

## **Philadelphia**

## Harav Dovid Schustal Visits Philadelphia Community Kollel

The Motzoei Shabbos Masmid Program at the Philadelphia Community Kollel is always exhilarating. Each winter Motzoei Shabbos approximately 150 children and adults gather to spend time learning, followed by refreshments and prizes.

This past Motzoei Shabbos was even more exciting, as Harav Dovid Schustal, shlita, Rosh Yeshivah of Bais Medrash Govoha in Lakewood, New Jersey, was in Philadelphia for a simchah and agreed to come and speak at the program.

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The visit took the participants by surprise. However, when Harav Schustal arrived, they gathered around the Rosh Yeshivah and escorted him into the beis medrush with song and dance, in a true showing of kvod haTorah.

The Rosh Yeshivah addressed the group, reflecting on the kedushah of a group that is gathered to learn Torah. He quoted a Chazal that indicates Moshiach will come through the zechus of learning Gemara.

"My friends, it is happening! There has been an incredible outburst of growth in the learning of *Daf Yomi*. And the wonderful idea of teaching children



At the Masmid Program at the Philadelphia Community Kollel (L-R): Rabbi Yoel Zeffren, assistant Rosh Kollel; Harav Dovid Schustal; Rabbi Yechiel Biberfeld, Rosh Kollel.

on a Motzoei Shabbos has really taken root in almost any city that has a community."

The Rosh Yeshivah then explained that we must look back to Maamad Har Sinai and draw strength from the unbroken chain of mesorah, and we must also look to the future and draw strength from the nevuah of "Bayom hahu yihiyeh Hashem echodu Shemo echod." The older generation represents the link to the past, and the younger generation represents the link to the future.

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Harav Schustal explained, "When adults learn with children it is the meeting of the two generations where each can offer the other *chizuk!* Perhaps that is why by Divine Providence this amazing format has become so popular now at the end of days. Adults give of their time as the holiness of Shabbos leaves us and we involve ourselves in preparation for the new week in a most beautiful venture of *kedushah*."

Following the Rosh Yeshivah's inspiring words, fathers and sons lined up to get a brachah. The visit was an incredible source of chizuk to the Philadelphia community.



Lining up to get a brachah from Harav Dovid Schustal



Harav Dovid Schustal with participants of the Masmid Program at the Philadelphia Community Kollel.



