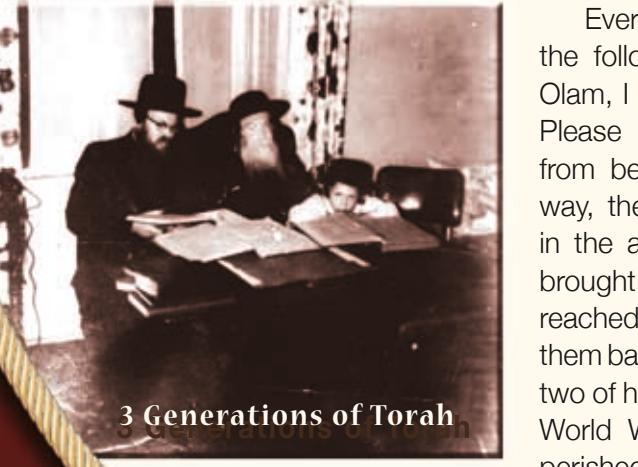


From Pittsburgh To Ashdod

The Holy Dynasty – from the Tzikas Yosef to the Current Rebbe, SHLIT'A

The previous Rebbe, Reb Avrohom Abba zt'l, was the son of the First Pittsburgher Rebbe, Reb Yosef zt'l, known by the name if his sefer, the Tzidkas Yosef. In 1926, Reb Yosef, a direct descendent of the Nadvona

Hungary to the American city of Pittsburgh. Reb Yosef gained fame for remaining a Rebbe of European style, serving his Creator in his quiet corner and ascending to high levels of holiness.



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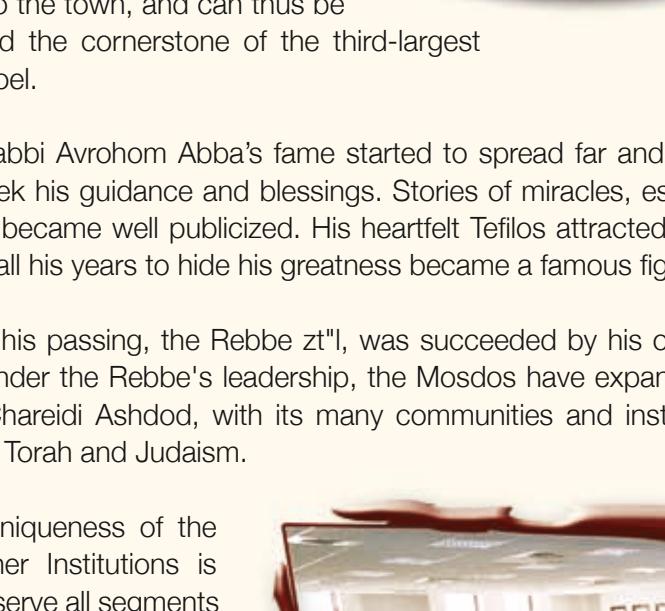
Reb Abba, the lone survivor lived in Tchernowitz, Romania and married the daughter of the Nadvona Rebbe, Reb Isomer zt'l. They emigrated to America shortly

after the war. He started his leadership in Newark, New Jersey, where he built a large Shul and Community Center.

Although he was a Rebbe from a previous generation, one who could have led a group of eminent Chassidim, he preferred to spread Judaism amongst secular American Jews, and inspire them with his warmth and love of his fellow Jews.

Under his inspiration, many Jews chose Torah education for their children, and many generations of Torah Jews owe their Judaism to the "Tchernowitzer Rebbe" as he was called in Newark, New Jersey. After his father's passing in 1966, Reb Abba moved to Pittsburgh. From then on he was known as the Pittsburgh Rebbe.

While still in Pittsburgh, his great love for the Land of Israel motivated the Pittsburgher Rebbe zt'l to open a Kollel in Jerusalem in the name of his late father. In a letter to his students he expressed his "jealousy" of those who study Torah in Israel. However, his sense of mission did not let him leave Pittsburgh. Only some years later, when he felt the time was right, he moved to Israel.



The Previous Rebbe with the Rebbe Shlita in His Youth

the religious

Jews to wear their Taleisim openly in the streets on Shabbos. This way, he explained, the presence of Shabbos and Judaism would become evident. He would gather children attending public schools and organize activities for them where they would be introduced to the warmth of Torah.

In 1981, Rabbi Avrohom Abba called his son, Rabbi Mordechai (the current Rebbe Shlita), requesting that he move to Israel and open a Chassidic Yeshiva in Ashdod. The Rebbe Shlita answered his father's call, and in the winter of 1981 the Yeshiva opened. Through the difficult years of building the Yeshiva together with his father, the Rebbe Shlita was the Rosh

Chareidi community in

Eretz Yisrael.

Rabbi Avrohom Abba's fame started to spread far and wide, and many flocked to him to seek his guidance and blessings. Stories of miracles, especially for those who were childless, became well publicized. His heartfelt Tefilos attracted many, and this Tzadik who had tried all his years to hide his greatness became a famous figure.

Upon his passing, the Rebbe zt'l, was succeeded by his only son, the current Rebbe, Shlita. Under the Rebbe's leadership, the Mosdos have expanded and flourished. Even in today's Chareidi Ashdod, with its many communities and institutions, Pittsburgh is still a center for Torah and Judaism.

The uniqueness of the Pittsburgh Institutions is that they serve all segments of the community. In the Pittsburgh center for Torah, Shiurim are given by the best lecturers of the various Chassidische and Litvische communities. In the Beis Horaoh,

the Dayanim of the Belz, Gur and Viznitz communities, unite to serve the entire town. The Talmud Torah, which just recently completed a new spacious

building, backgrounds, most capable scholars as Magidei shiur and Mashgichim.

Pittsburgh Rosh Yeshiva! The Rebbe himself, joins the students during their learning sessions, delivers shiurim, and observes from close the development of every student with encouragement. A special program encourages the students to memorize and to be tested on hundreds of pages of gemara by heart. Those who achieve are crowned with honorary titles like "Moreinu" and "Chover." Indeed the Yeshiva has earned a reputation for its high standard of in depth and broad learning that are instilled along with Chassidus and good character, which has made it an attraction for better students

from all over.

Yeshiva.

They

built an elementary school for boys and a full time Kollel which attracted newlywed couples to the town, and can thus be considered the cornerstone of the third-largest

Eretz Yisrael.

The Institutions include a network of Kollelim at all hours of the day and an institution for publishing the Divrei Torah of the Rebbes. Together all the Pittsburgher Institutions form a united fortress of Torah and Chassidus from which the entire Chareidi community in Ashdod benefits.

Being the largest Chasidische "court" in Ashdod, the Rebbe's tishen attract many Chassidim whose Rebbes do not reside in Ashdod but who still want to be elevated by a warm and inspiring tish on Shabbos and Yom Tov. In addition, the tishen attract many traditional Jews, immigrants and even secular Jews, who taste Chassidus for the first time, in addition to the many families of Pittsburgher Chassidim themselves. Pittsburgh is now considered a large and influential Chassidus with many followers and admirers.

The

Pittsburgh

Chassidic

community

has been

growing

constantly.

Most

of the

families

live in

Ashdod;

however,

there are

Pittsburgher

Chasidim

in

Jerusalem,

Bnei

Brak,

Beis

Chilkiya,

London,

New

York,

New

Jersey

and

California.

Each

Chassid

has

a unique

relationship

with the

Rebbe

Shlita, yet all

feel that the

Rebbe

Shlita

is their

loving

father.

The

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are in

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with the

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Shlita, asking for his guidance and receiving the Rebbe's advice and blessing.

The Pittsburgh Institutions

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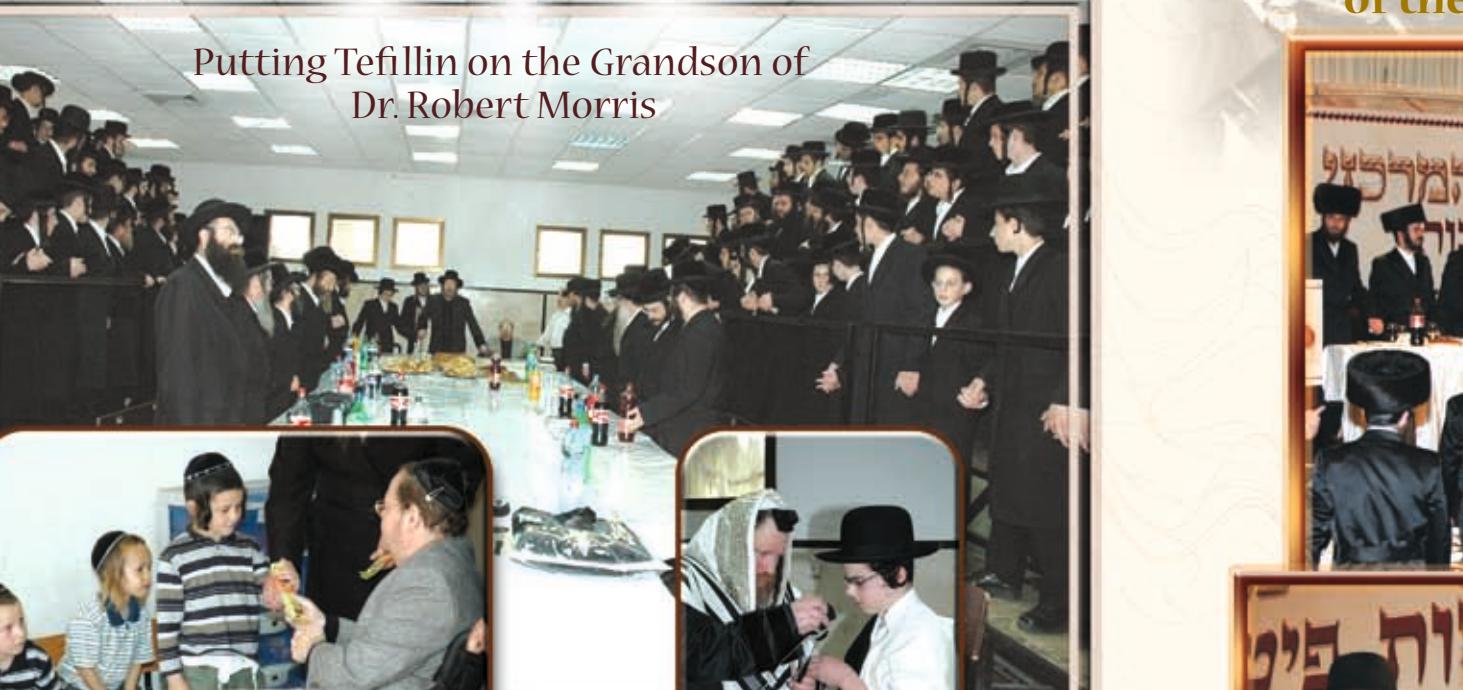
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הכנסת ספר תורה

Dedicating a Sefer Torah in Memory of the Previous Rebbe



Putting Tefillin on the Grandson of Dr. Robert Morris



A Visit to the Elementary School

The Annual Dinner of the Pittsburgh Institutions

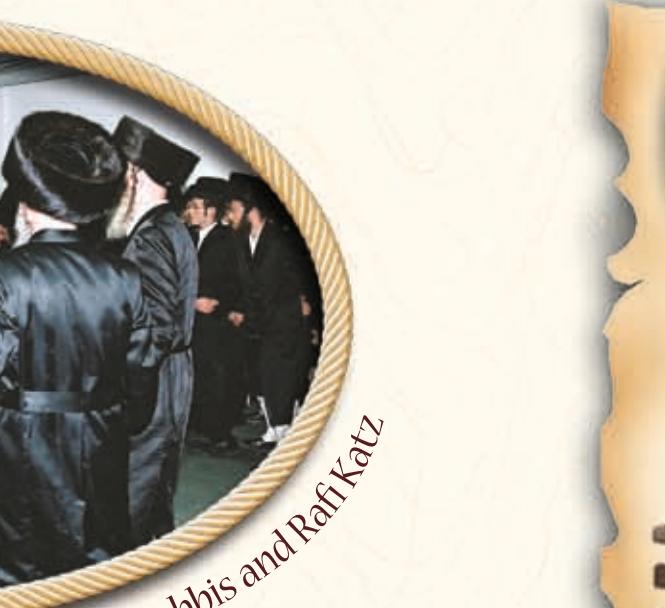


The Rebbe with Rabbi Yekutiel Abuchatzeira



The Rebbe with the Gerrer Rebbe in Los Angeles

The Simchas Beis Hashoeva on Sukkos



Dancing with the Local Rabbis and Raff Katz



A Word

from the Director of the Institutions

The central support on which the Institutions rest and thanks to which the Institutions have managed to maintain their existence in even the most difficult period for Torah institutions in Israel, a period in which all religious educational institutions are at risk of closure – is the Parnes Hayom initiative. This is the secret to the survival of our Institutions in Israel – the generosity of donors who take upon themselves the cost of maintaining the Institutions for a single day and participate in a Yissachar-Zevulun partnership with our holy Institutions.

Each "Parnes" receives the merit of all of the Torah learned that day by the students and staff of the Yeshiva, so that he may be granted his heart's desires for his benefit. The donor is blessed with all of the blessings in the Torah, as it states, "The Torah is a tree of life to those who grasp it, and its supporters are happy."

Many donors, starting with the Rebbe, Shlit'a, take a part in this great Mitzvah.

With their yearly support for the day they chose, they earn the great merit that comes with carrying the burden

of supporting the Torah. At the entrance to the Yeshiva, the beautiful, Parnes Hayom plaque hangs on the wall. The name and request of the sponsor of the day appear on the plaque, so that as the Rabbis and students of the Yeshiva enter the building, they can glance at the plaque and make note of the donor and his request, and dedicate their day's learning and davening for the donor's merit, with appreciation and esteem for the support and generosity of the Parnes of the day.

We greatly appreciate the assistance our precious supporters have provided over the years and thank you deeply for this aid and the listening ear you have provided in our darkest hours. We are certain that in the merit of the support you provide our Torah educational institutions in Israel, and in the merit of supporting Torah learning, especially in Israel, you and your family will be blessed with the blessings of the Torah, and will merit eternal salvation and witness the coming of the Moshiach in the very near future.

With utmost gratitude and respect,
Rabbi Shmuel Einfeld
Executive Director

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