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tuous breakfast and a learning *seder*, which included a *Mishnayos shiur* given by Rabbi Yechiel Erlanger *l'iluy nishmas* Hagaon Harav Aharon Leib Shteinman, *zt"l*, as requested in his *tzava'ah*.

"There is so much opportunity for learning and spiritual growth on Chanukah," explains Kollel Director Rabbi Moshe Heyman. "There are many Jews in Denver who are looking for Torah-true Judaism, and, *b'ezras Hashem*, we have the ability to provide that during Chanukah. We look forward to bringing that inspiration into the rest of the long winter ahead, making it a time of *shteiging* and *aliyah*."

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## Yeshiva High School of Arizona Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Sunday, December 10, Yeshiva High School of Arizona hosted a gala groundbreaking ceremony, marking the beginning of construction of their new facility.

Yeshiva High School of Arizona was established nine years ago, by Rabbi Gavriel Goetz, *Menahel*, and Rabbi Yossie Semel. With a current enrollment of 20 *bachurim* from the Phoenix area, the yeshivah has seen much *hatzlachah* in providing a quality Torah high school education, along with a solid general studies program, to its *talmidim*.

Until now, the yeshivah has been located in rented space in a local shul. A new facility was sorely needed to provide the yeshivah with room for growth, and the *bachurim* with proper facilities. The search has been ongoing for the past five years, until recently a property was located and secured, *b'siyatta diShmaya*.

"We searched the area for different-sized lots, until we located this one that seemed just right," recalls Rabbi Goetz. "It was not for sale, but there was a large house located on the property and we knocked on the door and asked if they would sell. Awhile later, they got back to us and said that yes, they were willing to sell."

The house and grounds are now

being renovated to suit the needs of the yeshivah. Renovations include construction of a spacious *beis medrash*, along with other amenities. Outside, basketball and football fields are being constructed, to provide necessary recreation for the *bachurim*. In addition, a dormitory is being built, to accommodate *bachurim* from out of state. The new facility will create a comfortable, campus-style feeling.

At the groundbreaking, Mr. Koby Rosengard, an alumnus of YHSA, addressed the crowd, fondly recalling his years in the yeshivah. "Throughout my experience at this wonderful yeshivah, I marveled at the extreme *mesirus nefesh* that each of the *Rebbeim* offered to us students as individuals and as a collective group. This personal attention forged our continuous connection to the Torah through active Torah learning and extracurricular activities...

"Today we mark the special occasion of the groundbreaking for the new physical campus of the Yeshiva High School of Arizona. With Hashem's help, the Yeshiva

High School of Arizona will continue to grow and attract even more *talmidim* to its new campus who, in turn, will continue to transmit Torah to others in their everyday lives, *b'ezras Hashem*."

Mr. Irwin Pasternack, chairman of the Building Committee, delivered welcoming remarks, and shared the story of how the yeshivah found its new property. He emphasized both the importance of having a yeshivah high school in the community and maintaining a campus where the *bachurim* are comfortable to learn and grow.

The guest speaker at the event was Rabbi Shalom Tandler, *Rosh Mesivta* of Yeshiva Birkas Yitzchok in Los Angeles. He shared a story which occurred a few years ago, in which a *frum* woman from Eretz Yisrael visited the pope. When the pope stretched out his hand to shake hers, she politely declined, stating that she could not shake his hand due to religious reasons.

In response, out of deep respect for her steadfast adherence to



Hanhalah members of Yeshiva High School of Arizona at the groundbreaking ceremony, (L-R): Rabbi Yonah Wohlgelernter, Rabbi Daniel Gewirtz, Rabbi Shragi Yankelewitz, Rabbi Yossie Semel and Rabbi Gavriel Goetz,



Rabbi Shalom Tendler, of Mesivta Birkas Yitzchok of Los Angeles, speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony of Yeshiva High School of Arizona.



Yeshiva High School of Arizona board members and building committee members stand in front of the site of the yeshivah's future campus, wearing hard hats and holding shovels as part of the groundbreaking ceremony.

her principles, he bowed to her. Rabbi Tendler asserted that the Greeks and the Romans are no longer here, but we have remained strong. We must stay strong in our *mitzvos* and *minhagim*, and not *chas v'shalom*, the opposite.

Referring to the construction of the beautiful new yeshivah campus, Rabbi Tendler concluded, "A yeshivah should have a place that

the *bachurim* can be proud of, and we should all be proud to be Yidden."

The event was closed by Mr. David Segel, president of the Board of YHSA, who thanked the *Rebbeim* of the yeshivah, the board of directors, the building committee, and all the supporters of YHSA who helped bring the dream of a new building to reality.

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