

Kollel Bais Yitzchok shows some progress

Kollel Bais Yitzchok, the Insitutue for Advanced Torah Studies of Greater Pittsburgh which opened in February, had a successful first month.

In a joint statement, Dr. Abraham J. Twerski, vice president of the Kollel, and Carl Margolis, Board Member of Kollel Bais Yitzchok and past president of Congregation Poale Zedeck, expressed satisfaction over the success of Kollel Bais Yitzchok in attracting a high level group of Torah scholars.

"The level of these prominent, well known eight so highly advanced Torah and Talmudic scholars, augurs well for the future of Kollel Bais Yitzchok. They will certainly lay a firm foundation upon which the Kollel will grow in size and stature for the advancement of Torah learning in general, and the enhancement of our community in particular.

"We greet with pride, joy, honor, and respect these outstanding young men, and welcome them to our city. It is long overdue that Greater Pittsburgh possessed a Torah Center of a caliber befitting such a major Jewish community as ours."

On March 4, a "Kiddush" was held at the Study Hall (Bais Medrash) of theKollel, located at Congregation Shaaray Tefillah, 5741 Bartlett St., Squirrel Hill, to in-

troduce the members of the Kollel to the community.

The Kollel has chosen to mark its official opening with a "Melava Malka," a traditional dinner welcoming the new week at the close of the Shabbat. The Melava Malka will be held on Saturday night, April 1, at the Horelick Hall of Shaare Torah Congregation on Murray Avenue in Squirrel Hill.

The Kollel has begun a series of lectures and classes for the public. These include a daily early morning Talmud class, and weekly classes and lectures on various topics.

From time to time, the Kollel plans to spend a "Torah Day" in McKeesport at the Gemilas Chesed Synogogue, at the invitation of Rabbi Irvin Chinn and interested members of the Jewish Community of McKeesport.

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