

# Human Care Services Open Boro Park Home

By Moshe Stein

Human Care Services for Families and Children Inc. provides professional, caring services for disabled children and adults in the *heimishe* community. Founded in 1997, its mission is to make a difference in the lives of the developmentally disabled.

Human Care Services is not just an agency but a family. We have often been described as a "boutique agency" because our dedicated staff members individualize programs to meet the needs of each individual. We are particularly interested in enhancing our clients' quality of life and personal development.

The most recent addition to our family is a state-of-the-art residence for eight young women in Boro Park, Brooklyn. Our personalized services will help these women integrate into the community and be accepted as valued members.

At the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new home, Human Care Services was joined by several government and community officials,



(L-R) Rabbi Joseph Hershkowitz, Pesach Tikvah; Councilman Simcha Felder; Bernard Spitzer, President, Human Care Services; Dr. Marcel Biberfeld, Maimonides Medical Center; Wolf Sender, District Manager, Community Board 12; Aaron Weiss, Boro Park Shomrim.

notably the Honorary Diana Jones Ritter, commissioner of OMRDD; Kathy Broderick, associate commissioner of OMRDD; Donna Limiti, director of BDDSO; Sheila Gholson, deputy director for community services at BDDSO; Councilman Simcha Felder, Mr. Bernard Spitzer, board president at Human Care Services, and directors of numerous local agencies. Families of clients joined us

as well, expressing their support for the agency and its dynamic executive director, Esther Lustig. Rabbi Joseph Hershkowitz, father of one of the girls in the home, expressed his appreciation to Human Care Services for the extraordinary level of care his daughter receives. The event underscored the importance of this new venture for the girls and for the Boro Park community as a whole.

# New Gerrer Yeshivah Ketanah Celebrates Siyum



View of the *dais* at the siyum.

By Dovid Cahan

"Before I *farhered* the *bachurim* of the new Gerrer *yeshivah ketanah*, I had always wondered, where are the *amolige Poilishe bachurim*? Where are the Reb Menachem Ziembas of our time?" said Rabbi Yitzchok Kreshevsky, who was honored at a *siyum* hosted by the Yeshivah Ketanah D'Chassidei Gur last week on Sunday evening in the Sfardishe Hall.

Rabbi Kreshevsky, a *mashpia* in the Slonimer *beis medrash*, stated that during the *farher*, his worries were assuaged. "Now I see they are here," he exclaimed.

The *bachurim*, parents, and family members who attended the *siyum* came to celebrate the completion of the *yeshivah ketanah's* second year and to offer good wishes to the *yeshivah talmidim*, who are going to Eretz Yisrael for the summer.

Harav Eliezer Baum, the

*menahel* of the Gerrer *yeshivah*, served as master of ceremonies, emphasizing the closeness among the students in this small school. He stated that a recent visitor who had come to make a presentation on the Beis Hamikdash expressed his surprise and delight at the students' intricate knowledge and their ability to debate *shittos* in *Pesachim* and *Sukkah*.

Yeshivah Ketanah D'Chassidei Gur opened last year, following a blueprint outlined by the Gerrer Rebbe, *shlita*. The yeshivah has 40 *talmidim* in two grades, with a third grade to be added next year. The emphasis is on providing individual guidance to each *bachur*; outstanding *yungeleit* are brought in to learn with *bachurim* one on one when there is a need. The learning style adheres closely to the traditional Polish method of achieving mastery in independent learning skills and

acquiring broad knowledge of *Shas*.

Achievement reports are filled out on a monthly basis and forwarded to the Gerrer Rebbe, *shlita*.

At the event, 16-year-old Simcha Bunim Cohen made a *siyum* on *Yuma*. His father, Eli Cohen, attested to the individual attention the yeshivah gives the *bachurim*, guiding them both in Torah and in *avodas Hashem*. He added that his son is very happy in yeshivah and is applying himself diligently, going to learn quite early for many hours on Friday afternoon and Shabbos afternoon.

Rabbi Avraham Dov Jung, the *mashgiach*, and Rabbi Pinchos Bineth, a *maggid shiur*, also spoke at the event.

Rabbi Aharon Jungreis, a *maggid shiur* in the mesivta, called the *siyum* an exhilarating experience for both staff and *talmidim*, with joyful dancing that demonstrated parents' and students' gratitude to the yeshivah.

The event also served as a send-off for the *bachurim*, who will soon travel to Eretz Yisrael for the yeshivah's summer session. The opportunity to learn in Eretz Yisrael offers the *bachurim* immeasurable spiritual benefits and the chance to develop relationships with *Gedolei Torah* and *Gedolei Chassidus* in Eretz Yisrael.

*Bachurim* who participated in last year's trip stated that the experience provided them with motivation for the entire year, and they are looking forward to this year's trip.

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