



Makor Chaim Institutions  
Gush Etzion



# MAKOR CHAIM

The Makor Chaim High School and Educational Center  
Choose Life!

ישיבה תיכונית ובית מדרש להתחדשות  
בחרנו בחיים!



ישיבת מקור חיים  
תשמה-תשעה

לעילוי נשמת נפתלי, גיל-עד ואייל



For just  
one moment,  
as if lit up  
by a flash of lightning,  
the true nature  
of the Jewish People  
was revealed...



...this is how Racheli Fraenkel, mother of our late student Naftali described the events following the kidnapping and murder of the three boys. In talks held around the world, Mrs. Fraenkel attributed that summer's unprecedented wave of Jewish unity to the unique philosophy and special leadership of Makor Chaim.

**"Last summer, Yeshivat Makor Chaim became the "source of life" for the Jewish People – Every one of you has the responsibility to continue that display of unity."**

Education Minister Naftali Bennet





Therefore,  
We Choose  
Life!"

4 years have passed. 4 years without Gilad, Naftali and Ayal.

Nevertheless, no one has forgotten the fact that when we have to, we can all come together as one.

Makor Chaim continues to pioneer outreach programs throughout the world which are predicated on the fact that Jewish Unity and Jewish spirituality are inseparable.

While the three boys are no longer with us, we continue to empower their legacy.

We want to educate new generations along their path, but in order to do so, we need you as our partner.

We turn to the entire Jewish nation, to all of its sectors, to stand together with us and take part in the construction of a new campus in their memory, a place where their legacy can grow and prosper.





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While Makor Chaim was not known outside of Israel until the tragic kidnapping and murder of our students in the summer of 2014, in Israel, Makor Chaim has long been widely recognized as one of Israel's foremost, cutting-edge innovative educational powerhouses.

In 1984, at the young age of 27, Rabbi Dov Singer was asked by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz to establish and lead the Yeshiva. Their unique

collaboration has resulted in the rare synthesis of high level intellectual pursuit together with the warmth and joy of "Chassidut Eretz Yisrael". Students are empowered to develop their inner spiritual consciousness in a way that is open and integrative with the outside world, inculcating graduates with a strong sense of individuality coupled with commitment to their communities, land and people.

The eclectic staff and student body come from widely varying sectors within the traditional community.

Alumni go on to integrate into combat units in the Israeli military as well as to establishing a Torah presence in new communities in Israel. Wherever they go, it is with the mindset of bridging between all facets of Jewish peoplehood. It is from such a place, that the



**study & prayer outreach program** for adults which appeals to Israelis from all levels of personal observance



cohesiveness briefly witnessed in the summer of 2014, which had been missing for so many years, could spring forth...

In addition to our well known, pioneering Yeshiva High School now serving 320 students, Rabbi Singer's leadership has led to the establishment of the "Beit Midrash L'Hitchadshut" – a nationwide, Neo-Chassidic "Personal Spiritual Self-Renewal" study & prayer outreach program for

adults which appeals to Israelis from all levels of personal observance. Other educational programs include "Lifnei V'Lifnim" – a creative, alternate educators' training program, which emphasizes the development of emotional intelligence as well as refining sensitivity and creativity.

Our success has spread overseas, with the addition of unique international student exchange programs with New York's Yeshiva

University High School – MTA and South Africa's Yeshiva College.

Makor Chaim's unique contribution to the education system and to Israeli society in general is showing the way the text speaks to each of us personally in a different fashion and the way we weave Torah scholarship from an individual and existential study into a basket of professional training and coaching tools.



# Makor Chaim Milestones



**Rabbi Adin Steinzaltz**  
Founder & President

- Founder and President Rabbi Adin Steinzaltz - hailed by Time magazine as a “once-in-a-millennium scholar”, awarded the “Israel Prize” (1988), the “President’s Prize” (2002, 2012), Honorary Doctorates from: Bar Ilan, Ben Gurion, YU, & Brandeis University.
- Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Dov Singer, Maariv’s list of 100 most Inspiring Israelis (2013)



**Rabbi Dov Singer**  
Rosh HaYeshiva

- Consistently appears in the Education Ministry’s top 10% of schools with high social values which have “made a significant change in their student’s lives”
- Religious Education Prize (2006), Zalman Shazar Prize (2008)



**Rabbi David Rabinowitz**  
Co-Rosh Yeshiva

- Education Ministry awarded Makor Chaim status as an Experimental School & Training Center – “Educational Pioneers” (2010)
- Student Shachar Edelman chosen to represent Israel at the Eurostory European History Conference (2016)



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- Many graduates are officers in IDF Combat Units including two recently killed in action: Cap't. Benaya Sarel & Cap't Eliav Gelman
- Graduates in key media positions including Yair Sherki, reporter Channel 2 News & Yishai Shnerb, talk radio, Galei Zahal
- Work begun on new campus in memory of the 3 boys near Neve Daniel (April 2016)

Makor Chaim goal is to restore the triple balance of Torah, Avoda & Gemillut Chassadim in students, young and old, with a rare synthesis: The high level of intellectual pursuit inspired by Makor Chaim founder Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz together with the warmth and intimate joy of "Chassidut Eretz Yisrael" pioneered by Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Dov Singer.

They both agree: Rather than have religiosity isolate us from those different from us it should be the reason we reach out to embrace others!



# Makor Chaim Institutions and Educational Initiatives

Makor Chaim isn't just a high school and a Yeshiva – it's a worldwide movement!

On so many levels, Makor Chaim reaches out to all parts of Israeli society and the entire Jewish world.

## **Yavneh Tefilla Project**

A pilot program in North America to revolutionize the way we worship on campus and in communities.

In conjunction with Yavneh Olami and the OU-JLIC.

## **Beit Tefilla**

Jerusalem headquarters for our outreach program in Nachlaot neighborhood. Open 7 days a week and is now hosting new programs for the public at large

## **Haburot**

Founding and guiding Spiritual Self Help Groups throughout the country

## **Bettlers Theater Group**

Interactive, Improvisational Educational Theater  
-Over 100 annual performances

## **Prayer Delegates**

Training prayer facilitators in over 50 schools per year



## **Jewish Renewal Outreach Center** **Spiritual & Devotional Workshops**

Monthly joyful prayer and study sessions throughout the country

**Hitbodedut** – directed meditation and communication workshops

**Prayer Events and Workshops**





## Hear & Now!

Planned Visitors Center  
for Empathic listening  
and Inter-personal  
communication

## Foreign Student Exchange Program

MTA- YU High School, New  
York and Yeshiva College,  
South Africa



## Lifnei V'Lifnim

Educators' Empowerment  
Program - BA & MA degrees  
in conjunction with  
Herzog College

## Yeshivat Makor Chaim

Award winning educational trailblazer, promoting  
**intellectual excellence, emotional intelligence**  
and **individual self-discovery**.

**33** years, **320** students annually

## Volunteer Programs

Unity Day, programs  
with other schools,  
volunteer work  
in hospitals and  
organizations

## Jonathan's Trail

A unique month-long  
Senior Trip to all sectors  
of Israeli society



# The Old Campus



## The Urgent Need for a New Campus

Makor Chaim's 320 high school students as well as those who take part in the public adult education programs have been operating out of the very same "temporary" shacks which housed Yeshivat Har Etzion over 45 years ago. Needing to expand, Kibbutz Kfar Etzion has insisted that an alternate site be found for the school.

In addition, staying on would be prohibitive due to the high cost of rent, energy wasted by leaking, un-insulated structures, the high price of maintenance, roofs which collapse in the snow and the lack of room to expand.

There is no alternative: work on the new site has already begun and Makor Chaim must move out as soon as possible.

## The New Historic Site in the Heart of Gush Etzion

During the search for the three boys, government officials began to understand the school's unique role in Israeli society, recognized the long standing need for a permanent campus and rushed to approve a new site in the heart of Gush Etzion in the valley between Neve Daniel, Elazar & Alon Shvut.



# The New Campus



The campus is located on the biblical “Derech Ha’Avot” named after Abraham, Isaac & Jacob - where Elazar HaMaccabi fell in battle and where until this day one can see the ancient Roman milestones and Second Temple period ritual baths.

We were privileged to be part of the historic return to Kfar Etzion and now we face the new challenge of the historic return to the ancient “Patriarchs Way”.

והשיב לב אבות על בנים -  
ולב בנים על אבותם!





## Turning Our Dreams into Reality!

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov was walking in the fields when he proclaimed; "If only I could hear the songs of praise to our Holy Creator emanating from each blade of grass...How wonderful it is to praise our Lord who created the marvelous flora..." (excerpted from Discourses of Rabbi Nachman, #163)

The new campus will embody our unique spirit and will maintain the rustic atmosphere of our current Kibbutz location.

The materials to be used will be made of the basic elements of water, wood, stone, iron and light.

The campus buildings will be harmoniously integrated into the green spaces which will provide shaded study areas. The campus design is rooted in the Judean topography, blending into the local landscape. The interrelationship between the inner spaces and the outer ones will all be representative of the integration of the disparate parts which characterize our unique organization.





With commitments from government sources for about 65% of the high school compound, about 35% of the dormitory as well as some private commitments for the Bet Midrash - we are in the middle of the construction, but we must have more support from the private sector if we are to succeed!



# Please Be Our Partner!

Whether you represent a large foundation or want to make a small contribution, everyone can find a way to be a partner in this exciting project. To make a contribution, to find out more about Makor Chaim and about dedication options, to host us in your community or to schedule a private or group visit to the area with us, please contact our department of development today!

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