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Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael to Empower Young Olim

(Courtesy of MYY) Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael of Beit Shemesh (MYY) is poised to be a transformative force in the world of chinuch in Israel, with a strong focus on first-generation olim. With its doors set to open in September 2025, Yesodei Yisrael represents a new chapter in empowering young olim to navigate and succeed in Israeli society. For American Jews — whether they are considering aliyah, have relatives in Israel, or are simply invested in the future of the Israeli Jewish community — Yesodei Yisrael will offer a unique opportunity to support the establishment of an institution that supports the unique needs of American families that have chosen to build their futures in Israel.

Rav Shimon Kronenberg: At the Helm of Innovation

The guiding force behind Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael is Rav Shimon Kronenberg, whose diverse background in Jewish education and organizational development is central to the yeshiva's mission. With close to 15 years of experience in both formal and informal Jewish education, Kronenberg has impacted a wide range of institutions, from NCSY to Yeshivat Noam in Paramus and Heichal HaTorah in Teaneck. His expertise is not just limited to educational strategies but extends into business and organizational development, equipping him uniquely to lead this pioneering institution.

Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael is emerging as a culmination of decades-long efforts by families, individuals and community leaders who have successfully navigated the challenges in the establishment of a robust communal infrastructure in Israel. This ongoing development has been crucial in facilitating the successful transition of North American families



into an integral part of Israeli society. Each new institution, including Yesodei Yisrael, builds upon this foundation, expanding the support network and enhancing the opportunities for a successful aliyah.

The approach of Yesodei Yisrael's dedicated mechanchim is tailored to address the unique needs of olim, recognizing the distinct challenges they face when adapting to a new cultural and educational environment. Yesodei Yisrael's leadership is poised to ensure that it does not merely teach, but actively engages with each student's personal, spiritual and academic growth. Kronenberg emphasized the significance of those who have contributed to this foundation-

al work. "Our success at Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael will only be attributable to those who have laid the groundwork before us, continuing a tradition of community building that bridges generations. By building upon this foundation, we strengthen the ties that bind the Jewish communities of America and Israel, ensuring a promising future for Jewish people in Israel."

Yesodei Yisrael is set to extend its impact by serving as a vibrant community center for the broader community. The institution will host a variety of programming and events that cater not only to its students but also to extended members of the yeshiva fami-

ly and the local community. This initiative will position Yesodei Yisrael as a unique hub where individuals and families can come together to learn, celebrate and grow.

Building Bridges: Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael's Impact on the Future of American Aliyah

The creation of Yesodei Yisrael is relevant to American readership for at least two important reasons. First and foremost, broadening the path for Americans moving to Israel. For American Jews contemplating making aliyah, Yesodei Yisrael will provide a vital educational resource that will ease the transition of their children into Israeli society. The school is specifically being designed to support first-generation olim, ensuring that they re-

ceive the necessary tools, values and guidance to thrive in their new environment. This commitment will make Yesodei Yisrael a cornerstone for American families looking to build their future in Eretz Yisrael.

Secondly, American Jews have a unique opportunity to participate in a broader mission by investing in the development of Israel's next generation. By engaging with Yesodei Yisrael through financial partnerships, donors can extend their influence far beyond immediate family circles. They can invest not only in the physical and educational infrastructure of a pioneering school but also in the lives of countless young olim who will one day lead and enrich Israeli society. This strategic contribution will foster a deep connection between Jewish communities in America and Israel, reinforcing the bonds that unite Jews worldwide.

Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, rabbi of Congregation Beth Aaron in Teaneck and founding rabbi of Meromei Shemesh in Ramat Beit Shemesh, emphasized the significance of Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael: "This initiative is an exciting addition to Israel's evolving infrastructure. It's pivotal in ensuring that the American community integrates successfully into Israeli society, fostering communal, educational and spiritual growth across Eretz Yisrael. I have personal confidence in Rav Shimon Kronenberg, whom I've known for many years. I am continually impressed with his skills as an educator and a visionary."

For more information about how to become involved with Mesivta Yesodei Yisrael, visit myy.org.il. Join the yeshiva in building the next generation of successful olim and strengthening the bonds within Am Yisrael across continents. Together, with Hashem's help, Yesodei Yisrael will continue to build a bright future for the Jewish people in Eretz Yisrael and beyond.



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