

Yeshiva Darchei Torah's Evening Of Celebration Set For January 11



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Rivky Leibowitz
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Mr. and Mrs. Ari and
Elisheva Treuhaft
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The Yeshiva Darchei Torah 53rd anniversary evening of celebration, scheduled for Sunday evening, January 11th at Crest Hollow Country Club, will pay tribute to five exemplary families:

Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Leibie and Chavie Alter – Guests of Honor

Carrying on a legacy of responsibility and dedication to the Klal, Chaim Leibie and Chavie Alter stand out as exceptional role models who are singularly committed to giving back to the community—wherever the need arises—while remaining devoted to the needs of their family.

Chaim Leibie, a native of Flatbush, was raised in a home that focused on Torah values and upon the paramount importance of responsibility both to one's family and to the *tzibbur*. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mordechai and Esther Alter, highlighted through example the value of showing concern for others, of giving back to the community, of making time to give advice to those who could benefit, and of using one's *kochos* to benefit the *klal*.

Chavie's upbringing very much mirrored that of her husband, as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rivie and Leba Schwebel, have demonstrated true *achrayus* for the Klal, are well known for the myriad ways in which they give back to the community, and show genuine concern for those in need. Both the Alters and Schwebels have always emphasized and instilled in their families the importance of *menschlichkeit* and *middos tovos* above all. They have also shown exceptional devotion to the needs of their parents, setting a sterling example of true *kibbud av va'eim*.

Chaim Leibie is a talmid of Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, as well as Yeshivas Mir Yerushalyim. His *eishes chayil*, Chavie, also from Flatbush, attended Bais Yaakov D' Rav Meir, followed by a year at Bnos Chava seminary. Today, they reside in

their native Flatbush, where they are *mis-pallelim* at Congregation Kol Torah and benefit from their close *kesher* with its *mara d'asra*, Rav Lipa Geldwerth. They maintain a connection with many other *chashuveh rabbanim* in Flatbush, including Rav Yosef Fischer, Rav Shaya Fischer, Rav Avrohom Eisen, Rav Noam Rosenzweig, Rav Yosef Chaim Perlman, Rav Pinchos Frankel, and Rav Alter Frankel.

Chaim Leibie and Chavie strive to follow in their parents' footsteps and have mastered the art of balancing their communal obligations with their dedication to the needs of their beautiful *mishpachah*. While Chaim Leibie is an insurance professional and Chavie is an interior designer, their primary focus is on stepping up to the plate wherever and however they can, while remaining attentive to the needs of their family.

They are the proud parents of six children, two of whom have thrived as talmidim of the Yeshiva. Yitzchok, an alumnus, attended Mesivta Chaim Shlomo, Beis Medrash Heichal Dovid, and Kollel Tirtza Devora, where he grew as a *ben Torah* and forged close relationships with Rosh Kollel Rav Dovid Bender and many other rebbeim. Dovid is a current talmid in the *beis medrash*, and the Alters are so grateful as they watch him thrive in a wholesome environment in which the dual values of *hasmadah* and *menschlichkeit* are underscored. Darchei's emphasis on *bein adam l'chaveiro*—as demonstrated and instilled by the Rosh HaYeshiva and his sons, and every other member of the hanhalah—dovetails perfectly with the *chinuch* the Alters themselves portray.

Undoubtedly, Chaim Leibie and Chavie have created a home that beautifully fuses dedication to their children's *hatzlachah* with a commitment to serve the Klal in whatever way they can. It is with great pleasure that Yeshiva Darchei Torah recognizes Chaim Leibie and Chavie Alter as this year's Guests of Honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Sholom and Rivky Leibowitz Guests of Honor

Chaim Sholom and Rivky Leibowitz truly exemplify the ideals of Yeshiva Darchei Torah. Their dedication to creating a home where *chashivus haTorah* and consistent commitment to Yiddishkeit are paramount, as well as their sincerity and genuine care for the needs of others, are a true reflection of all that the Yeshiva stands for.

Chaim Sholom is a native of Monsey, where his parents, Mr. Emanuel, *shey-ichyeh*, and Mrs. Devora, *a"h*, Leibowitz, raised him to appreciate the supreme value of Torah and *avodas Hashem*. Chaim Sholom also absorbed the exceptional *emunah* and *simchas hachaim* displayed in his childhood home, values that play an integral role in his own home today. As a talmid of Yeshivas Pe'er HaTorah, he forged a close *kesher* with his rebbi, Rav Yissachar Rothschild *zt"l*, whose extraordinary warmth and personal example still stand by him today. Currently, Chaim Sholom and his wife are respected members of the Cedarhurst community, where he stands at the helm of Harborview, a network of nursing homes, but his primary focus is on the needs of others. He is exceptionally dedicated to Darchei and its staff, doing whatever he can to ensure their continued success. He is involved in countless other *mosdos chinuch*, *batei midrashim*, and of course, the family's *makom tefillah*, Kehillas Ahavas Yisroel. He and his wife value the close relationship they have built with the rav and rebbetzin, Rav Moshe and Rebbetzin Rina Plutchok.

Chaim Sholom's *eishes chayil*, Rivky, grew up in Flatbush in a home in which consistency in Yiddishkeit and *avodas Hashem* were foundational. Today, Rivky's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Ruchi Sokoloff, have moved to the Five

Towns, where Mrs. Sokoloff is the *men-acheles* of Bais Yaakov Ateres Miriam's high school. Rivky herself is a beloved ninth- and tenth-grade teacher at Ateres Miriam, using her talents and intuition to build her *talmidos*. While her primary role is as a devoted mother to her beautiful family, Rivky also dedicates her time and *kochos* as a Bikur Cholim volunteer.

As veteran parents of Yeshiva Darchei Torah, Chaim Sholom and Rivky are grateful to work hand in hand with the Yeshiva in being *mechanech* their sons: Eliyahu, now in the Kibbutz; Akiva, in ninth grade; Yisroel, in sixth grade; and Betzalel, in first grade. "The Yeshiva — and specifically, the rebbeim — take such a balanced approach to being *mechanech* our children, and this very much reflects what we strive to give over in our home," they aver. "Over the years, we have found, time and again, that the rebbeim are so available that they are truly on our team, and most of all, totally dedicated to ensuring that each child becomes the best that he can be. Our children, and we as parents, have gained so much from Darchei's exceptional approach, as demonstrated by every single rebbi and morah."

Yeshiva Darchei Torah is proud to partner with Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Sholom and Rivky Leibowitz in passing on their beautiful *mesorah* and *hashkafas hachaim* to their children. Yeshiva Darchei Torah is honored to recognize this exceptional couple as Guests of Honor this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Nussi and Batsheva Dessler Parents of the Year

Nussi and Batsheva Dessler stand out as parents who exemplify the ideals of Yeshiva Darchei Torah. They expertly balance a supreme dedication to the *chinuch* of their children with a commitment to *chesed* and the community, carrying on a family legacy from which Klal Yisrael

continues to reap the benefits.

Nussi was raised in Cleveland, where he spent his foundational years at the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, which was founded by his grandfather, Rav No-chum Zev Dessler, *zt"l*. He continued his growth at the Yeshiva Gedolah of Passaic for seven years under the Rosh HaYeshiva, Rav Meir Stern, with whom he is grateful to maintain a *kesher* until today. He then went on to learn in Eretz Yisrael at Brisk and the Mir, where he remained for several years following his marriage to his wife Batsheva, née Kappel, a native of the Five Towns.

Upon their return from Eretz Yisrael, the Desslers settled in Far Rockaway. They are active members of Kehillas Bais Yisroel, which is under the leadership of Rav Elysha Sandler, and are involved parents in their children's schools, Yeshiva Darchei Torah and Bnos Bais Yaakov.

Growing up in a home steeped in *chinuch* and *chesed*, Nussi was ever conscious of the *mesiras nefesh* of his grandfather in establishing Torah-true *chinuch* in Cleveland. He was also privileged to witness firsthand the dedication of his parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Eli and Suri Dessler, to the community. His front-row view of his parents' daily devotion to *tzarchoi tzibbur*, whether in the school or in the community, instilled within him the enduring value of contributing to the Klal, and he strives to emulate their example.

Batsheva's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chesky and Shaindy Kappel, built their home upon the dual ideals of *chesed* and unwavering dedication to family. Dr. and Mrs. Kappel are also proud parents of Darchei alumni, and Batsheva is gratified that her children can benefit from the same stellar *chinuch* she observed over the years.

The Desslers feel truly fortunate to be part of the Darchei family. They share, "Under the exceptional leadership of Rabbi Yaakov Bender and Rabbi Moshe Bender, every child is nurtured with signature care and devotion. Our sons, No-chum Zev, a fifth grader, and Yehuda, a first grader, leave for yeshiva each day with smiles on their faces—and come home the same way—which is all any parent can hope for. At the same time as the children are nurtured in the most positive environment, the rebbeim, moros, menahalim, and entire administration are united in the singular goal of providing the highest level of *chinuch* for every talmid."

The Desslers have a unique apprecia-

tion to Yeshiva Darchei Torah for the efforts involved in being *mechanech* their children, as well as for its impact on the entire community. They, too, display a special commitment to ensuring the *hatzlachah* of local *mosdos chinuch* and beyond. Yeshiva Darchei Torah is proud to acknowledge their sterling example with this year's Parents of the Year Award.

**Dr. and Mrs. Daniel and Shevy Herzog
Parents of the Year**

Daniel and Shevy Herzog stand out as exceptional parents who demonstrate admirable dedication to the *hatzlachah* of their children and to inculcating them with *ahavas haTorah*.

Daniel was raised in Montreal, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron and Chava Herzog, imbued him with values that are very much a part of who he is today. His father instilled in him by example a love for Torah and learning, and always encouraged him to set goals based on his own abilities. His mother's dedication to her children also played a pivotal role in his upbringing, and her outlook that nothing was more important to her than the happiness of her children continues to shape the way the younger Herzogs parent their children.

Daniel attended high school at Yeshivas Nehora in Eretz Yisrael and then continued his learning at Yeshivas Chevron and subsequently at Mir Yerushalayim. After returning to the U.S., he joined Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, simultaneously earning his undergraduate degree, and then moved on to learn at Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood.

Currently, he practices as an emergency room physician at NYU Langone Hospital and is an involved and active member of the North Woodmere community. He delivers a daily Daf Yomi *shiur* in his shul, Khal Bnai Hayeshivos, which is under the leadership of Rav Shmuel Witkin. Daniel's wife, Shevy, is a beloved speech therapist in local yeshivos, where she is devoted to helping students in preschool and early elementary grades.

Shevy, a native of Flatbush, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nussen and Esther Berger. Mr. Berger was born in Germany shortly after World War II and was privileged to learn in the Gateshead Yeshiva from a young age. He truly epitomizes *Torah im derech erez*, as one who is *kovea itim*, whether at home or on the road, and treats every person as a *tzelem Elokim*. Mrs. Berger has always stood behind her *chashuveh* husband, instilling in

her children the importance and value of living a Torah life.

The Herzog home is infused with the very same values, and Daniel and Shevy are gratified that their children are being educated in an environment that reinforces everything they hold dear. Their five sons are all talmidim of Yeshiva Darchei Torah and Mesivta Chaim Shlomo: Moshe in tenth grade, Nachum in eighth grade, Akiva in sixth grade, Yehuda in first grade, and Avi in nursery.

In the Herzogs' words, "We have boys at all levels, each with his own unique personality. Darchei finds a way to reach the heart of every child and help each one achieve his potential, whether through additional support services, extracurricular activities, or simply through genuine love and encouragement.

"The Yeshiva is always focused on the positive side of the talmidim and on how to help them grow. If a child needs help, the call from Darchei is never one of critique but rather goal-oriented: 'How can we help this child reach his fullest ability?' That perspective stems from a place of genuine care and love for every talmid."

Daniel and Shevy Herzog are partners in the Yeshiva's efforts, and Yeshiva Darchei Torah is proud to recognize them with this year's Parents of the Year Award.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ari and Elisheva Treuhaft
Parents of the Year**

Ari and Elisheva Treuhaft stand out as exceptional and dedicated parents who truly exemplify the ideals of Yeshiva Darchei Torah. Their devotion to ensuring that each of their children can grow and accomplish in the best way possible has been clearly evident throughout their years in Darchei.

Ari is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan and Malka Treuhaft. Ari's father, a talmid of both Telshe Cleveland and Ner Yisrael in Baltimore, settled and raised his family in Flatbush. Ari's early association with the Far Rockaway/Five Towns community was as a talmid of Yeshiva of Far Rockaway. He later went on to learn at Yeshiva Merkaz HaTorah in Yerushalayim and Yeshivas Ohr HaChaim in Kew Gardens Hills.

Elisheva is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheya and Shaindy Braun. Mr. Braun is a talmid of Yeshiva Torah Vodaath and raised his family in the Flatbush community, as well. Elisheva is a graduate of Prospect Park Yeshiva and

Chochmas Lev Seminary in Eretz Yisrael.

Ari and Elisheva moved from their native Flatbush to North Lawrence seven years ago and are now an integral part of that community. They are *mispallelim* at Khal Mevakshei Hashem and maintain a close *kesher* with its rav, Rav Yussie Zakutinsky.

The Treuhafts are the proud parents of five children, three of whom are current talmidim of the Yeshiva. Tzvi is in tenth grade at Mesivta Chaim Shlomo, Yoseph is in eighth grade, and Daniel is in sixth grade. Over the last seven years—since their children joined the Yeshiva in kindergarten, first, and third grades respectively—the Treuhafts have forged lasting connections with Darchei rebbeim and menahalim, and they treasure those relationships, feeling that there is no part of their lives that has not been touched by their place in the Darchei family.

In particular, the Treuhafts express their *hakaras hatov* for the personal interest Rav Yaakov Bender took in their family during their early years in the school and in the community, playing a vital role in their integration and ultimate *hatzlachah*. "In Darchei, the staff truly look at the talmidim as their own," says Ari. "If I'm losing sleep over my child, so are they; and if I'm celebrating my child's success, they are too. Darchei has always given us the support we needed, and I can honestly say that our family would not be where we are today without Yeshiva Darchei Torah—both collectively and individually."

As they watch their sons blossom in the unique atmosphere of this very special *makom Torah*, the Treuhafts express their overwhelming *hakaras hatov* for the incredible efforts invested in each talmid, and specifically, for the way the Yeshiva enables their sons to thrive and become their best selves.

Darchei's overarching perspective that every child is valued as a world unto himself is very much in sync with the Treuhafts' ideals, and it is an honor for the Yeshiva to partner with them in the *chinuch* of their children. Yeshiva Darchei Torah is proud to acknowledge Ari and Elisheva with this year's Parents of the Year Award.

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