

MIAMI BEACH



Rabbi Yaakov Burstzyn bonding over Torah with his son.



Rabbi Yaakov Burstzyn giving a *shiur* to boys at the Miami Torah Center's Thursday night Sammy Farkas learning program, accompanied by cholent and soda.

Cheder of Miami Set to Open for the Coming School Year

Excitement is mounting as Miami Beach residents are looking forward to the opening of a new *cheder*, Cheder of Miami, to be located right in their neighborhood!

Rabbi Yaakov Burstyn, a veteran *mechanech* who will be serving as the *Menahel*, explains the demographics of the Miami community. While outsiders think of Miami as one big community, it is really comprised of several small communities within South Florida, with Miami Beach and North Miami Beach as relatively separate entities, located about a half-hour drive apart. Miami Beach is in the south, North Miami Beach is in the center, and the communities of Aventura, Hollywood and Boca Raton are further north.

"I grew up in Miami Beach, and I have strong family roots here," noted Rabbi Burstyn. "My great-great-grandparents came to Miami in the 1920s, when my great-grandfather was a teenager, and my grandfather was born here in the early 1930s. When I was young, there were three *frum* boys-only schools in Miami Beach. Today, there are zero. This is because in Miami Beach, real estate is very expensive, and there are no campuses available, only buildings. In North Miami, one can get a beautiful campus for a more affordable price."

The three schools are Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes, Yeshiva Elementary School and Lubavitch Educational Center, all of which have grown and expanded tremendously in recent years and are now located on beautiful campuses in North Miami.

Consequently, children in Miami Beach have to spend close to an hour each morning on a bus or in a car-pool, first driving around to pick up all of the students, and then driving to North Miami. During rush hour, the drive is even longer, and parents who drive their children to school have to turn around and drive another half an hour to return home.

The situation was somewhat untenable and was causing great stress for the parents. Rabbi Tzvi Neuhaus, Rav of Ahavas Torah: Miami Torah Center, a visionary Rav in Miami Beach, dreamed of establishing a *cheder*-type school right in Miami Beach. He approached Rabbi Burstyn, who has been serving as a *Rebbi* in Beis Moshe Chaim for the past 12 years, under the leadership of Harav Yochanan Zweig, and invited him to serve as the *Menahel* of the new yeshivah.

Cheder of Miami hopes to open with grades Pre-K through 2nd. Moros and teachers have been hired, and Rabbi Burstyn will serve as the *Rebbi* of the oldest class. The *cheder* also plans to serve lunch every day to save the parents the job of preparing lunches and may also provide transportation to ease the burden on the parents.

The *cheder* will be located in a beautiful house, right next door to the Ahavas Torah Center, and will be able to use the shul for special events, such as a *siddur* or *Chumash mesibah*.

Rabbi Burstzyn adds, "Our main vision is simply to provide the local community with a school. With that in mind, we will also aim to offer small classes and individual attention. We hope we will succeed in giving over the *geshmak* of *Yiddishkeit* to our *talmidim*."

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Tehillim on Klaf Tefillah

Tehillim on Klaf Tefillah will have 17 speakers over 17 days of Elul to give *chizuk* and inspiration to *Klal Yisrael*.

Speakers will include Harav Eliezer Ginsburg, *Rosh Yeshivah*, Yeshiva Zichron Leyma; Rabbi Dee Leo of Efrat; Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich, *Mara d'Asra* of Congregation Beth Shalom, Lawrence; Harav Chizkiyahu Neventzal, Chief Rabbi of the Old City of Yerushalayim; Rabbi Dovid Gross, Kehilas Beis Doniel, Cleveland; Rabbi Chanan Gordon, Los Angeles; Rabbi Dovid Shaw, Sandton Shul Johannesburg; Rabbi Yosef Alon, Kol Yisroel Achim, Great Neck; Rabbi Yaakov Rahimi, Lakewood; Rabbi Elliot

Schrier, Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, Teaneck; Rabbi Yosef Galimidi, Edmond J Safra Shul, Aventura; Rabbi Tzvi Sobolofsky, *Rosh Yeshivah* RIETS, Congregation Ohr Torah, Bergenfield; Rabbi Yona Reiss, *Av Beis Din* CRC, Chicago; Rabbi Dovid Ozeri, Yad Yosef Torah Center; Rabbi Simcha Bunim Cohen, Khal Ateres Yishaya, Lakewood; Rabbi Menachem Penner, Dean, RIETS; Harav Yehoshua Perlow, Novominsker Rebbe, *shlita*.

The *shiurim* will take place during the month of Elul via livestream.

Tehillim on Klaf Tefillah has created awareness of more powerful *Tehillim tefillah*. *Klal Yisrael* needs so many *yeshuos* and *refuos* now, more than ever before. What could be more ben-

eficial in these times than uniting to join a *Tehillim tefillah* being read daily, being read from a hand-written *Sefer Tehillim on klaf* written by a *sofer mumcheh* and possessing the authentic powers as Dovid Hamelech wrote it.

The Steipler Gaon, *zt"l*, in *Karyana De Igarta*, discusses the significance of reciting *Tehillim* from a *klaf* written by an expert *sofer*, following all the *dinim* of *Sta"m*. The Steipler Gaon states that such a *tefillah* is "*retzuyah u'mekubales b'yoser*," it is on a higher level and meriting "greater acceptance" above.

Tehillim on Klaf Tefillah serves as a source of *tefillah*, *yeshuos* and hope for *Klal Yisrael* globally.