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ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MESIVTA OF LONG BEACH,
NEW YORK, AT TEMPLE BETH EL, LONG BEACH,
APRIL 1, 1973.

*apologize for happening in my
apologize for enjoying*

WORTHY RABBIS, ESTEEMED GUEST OF HONOR,
DISTINGUISHED AWARDEES, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN:

SOME OF YOU MAY BE WONDERING
HOW, OR WHY, A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, FROM THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COMES TO ADDRESS A
GATHERING OF YESHIVA PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS
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WELL, ONE REASON IS MY GOOD
FRIEND, HARRY WALKER. WHEN HE ASKED ME TO
COME, I JUST COULDN'T REFUSE. WE HAVE
THIS LITTLE ARRANGEMENT, YOU SEE . . .
HE'S THE WALKER AND I'M THE TALKER. *Doesn't this mean
Ford has a better
idea.*

ANOTHER REASON IS THAT I AM NOT
A TOTAL STRANGER TO YESHIVA EDUCATION.



JUST ANOTHER POLITICIAN!" MAYBE SOME OF YOU HAVE HEARD THE STORY -- YOU BIBLICAL SCHOLARS SHOULD APPRECIATE THIS ONE -- OF THE FOUR BOYHOOD FRIENDS WHO GOT TOGETHER IN LATER YEARS. THEY WERE BY NOW ALL WELL-ESTABLISHED IN THEIR CAREERS, AND OVER A LEISURELY LUNCH ONE DAY, THEY BEGAN DISCUSSING THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS AND WHICH OF THEM WAS THE VERY OLDEST PROFESSION.

"WELL," SAID THE DOCTOR, "EVE WAS CREATED FROM THE RIB OF ADAM, AND THAT REQUIRED A SURGICAL OPERATION, SO I WOULD SAY MEDICINE OR SURGERY IS THE OLDEST PROFESSION."

"AH, YES," SAID THE ARCHITECT AMONG THEM, "BUT BEFORE EVEN ADAM COULD BE CREATED, THERE HAD TO BE SOMEPLACE FOR



HIM TO LIVE, A WORLD, A UNIVERSE, AND THAT
REQUIRED ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING, WHICH
MAKES MINE THE OLDEST PROFESSION."

"OBJECTION!" CRIED THE LAWYER.

"BEFORE THE WORLD WAS CREATED THERE WAS
CHAOS, AND BEFORE ANYTHING COULD BE BUILT
SOMEONE HAD TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE
CHAOS . . . AND THAT'S A LAWYER'S JOB.
SO I CLAIM TO BE PRACTICING THE OLDEST
PROFESSION."

FINALLY, THE POLITICIAN SPOKE
UP. "BUT GENTLEMEN," HE SAID, "WHO DO YOU
THINK CREATED THE CHAOS?"

~~THAT MAY BE A PRETTY GOOD JOKE,~~

Unfortunately
~~BUT~~ THAT'S THE KIND OF REPUTATION WE
POLITICIANS HAVE TO LIVE DOWN.

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IF I MAY GET SERIOUS FOR A MOMENT,
I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT POLITICS


IS A NOBLE PROFESSION. IT COMBINES, IN A
VERY PRACTICAL WAY, ITS PRACTITIONER'S NEED
TO EARN A LIVELIHOOD WITH THE GREATEST
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ONE'S
FELLOWMEN. AND IN THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY
OF OURS, WHICH HAS DEVELOPED THE FINEST
SYSTEM YET DEvised FOR THE EXPRESSION OF
ITS CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND THE FULFILLMENT
OF THEIR NEEDS, IT IS INDEED A PRIVILEGE
TO BE A POLITICIAN.

HOW DOES IT WORK? VERY SIMPLE.
IN THE WISDOM OF THIS COUNTRY'S FOUNDING
FATHERS, THEY REALIZED THAT IF EACH GROUP
OF CITIZENS, ^{*geographically, or otherwise*} HAD PROPER REPRESENTATION FOR
ITS PARTICULAR DESIRES AND REQUIREMENTS,
AND IF, TOGETHER, THESE REPRESENTATIVES
SHAPED THE LAWS THAT GOVERNED THEM ALL,
THE RESULTANT BALANCE WOULD BE



THE MOST FAIR AND EQUITABLE FOR ALL. IF THE SOUTHERN STATES FOUGHT FOR THEIR INTERESTS AND THE NORTHERN STATES FOR THEIRS, IF THE FARMERS LOBBIED FOR THEIR WISHES AND THE FACTORY WORKERS FOR THEIRS, IF THE EXPORTERS SOUGHT HELP FOR THEIR TRADE AND THE IMPORTERS FOR THEIRS -- THE OUTCOME WOULD BE WHAT IS BEST FOR THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE. IT IS, THEN, THE POLITICIAN'S JOB TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AS VIGOROUSLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY AS HE CAN, AND IN SO DOING HE WILL BE ACHIEVING THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

THERE IS NO NEED, THEREFORE, FOR EVERY AMERICAN TO BECOME A STEREOTYPE. IT IS IN THIS COUNTRY, -- *I repeat in America* -- AND NOT IN HIS OWN -- THAT THE WORDS OF A PROMINENT COMMUNIST LEADER REALLY RING TRUE.



"LET A THOUSAND FLOWERS BLOOM," HE SAID.
YES, WE SAY, LET A THOUSAND FLOWERS BLOOM,
LET THERE BE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF
AMERICANS, AND LET THEM ALL FIGHT FOR
THEIR RIGHTS AND PREFERENCES -- AS LONG AS
THEY DO NOT DEPRIVE OTHERS OF THEIRS -- AND
OURS WILL BE A RICHER, HEALTHIER, STRONGER
COUNTRY FOR IT. THAT IS OUR SYSTEM, AND I
AM PROUD TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT
SYSTEM.

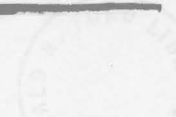
I SAY TO YOU: YOUR FAITH MAY
NOT BE MY FAITH, IN MANY RESPECTS YOUR
CULTURE AND YOUR IDEALS MAY NOT BE EXACTLY
THE SAME AS MINE. BUT THAT'S FINE, THAT'S
WONDERFUL! BE WHAT YOU ARE AND BE PROUD
OF IT! OUR COUNTRY WAS ENRICHED AND
ENNOBLED BY THE CULTURAL PLURALISM THAT
FLOURISHED ON THESE SHORES FOR MORE THAN



300 YEARS. BASICALLY WE ALL LOVE THIS COUNTRY AND ARE LOYAL TO IT, BUT BEYOND THAT WE CAN EACH LIVE UNDER OUR OWN FIG TREE ^{IN} AND OUR OWN VINEYARD, AND WE EACH CONTRIBUTE SOME RICHNESS TO LIFE IN THIS GLORIOUS LAND.


I FULLY REALIZE THAT IT IS NOT EASY, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE IN A MINORITY. THERE IS A NATURAL TENDENCY TO WANT TO GO ALONG WITH THE STREAM, TO BE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. BUT I SAY THAT AMERICA WOULD BE POORER IF WE WERE ALL ALIKE. OUR LIVES WOULD BECOME DULL AND MONOTONOUS.

YOU IN PARTICULAR HAVE SO MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BEST THAT IS IN AMERICA -- YOUR LONG TRADITION OF STRICT ADHERENCE TO LAW AND ORDER, TO THE SANCTITY OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, TO THE IDEALS OF



CHARITY AND HUMANITARIANISM, TO THE
LOFTIEST PINNACLES OF ETHICS AND MORALITY.
IT IS NOT FOR ME TO PREACH TO YOU, BUT I
SPEAK TO YOU AS A LEADER IN AMERICAN
SOCIETY: BE FIRM IN YOUR FAITH, RAISE UP
YOUR CHILDREN IN THE WAYS OF YOUR
FOREFATHERS, AND MAY OTHERS LOOK TO YOU
AS AN EXAMPLE.

AGAIN I SAY, I KNOW IT IS
NOT EASY. MAINTAINING A PRIVATE SCHOOL
SYSTEM SUCH AS YOURS IS COSTLY, IN TERMS
OF TIME, EFFORT AND MONEY. I KNOW THAT
YOUR TAX DOLLARS HELP TO SUPPORT THE PUBLIC
SCHOOL SYSTEMS, FROM WHICH YOU GAIN LITTLE
DIRECT BENEFIT. I KNOW THAT IN EDUCATING
YOUR CHILDREN IN THE AREA OF SECULAR
STUDIES YOU ARE PERFORMING A FUNCTION THAT
THE STATE SHOULD PERFORM. BUT THERE ARE



DIFFICULTIES. THE CONSTITUTION, THE
COURTS, VARIOUS STATE LAWS -- WITH ALL
GOOD INTENTIONS -- SEEM TO WORK AGAINST
DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE PAROCHIAL
SCHOOLS.

*The non-public school system which has a
proud record, a great history in America has survived many crises / it will survive this one.*


DO NOT THINK FOR ONE MOMENT THAT

I AND THIS ADMINISTRATION, FROM PRESIDENT
NIXON ON DOWN, ARE INSENSITIVE TO YOUR
PROBLEMS. WE ALL REALIZE THAT SOME
FORMULA SHOULD BE DEVISED TO HELP YOU
CARRY THE BURDEN. JUST LAST APRIL,
PRESIDENT NIXON TOLD CATHOLIC EDUCATORS
THAT HE FAVORED FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO
INSURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF SCHOOLS
SUCH AS YOURS. AND IN HIS STATE OF THE
UNION MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, PRESIDENT NIXON
SAID: "I SHALL PROPOSE LEGISLATION WHICH
WOULD PROVIDE FOR INCOME TAX CREDIT^S/FOR



TUITION PAID TO NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE A VALUABLE NATIONAL RESOURCE, RELIEVING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF ENROLLMENT PRESSURES, INJECTING A WELCOME VARIETY INTO OUR EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, AND EXPANDING THE OPTIONS OF MILLIONS OF PARENTS."

AND IN RESPONDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, I SAID ON THE FLOOR OF CONGRESS: "THIS MEANS THE CONGRESS SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY TO . . . PROVIDE PARENTS OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR A PORTION OF THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TUITION THEY PAY." AND I INTRODUCED A NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TAX CREDIT BILL ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE 93rd CONGRESS.



IT IS ONLY RIGHT. IF GOVERNMENT CAN SPEND MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON DRUG ADDICTS, IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HELP YOUR STUDENTS -- AMONG WHOM YOU WON'T FIND A SINGLE DRUG ADDICT. IF GOVERNMENT CAN SHOWER MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON THOSE WHO VANDALIZE OUR HOMES AND BURN OUR CITIES, IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT WE CAN'T HELP THOSE WHO HELP BUILD OUR SOCIETY ON FOUNDATIONS OF THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS. IF GOVERNMENT CAN SQUANDER MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON EXPERIMENTS TO OFFER HIGHER EDUCATION TO THOSE WHO SIMPLY CANNOT BENEFIT FROM IT, IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF SCALING THE HEIGHTS OF INTELLECTUAL ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTING



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TAKE SOME TIME. OUR SYSTEM IS MUCH TOO
VALUABLE TO TAMPER WITH INDISCRIMINATELY.

Why?
China
WE MUST MOVE CAREFULLY AND CAUTIOUSLY, BUT
WE WILL DO SOMETHING. WE MUST DO SOMETHING.

IN THE MEANTIME, I OFFER YOU
PRAISE . . . AND ENCOURAGEMENT. YOU ARE
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LIKE YOU; THE WORLD NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
AND WE NEED YOUR CHILDREN, JUST THE WAY
YOU ARE RAISING THEM UP IN THE MESIVTA
OF LONG BEACH -- YOUNG MEN DEDICATED TO THE
LOFTIEST IDEALS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME FULLY PARTICIPATING
IN AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN.

BLESSED BE THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT
THE MESIVTA OF LONG BEACH, EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF YOU. AND MAY THE ALMIGHTY GRANT
YOU THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR FONDEST
DREAMS, FOR YOURSELF, YOUR CHILDREN AND
FOR ALL MANKIND. THANK YOU.

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MESIVTA OF LONG BEACH

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March 21, 1973

Congressman Gerald R. Ford
Office of the Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

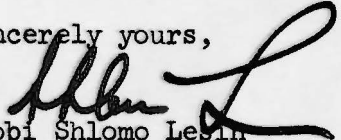
Dear Congressman Ford;

I want to thank you for consenting to be the Guest Speaker at our 7th Annual Dinner this April 1, 1973. I am very pleased and honored that you found the time from your busy schedule to come and help us.

Enclosed are some thoughts I jotted down about the Mesivta, which the Congressman might find useful for his files.

I thank you again.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Shlomo Lebin
Executive Director

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The Mesivta was founded by graduates of the famous Beth Medrash Govaha in Lakewood, New Jersey.

We have approximately 250 students.

Our students come from the U.S, Mexico, & Canada

They come from such states as Massachusetts, Michagan, Vermont, & Florida

Of this years graduating class:

60% received Regent Scholarships

2 students received National Merit Scholarship Awards

3 students received National Merit Commended Student Awards

40% of senior class are members of National Honor Society

We have 3 modern dormitories

We have kitchen and dining room facilities

We have a new library.

Our students attend classes from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. Their studies include a program of intensive Religious and Secular Studies.

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

The nation's nonpublic schools are an important part of elementary and secondary education in this country. In 1970, some 5,282,567 students were enrolled in the largest private education enterprise in the world. Taken collectively, the nonpublic enrollment exceeds, in size, the public school system of our largest state by more than one-half million students. One in every ten American school children is being educated in the private sector. (See State Table on following page)

The impact and importance of these schools goes beyond gross national enrollment figures. Nonpublic schools are largely an urban phenomenon, playing a vital role in the education, tax structure and viability of every metropolitan area in the nation. To return briefly to national figures 83% or 4,471,895 of these students are found in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (47 1/2% or 2,600,465 in the SMSA center cities). In many cities their enrollment represents a major component:

	<u>Public School</u> <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u> <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Total</u>
1. New York	1,116,711	358,594	24.3%
2. Chicago	554,477	208,174	27.3
3. Los Angeles	653,549	43,601	6.3
4. Philadelphia	288,799	146,298	33.6
5. Detroit	294,094	58,228	16.5
6. Houston	223,772	16,672	6.9
7. Baltimore	192,169	33,833	15.0
8. Dallas	158,729	11,178	6.6
9. Washington	149,021	18,008	10.8
10. Cleveland	153,043	36,922	19.4
Totals	3,784,364	931,508	19.7%

The ten largest cities in the nation bear this out quite graphically. With an enrollment of 3,784,364 public school students and 931,508 nonpublic students, 19.7% of all students are in nonpublic schools.

Enrollment K-12, 1970	Total	Public	Nonpublic	% Nonpublic	% Public
TOTALS	51,185,938	45,903,371	5,282,567	10.34	89.7
10 Alaska	834,013	805,205	28,808	3.5	96.5
11 Alaska	81,021	79,845	1,176	1.5	98.5
12 Arizona	466,853	439,524	27,329	5.9	94.1
13 Arkansas	474,152	463,320	10,832	2.3	97.7
14 California	5,032,179	4,633,198	398,981	7.9	92.1
15 Colorado	585,717	550,060	35,657	6.1	93.9
16 Connecticut	772,537	662,205	110,332	14.3	85.7
17 Delaware	149,787	132,745	17,042	11.4	88.6
18 District of Columbia	165,745	145,704	20,041	12.1	87.9
19 Florida	1,540,233	1,427,896	112,337	7.3	92.7
20 Georgia	1,127,954	1,098,901	29,053	2.6	97.4
21 Hawaii	208,179	180,641	27,538	13.2	86.8
22 Idaho	188,486	182,333	6,153	3.3	96.7
23 Illinois	2,808,360	2,356,636	451,724	16.1	83.9
24 Indiana	1,339,394	1,231,458	107,936	8.1	91.9
25 Iowa	732,343	660,104	72,239	9.9	90.1
26 Kansas	550,062	512,308	37,754	6.9	93.1
27 Kentucky	781,847	717,205	64,642	8.3	91.7
28 Louisiana	978,078	842,365	135,713	13.9	86.1
29 Maine	264,691	244,670	20,021	7.6	92.4
30 Maryland	1,036,960	916,244	120,716	11.6	88.4
31 Massachusetts	1,372,724	1,167,713	205,011	14.9	85.1
32 Michigan	2,444,788	2,180,699	264,089	10.8	89.2
33 Minnesota	1,038,316	920,839	117,477	11.3	88.7
34 Mississippi	555,047	534,395	20,652	3.7	96.3
35 Missouri	1,181,831	1,039,477	142,354	12.0	88.0
36 Montana	187,722	176,712	11,010	5.9	94.1
37 Nebraska	377,580	329,110	48,470	12.8	87.2
38 Nevada	132,185	127,550	4,635	3.5	96.5
39 New Hampshire	192,916	158,756	34,160	17.7	82.3
40 New Jersey	1,780,548	1,482,000	298,548	16.8	83.2
41 New Mexico	295,717	281,372	14,345	4.9	95.1
42 New York	4,275,126	3,477,016	798,110	18.7	81.3
43 North Carolina	1,213,104	1,192,187	20,917	1.7	98.3
44 North Dakota	159,222	147,013	12,209	7.7	92.3
45 Ohio	2,765,078	2,425,643	339,435	12.3	87.7
46 Oklahoma	638,184	626,956	11,228	1.8	98.2
47 Oregon	506,968	479,527	27,441	5.4	94.6
48 Pennsylvania	2,876,535	2,358,100	518,435	18.0	82.0
49 Rhode Island	226,129	188,090	38,039	16.8	83.2
50 South Carolina	660,371	637,800	22,571	3.4	96.6
51 South Dakota	178,519	166,305	12,214	6.8	93.2
52 Tennessee	931,984	899,893	32,091	3.4	96.6
53 Texas	2,959,961	2,839,900	120,061	4.1	95.9
54 Utah	308,506	304,002	4,504	1.5	98.5
55 Vermont	115,660	103,130	12,530	10.8	89.2
56 Virginia	1,137,868	1,078,754	59,114	5.2	94.8
57 Washington	864,374	817,712	46,662	5.4	94.6
58 West Virginia	411,467	399,531	11,936	2.9	97.1
59 Wisconsin	1,189,558	993,736	195,822	16.5	83.5
60 Wyoming	89,359	86,886	2,473	2.8	97.2

Public data from: Statistics of Public Schools, Fall 1970, USOE
 Nonpublic data from: Economic Problems of Nonpublic Schools, Notre Dame.
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MR. PINCUS ROTHSTEIN

Our Guest of Honor

Mr. Pincus Rothstein, president of Hawdro, a real estate concern, is a prominent member of the Long Island Jewish community. His communal interests and benefactions encompass the major philanthropic institutions in this country and in Israel. He has been for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Shaare Tefilah of Far Rockaway, and an active supporter of UJA, Hebrew Institute of Long Island, Yeshiva Toras Chaim at South Shore, Yeshiva Toras Emes of Brooklyn, and many others.

His concern for Jewish education is of long standing and he has demonstrated a special interest in the Mesivta of Long Beach.

We deem it a privilege to tender honor to such an outstanding member of the community and supporter of the cause of Torah education.



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The Mesivta of Long Beach
requests the honor of your presence
at the
Seventh Annual Dinner
in honor of
Mr. Pincus Rothstein
to be held
Sunday evening, the first of April
Nineteen hundred and seventy three
at
Temple Beth El
570 West Walnut Street
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Subscription \$150 per couple
(No solicitation of funds at dinner)

R.S.V.P.
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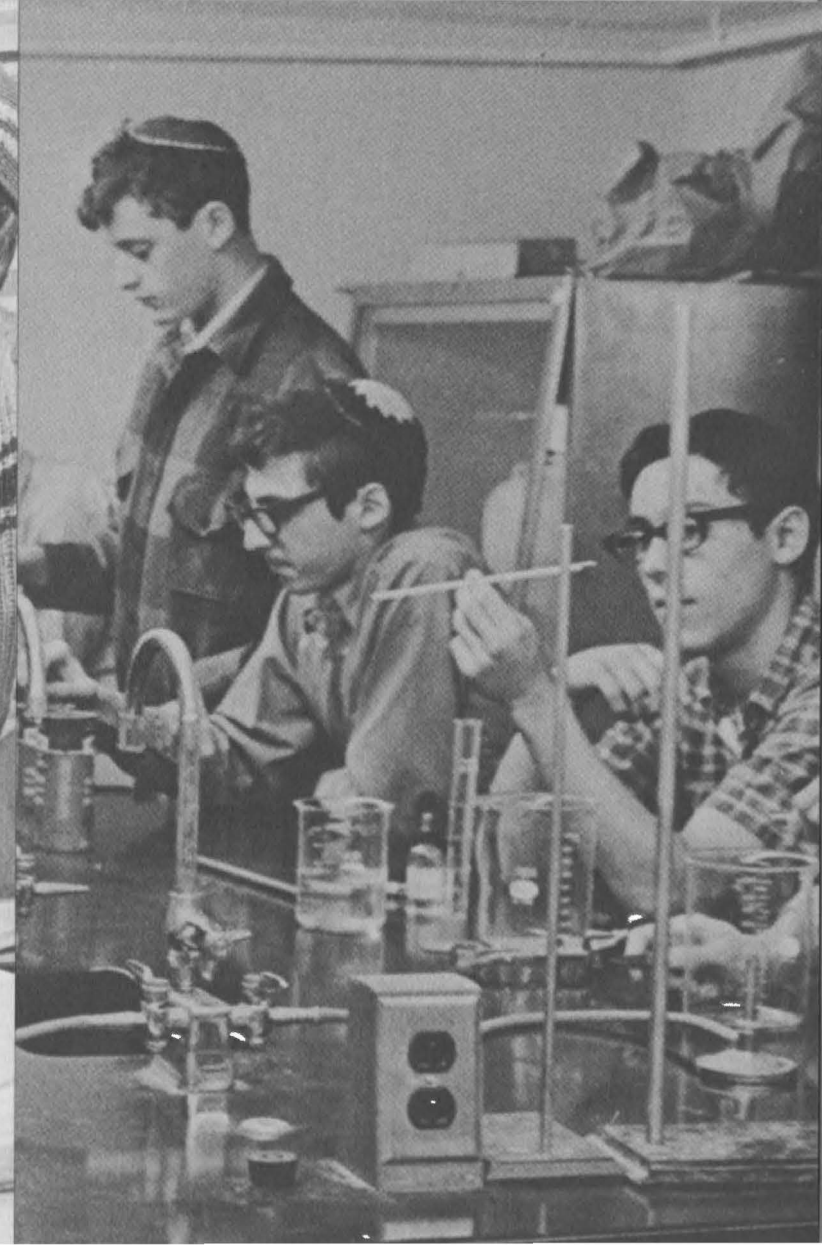


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לשמור את דרך עץ החיים
בראשית ג' כ"ד
“...to keep the way to the Tree of Life.”

GENESIS 3:24



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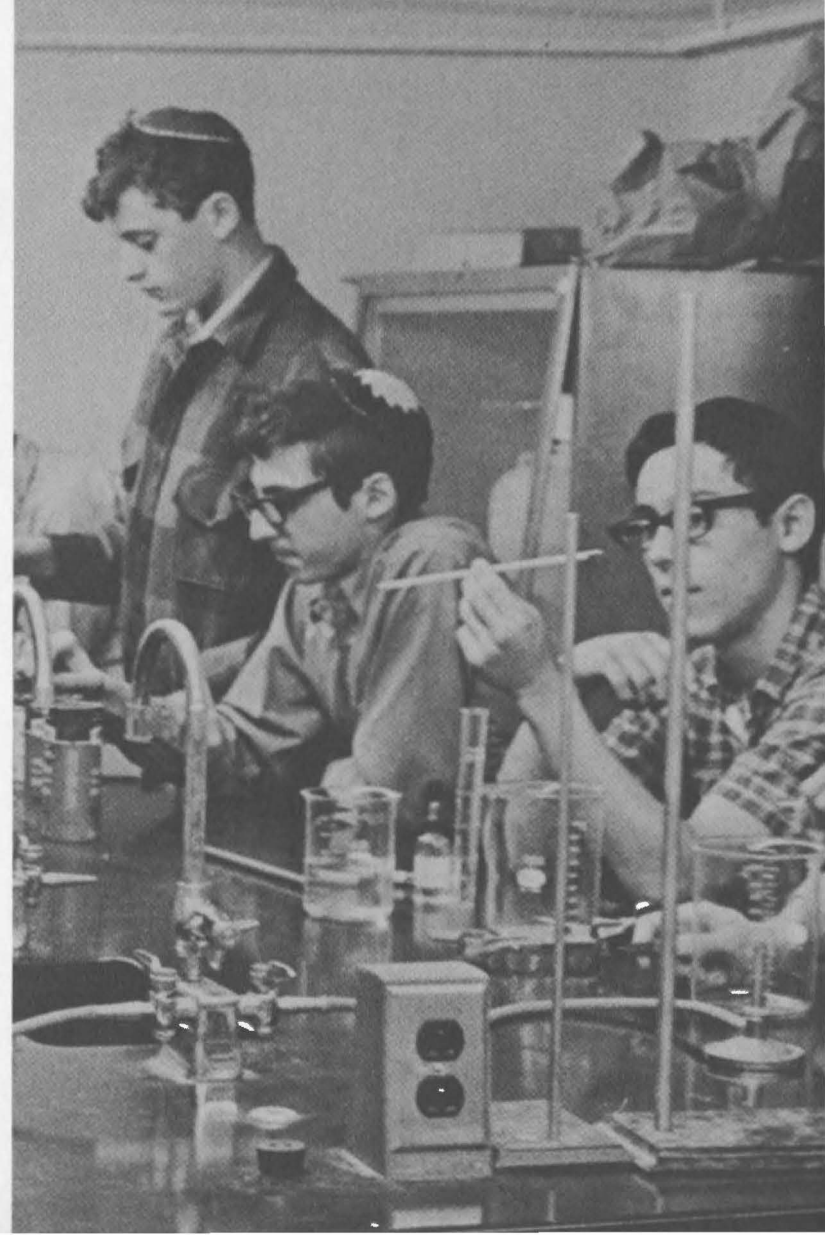


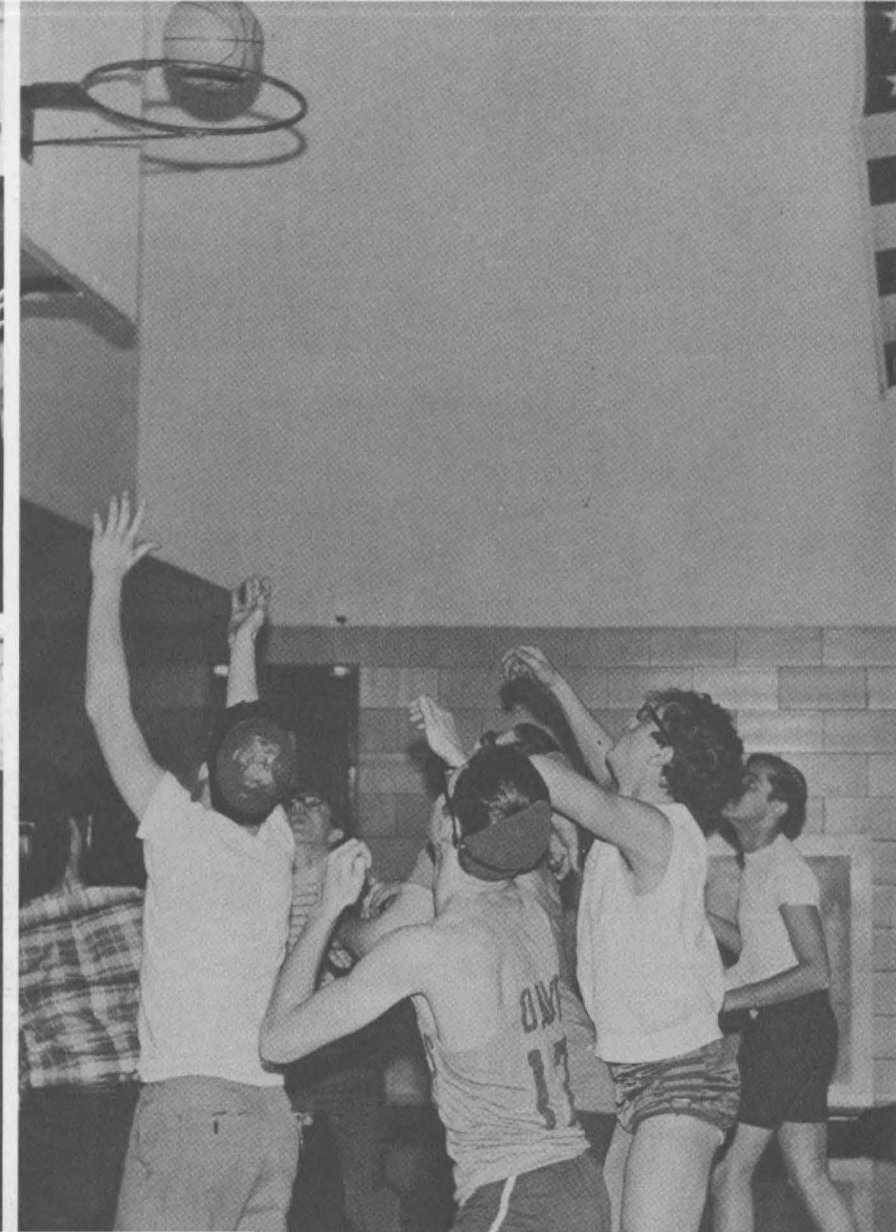
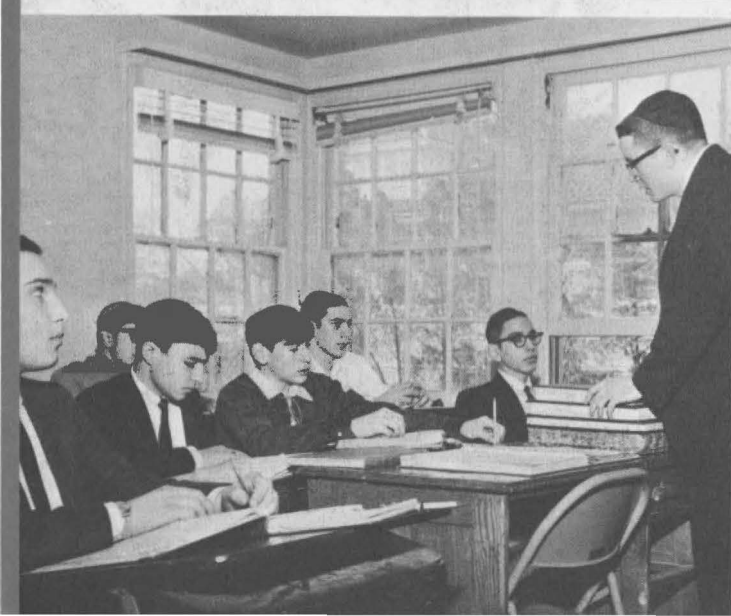
The history of Man is the search for “the way to the Tree of Life,” a pattern of living that will assure eternal happiness. In the beginning, Man — for the most part — had to discover it for himself. Since Sinai, however, we have had a Divinely-revealed “way of life” — the Torah — which, if followed, would bring to all Mankind the ultimate Good, in this world and in the next.

Since Sinai, however, many people — as nations and as individuals — have refused to accept the Torah way of life, and have sought life patterns more congenial to their natural instincts. Their lack of success is evident in the world around us — wars, genocide, hatred, gross immorality, a self-indulgent, rebellious, drug-addicted youth that threatens the dissolution of human society.

The Jewish people have long ago discovered that the most effective guarantee for adherence to the Good Life is the study of and dedication to the Torah. Deep understanding of and profound commitment to the teachings of our Prophets and Sages are the indispensable ingredients for “keeping the way to the Tree of Life”.

To help young boys achieve this understanding, to make meaningful this sense of commitment, is the goal and purpose of the Mesivta of Long Beach.





PREPARING FOR THE WAY

The Mesivta of Long Beach is dedicated to the proposition that during his high-school and post-high-school years, a boy enters the final and most crucial stage of preparing himself for the road of life that faces him. It is during these years that he must gird himself with the armor of Torah, arm himself with the lance of scholarship and the shield of devotion, in order to meet the challenges of a secular, harsh, materialistic world.

He must be given a thorough grounding in Torah study . . . breadth of knowledge, depth of understanding, techniques of self-study, sensitivity to Jewish moral values, character building based on a foundation of Torah *hashkafa* (world view). At the same time, he

must also gain a solid grasp of contemporary secular knowledge — mathematics, science, literature, history, the various disciplines that have shaped the world we live in. All the while remembering, of course, that “a boy is a boy” — and that he has his needs: healthy food to grow on, proper rest, adequate recreation and exercise, and wholesome friends.

In this manner, whatever course he follows when he sets out on the road — whether it be a continuation of his Torah studies or training for a secular career — he will remain a loyal member of the Torah fraternity, prepared to preserve and transmit the moral heritage of our people.

THE SITE

Ideally situated in a quiet, residential suburb of New York, Mesivta of Long Beach affords the student an atmosphere conducive to serious study, combined with proximity to one of the Torah educational and cultural centers of the world.

THE SYSTEM

Very careful screening of candidates makes it, indeed, an honor and distinction to be accepted as a student. Classes are small, encouraging a warm, personal, close relationship between faculty and students. The high-school curriculum is stimulating, varied and innovative both in the secular and religious departments. A post-graduate program of Bais Hamedrash study is also offered. A total environment exists, including supervision at meals, sports, in the dormitories and during study periods.

THE STAFF

Each of the *Roshei Yeshiva* at Mesivta of Long Beach is carefully chosen for his scholarly and human qualities. Likewise, the secular faculty is comprised of highly experienced and superbly trained specialists — many with doctorates and advanced degrees.

Both faculties have been attracted by the opportunity to teach and motivate a bright and respectful student body, thus converting their teaching into a challenge and joy.

THE SCHOOL

In September of 1965, Mesivta of Long Beach began with 20 students and a faculty of 7. Its growth up to the present has been phenomenal; its reputation enviable and far-reaching. A complete New York State-accredited general studies high-school program is offered. Existing facilities include biology, chemistry and physics labs, two reference libraries, and residence and dining halls. Courses in physical education, swimming and driver education are included in the program. Counselling and testing services are available.



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THE FUTURE

During the next five years the budget of Mesivta of Long Beach will exceed one million dollars. Urgently needed, as expansion takes place, will be additional classrooms, larger library and laboratory facilities, and new residence and dining halls. Contributions to further the aims of Mesivta of Long Beach are welcome and will be accorded appropriate commemorative recognition.

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