



ישיבה אור ישראל
YESHIVA OHR YISRAEL
High School for Boys

2019 11th Grade Trip to Israel.



Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael
ANNUAL REPORT | 2019-2020

Letter From Rabbi Feldman, Menahel



I'm honored to share this report with you - the partners who have made the dream of Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael possible.

This past year has been a challenging one for our community and the world. In spite of this challenge, Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael continues to grow.

Excelling in education even in times of adversity is something the Jewish people have learned throughout the millennia.

In 1941, Rabbi Dovid Dryan of Gateshead, England, had a vision: to establish a kollel in Gateshead. The timing could not have been more difficult. The world was becoming aware of the destruction taking place in Europe. The English feared a Nazi invasion, and were struggling with financial crisis, food shortages, and worry for their loved ones at the front and at home.

Rabbi Dryan sent letters to twenty leading Torah leaders across England. Nineteen of them ignored the letter. The twentieth, however, did not. Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler had evacuated to Chesham, England during those dark days. On October 10th, 1941, he came to Gateshead to accept the invitation and the challenge put forth by Rabbi Dryan. And so, the famed Gateshead Kollel was established.

Rabbi Dryan recognized the destruction of the Holocaust as a time to rebuild. Specifically when there are challenges, we need to be looking forward.

In 2020, the rebbeim, teachers, parents, and students of Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael demonstrated a spirit of growth and tenacity in the context of a global pandemic, with a successful transition to an online learning experience. The students completed their curricula for the year despite the disruptions; throughout, they maintained their strong camaraderie with each other and the rebbeim.

The yeshiva is back to in-person learning, with a hybrid model of in-person and online studies. We now have a total enrollment of 43 students, including the largest 9th-grade class to date. We've expanded our academic program as well, and have appointed a Director of STEM to enhance our offerings.

To meet the growing needs of our school, we're in the midst of a \$4 million dollar expansion program, doubling the size of our current building. Expected completion is early 2021.

School spirit has remained strong because our vision remains unchanged: *Timeless Torah, Premier Academics, Sterling Character.*

Thank you for enabling this growth.

We hope we can continue our partnership with you in the year ahead.

Rabbi Uri Feldman
Menahel

OUR MISSION

To develop boys into young men who are committed to a life led by Torah values. To provide students with excellence in Limudei Kodesh and in general studies so they will have the requisite skills to be admitted to yeshivas and/or colleges of their choice. Students will learn in an environment that will inspire them to be passionate and sincere about learning and about Yiddishkeit. Derech Eretz and middos are at the core of all learning.



Letter From Dr. Peter Holland, Director of General Studies



For the past six years I have been privileged to work with Rabbi Feldman and the faculty and students at Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael. Taking a concept and translating it into a school that started with five students and now has over 40 students has been a dream come true for Rabbi Feldman and the Board of Trustees, and it has met

the needs of many parents who were seeking just such a high school for their sons.

Since 2014, YOY has offered a dual curriculum—a rigorous Judaic studies coupled with challenging college prep courses—that has filled a unique niche in the landscape of Jewish high schools in Boston. I have seen the faculty develop into a stable and accomplished group, who combine expertise in their disciplines with caring and concern for the boys they teach. YOY secular studies include four years of Mathematics, English, Social Studies, and Science; three years of Hebrew language studies; and two years of Computer Science and Business. I am pleased that our graduates are well prepared for their future study in yeshivas and universities.

The YOY curriculum has expanded to include these five Advanced Placement courses: Physics C Mechanics, Calculus AB, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and United States History. Other special courses are Entrepreneurship, Topics in Biochemistry, and Statistics. The renovated and expanded school facility will provide greater support for the academic programs including more classrooms, a larger beis medrash, a science laboratory, faculty office space, a dedicated cafeteria area, and an outdoor basketball court.

As I prepare to take my leave and move into semi-retirement. It has been my good fortune to meet Rabbi Feldman, the faculty, board, students and parents. You have been a large part of my life – which has included many years in Catholic and public schools – and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have played a part in the development of YOY and to meet so many dedicated supporters who are now friends. I look forward to visiting and seeing the school continue to grow.

Dr. Peter Holland
Director of General Studies



Pre-COVID Learning

PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

SAT PREP

The class of 2020 benefited greatly from the support of YOY's college guidance counselor, David Tabachnik, in preparing their portfolios.

New for 2020-2021! SAT prep added to YOY formal program.

AP COURSES

Almost all seniors of the class of 2019-2020 took Advanced Placement classes, with half taking more than one AP.

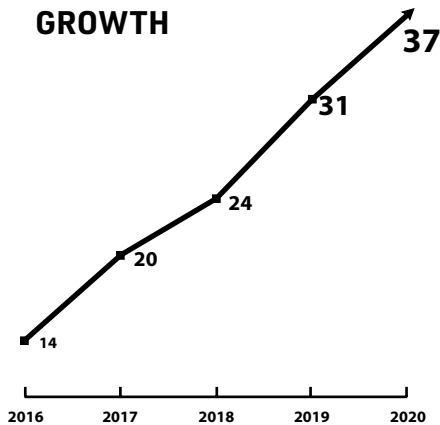
Courses Offered

- Microeconomics
- Physics C-Mechanics
- United States History
- Calculus AB



Return to in-person learning

ENROLLMENT GROWTH



The Senior class of '20 represents Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael at the following institutions of higher learning:

YESHIVAS

- Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia
- Yeshiva Keser Torah Monsey, NY
- Toras Moshe, Jerusalem
- Yeshiva Mevaseret Tzion
- Yeshiva Beis Yisroel, Neve Yaakov
- Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh
- Yeshiva Lev Hatorah

UNIVERSITIES

- Yeshiva University
- Yeshiva University Honors
- UMass-Boston

10th Grade with their Rebbe (Pre-COVID)

Student Population

Total school population for 2019-20 was 37.

Approximately 40% of the school population resided in BRIGHTON, 15% in NEWTON, 15% in BROOKLINE, 10% SHARON and 15% OTHER.

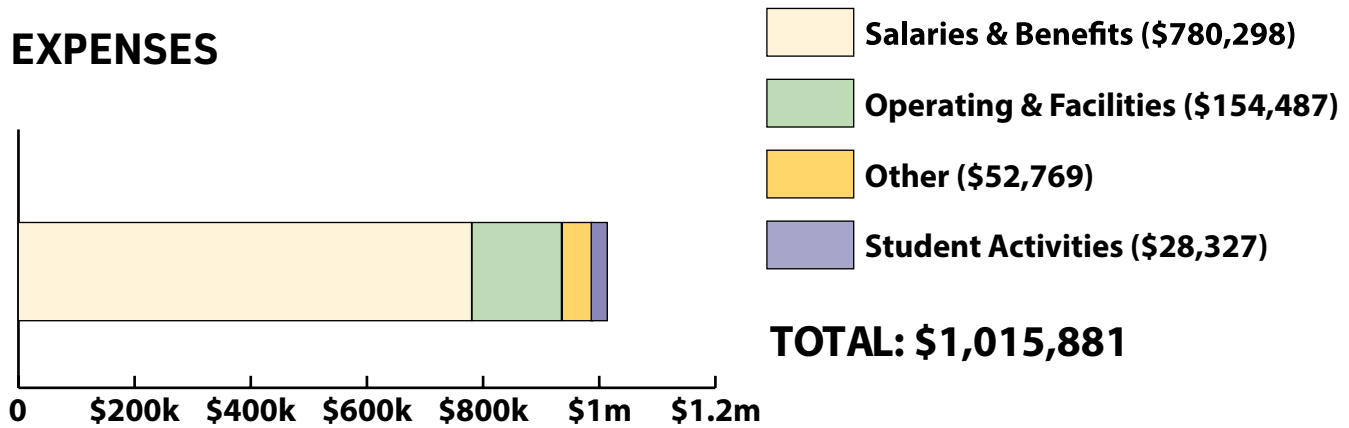


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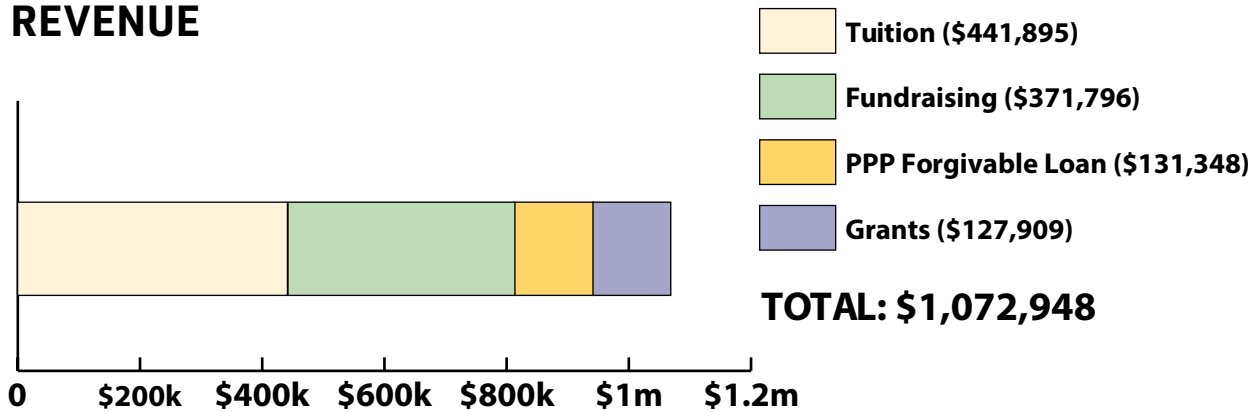
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JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020

EXPENSES



REVENUE



THREE-YEAR EXPENSE TRENDS

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
\$719,875	\$869,708	\$1,015,881

THREE-YEAR REVENUE TRENDS

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
\$551,381	\$855,784	\$1,072,948

BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE

The 2019-2020 academic year was historic for Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael. At the end of 2019, the school embarked on an ambitious building expansion project that will double the square footage of the Yeshiva and create a spectacular environment in which our growing student body can thrive.

In addition to several classrooms, each fully-equipped with A/V technology and wifi, the new building will house a dedicated science lab, large communal lunchroom, student lounge, music room, and two outdoor basketball courts. There are also administrative offices and flex-spaces.

The crowning jewel of the Yeshiva expansion is a spectacular 80-person Beis Medrash filled with natural light and warmth from five distinctive skylight windows. Our windows, especially "The Connector Corridor" windows, overlook the historic Chestnut Hill Reservoir. These beautiful views will inspire our students to engage with their Creator through prayer, excel in their academics, and socialize with friends.

This investment in their future is an investment in the future of Jewish education in Boston. Passersby on Beacon Street will glimpse at Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael's elegant building and reflect with pride on what our community has achieved.

The project completion date is on target for March 2021.

10,500
SQ. FT.

5 Classrooms
+ Science Lab and Flex Space

80 Person
Beis Medrash



STUDENT LIFE HIGHLIGHTS



Siyum HaShas



Beis Din Competition



Siyum HaShas



Remote Learning



YOY Flames



AIPAC Delegation



Israel Trip



Yachad Club @YOY



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WAYS TO GIVE

- Support Our Annual Fund
(gifts of cash, securities, from DAFs or matching gifts)
- New Building Naming Opportunities
- Legacy Giving
(Charitable Bequests, Lead Trusts and Life Insurance Designations)

For more information on giving opportunities, please contact **Rabbi Uri Feldman** by phone (718) 499-2332, or email rabbifeldman@ohryisrael.com

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clients are saying...*

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