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## Community

# Bostoner Rebbe Visits NW London Schools

The Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim, Harav Meir Alter HaLevi Horowitz, *shlita*, spent a few days in London recently. During his visit, the Rebbe visited a number of local schools in NW London, speaking to and interacting with many children and young people.

In Noam Primary School, Wembley, the Rebbe spoke to the *talmidim* of years 3 to 6 about the importance of developing good *middos*, giving examples based on *divrei Torah* and personal experience. The Rebbe was very impressed that the children remembered a song he composed which he had taught them the previous year.

The Rebbe paid an inspirational visit to Beis Yaakov Primary School in Colindale, the largest Jewish girls' school in Europe. After meeting with head of *Kodesh* Mrs. J. Mett and

with head teacher Mrs. H. Cohen, the Rebbe was given a tour of the school. When visiting the three classes of the Simmy Richman Nursery he was impressed to see the girls acting out the *mitzvah* of *hachnasas orchim*.

A special assembly was arranged for the junior girls (Key Stage 2) in honour of the Rebbe's visit.

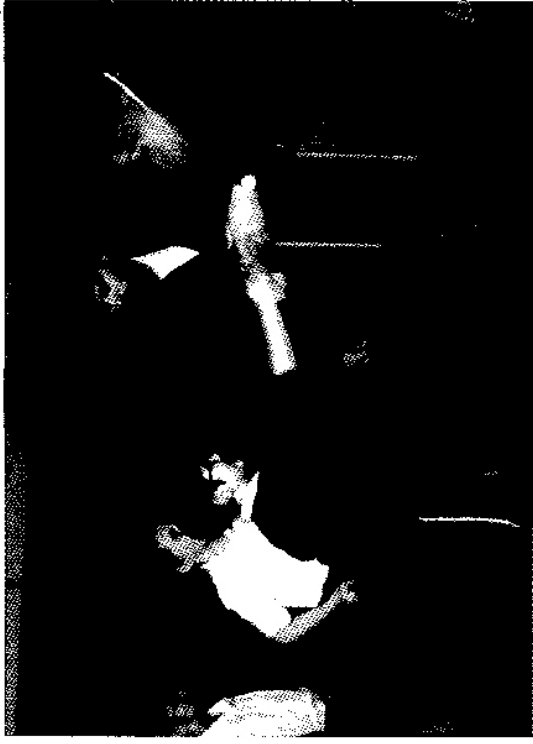
He spoke about the importance of reaching one's potential. "Each one of you is able to fulfil the *tafkid* for which you were created," said the Rebbe. He demonstrated the value of a woman's role and encouraged the girls to understand their value and importance and to make every effort to reach their potential.

He asked the girls a series of questions and was impressed with the level of *yediah kaitis* displayed. The Rebbe ended

with warmest *divrei brachah* for the whole school.

On Erev Shabbos *parashas Behar*, the Rebbe visited North West London Jewish Day School in Willesden. The children were enthralled as he addressed them at their *Kabbalas Shabbos* assembly. After a brief introduction by the school's head of *Kodesh*, Rabbi Ronen Broder, the Rebbe spoke about "*Shalom Aleichem*" and why we sing "*Tseischem l'shalom*" so soon after bringing in Shabbos. He also sang a new tune to the children, a tune which he had composed for *Ein K'Felokeynu*.

By the third time, the children had caught onto the *niggun* and were enthusiastically joining in. At the conclusion of the assembly, every child filed past the Rebbe to greet him and receive a *brachah*. Prior to the Rebbe's leaving the school, a



The Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim at Noam Primary School.

long line of staff from across the religious spectrum queued up for a brief private audience and to receive a personal *brachah* from the Rebbe. The Chassidic Rebbe.