

YAD YISROEL  
*Pinsk, Belarus*





# BAIS AHARON ORPHANAGE



- Providing 120 children in our dorms and homes with healthy food, clothing, warm bedrooms and comfortable living conditions
- The love and care which these children receive 24-7 is a crucial part of their emotional well-being
- Medical and Psychological care in-house 24 hours a day - helping these children stabilize and overcome the horrors which have robbed them of their youth.
- The orphanage is divided into three sections:
  1. the younger division- currently housed in apartments throughout the city,
  2. the senior girls' orphanage and high school housed in a new campus (donated by Mr. George Rohr),
  3. the senior boys' orphanage and high school housed in a an old refurbished synagogue
- The younger division as well as the boys division are waiting for the completion of the new campus

## OUR HISTORY

- **2000** - Opening of first Jewish orphanage and boarding school in Belarus to provide an essential service to the 50,000 Jews of Belarus
- **2003**- Opening of infant homes in Pinsk for orphans aged 0-10
- **2004** - Opening of new girls orphanage and high school campus
- **2005** - First annual Yad Yisroel summer camp
- **2006** - Buying of land plot for Boys orphanage, high school and the Younger Division Campus
- **2008** - Beginning of construction on the new campus
- **2009** - Number of graduates sent abroad reaches over 300
- **2010** - Record number of children in the Yad Yisroel homes and dormitories - over 120 children
- **2011** - Over 75 graduates of Yad Yisroel studying abroad in Universities, Colleges, Schools, Seminaries & Yeshivas.



## A REFUGE FOR THE ABUSED



Yad Yisroel provides emergency social services and medical care for abused women and children of Belarus.

Yad Yisroel helps these women restructure their lives and on many occasions helps them relocate to continue their lives in a safe environment.

Beis Aharon is renowned and recognized as the sole source of help for the orphaned, abandoned and abused children of Belarus.

With children from all regions of the country - Beis Aharon School and Orphanage is unique and essential to the survival of Belarusian Jewry.



A PLACE TO CALL HOME

A PLACE TO BE SAFE

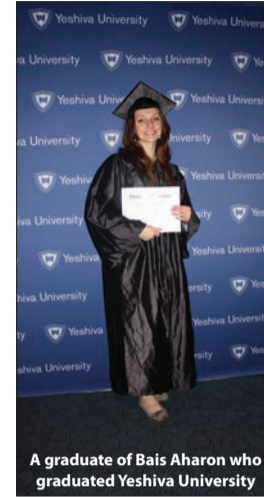
LOVE, WARMTH, CARE



## EDUCATION = OPPORTUNITY



- Bais Aharon School is the only accredited Jewish boarding school in Belarus
- We provide a free quality education with an emphasis on foreign languages. We provide our students with the tools to study in prestigious universities abroad.
- We give our students skills to be future leaders and professionals. Each pupil finishes school with the capabilities to fulfill their dreams.



A graduate of Bais Aharon who graduated Yeshiva University

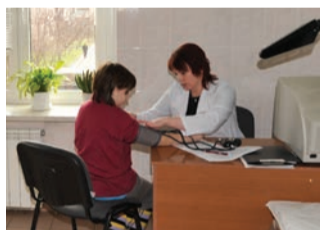
## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- A variety of extra-curricular activities are provided free of charge to the children in Bais Aharon to develop their creativity and emotional intelligence
- Hairdressing, dancing, singing, art, drawing, sewing, music, sports, skating and swimming are among the wide variety of activities offered to the the students in our school.
  - Each student is helped to fulfil their potential.



## PROFFESIONAL STAFF

- A qualified group of staff members- both locals and foreigner professionals - devote themselves to the children of Bais Aharon
- The school has a nurse, psychologist, and doctor to take care of medical concerns
- Full time "vespitatels"- house parents - look after the children day and night and help them with everything from homework to hygiene



## INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION



- Many students need extra help with their studies as they come from broken homes where their early learning skills were not developed
- **Because of a budget cut, many of private lessons are now not available for children who are desperate for the extra help**



## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS



# QUALITY EDUCATION

PROVIDING OUR CHILDREN WITH A JEWISH EDUCATION



## NASTYA

*Nastya is a young eight year old girl. Nastya's father is in a mental institute. Nastya's mother is an alcoholic who no longer recognizes Nastya as her daughter.*

*Nastya was taken by government social workers and was going to be put in a local government orphanage. We heard about Nastya's situation in mid-June and we immediately started working on the documentation to register her in our orphanage.*

*We brought Nastya to Pinsk in late June and Thank G-d she has settled down and become another child in the Pinsk family.*

*Nastya has come home...*

## TWO SISTERS...

*Katya & Tanya joined our home five years ago. We found the two sisters on the streets of Gomel sleeping in the entrance to an old apartment building. For over a month they had not eaten a decent meal - they had survived by eating food they stole from the garbage cans in the streets.*

*They arrived in Pinsk severely malnourished and suffering from numerous other medical problems.*

*Katya & Tanya joined our home and have become a treasured asset to our family. They received full medical and psychological and over the course of the five years they have been with us have managed to overcome their terrible history.*

*Katya & Tanya have blossomed in Beis Aharon and today have blossomed into mature stable girls living a happy secure life. Katya has joined the Odessa University and Tanya will be joining her at the end of the coming year.*



## MOSHE AND LEAH

*Leah & Moshe are a brother and sister from Mozyr who have lived in Pinsk since 2005.*

*Leah and Moshe's parents left them at a very young age and left them with their uncle. They were sleeping in a one room apartment on the 9th floor of a decrepit tenement block on the outskirts of the city*

*When we first met them - they were infested with lice and fleas and Leah had severe pneumonia which had been untreated for many weeks.*

*Boruch Hashem Leah is now graduating 2nd grade and Moshe is now in Kindergarten - both have developed into the happy balanced children which they deserve to be.*

These are just a few of the many orphans who's lives have been saved by Yad Yisroel

Thousands of orphans still need our help!

You can give them a better tomorrow.

EACH SOUL IS AN ENTIRE WORLD



OUR STORIES

THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE



# S.O.S - ISRAELI EMBASSY

## Emergency Services - Embassy of Israel in Belarus

- Providing emergency social and community help to the Israeli Embassy - including medical and funeral airlifts.
- Arranging a search party on behalf of the Israeli Embassy to find a lost Israeli in the forests near Babroisk - involving thousands of soldiers and volunteers.
- Providing essential Taharat Hamet services to the Israeli Embassy.

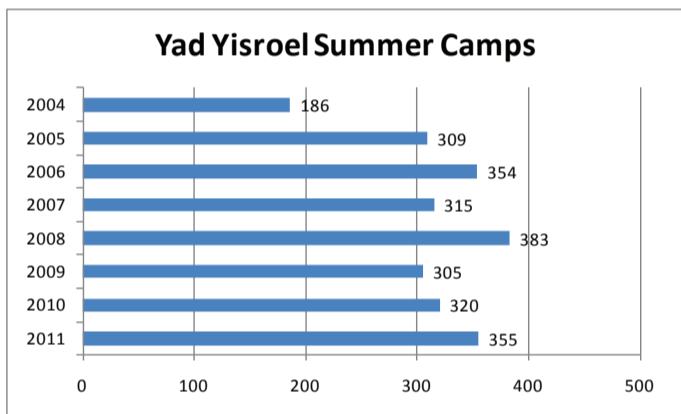


## SOS - Medical

Operations – Evacuations- Treatments – Medicine – Therapy - Recovery

2005	3 Life Threatening Medical Emergency Cases:	\$40,000
2006	5 Life Threatening Medical Emergency Cases:	\$75,000
2007	2 Life Threatening Medical Emergency Cases:	\$53,000
2008	14 Life Threatening Medical Emergency Cases:	\$212,000
2009	8 Life Threatening Medical Emergency Cases:	\$135,000
2010	7 Life Threatening Medical Emergency Cases:	\$200,000
2011	6 Life Threatening Medical Emergency Cases:	\$120,000

# YAD YISROEL SUMMER CAMPS



Girls and boys from throughout Belarus enjoy a summer full of fun in a Jewish atmosphere



# BELARUS OUTREACH

Year	City	Participants	Cost Per Year
2002	Pinsk	450	\$12,150
2003	Pinsk, Minsk	900	\$24,300
2004	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel,	1,250	\$33,750
2005	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev	1,450	\$39,150
2006	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev, Brest	1,550	\$41,850
2007	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev, Brest, Orsha	1,700	\$45,900
2008	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev, Brest, Orsha, Kalinkovich,	2,600	\$70,200
2009	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev, Brest, Orsha, Kalinkovich,	2750	\$90,000
2010	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev, Brest, Orsha, Kalinkovich, Bobruisk, Vitebsk, Slutsk	3000	\$90,000
2011	Pinsk, Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev, Brest, Orsha, Kalinkovich, Bobruisk, Vitebsk, Slutsk, Grodno, Polotsk	3000	\$90,000

## Elementary school children affiliated with our organization

All receive holiday news letters, Belarusian Jewry info packages, care packages, and seminar invitations

Gomel	235
Minsk	203
Mogilev	99
Bobruisk	88
Mozhir	56
Vitebsk	40
Borisov	35
Kalinkevich	34

Orsha	23
Grodno	22
Polosk	22
Baranovich	13
Novopolosk	7
Slutzk	7
Pinsk	4
Chashniki	3

Skideli	2
Dokshitze	1
Grodok	1
Tolockin	1

**Total:**  
**896 children**



- Soup Kitchen
- Meals on Wheels
- Matzos
- Senior Citizens – Holocaust Survivors



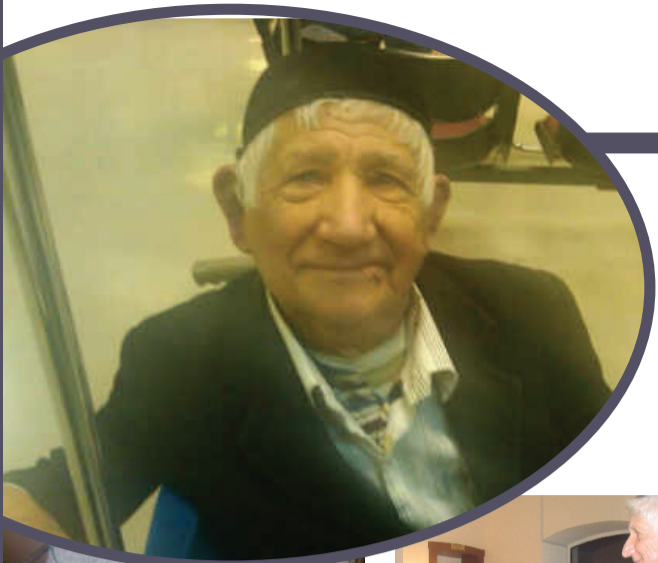
PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED



COMMUNITY SERVICES

A NETWORK OF SUPPORT FOR THE PINSK JEWISH COMMUNITY

## BEREL



*Berel (Barys) Starobinski is a Holocaust survivor who lives on the outskirts of Pinsk.*

*In late winter 2010 Berel we started to notice red blotches appearing on his arms and legs.*

*Local Doctors' said that they could not diagnose the disease and there was nothing they could do....*

*We flew Berel to Haddassah Hospital in Jeruslaem where he was treated by the best oncologists in the country. Berel was diagnosed with an advanced case of Kaposi Sarcoma - a vicious cancer which was attacking his legs, arms and throat.*

*As you can see from the pictures Berel is now in the final stages of recovery and will shortly be leaving the hospital where he has been lying for the past eight months.*

*The costs of Berel's evacuation and treatment reached to over \$100,000.*

*Without Yad Yisroel Berel would no longer be with us today...*



Berel during treatment



Berel at his own Jewish wedding - age 80

## DIMA

*Dima is a 55 year old man living in Pinsk.*

*In mid June we heard he was in hospital in Pinsk. He had been diagnosed with type II diabetes and was on insulin. His right foot had become infected and was severely gangrenous.*

*The local doctors were going to amputate his leg mid-thigh and provide him with a stump - to cripple him for life.*

*We immediately moved into action and medi-vac'd Dima to the USA where he was treated in Columbia University Hospital in Manhattan.*

*His leg was amputated one inch above the ankle and he was fitted with a prosthetic foot.*

*Dima was admitted to a recuperation home in Brooklyn and stayed there for six months.*

*Dima is now back in Pinsk - and has continued his daily life as though nothing had ever happened.*

*Another life affected - another life saved...*



## PETER



*January 2010 - we receive a phone call from the JDC with a request.*

*There is a six month old baby in Minsk who due to fluid on the brain has lost his sight...*

*We flew Petr to Tel Aviv where he was admitted to the Sourasky Medical Center. After two months his sight was returned. The costs of this came to over \$100,000.*

*One month Petr's mother called us again to say that Petr had two kidney stones - 7mm wide!*

*Once again we flew Petr to Israel and on the 2nd of November he underwent surgery in Hadassah Hospital. So far this second operation has cost us over \$35,000.*

*Thank G-d he is on the way to a full recovery - to live the life of a happy child in good health....*

These are just a few of the stories of sick people whom Yad Yisroel have reached out to and helped.

In 2011 there were **7 life threatening medical emergencies** which Yad Yisroel stepped in to save a life.

EACH SOUL IS AN ENTIRE WORLD



MEDICAL MIRACLES

THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE



## WEDDINGS

### Times of Joy

- When an orphan reaches the most joyous occasion of their life, Yad Yisroel is there for them more than ever before.
- We have sponsored many weddings in Pinsk and around the world of graduates who look to their family- Yad Yisroel- for financial as well as emotional support in this momentous event
- Yad Yisroel covers the costs of the wedding and sets up the couple with everything they will need in their new home
- A band, photographer, videographer, caterer etc. are all arranged by our organization



Wedding Expenses (per wedding)

Expense	Amount
Hall	\$500
Band	\$3000
Photography and Video	\$1300
Clothing	\$4000
Household Items	\$3000
Catering	\$3000
Flowers	\$500
Chupa	\$400
Sheva Brachos	\$2000
Travel Expenses	\$2500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,200</b>

## ISRAEL TRIP

- Our girls visited Israel in the summer - their first chance to be in the homeland of the Jewish Nation.
- This was an educational as well as recreational trip. They saw prospective schools for the coming year upon their graduation as well as touring the land of their heritage.



*At Bais Aharon, an emphasis is put on education as well as on extra curricular activities.*

*The atmosphere and school spirit is proof to the well-balanced curriculum at our schools.*



The Girls School performed in a theater a play with song, dance and drama



The younger classes in Bais Aharon at their Purim dress up party



Birthday parties for each student with special cake and activities



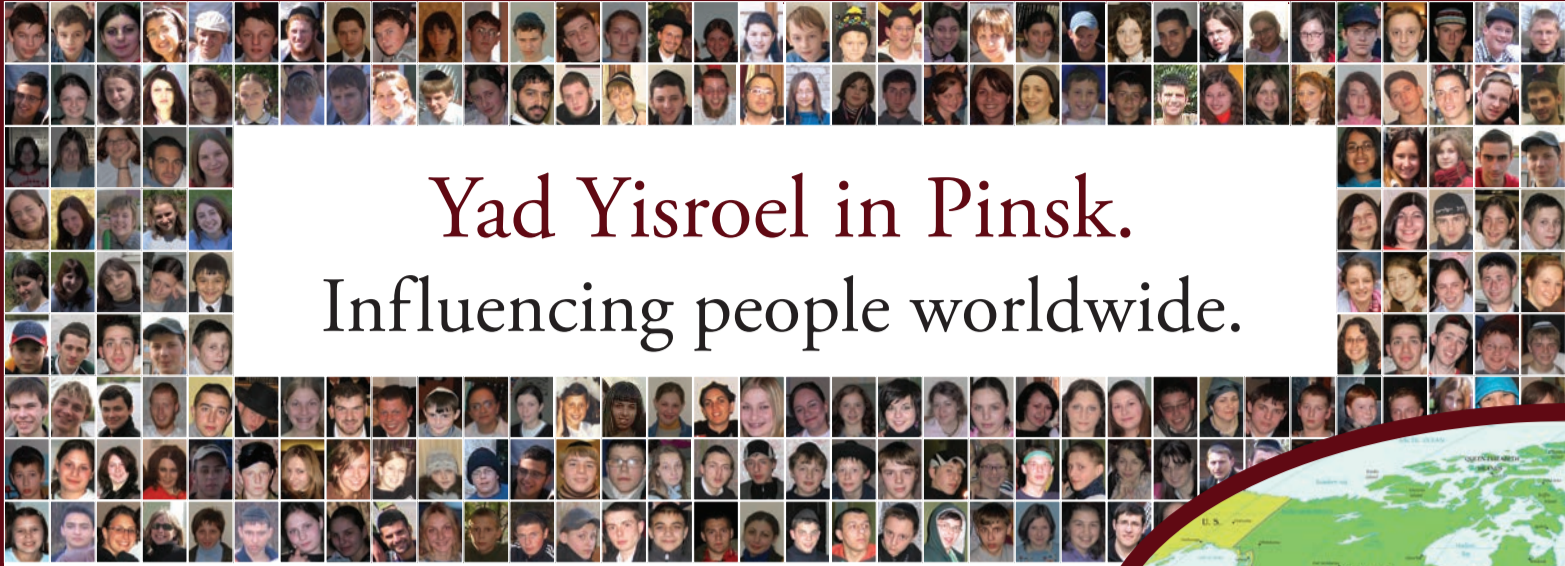
## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



EVENTS IN PINSK

THE LATEST NEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY

CURRENT



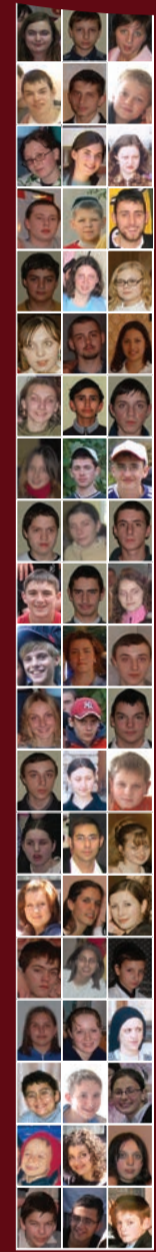
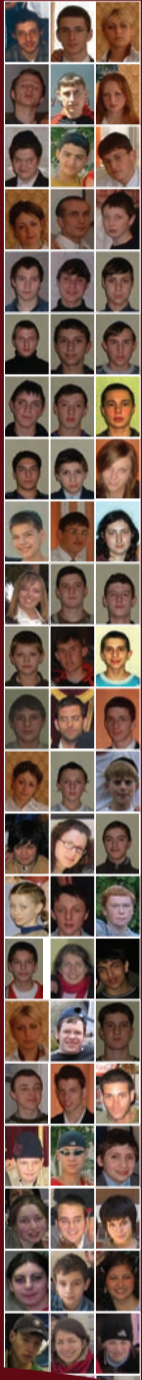
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## UNITED STATES AND CANADA

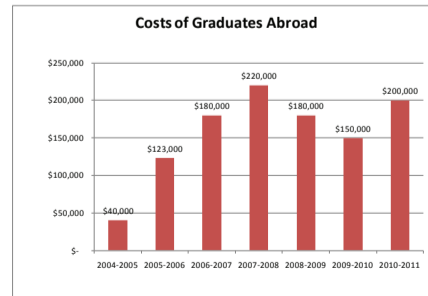
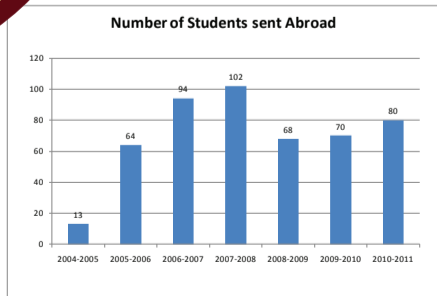


Schools abroad where our students have been sent to:

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| 1  | <b>Yeshiva University - USA</b>               | 22 | <b>Manchester Jewish Grammar School-UK</b>    |
| 2  | <b>Touro College for Boys - USA</b>           | 23 | <b>Letzityon Berina High School - Israel</b>  |
| 3  | <b>Touro College for Girls - USA</b>          | 24 | <b>Yeshivas Givat Shaul - Israel</b>          |
| 4  | <b>Technion University Haifa - Israel</b>     | 25 | <b>Mir Yeshiva Flatbush - USA</b>             |
| 5  | <b>Stern College - USA</b>                    | 26 | <b>Mir Yeshiva Jerusalem - Israel</b>         |
| 6  | <b>Manchester University - England</b>        | 27 | <b>The Berlin Yeshiva - Germany</b>           |
| 7  | <b>Manchester Metropolitan College -UK</b>    | 28 | <b>Kol Yaakov Centers - USA</b>               |
| 8  | <b>Machon Chaya College - Israel</b>          | 29 | <b>Lakewood Yeshiva - USA</b>                 |
| 9  | <b>Machon Lehachsara University - Israel</b>  | 30 | <b>Montreal Seminary - Canada</b>             |
| 10 | <b>Machon Lev University - Israel</b>         | 31 | <b>Ner Eliyahu - Israel</b>                   |
| 11 | <b>Machon Meir College- Israel</b>            | 32 | <b>Ohr Sameach Monsey - USA</b>               |
| 12 | <b>Bet Ulpana College - Israel</b>            | 33 | <b>Reishis Chochma Toronto - USA</b>          |
| 13 | <b>Bet Yehudit College - Israel</b>           | 34 | <b>Seminar Hachadash - Canada</b>             |
| 14 | <b>Ofakim College - Israel</b>                | 35 | <b>Tifrach Yeshiva - Israel</b>               |
| 15 | <b>Gateshead College - England</b>            | 36 | <b>Beis Rochel Seminary - Israel</b>          |
| 16 | <b>Shvut Ami College - Israel</b>             | 37 | <b>Beis Yaakov Seminary - Toronto, Canada</b> |
| 17 | <b>Israel Defense Forces - Israel</b>         | 38 | <b>BYA Seminary - USA</b>                     |
| 18 | <b>Bat Zion High School - Israel</b>          | 39 | <b>Chaim Berlin Yeshiva - USA</b>             |
| 19 | <b>Beis Yaakov High School - Denver, USA</b>  | 40 | <b>Kfar Chabad Institutions - Israel</b>      |
| 20 | <b>Beis Yaakov High School - Detroit, USA</b> | 41 | <b>Kiryat Malachi - Israel</b>                |



## EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE



BUILDING GENERATIONS



BAIS AHARON GRADUATES

ENABLING OUR STUDENTS TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES ABROAD