

THE RABBI YOSEF STRASSFELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Friends,

Our community recently lost a treasured friend and teacher, Rav Yosef Strassfeld zt"l. As Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Ohr Simcha of Englewood, he gave his heart and soul to the Jewish nation. The Gemara tells us that a Torah teacher should have the characteristics of an angel, and Rav Strassfeld zt"l was a living example of that ideal. He insisted that Yeshiva Ohr Simcha welcome students from all levels, helping each one thrive and strive to meet his potential. He cared deeply for the boys who may have struggled in any way. He loved each one of his students like a son.

Rav Strassfeld zt"l wholeheartedly embraced the broader Englewood community. He was a member of the local shuls. He played a key role in the creation of East Hill Synagogue, disregarding higher offers when he sold the building now housing East Hill Synagogue. He sent his boys to Shiva minyanim, to help Shatnetz checking, tovel keilim, build Sukkahs, and help in any communal needs that he could. Despite living in a farther part of town, he would often walk to communal Simchas on Shabbat, and attempt to visit every Shiva throughout our town. He taught Daf Yomi, Ramban on Chumash, and many classes for retirees.

To best honor our dear friend and teacher's memory and perpetuate his legacy, we would like to initiate the establishment of ***The Rabbi Yosef Strassfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund***. Our initial goal is to raise \$350,000 towards this most meaningful initiative.

At his funeral, his children spoke of how the Yeshiva, the students and staff, and the Englewood community were truly his life. The day before his passing, he was inquiring about whether the staff had received their Chanukah bonuses. We must continue Rav Strassfeld zt"l's holy work and show his dear wife Chaya and their children that we support and admire his tireless dedication and limitless love for our people. His Yeshiva needs our help now more than ever.

We would be grateful if you would consider making a donation towards helping establish ***The Rabbi Yosef Strassfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund***. Kindly click on the link www.yeshivaohrsimcha.org/communityfund to contribute towards this important endeavor. The members of the committee leading this fundraising campaign have already committed \$75,000 to seed ***The Rabbi Yosef Strassfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund***.

May our community merit to see the Yeshiva Ohr Simcha thrive in the memory of its angelic head, Rav Yosef Strassfeld zt"l.

Rabbi Akiva Block Rabbi Menachem Genack Rabbi Shmuel Goldin

Rabbi Shlomo Hyman Rabbi Mordy Kuessous Rabbi Chaim Poupko Rabbi Zev Reichman

The following families have agreed to be on the
Committee for Tribute to Rav Yosef Strassfeld zt"l, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Ohr Simcha

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Marcovici
Popper**

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