrator and principal who has over five decades of experience. Rabbi Dr. Nierman has conducted numerous educational workshops and has chaired panels both locally and nationally. In his role at YKHPC, he sees himself as the



Rabbi Dr. Wallace Greene

motivator and facilitator of scholarship in limudei chol.

Rabbi Greene offered that part of the reason for their excitement is based on the groundswell of local people whose needs align very well with the YKHPC model. They have reached out to parents of seventh graders to discuss the concept, with many contacting them after hearing what the program plans to offer.

Rabbi Weiner was quick to point out that every mesivta and yeshiva has its purpose in serving the needs of its students, but he is particularly proud of the model that the leadership of his mesivta plan to initiate. He mentioned that he has received the support of local rabbonim and lay leaders, and is in the process of assembling both a board of trustees and a rabbinical board. He already has most of the limudei kodesh staff in place, adding “these are experienced, dynamic professionals who are caring, loving and will go the extra hundred miles to relate to students.” He also shared his belief that each student is a “unique world to himself and must be approached in his own special way to maximize his potential.”

Rabbi Greene added that the planned small classes will help achieve the goal of connecting with each student as an individual. “Rather than sitting through lectures, the ap-

proach to the shiurim will be an interactive one,” noted Rabbi Weiner. Additionally, and this was given particular stress, the relationships will not end in the classroom. A major emphasis will be to connect each student and his family with the rebbeim outside of school hours. These will take the form of in-Shabbatot, field trips, melave malkas, opportunities for additional formal and informal Thursday night shiurim complete with cholent, and Friday night oneg Shabbos’ at the tables of the rebbeim, all designed to form a family type bond. “After all,” noted Rabbi Greene, “eating at a rav’s table offers a far greater opportunity to connect than sitting in a classroom behind a desk.”

Rabbi Weiner listed the principles of the mesivta, which included creating a wholesome, well-balanced spiritual and academic program with an emphasis on maximizing the internals of each student. To that end, no smartphones or other devices will be allowed in an effort to minimize distractions. In order to successfully introduce comprehensive limudei kodesh and secular programs, activities that may consume too much time will be avoided. However, that doesn’t mean there won’t be plenty of opportunities to let off steam, with plans for intramural sports, basketball, a game room and more all in the cards.

Both Rabbi Weiner and Rabbi Dr. Greene view YKHPC as primarily a local yeshiva for those in northern New Jersey, but strongly believe it has much to offer the greater community as well.

In closing, Rabbi Weiner envisions YKHPC as being a serious program but not overly intense. “We want the love of learning to come organically to each student, with the wish to succeed coming from within.”

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