

With great gratitude to Hashem, I have been granted the tremendous zechus and privilege to be a Rebbe and friend to so many holy young men, ages 18 to 25, who are seeking closeness to Hashem and a deeper connection to dvar Hashem. Despite the distractions and challenges they may have faced in life, I am zoche to have a personal relationship with each of them. Today, we have over 100 young men who regularly come together to bond, support one another, and grow as a Yid, in our closeness to Hashem. Our goal is to strengthen our connection to Torah, and build unity and love within our community, love for klal yisroel, and elevate ourselves in our service to Hashem. Through this unity, we recognize the great privilege we have as His chosen nation, tasked with fulfilling His mitzvot and serving as vessels of connection to Hashem and to Klal Yisroel.

Baruch Hashem, this group has been growing and evolving into a true community. I am privileged to offer personal guidance and attention to each boy, helping them navigate their individual journeys and grow in Torah, avodas Hashem, and love for Klal Yosroel. Through activities like learning and farbrengens, we have strengthened our bonds and deepened our connection to Hashem, fostering achdus and a shared commitment to growth. As we continue to expand, there is an increasing need for a permanent center—a shul /shtieble—where guys of all ages, marries, single, older, and younger can come together regularly for learning, activities, and farbrangs. This will provide a stable space for us to support the tremendous desires for growth and connection that each of us carries. It will also allow us to offer more opportunities for personal learning and guidance, with a group of avreichim who will be available to learn with the boys and offer support. Having a dedicated Makom Torah will ensure that we can continue our work of strengthening guys, creating a warm and welcoming environment where everyone can feel safe, understood, and connected. This will allow us to keep growing as a community and continue to fulfill the vision of fostering deep, personal relationships with Hashem and one another, while building a vibrant, growing Torah community for the future.

The great zechus of supporting such a project is beyond human comprehension. As the Gemara in *Bava Metzia* teaches, the greatest act is bringing a fellow Jew closer to Hashem, especially a guy who has not had the tools, support and background to do so on their own. The reward for this is immense, and the Gemara explains that even if Hashem placed a decree on klal Yisroel, one cancels that decree because of the zechus that he did. The *Chovos Halevavos* explains that the greatness of Moshe Rabbeinu, the Av Lekol Nevien, the father of all prophets, was not just in his scholarship or prophecy, but in his ability to provide love and personal attention to Am Yisroel, especially when they were in a low spiritual state. Moshe Rabbeinu's ability to lift them up in their time of need is what earned him the greatest reward. As the Gemara tells us, those who engage in such acts of personal connection and upliftment gain immense spiritual merit and reward, both in this world and the next, Be'ezras Hashem. During a time where we need to focus on canceling bad decrees on klal yisroel chas v'shalom this is a tremendous opportunity to do so.

I want to invite every Jew to be part of this important endeavor. The concept of *Yissachar and Zevulun*, as the Gemara and *Shulchan Aruch* in *Yoreh De'ah* teach, highlights the profound partnership that exists when one supports a Makom Torah—especially one dedicated to helping Jews in need of spiritual encouragement. By financially backing such a place, a person becomes a partner in its growth and success. Supporting Torah on this level, helping Yiddin strengthen their connection to Hashem, is one of the highest forms of involvement in Torah. Being a *Yissachar-Zevulun* partner in this work brings the greatest merit and closeness to Hashem.

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