



Harav Meir Tzvi Bergman, *shlita*, Rosh Yeshivah, Yeshivas Rashbi, Bnei Brak, giving a *brachah* to Meir Simcha Jakubovic, with Reb Noam Jakubovic looking on, during Rav Bergman's recent visit to Passaic.



Rabbi Daniel Travis speaking at the Passaic Clifton Community Kollel.



YIPC Ammiel Bachrach

Sunday morning learning program at the Young Israel of Passaic Clifton, learning the new *masechta*, *Taanis*, with the *Daf Hashavua* format.

and understanding of life. One can learn the concepts behind the words of their answers or what they really mean. The reason for the importance of this concept is because a *Gadol* personifies and embodies the Torah that he possesses.

Rabbi Travis, of course, gave examples of lessons he learned from *Gedolim* in a *shimush* setting. Harav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, *zt"l*, told Rabbi Travis that people think the fifth *chelek* of *Shulchan Aruch* is *seichel* or common sense. The *Gadol* noted that *seichel* is the first *chelek*, everything else derives from it.

Harav Moshe Meiselman, Rabbi Travis's *Rosh Yeshivah*, once received \$60,000 from his American insurance company by mistake. As tempting as it might be to just be quiet and keep it, Rav Meiselman told Rabbi Travis that the imperative of making a *kiddush Hashem* required him to return the money.

Harav Asher Arielli gives a *shiur* to 1,000 *bachurim* and *yungeleit* in the Mirrer Yeshivah in Yerushalayim, with another 1,000 listening to it on shortwave radio. Yet, his humility is astonishing. Recently, Rabbi Travis approached Rav Arielli with some questions, but the Mirrer *Maggid Shiur* was late to his *shiur* and couldn't talk. Rav Arielli apologized five times to Rabbi Travis for not being able to give him any of his time.

Artscroll is soon coming out with an English language *sefer* written by Rabbi Travis on his encounters with

Gedolei Torah and the lessons he has learned from them.

Congressman Holds Community Forum In Teaneck Shul

On Sunday, March 11, Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5), spoke with constituents at a community forum held in the social hall of Congregation Beth Aaron in Teaneck, which is in his district.

Almost 80 people attended the event, which was held in conjunction with the Orthodox Union (OU).

Representative Gottheimer spoke about his efforts to get more federal funding for important projects in New Jersey. He also discussed his co-chairmanship of the bipartisan 48-member Problem Solvers Caucus, which focuses on finding areas in which both parties agree, and legislating accordingly.

Mr. Gottheimer, a Democrat representing a district that voted for Mr. Donald Trump in the presidential election, said, "In Congress, I will continue working across the aisle to help secure our synagogues and religiously affiliated institutions, protect our vital ally Israel, and address our many shared challenges, including the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran."

Representative Gottheimer concluded the event by taking ques-

tions from the audience, including from high school students from local yeshivos.

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