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Tried and True, Thanks to You

Thank YOU, our dearest friends, for an amazing year at Ben Weider Educational Center - Chaya Mushka Seminary.

You may have heard the nostalgic expression, "They don't make them like they used to."

Here at The Seminary, we're proud of our tried and true method to develop devoted, dynamic young women ready to build the Jewish tomorrow.

With your help, we educate our students with the purest Torah values, handed down for generations "like they used to." Rich knowledge and priceless traditions guide our beautiful young woman to strengthen their connection to Torah values and bring these values into today's world.

Since 1989, over 1500 young woman have graduated from our program. Our students go out and change the world, building solid, warm

Jewish homes and families, and serving the Jewish people as shlichim and educators literally across the globe, spreading light, warmth, and meaning.

YOU help us raise *Mentches*-- wholesome people.

These are **your** daughters - you make their quality Torah education and character development possible!

Yes, we do "make them like they used to." Your generous partnership helps us continue our vital work. You make an incredible difference.

Our deepest gratitude, from each of us and each of these smiling young women.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Abraham Cohen
Ben Weider Educational Center
Chabad Seminary of Canada



Your Gift Creates and Supports

- Rigorous Judaic Education and Teacher Training
- Tools for a wholesome life based on morality and giving
- Chesed - community service and loving kindness
- Educational Outreach - students teach and share throughout the Montreal community
- Respect and Loving Kindness- for the elderly, the disabled, all people of all faiths and creeds
- Love of the Torah and the land of Israel - Jewish pride

You Gave Me an Incredible Approach To Life

- A Grateful Alumna Reflects

What special strengths did you get from the Seminary experience?

So much! When it comes to giving to others, when it comes to a healthy perspective for life-Sem gave me everything. I wish I could go back!

How did your life perspective change?

I learned how to give from the Seminary! Of course, we all give lip service to the idea, but the Seminary gave us so many structured opportunities to give; including guidance and encouragement of how to do it. In the outside world, the attitude is 'what will the world and life give me?' In the Sem, it was give, give, give!

I loved the after class projects; working for shluchim, giving shiurim, working with special needs children. I was so busy and learned how wonderful giving is, and how much the world needs me! I can't tell you



Bringing Friendship to Seniors

how much happier it makes me- seeing that this is such an incredible approach to life.

You taught me to give, to appreciate; and that I can do a lot to help.

I am so grateful.

Chana Leah Lesches

My Deepest Gratitude to You for a Place of Truth

- A Parent's Perspective

One thing that stands out is the relationships that Mrs. Brand fosters with the students. She values each student as an individual, accepts who they are and where they're at, and helps them grow.

This was a great life lesson for my daughter, to both see the principal create, and be part of, such an accepting and positive environment. She also appreciated how the teachers were excellent role models, who lived the values they taught.

It felt like a place of truth.

The girls had many opportunities to give, which also greatly impacted them. They gave classes

and talked with lots of people at Chabad Houses, and realized how much they have to give. That is so unique and valuable. My daughter was given so many positive skills that she was able to use to be a successful teacher in CA the next year.

My deepest gratitude to the generous people who make this possible.

My daughter's life is so enhanced from having this opportunity to step into a leadership role. I

know this will continue to impact her own identity and the people around her who will benefit from her confidence in giving.

Yana Levin



Holy Land Homeland! An incredible time.

You are Building Tomorrow's Teachers!

A Student Shares an Insider's Look

What was the teacher training like?

We learnt so much about the technique of teaching children of different ages, as well as various approaches in educating different types of kids. We learned both the theoretical- how to teach, and the practical- we observed classrooms and got to go and teach in many kinds of settings.

Teaching Hebrew in various Hebrew schools and in local elementary schools, tutoring, and working with the elderly. We learned to give of our talents and share goodness and kindness to all of mankind.

What did you do for fun?

We had such a fun and educational filled year. It was a well balanced mix of activities, shabbatons, many out of town trips like to NY and Israel. Many fun activities like tubing, sledding, picnics, BBQs, and many inspiring visits to Chabad Centers.

What's dorm life like?

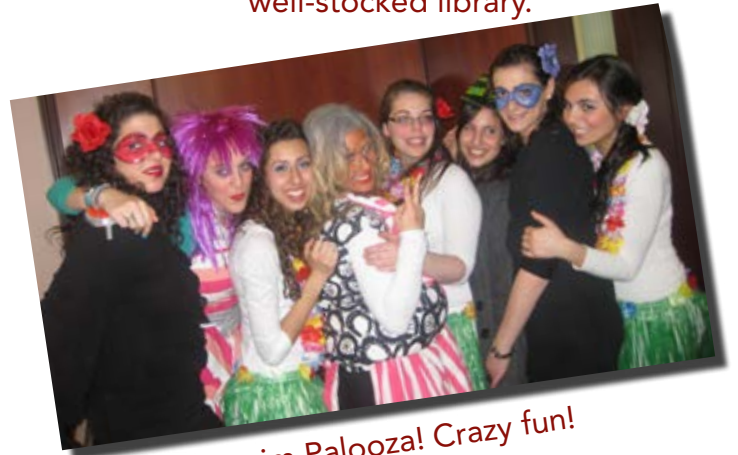
Girls in the dorm are very, happy together, it's really like a big family. We have very caring dorm councillors who make you feel at home. It's a beautiful well-maintained dorm- the library, art room, gym, game room. The premises are kept very clean. Well balanced delicious meals are served.

What was the highlight of your year?

The Israel trip! They took such good care of us and made sure we had everything we needed. The history



Diving into the words of Torah in our well-stocked library.



Purim Palooza! Crazy fun!

and heritage of our Holy Land that we learnt about came alive! In addition to experiencing the Holy Sites of Israel, we visited the Western Wall, Masada, Ein Gedi, boat rides on Kinneret, Kabbalistic city of Tzfat. And many, many more awesome and fun filled attractions.

Thank you to everyone who made this year possible. I will always remember this, especially the Israel trip. I feel so ready to go out and live as a proud Jewish woman, and would not be nearly as strong and solid without this year.

Rivka Cohen

Yes! I'd like to continue making a difference for the students at Chaya Mushka Seminary

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