

Rabbi Niman:

I would like to share my view of our professional relationship over the past nine years. I am not sure if it is my place to do so, but feel that if it might serve a good purpose then the ends may justify the means.

I feel that you have lent the Yeshiva an air of orderliness and purpose. We Rebbeim are all aware of what is expected of us and what charge we ought to give the student body. We know when we have fallen short of our obligations as staff members and we know when we have equaled or exceeded expectations.

Through your leadership the "talk" in the hallways has become more oriented toward learning - both Judaic and secular - it is quite common to observe boys hand-in-hand discussing a Gemarah or an English essay. Learning is not relegated merely to classrooms.

Over the last few years we find fewer students at odds with the Yeshiva's avowed goals and we are finding more of them craving further enrichment.

We have parents in the building, learning with their children, several times a year, increasing the communication with the Yeshiva as a whole and in an intra-familial sense in particular.

We have never heard as many compliments from staffs and administrations of Yeshivas in Israel as we currently hear. It seems our kids are the best behaved, the most ready to learn, armed with their YGW honed "Gemarah Kopps", etc., etc., etc.

The Yeshiva is doing something right. It is doing many things right. As our de-facto on-campus leader, much if not all the credit must fall on your shoulders. I know I have grown as a *mechanech* under your tutelage and consequently have a more profound effect on our *talmidim*. I have a tremendous amount of *hakoras hatov* for that alone.

This is how I view the state of the Yeshiva and your significant contribution therein and I am certainly going to miss your daily leadership, input and guidance.

With much regard,

Akiva