



SCHEDULE

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27-28 Menachem Av | August 14-15
Armon Hotel, Stamford, CT



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Dear מחנכים, שידי

ברוכים הבאים, Welcome!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 21st annual כינוס המחנכים.

The program content of this Kinus concentrates on a number of important themes. They deal with chinuch issues from curriculum and development of proper attitudes toward Torah leaning to the social/emotional side of learning. Issues that get to the core of what chinuch is really all about, the cultivation of a child's נשמה.

Many hours of planning and a great deal of effort have gone into the preparation of this כינוס לשם שמים, and thanks are due to all those who gave so much of themselves to make this event possible.

To Ms. Malkie Smetana, to Rabbi Yoel Vogel and Rabbi Mendel Rosenfeld, thank you on behalf of all the conferees. Kudos to Rabbi Menachem Kirschenbaum, whose tenacity and dedication to the success of the Kinus is unmatched.

To the Kinus Va'ad members, who are listed on a separate page, thank you for your wise counsel, and generous contribution of ideas, advice, time and effort.

Many years ago, it was my זכות to receive the following note from the רבי זי"ע regarding another conference:

ובכלל ידוע השקפתי (ע"פ מאמרו"ל: דהמעשה הוא העיקר) "לשנות" ... כסגנון הלימודים שיוחקקו בתלמידים קיום מצוות מעשיות בפרט "ומעשים טובים בכלל" ... כולל שקידה בת"ת בפועל.. אוכעז"צ

(FREE TRANSLATION): "...in general my view is known, (based upon the injunction of our sages, that it is "deed" which is of the greatest importance), we must teach children in a manner which ultimately inculcates within them the practice of Mitzvos in particular, and good deeds in general..."

May we be זוכה to receive his ברכות and inspiration, so that our conference and its follow-up live up to his expectations of us.

There are always constructive comments and feedback which conferees will wish to share with us. Please complete the surveys which you will receive after the Kinus to share your feedback.

May we all be זוכה to march directly from here to ארץ ישראל with משיח צדקינו ומלכינו בראשנו.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Nochem Kaplan

KINUS SCHEDULE

Monday–Tuesday
27-28 Menachem Av, 5783
August 14-15, 2023

MONDAY

9:30 – 10:30 AM Registration
LOBBY AREA

10:30 – 10:45 AM Opening Remarks
Rabbi Nochem Kaplan

10:45 – 12:15 PM Opening Plenary Session
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

Dr. Akiva Perlman

החינוך וההדרכה של המלמד להועיל

Challenging Behaviors at School

The session will explore the underlying pathology and meaning behind challenging behaviors in the school environment.

Through the use of research and stories, the session will paint a picture of the inner world of struggling children and offer ways we can effectively help them succeed.

12:30- 1:45 PM Concurrent Sessions

1. Dr. Akiva Perlman

Challenging Behaviors at School: cont.

INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

2. Rabbi Levi Feldman

Develop your “Shtetl”

STATE BALLROOM SOUTH

Classroom Presence Some teachers just seem to have “it”. They command the room. They hold students spellbound, willing, and ready to focus on learning. Much of a teacher’s presence in the classroom - the thing that students intuitively respond to - is composed of actions teachers take that can be taught, practiced, and implemented. From tone of voice, to body language, to the physical space surrounding them, teachers can learn to manage themselves and their environment, serving as models of self-respect and self-discipline.

12: 45 – 1:45 PM Lunch

Professional Exchange Rabbi Yossi Hodokov

2:45- 4:00 PM Concurrent Sessions

1. Rabbi Yehoshua Lustig
Effective Communication for mechanchim

INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

Communication is more about the recipient than the initiator. How to harness the power of successfully communicating with your students' parents to be of maximum benefit to the students.

The session will feature a presentation of practical tools for effective and confident communication under all circumstances.

2. Rabbi Levi Feldman
Aspects of Leadership - What is expected?

STATE BALLROOM SOUTH

What does an effective teacher expect from his students? Explore 5 components that will significantly enhance your effectiveness as a Mechanech and leader in your classroom. Develop well designed class rules and routines that will encourage student cooperation and set up your Talmidim for success.

4:15- 5:15 PM Second Plenary Session

Rabbi Nochem Kaplan

הוראות from the Rebbe on Chinuch

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The Rebbe's Chinuch הוראות were mostly made to individual mosdos and mechanchim but in the aggregate we are able to see the Rebbe's approach in many chinuch areas. Rabbi Kaplan will share הוראות that he and others were זוכים to receive.

5:30- 6:45 PM Concurrent Sessions

Executive Functioning for Mechanchim

1. Mr. David Lieblich
Mechanech's Personal Finances

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Mechanchim are notoriously underpaid which makes it so much more compelling for them to have a financial plan. Both he and his father have been helping shlichim and mechanchim with their personal financial planning for many years and David will present some of the basics that every mechanech needs to know plus a number of ideas to help solidify a mechanech's financial standing

2. Rabbi Dovid Dinnerman

Why and How to Teach Executive Functioning

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Executive functioning plays a pivotal role in a student's ability to regulate their behavior, set goals, prioritize tasks, manage time effectively, transition to new situations, and to be learning-ready. As educators, understanding executive functioning and its implications for learning is crucial in fostering student success and overall academic achievement.

6:45- 7:00 PM Mincha

7:15- 8:30 PM Supper

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Rabbi Dovid Dubov

We Must Inculcate Ahavas HaTorah

Rabbi Dubov will share ideas on how to instill a *דרישה* for learning into *תלמידים*. He will share an insight & explanation from The Rebbe's Father - Reb Levi Yitzchok, "THE 3 COMPONENTS EVERY TEACHER NEEDS" and share some stories & personal experiences.

8:30- 9:45 PM Plenary Session

Rabbi Menachem M. Schapiro

The Chashivus of Chinuch and Mechanchim

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10:00 PM Maariv

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Mikveh

7:30-8:00 AM Chassidus

8:00 AM Shacharis

9:00 AM Breakfast

9:45- 11:15 AM Concurrent Sessions

1. Mendel Sofer

The AI Challenge (ChatGPT etc.)

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We may see AI as a major problem on the other hand we may wish to see it as an opportunity. The presentation will evolve around the possibilities of AI and how it can be used by mechanchim to further their educational goals.

2. Shulem Goldring (Psy D. candidate)

Developing Positive Communication Skills

INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: For Melamdim by Melamdim

11:30-12:30 PM

1. Pre-1A-1st Grade:

“Healthy expectations in Kriah”

Rabbi Avrohom Shtrocks

Pre1A, Cheder Zichron Shmuel, Nyack, NY

- Kriah resources collaboration

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2. Grades 2-3:

“How to give a successful Chumash class”

Rabbi Levi Lipinsky

2nd grade, Cheder Chabad Philadelphia

- Chumash resources collaboration

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3. Grades 4-5:

“How to introduce your students to Gemorah”

נמר presentation by Rabbi Chananya Hoffinger

- Gemorah material collaboration (תפילת השחר, מצאות, and more!)

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4. Grades 6-8:

“5 steps to properly understand the Gemorah”

Rabbi Shneur Munitz

8th grade, Cheder Menachem of Kingston, PA

- Gemorah material collaboration (המפקד, הכנס, המניח, השוכר את האומנין, השואל and more!)

DINING ROOM

5. Principals of Day Schools Round Table

LOWER LEVEL LOBBY

6. Principals of Chadorim Round Table

LOWER LEVEL LOBBY

7. Heads of School Round Table

RAISED LOBBY AREA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: For Melamdim by Melamdim

12:45-1:45 PM

1. Grades PRE-1A-1:

“Bringing Yomim Tovim to life”

Rabbi Akiva Steinmetz

1st grade, Lubavitch Yeshiva - Ocean Pkwy

- Inyona D'yoma material collaboration

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2. 2nd Grade

“Halacha and Yomim Tovim curriculum”

Rabbi Levi Lipinsky

2nd grade, Cheder Chabad Philadelphia

“Teaching the יומא דפגרא and שלשלת הנשיאים”

Rabbi Yisroel Matusof

2nd grade, Chabad-Lubavitch of Arizona

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3. Grades 3-5

“What do we want with Mishnayos, and how do we get there?”

Rabbi Shmuel Wagner

Lubavitch Yeshiva - Ocean Pkwy

- Mishnayos material collaboration (סדר מועד, מסכת ברכות, and more!)

INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

4. Grades 6-8

“Teaching Chumash skills”

Rabbi Yoel Vogel

- Chumash material collaboration (דברים and ספר ויקרא, במדבר)

DINING ROOM

5. Principals of Day Schools Round Table, cont.

LOWER LEVEL LOBBY

6. Principals of Chadorim Round Table, cont.

LOWER LEVEL LOBBY

7. Heads of School Round Table, cont.

RAISED LOBBY AREA

2:00-3:00 PM Lunch

PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY

3:15-4:30 PM Concurrent Sessions
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

Rabbi Levi Kaplan, chair

Panelists:

Rabbi Zalman Itkin

Rabbi Boruch Kaplan

Rabbi Mendel Yusewitz

Rabbi Shneur Wilhelm

1. A school's interest and responsibility for student behavior outside of school

2. Making accommodations VS maintaining minimum standards

3. Teaching פרשיות על הסדר as opposed to פרשת השבוע learning

4. The value of engaging parents in a classroom behavioral problem

5. The value of stressing limud "בעל פה" as opposed to limud "עיוני"

6. Intrinsic VS extrinsic rewards

And more

**On behalf of
all the mechanchim,
our warmest thanks to the
Vaad HaKinus.**

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