



## Stillwater Supporter *(continued)*

"You see," he writes, "when I started studying Torah here thirteen years ago, I, too, was unable to pay tuition to the yeshiva. It was only because someone else had made a generous endowment, as you just did, that I was able to pursue my Jewish education here to make up for the limited opportunities I had growing up in Stillwater. Now other young people, perhaps from places like Stillwater, will be able to learn about their heritage."

## MESSAGES FROM ALUMNI

**Hartley (Chaim) Bressler, DC, MD ('75 -- '77)**  
*Hello Rabbi Newman. Congrats on your B'Yachad publication. A job well done! I am an Ohr Somayach alumnus (1975-77) and am wondering if you could track down another alumnus for me. His name is Arthur Snyderman and was from the Chicago area (I think) and was also at Ohr Somayach around the same time..*

*I suggest putting a "Searching for Lost Alumni" category in B'Yachad.*

*(Would anyone else like to see such a column? Let us know your interest! — ed.)*

**Melech Benington ('92)**

*We live on Park Heights (Baltimore) and I daven at Rabbi Feldman's shul, an excellent mixture of Ner Israel grads. and some hasidim. Sunday I go to Agudah. Rabbi Hopfer is our Rav — an extraordinary man. There are literally hundreds of kids on our block. My son Yechiel Yakov (our official English spelling) was one year old on 3 Nissan. He is an exceptional bracha.*

*I go to a gemara shiur at Yesodei HaTorah — a program by Rabbi Zvi Goode [an Ohr Somayach alumnus] — just about to finish 2nd perek of succah. It is great to learn like this — 2x a week, 2 hours each. If I had time, I'd do more, but I still commute to Reston — 1½ hours each way. I listen lots to tapes...*

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## Simchas & Announcements

All the chasanim-to-be listed in last issue are now married!

Welcome to the following new members of the Ohr Somayach Family:

- Rabbi Reuven Geffen - Boy
- Rabbi Zalman Corlin - Girl
- Rabbi Chaim Salenger - Boy
- Rabbi Dov Kagan - Boy
- Rabbi Meir Shuster - 1<sup>st</sup> grandson
- Shlomo Nahali - Boy
- Lyle & Ellen Wexler - Girl
- Mordechai Kruger - Boy
- Daniel and Bracha Hurwitz had a baby boy just one hour before Shabbos Vayikra.

Rabbi Dovid Weinberger's son - Bar Mitzvah

Richard Warshall - Engagement

Michael Wiseman (Jerusalem '89-90) was married to Coriinne Sitbon of Paris in March, and they are living in Golders Green.

Simcha Goldberg (OS 88-89) was married to

Yaffie Englard of Kew Gardens, New York.

**Mazel Tov to all!**

## Condolences

*Our sincere condolences to David and Simone Alexander on the passing of their son Yehuda Zev, z"l, and to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Steinlauf on the passing of their son Sheldon Simcha, z"l.*

## Topic of the Month

### 'SHAVUOS'

The day we received  
the Torah  
(Pesachim 68b)

### Selected quotations on this topic:

- "Charus al Ha'Luchos" -- "Inscribed on the Tablets" (Shemos 32:17) -- Don't read "charus" -- "inscribed", but rather read "**cheirus**" -- "**freedom**". A person is truly free only if he is occupied with the study of Torah. (Mishna Avos, ch.6)
- A person who studies Torah *lishmah* -- for its own sake, hastens the Redemption. (Sanhedrin 99b)
- When a person invests his efforts in the study of Torah, it is considered as if he is standing on Mount Sinai and receiving the Torah. (Zohar Bamidbar 179)
- Just as the apple tree bears fruit before showing its leaves, so Bnei Israel preceded their commitment to perform *mitzvos* (*na'aseh*) to their hearing and understanding the Torah (*nishmah*). (Shabbos 88b)
- Time doesn't pass over a person, rather a person travels through time. Every *Shavuos* we arrive at the same point in time which possesses the sanctity which our forefathers experienced upon receiving the Torah at Sinai. So it is the time of the "giving of the Torah" also for us. (*Michtav Me'Eliyahu*, vol.2, p.28)

We'd appreciate your sharing with us other sources or your own thoughts on this topic.