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Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim, *shlita*, speaking at Mesivta Kesser Torah.

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## Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim, *Shlita*, Visits Baltimore

The Baltimore community was privileged to host the Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim, Harav Mayer Horowitz, *shlita*, from Thursday, November 8 through Sunday, November 11.

For several days the Rebbe visited various *mosdos* and *kehillos*, spreading *divrei Torah*, *divrei chizuk*, and chassidishe warmth. The visit was very well received, and the community was most appreciative of the Rebbe's presence.

On Thursday, the Rebbe visited Mesivta Kesser Torah, Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim/Talmudical Academy of Baltimore, and Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok/Torah Institute of Baltimore.

At Kesser Torah, the Rebbe explained to the *bachurim* that Torah study is not merely about learning topics, but rather it is an interconnected wisdom, where as one learns more, he realizes how it all fits together. A new idea that is learned also enhances their understanding of what they previously learned.

On Friday, the Rebbe visited Bnos Yisroel High School and Middle School, Bais Yaakov Elementary School, and Ohr Chodosh Elementary and Middle School.

At Bais Yaakov, the Rebbe explained to the *talmidos* that Rivka understood the need for Yaakov's spirituality to be expressed in the physical world, which is why Yaakov also needed the blessings of Esav.

On *Leil Shabbos*, the Rebbe *davened* at the *amud* at Beis Haknesses Ohr Hachaim, and delivered a *drashah* between *Kabbalas Shabbos* and *Maariv*. The Rebbe discussed how Yaakov and Esav, in their era, represented the entire Jewish Nation. Each Jew is born with a

portion of *Gan Eden* and a portion of *Gehinnom*, but Yaakov merited receiving Esav's portion of *Gan Eden* that Esav chose to forgo. The Rebbe stressed the importance of helping others keep their portion of *Gan Eden* through *kiruv*, rather than desiring their abandoned portions for ourselves.

Later, on *Leil Shabbos*, the Rebbe led a *tisch* at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi and Lolly Friedman.

On Shabbos morning, the Rebbe *davened* at Congregation Shomrei Emunah and delivered *drashos* at two separate *Shacharis minyanim*. The Rebbe elaborated on the differences between Avraham Avinu's tests of Ur Kasdim and *Akeidas Yitzchak*.

In Ur Kasdim, Avraham was willing to give up his life, but it was not the result of a command, rather his own self-expression and testament of his faith. The *Akeidah* was perhaps a higher level, because Avraham was commanded to do something against his ideology. Avraham deferred to Hashem's will of how Avraham should conduct himself.

On Shabbos afternoon, the Rebbe *davened Minchah* and led *shalosh seudos* at Mercaz Torah U'Tefillah.

The Rebbe pointed out that a Shabbos following Rosh Chodesh Kislev allows us to combine the candles of Shabbos with the candles of the month of Kislev, the candles of Chanukah, giving us the spiritual illumination from the *Menorah* in the Beis Hamikdash that we need.

On Motzoei Shabbos, the Rebbe participated in the Avos Ubanim program at Mercaz Torah U'tefillah. Later, an overflow crowd attended a gala *melaveh malkah* held with the Rebbe at Khal Chassidim.

At the *melaveh malkah*, the Rebbe quoted *Rashi* as explaining that Yitzchak's blessing to Yaakov was not a "lump sum" blessing, but a steady flow of continuous giving. Hashem wants to have a continuous connection with us through our Torah and *tefillos*; therefore, He often will give us a blessing over time in small portions, rather than providing every-



*Melaveh malkah* at Khal Chassidim with the Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim, *shlita*.

thing all at once.

On Sunday morning, the Rebbe *davened Shacharis* at Congregation Darchei Tzedek. A group of approximately 30 *yeshivah bachurim*, who were home for an off-Shabbos, enjoyed a special breakfast with the Rebbe.

On Sunday afternoon, the Rebbe attended a luncheon held under the auspices of Achim, under the direction of Rabbi Paysach Diskind.

In addition, throughout the weekend, the Rebbe met with countless private individuals, offering *chizuk*, *advice*, and *brachos*. Many thanks are due to Mr. Frank Storch for his efforts in organizing the weekend.

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