



ישיבה אור ישראל  
YESHIVA OHR YISRAEL  
High School for Boys

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

*Students at Yeshiva Ohr  
Yisrael thrive in our newly  
expanded facilities.*



*From the desk of*

## Rabbi Uri Feldman, Menahel



On a wintry Thursday night, I accompanied a guest on a tour of the Yeshiva. As we entered the gleaming Beis Medresh, humming with the energy of students and Rebbeim deep in focused dialogue,

we both experienced a joy similar to the feeling of arriving at a long awaited destination. We had collectively dreamed of a Yeshiva where students would be excited to learn with one another supported by Rabbeim at their side, each student feeling that he belonged. We were witnessing this dream alive in front of our eyes.

This destination extends beyond the new beautiful structure at 325 Reservoir Rd. It encompasses our guiding mission, expert faculty, and diverse student body. After eight years of growth and momentum, Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael has not only “arrived”, we continue our journey stronger than ever.

### 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.



One need only to observe our graduates in order to understand why this school is such a valuable asset to the community. YOY alumni attend some of the best yeshivas in Eretz Yisrael and America, as well as in top university honors programs working toward their goals. YOY's newest alumni are preparing for a year of yeshiva study ahead in which they can continue their learning and growth. Many have already been accepted into their future university programs, well prepared with the AP credits earned at YOY. Our young men are each on the path they have chosen for themselves, aligned with their interests and their individual goals.

We are so grateful for the Yeshiva's growth and expansion over the years, both the building and the educational program. We are proud of where we find ourselves today, ready to continue the next year of Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael's exciting journey.

Thank you for joining YOY's students on their personal journeys by supporting the school. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the year ahead. Please visit anytime and see for yourself the joy of reaching a destination, and the enthusiasm to continue growing.

Sincerely yours,

*Rabbi Uri Feldman,*  
Menahel





*From the desk of*

## **Rabbi Michael Shepard, Dean of Academics**



In considering the move to Boston in the spring of last year, I was intrigued with the idea of Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael as Rabbi Feldman explained it. Now that I have been here for a year, the idea is not only borne out by its reality but is exceeded by it. There are not many yeshivos in America where students can get a first-rate chinuch in Limudei Kodosh while at the same time achieve in a fine college-preparatory general studies program with a tradition of excellence. It has been an honor for me to be here.

To perpetuate that tradition, general studies could boast of a program that prepared students for four Advanced Placement tests in US History, Calculus, Microeconomics, and Environmental Science. Next year, our intention is to add two more: English Language and Composition as well as Computer Science Principles. The latter course will determine the curriculum of our 9/10th grade computer classes and offer the chance to achieve three college credits at the end of 10th grade.

Besides the AP classes, we have established a relationship with Quincy College which will grant college credits for our courses in 11th grade biology and precalculus and 12th grade English composition and statistics. In total, we

will be offering courses totaling 30 college credits, equivalent to an entire year.

One change that will become a permanent feature of the curriculum is the introduction of Jewish history in the ninth, tenth, and twelfth grades. Next year, ninth graders will study the period from the Maccabees to the Gaonim, while the tenth grade will cover the experience of the Jews in Europe from the time of the Rishonim until the Enlightenment. The twelfth grade will pick up the story at the beginning of the 19th century and continue through the tumultuous 20th and 21st centuries.

Student council was established in the fall of 2021 to provide a formal channel of communications between students and administration. Two elected delegates from each grade met weekly at lunchtime with me to discuss both problems and proposals dealing with student life. The council served as a model of applied democracy and has provoked the interest of more students to run for office when the next delegates are chosen on Election Day in November.

We are proud of our students' accomplishments in all of their studies and look forward to an evolving reality of even greater growth and accomplishment next year.

*Rabbi Michael Shepard,*  
Dean of Academics



## COMMUNITY

Community events attracted hundreds of participants! Popular recurring events included a Jewish History series, Investment Club Meet-ups, Gemara Skills Lab and Women's Learning Classes.



# PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

## CLASS OF 2022

After four years of learning and growth at Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael, our students are prepared to embark on their next journey: higher education. We will miss each talmid dearly, and wish them much hatzlacha next year in yeshiva.

**Every graduate has chosen to spend next year immersed in Torah learning full time** at the following Yeshivos: Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh, Yeshiva Kesser Torah, Yeshiva Nesivos Aharon, Yeshiva Ohr Elchonon, Yeshiva Ohr HaChaim, Yeshiva Sharei Mevaseret Tzion, Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Yeshivas Be'er Hatorah and Yeshivat Torat Shraga.

**Planning ahead, students have already been accepted to the following universities:** Drexel University, Touro College and Yeshiva University.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Seven students were inducted into the newly established chapter of the National Honor Society at YOY.



## SPORTS

A robust line-up of physical activities allowed students to explore new areas of interest.

- Running
- Golf
- Ski Club
- Flag Football
- Tennis
- Basketball



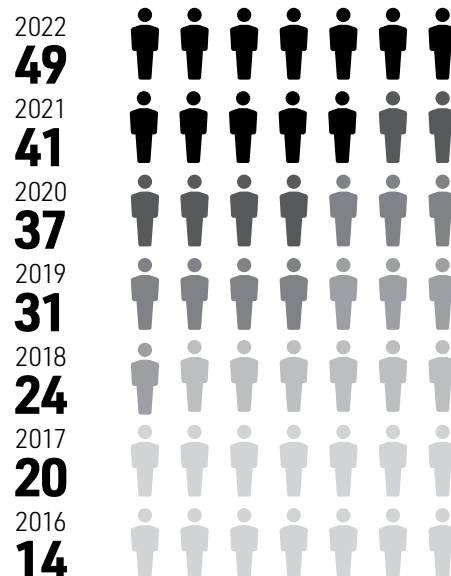
## SIYUMIM

Throughout the year, talmidim took upon themselves to learn on their own time outside of class. The optional night seder program was expanded to enable more students to accomplish their personal learning goals. Impressively, **over 30 students made siyumim** on selected tractates of gemara and mishna.



*Graduating Class of 2022 (two seniors not pictured)*

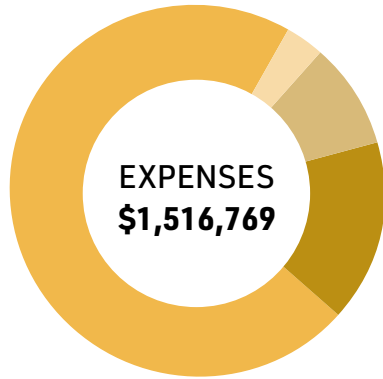
## YEAR-OVER-YEAR ENROLLMENT GROWTH



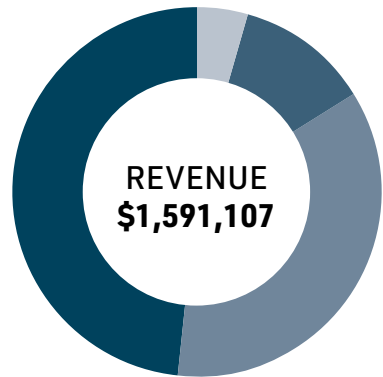
# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial data are extracted from audited financial statements

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022



- **Salaries and Benefits**  
\$1,082,972
- **Operating and Facilities**  
\$243,729
- **Student Activities**  
\$136,708
- **Other**  
\$53,360



- **Tuition**  
\$569,482
- **Fundraising**  
\$764,943
- **COVID Relief**  
\$185,386
- **Grants**  
\$71,296

## THREE-YEAR EXPENSE TRENDS

2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
\$1,015,881	\$1,223,392	\$1,516,769

## THREE-YEAR REVENUE TRENDS

2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
\$1,072,948	\$1,198,544	\$1,591,107





# BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE

In April, 2022 Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael celebrated the chanukas habayis of its newly expanded building. The \$4.5 million renovation more than doubled the square footage of the yeshiva. Exciting features include a large beis medrash, science lab, sound-proof music room and a basketball court.

The dedication was a truly joyous day, made even more special by the participation of so many community leaders and members. The guest of honor, Harav Sholom Kamenetsky, Shlita, Rosh Yeshiva of the Philadelphia Yeshiva, explained in his address that the real dedication on display was “dedication to a cause.” As impressive as the building is, what makes it a yeshiva are those who teach and learn there.

It was a privilege for the yeshiva to host such a preeminent and esteemed talmid chacham, and his message resonated with everyone. Rav Kamenetsky’s visit was especially meaningful because YOY’s Menahel, Rabbi Feldman, is a graduate of the Yeshiva of Philadelphia, and two of our YOY alumni are currently thriving there.

Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael now has a beautiful building to match the exceptional education taking place inside, where every student is cared for as if they are the only one. YOY and the Boston community have tremendous hakaras hatov to the dedicated supporters who made this transformative project a reality.

*The Yeshiva’s success has exceeded my very high expectations. Rabbi Feldman, the Rebbeim, the General Studies faculty and students all combine to make YOY a very unique, growth-oriented and joyful yeshiva.*

Mr. Sammy Simnegar,  
Founding Board Member and Parent

# STUDENT LIFE HIGHLIGHTS



**Siyum on Meseches Kesubos**



**Shabbatons**



**Ski Club**



**Expanded Night Seder & Mishmar**



**YOY Flames**



**Community Kashering**



**Israel Trip**



**Yachad Club @YOY**



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