



Ba'alhabatim RETURN TO YESHIVA

At BMG Inaugural Yarchei Kallah



By G Heller

The eagerly anticipated Bais Me-drash Govoha Yarchei Kallah was a great success as close to 400 *ba'alhabatim* from over 15 cities joined together in Princeton Hyatt Regency, for two full days of vigorous *limud haTorah b'iyun*.

The Yarchei Kallah consisted of two packed days of intense Torah study that allowed participants to "rejoin the yeshiva" and relive their younger days of total immersion in the four *amos* of *halacha* while spending valuable time together with the Roshei Yeshiva of BMG, *hanhalla* members, and leading Rabbanim.

The *sugya* chosen to be studied in-depth was one especially suited for those in the business world: Sechiras Poalim – employee rights and employer responsibilities. Distinguished Rabbanim from out-of-town who were in attendance included Rav Zev Cohen *shlita*, *Rosh Kollel* of the Chicago Choshen Mishpat Kollel, and Rav Moshe Scheinberg *shlita*, *Rov* of Agudath Israel of West Rogers Park in Chicago, who came with a group of *mispalelim*.

Many of BMG's Shivti chaburos for *ba'alhabatim* from around the Tri-State area and around the country came to participate in the Yarchei Kallah.

The program began on Motzoei Shabbos with a *pesicha shiur* from Rav Chaim Yisro-el Weinfeld *shlita*, *Rov* of Khal Toras



Chaim of Flatbush, and a moving *shmuess* by the Rosh Yeshiva Rav Dovid *shlita*. It continued through Sunday and Monday, with many *shiurim* on the intricacies of the *sugya*. *Shiurim* on the *sugya* were presented by eminent Marbitzei Torah, renowned Rabbanim and respected Dayanim *shlita*. Amongst the *gedolei* Rabbanim who

gave *shiurim* were Rav Yehoshua Krupenia *shlita*, Rosh Kollel BMG; Rav Yosef Kushner, Dayan in Lakewood and Author of Commerce in Halacha; Rav Michoel Frank, former Rosh Chaburah in BMG and currently Rov of Ohr Hatorah in Silver Springs, Md.; Rav Eliezer Gewirtzman Rosh Chaburah Choshen Mishpat in BMG and Rabbinic Advisor for Chayim Aruchim; and Rav Chaim Meir Roth, Rov of Sterling Forest-Nusach Sfar. Noted author and lecturer Rabbi Yechiel Spiro also delivered a *shmuess* during the program.

The learning *sedarim* were intense, as the *kol Torah* reverberated throughout the room. One 70-year-old ba'alhabos had tears in his eyes as he told the Rosh Hayeshiva Rav Malkiel *shlita* at the conclusion of the Yarchei Kallah, "I haven't had such *geshmake sedarim* since I left yeshiva over 40



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One participant related, "There was an amazing *achdus* between the *lomdim* as we all plumbed the depths of the *sugya* together. Multi-millionaires sat shoulder-to-shoulder with simple working men, but we all were equals. We all were '*bar bei rov d'chad yomas*.'"

Greenwald Caterers providing three delicious meals daily. But mealtimes, too, were taken up with talking in learning, as the *risha d'oraysa* simply moved over to the lunchroom.

Another participant described the atmosphere by saying, "The air was *mamash* charged. Everyone left their phones in their rooms, so there were absolutely no distractions. The davening and the learning was unbelievable. When you walked into the *bais medrash* during *sefer* you heard a *ra'ash* that sounded just like you were in *Bais Aharon*. Every guy was bent over his *Gemara* completely immersed in the *sugya*. Guys were screaming at each other like *bochurim*."

A young participant related, "I had the *zechus* of going to the Yarchei Kallah together with my father and learning with him *b'chavrusah*. My mother called me on Tuesday and told me, 'Tati is *mamash* on a high ever since he came home.'"

The grand finale of the Yarchei Kallah was the gala dinner on Monday evening, which was addressed by The Rosh Hayeshiva Rav Malkiel *shlita*, as well as Rav Shimon Alster *shlita*, Rosh Yeshivas Cliffwood.

Rav Alster's shul in Flatbush is the home of the largest of BMG's Shviti *chaburos*, and the MC at the farewell dinner was Reb Zevi Samuel, a leading force behind the *chaburah*.

The Yarchei Kallah concluded on a high note and will surely linger within the participants as they return to their daily lives.

As a participant said, "I watched every guy leave the hotel, and they all were walking out with such contented looks on their faces. Everyone was so gratified and felt so privileged to have been a part of this amazing experience."



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