THE ROSHEI YESHIVA
Rabbi Yerachmiel Scheiner and Rabbi Nossen Zupnik are co-founders and Roshei Yeshiva of Mesivta Shaarei Chaim. They have been residents of Far Rockaway for 14 years and were long-term members of Kollel Avreichem of Far Rockaway and Lawrence before opening Mesivta Shaarei Chaim. Rabbis Scheiner and Zupnik were strongly encouraged to undertake the creation of Mesivta Shaarei Chaim by a number of Gedolei Yisroel with whom they consulted.

The Roshei Yeshiva have worked extensively with bochurim and possess a deep understanding of the needs of bochurim and their families. They have formed remarkable keshorim with both the yeshiva’s talmidim and the parent body. Along with the yeshiva’s distinguished Rebbeim, they are immersed in all aspects of the development of the talmidim, who benefit from a wealth of personal attention, warmth, and ongoing deep reflection on how to maximize each bochur’s potential and growth.

RABBI YERACHMIEL SCHEINER
ROSH YESHIVA, MAGID SHIUR
Rabbi Scheiner is a talmid of Yeshiva of Staten Island and Rav Dovid Soloveitchik, shlita. He learned in Bais Medresh Govoha before joining Kollel Avreichem of Far Rockaway and Lawrence, where he was affiliated for 10 years while learning with bochurim in the community.

Rabbi Scheiner is Magid Shiur for the 9th grade and has had remarkable success igniting Ahavas HaTorah in the hearts of his many talmidim. His unwavering emphasis on clarity and genuine understanding engenders satisfaction in their learning. Rabbi Scheiner’s strategic position in the 9th grade allows him to maintain a close relationship with all of the yeshiva’s talmidim throughout their years at Mesivta Shaarei Chaim and develop a comprehensive view of the entire student body.

RABBI NOSSEN ZUPNIK
ROSH YESHIVA, MAGID SHIUR
Rabbi Zupnik is the afternoon Magid Shiur for the 10th grade. He is a talmid of Telshe Yeshiva of Chicago and Rabbi Meir Stern, shlita, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Gedola of Passaic. Rabbi Zupnik subsequently learned in Bais Medresh Govoha in Lakewood before joining Kollel Avreichim of Far Rockaway and Lawrence in 1999. His warmth and dedication to the bochurim are crucial for their development, and he inspires them to strive for growth in Torah and Yiras Shomayim. While the purpose of the afternoon shiur is to help the talmidim gain broad knowledge of the mesechta, Rabbi Zupnik also helps the talmidim understand which points of a Gemara must be clarified immediately and which can be left for further study.

RABBI DOVID KRESCH
SENIOR CHINUCH CONSULTANT & MADRICH HATALMIDIM
Rabbi Dovid Kresch, shlita has been the Menahel at Yeshivos Novominsk for close to 30 years. He is widely respected as a caring and brilliant mechanech who is frequently consulted by parents and mechanchim on challenging chinuch issues. Rabbi Kresch provides guidance to the Hanhala of Mesivta Shaarei Chaim, who benefit from his chinuch expertise on a regular basis. Additionally, the growth of the talmidim is enhanced by Rabbi Kresch’s shmuessen and personal involvement with them. He visits frequently and meets privately with the bochurim as well.
Mesivta Shaarei Chaim, located in the heart of Far Rockaway, is a high caliber Makom Torah that offers the advantages of an exceptional out-of-town yeshiva, while allowing bochurim the important benefits of living at home. Moreover, the yeshiva is truly an extension of the Torahdike families who select Mesivta Shaarei Chaim for their sons—in values, warmth, and goals.

Mesivta Shaarei Chaim uniquely combines rigorous Torah learning and a warm, nurturing environment. Our mission is to inspire and prepare bochurim to develop into true Talmidei Chachomim and Bnei Torah who mature as happy, wholesome individuals capable of reaching their full potential in all aspects of their lives.

The Roshei Yeshiva and Rebbeim, who are distinguished Talmidei Chachomim, work with tireless attention and devotion to foster the passion for Torah and mitzvos that is essential for shaping a true Torah personality. The yeshiva is particularly well suited to families looking for strong, authentic transmission of Torah values and a safe haven from the technological challenges facing today’s bochurim.

The Secular Studies Department of Mesivta Shaarei Chaim reflects the highest standards of Torah hashkafa in an academically competitive curriculum that prepares the bochurim for an Advanced Regent’s Diploma. A high priority is placed on developing effective oral and written communication skills, sound critical thinking capabilities, and mathematical skills and concepts. Experienced, dedicated, and caring teachers with advanced degrees in education utilize the most effective pedagogical techniques that ensure the students’ maximum academic achievement, to help them acquire lifelong benefits from their studies.
OUR KODESH PROGRAM
HASMADA & RUACH HATORAH

The level of the shiurim and the skills given over by the yeshiva’s Rebbeim are superior. At Mesivta Shaarei Chaim, our approach is to develop a chayshek for Torah study through the experience of personal success in learning. Shiurim are structured to call forth the natural interest, curiosity, and analytical capabilities of the bochurim. This leads to outstanding engagement with learning, both during and outside the shiurim and fosters genuine understanding of the sugyos. The bochurim truly flourish and strive for high levels of limud HaTorah.

The hasmada and ruach HaTorah that permeate the Yeshiva flow naturally from each talmid’s personal successes, which receive strong recognition from the Rebbeim and peers. These successes are continually reinforced, and the talmidim have many special opportunities to experience their accomplishments and potential in learning. Rebbeim help the talmidim prepare and present weekly chaburos to their peers and to a visiting Talmid Chochom from Kollel Avreichim of Far Rockaway and Lawrence. The bochurim have published a compilation of their chaburos, Pri Chaim, which generated a tremendous sense of achievement, and they were directly involved in the production of this kuntres. The Yeshiva’s bekius program has been so successful that well over half the yeshiva opts to remain after night seder to learn extra dafim on their own, and the yeshiva places a premium on completing mesechtos. These opportunities for growth and hatzlacha in learning stimulate and expand each talmid’s authentic engagement with Torah study.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
Our long-range goal is to equip students to think, write, and communicate with clarity, creativity, and integrity. In group discussions of literature, our students are encouraged to identify and develop connections between literary experiences and issues that touch their personal lives. We motivate our students to read not only for information, but also for enjoyment, both now and in the future. They are required to create written work that incorporates relevant information from various sources, is persuasive in nature, and takes into account multiple viewpoints. The students’ accomplishments in English Language Arts include a booklet they published entitled Memories & Messages, based on their experiences in Hurricane Sandy.

MATH
The Mesivta strives to give our students an appreciation and understanding of the practicality of mathematics. In today’s society, it is imperative that fundamental knowledge of mathematics becomes a part of everyone’s educational background. There is an emphasis on both computational and fact fluency, as well as conceptual understanding, to give students the ability to apply the math they know to solve problems.

SCIENCE
Mesivta students are encouraged to apply scientific methods to the solution of problems. By helping them develop investigative skills, students better understand facts, concepts and processes at work in the physical and biological worlds, and the relationship between science, technology, and the quality of life. Learning is accomplished through the use of a wide variety of classroom and lab experiences.

HISTORY
Students learn both American History and Global History in Mesivta Shaarei Chaim. Our history courses are designed to develop awareness of how history, geography, and economics inform our understanding of past and present day society. Students are introduced to the concept of viewing history through an interpretative lens and are exposed to interpretative diversity when learning about events and periods in history. A rich variety of textual, visual, and oral resources are used to engage our students. In addition to helping them develop a rich base of knowledge and understanding of history, particular emphasis is placed on the link between historical and Torah sources.
OUR TALMIDIM
The student body of Mesivta Shaarei Chaim is comprised of bochurim from Far Rockaway, Lawrence, Queens, and Brooklyn. All of the yeshiva’s talmidim come from wholesome homes imbued with deeply held Torah values, whether the parents are involved with Klei Kodesh, professions, or businesses.

OUR RUACH
The bochurim at Mesivta Shaarei Chaim have a strong drive for Limud HaTorah in an atmosphere of normalcy and positivism that is palpable throughout the yeshiva and fostered by the Hanhala as crucial for the sound development of wholesome Bnei Torah. They have a keen sense of belonging in this personal, family-like yeshiva setting, and take pride in Mesivta Shaarei Chaim as their Makom Torah. A typical day in the yeshiva is permeated with opportunities for each bochur to participate, lead, and shine.

A talmid of Mesivta Shaarei Chaim develops an appreciation for the chashivus of Torah, for the other bochurim, and for themselves. The yeshiva is pervaded by an air of simcha in learning and a high level of good will among the bochurim.

Mesivta Shaarei Chaim’s Roshei Yeshiva and Board of Directors are committed to maintaining a small, personal yeshiva setting, which they believe is optimal for cultivating the potential of each bochur who comes under their wings.

LOCATION AND FACILITIES
Mesivta Shaarei Chaim is located in the heart of the Torah community of Far Rockaway, New York. It is a safe, wholesome community replete with yeshivos and Mosdos HaTorah. Mesivta Shaarei Chaim and its talmidim benefit greatly from the positive influence of Kollel Avreichim, the community kollel.

The yeshiva is housed in the Young Israel of Far Rockaway. The facilities include an inviting Bais Medrash, several classrooms, and a library. An indoor gym, ping-pong and air hockey tables, and more provide for relaxation and enjoyment. Excellent dining facilities for lunch and supper are part of this full service facility that is home to Mesivta Shaarei Chaim.
**Rabbi Dovid Fordsham**

Rabbi Dovid Fordsham is the 10th grade Magid Shiur. He is a close talmid of Rabbi Yitzchak Feigelstock, shlita, the Rosh Yeshiva of Mesivta of Long Beach, and served for a time as Shoel Umeishiv in the Yeshiva. A distinguished lamdan, Rabbi Fordsham is known for his clear and pleasant presentation and an extraordinary ability to connect with the talmidim.

**Rabbi Yekusiel Feigenbaum**

Rabbi Yekusiel Feigenbaum is the 11th grade Magid Shiur. He is a prominent & close talmid of Rabbi Chaim Epstein, shlita. Rabbi Feigenbaum attended Yeshivas Mir in Yerushalayim and has enjoyed a very close relationship with Rabbi Refoel Shmulevitz, shlita, as well. Rabbi Feigenbaum’s infectious love for his talmidim and Torah combines with his warm personality to draw and inspire the bochurim.

**Rabbi Shmuel Witkin**

Rabbi Shmuel Witkin is a bekius Magid Shiur. He learned by Rabbi Dovid Soloveitchik, shlita for six years and joined Kollel Avreichim of Far Rockaway and Lawrence after returning from Eretz Yisroel in 2009. His warm, charismatic personality and genuine devotion have endeared him to the yeshiva’s talmidim.

**Rabbi Efraim Wrona**

Rabbi Efraim Wrona is the 11th grade Magid Shiur for 2nd Seder. He is a talmid of Yeshivas Rabbeinu Chaim Berlin and has been the first year Bais Medrash Rebbe at Camp Morris for the past 5 years. Rabbi Wrona also served as Second Seder Rebbe for the 11th grade in Yeshiva Gedulas Modechai. With his clear command on the mesechtos, he is well suited to guide the bochurim in their drive to chazer and complete mesechtos.

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**A LOOK AT THE FACULTY OF MESIVTA SHAAREI CHAIM**

**Rabbi Yoni Posnick, Principal**

Rabbi Posnick holds a B.A. in Psychology and a Masters in Education. He has taught English and History at both elementary and high school levels and is a beloved elementary school Rebbe in the morning hours. In addition to serving as Principal of the Secular Studies Department of Mesivta Shaarei Chaim, Rabbi Posnick also teaches Global Studies at the Mesivta. He possesses a proficient understanding of each student's academic skills and seeks to maximize their education through his personal kesher with each bochur.

**Mr. Shmuel Rada**

Mr. Shmuel Rada is Mesivta Shaarei Chaim’s Biology teacher. His teaching experience is extensive and wide-ranging, including Regents and AP Biology, Regents Earth Science, AP United States History, and Global History. Mr. Rada has earned both a B.S. Degree and an M.A. in Special Education and has Initial Certification in Education and Students with Disabilities from New York State’s Special Education Department. He has taught locally at Mesivta Ateres Yaakov and Mercaz HaTorah of Belle Harbor.

**Rabbi Avraham Moshe Heller**

Rabbi Avraham Moshe Heller teaches Earth Science and American History. He is a musmach of Mesivta Tiferes Yerushalayim and has been teaching high school subjects for seven years. Rabbi Heller has an M.A. in Education, with a specialty in the exceptional child.

**Rabbi Naftali Sudwerts**

Rabbi Naftali Sudwerts teaches English Language Arts and has taught for the past six years in local yeshivos. He holds a B.A. in Judaic Studies and is enrolled in a Masters program for Educational Leadership. Rabbi Sudwerts has taught English and Judaic Studies at the high school level, and English in elementary school as well. Rabbi Sudwerts is a resident of Far Rockaway, NY.

**Mr. Tzvi Hershenov**

Mr. Tzvi Hershenov is Mesivta Shaarei Chaim’s Math and Chemistry teacher. He has been teaching Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry for the last five years at various local Yeshivos. Mr. Hershenov holds an A.A.S. in Accounting and is currently pursuing a B.A. in Psychology.
Mesivta Shaarei Chaim brings new meaning to the word dedication. Their warmth and insight into the kochos of each Talmid is extraordinary. It is our zechus to be part of this special yeshiva.

RABBI DOVID PLOTKIN
9TH GRADE PARENT, MENAHEL, HALB

Rabbis Scheiner and Zupnik are master mechanchim who understand how to develop their talmidim, one of whom is my grandson, Moshe Perlstein. He is acquiring great enthusiasm for learning as well as remarkable skills and abilities.

RABBI PAYSAKH KROHN
GRANDPARENT

One can hardly believe that such dedication to talmidim actually exists. But it is true. That is the sole focus of Rabbi Scheiner and Rabbi Zupnik—to develop their talmidim.

TZVI PERL
MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE MESIVTA IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 9TH-12TH GRADES
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