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ing teens from all segments of the Jewish community. "Our place is everyone's place," said Schmeltzer. "We can all use a warm place like Our Place."

Participants were encouraged to run or walk the race at their own pace and nearly 300 of the registered entrants actually completed the entire 5K. The top finishers in the men's group were Zalman Leib Charnoff of Brooklyn (19:22.5), Yaakov Shapiro of Brooklyn (19:56.4), and Rafi Abraham of Teaneck (19:57.0). Taking home the top honors in the women's race were Leiba Rimler of Brooklyn (23:50.8), Blima Zelinger of Baltimore (25:10.5), and Baila Miller of Brooklyn (25:39.6).

Organizers of the event expressed their gratitude to the many people who support Our Place on a daily basis as well as those who turned out for the 5K and vowed to continue to do their part for the many troubled teens who turn to them for assistance.

"With the crisis in the streets growing annually, we were happy to see

the community come out and show its support for Our Place and the work it does," said Our Place cofounder Eli Verschleiser.

For more information, please visit OurPlaceNY.org or contact executive director, Rabbi Aryeh Young at 516-512-4494 or aryeh.young@ourplaceny.org. ❖

Kollel In Ramot: A Crowning Achievement

By Rabbi Nison Wolpin

One of the most noteworthy achievements of the post-World War II era is the phenomenal growth of Torah in America, particularly the founding a development of *kollelim* both in this country and on an international scale.

When the *Gaon*, Rav Ahron Kotler arrived in America in 1940, he became totally involved in Hatzolah, saving the lives of the remaining Jews in Europe. In 1943 when his further efforts proved fruitless, he focused on founding a *kollel*—first in Connecticut, and then relocated in Lakewood. He contacted Rav Shraga Feivel Mendelowitz, *zt'l*, who had founded Aish Dos an educational institution to train *mechanchim* in

Monsey, NY—a Torah Vodaath project, in line with Torah Umesorah. Rav Ahron advised him to transfer Aish Dos to the Torah Vodaath campus in Brooklyn and to found a *kollel*—Bais Medrash Elyon in Monsey, where it would benefit from the isolated rural environment. The results of both efforts were truly phenomenal and inspired similar efforts in other *yeshivos*.

Today, there are thousands of *yungerleit*—young married men engaged in advanced Talmudic and *halachic* studies in *Eretz Yisrael*, around the globe, and across the American continent in numerous *kollelim*, transforming this country into a home for continually advancing Torah learning.

On our agenda is Kollel Aliyos Shlomo, an English speaking institution located in the Ramot section of Yerushalayim, made up of *chaveirim* who are notably advanced in their learning, having already spent several productive decades of their lives in *kollel*. Indeed the Hebrew word "*kollel*" conveys the concept of being inclusive, comprehensive, and thorough-going in one's involvement in Torah study.

The men of Aliyos Shlomo come from a wide variety of *yeshiva* backgrounds, carrying with them an impressive array of approaches to Talmudic study. A sampling: One senior member learned under Rav Moshe Feinstein, *zt'l*, in Staten Island as well as Rav Simcha Schustal, *zt'l*, in Stamford, CT, Rav Zelik Epstein, *zt'l*, (Shaar Hatorah), Rav Abba Berman, *zt'l*, in Yerushalayim, and Rav Elya Weintraub, *zt'l*, in Bnei Brak... Others learned in a variety of settings—under Rav Elya Svei, *zt'l*, in Philadelphia, Rav Yaakov Kaminetzky, *zt'l*, Rav Gedalia Schorr, *zt'l*, and Rav Elya Chazan, *zt'l*, in Mesivta Torah Vodaath, Rav Shlomo Freifeld, *zt'l*, in Far Rockaway, Rav Moshe Eisemann, *zt'l*, in Vineland, NJ, Rav Shimshon Pincus in Ofakim, Rav Nochum Partzovitz, *zt'l*, and Rav Chaim Shmuelewitz, *zt'l*, in Mir, and, *yblc'r*, Rav Dovid Soloveitschik, *shlita*, in Brisk/Yerushalayim.

When this author entered the *shidduchim* stage of his life over half a century ago, there was a quota of ten *yungerleit* per *kollel*, in Lakewood as well as in Monsey which was nonnegotiable. I had always yearned to make up for those years spent outside of a structured *kollel*, and I find the compensatory experience in Aliyos Shlomo these past two-plus years most gratifying.

The Vilna Gaon commented that *talmidei chachamim* are the *lev shel Klal Yisrael*—the very source of life and energy of the Jewish people. To be sure, these *yungerleit*, who have been dedicating their very selves to absorbing the depths of Torah with vast knowledge, devotion, and energy are the true life forces of our nation.

Support of this *kollel* is, in my opinion, a most worthwhile investment in the personal growth of established *talmidei chachamim*, raising the standards of *limud haTorah* among our people and endowing us all with sacred vitality. ❖

Big Plans For Agudath Israel Pre-Election Breakfast

By Shoshana Bernstein

On Monday morning, **November 4**, the most important meal of the day will be taken to a whole new level, as key government figures will break bread and break ground with community movers and shakers at the Agudath Israel of America a special Pre-Election Legislative Breakfast.

Agudath Israel of America sponsors a broad range of projects in the fields of religion, education, children's welfare, and social action affecting the lives of young and old throughout the Americas and overseas.

Purposely scheduled to dovetail with Tuesday's local and citywide elections, this timely event presents a unique and valuable opportunity for informed and involved Jewish community members to hear from noted political figures on highly relevant matters of concern to the Jewish community both locally and abroad.

Prominent litigation attorney, Joseph Zelmanovitz, a partner in Stahl and Zelmanovitz, will serve as chairman of the event. The featured speeches will include: former CIA Director James Woolsey, whose keynote address will cover security issues in the Middle East and the role of democracies; New York



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State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who will share his insights on religious rights and economic justice; and Benjamin M. Lawsky, New York State Superintendent of Financial Services, who is slated to speak about the enforcement of Iran sanctions.

The breakfast, hosted by Agudath Israel, is being coordinated by The Friedlander Group, whose CEO, Mr. Ezra Friedlander, views the organization's ongoing working relationships with political leaders as pivotal to its mission.

The event is being sponsored by Flushing Bank and Pomegranate, long recognized for their involvement within the Jewish community, as well as a wide range of prestigious, dynamic, and commu-

nity oriented business groups.

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is commonplace for RMF's more than 60 attorneys to be actively involved in numerous ways within their work and home communities.

MedReview, a subsidiary of New York County Health Care Review Organization (NYCHSRO), is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary of ongoing services and is the oldest Peer Review organization in New York State. Operating in 12 states, MedReview identifies inappropriate medical care and excessive, unnecessary charges, recovering millions of dollars for its clients. MedReview's President and CEO, Mr. Joseph B. Stamm, is personally involved as co chairman of the event.

The Atlantis Organization's cofounders, Raymond

& Radni Davoodi, recently received their title insurance underwriter's license from the New York State Department of Financial Services, under the name Ameristract Title Insurance Company, Inc. This marked the first time in over 15 years that such licensing was granted in the state of New York. Ameristract's centralized business model and proprietary technology will eliminate liabilities, fraudulent activities, unethical practices and most importantly escrow defalcations. Fully reinsured with Lloyd's of London, Ameristract is headquartered in Great Neck, Long Island and stands poised to create jobs across the state. Mr. Radni Davoodi, cofounder of Atlantis, views the break-

fast as the perfect platform by which to underscore his company's objective to promote ethical industry standards.

The significance of the Legislative Breakfast is summed up by Rabbi David Zwiebel, executive vice president of Agudath Israel, "Our annual Pre-Election Legislative Breakfast gathering serves as an impressive demonstration of the high level of involvement of the Orthodox community and creates a timely and vital reminder that the Orthodox Jewish community cares deeply about where our government leaders stand on the issues of the day."

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