

# AROUND THE COUNTRY

## MIAMI

### **Graduation and Siyum at Mechina Of South Florida**

Recently, the Mechina of South Florida held its annual twelfth-grade graduation and end-of-year *siyum*.

The event began with the commencement exercises for the graduating class. Each boy was noted for his own achievements and for his unique growth during his time in the Mechina. The *Rosh Yeshivah*, Harav Yochanan Zweig, addressed the boys via video hookup and spoke about the connection between *hadlakas hamenorah* and *chinuch*. Just as the lights of the *menorah* must be *shalheves oleh meyalehah*, a flame that rises by itself, so too, *chinuch* must result in an independent and confident *talmid* ready to face the world around him.

The highlight of the evening was the grand *siyum*. The *siyum*



*Siyum* at Mechina of South Florida.

celebrated the accomplishments of the *bachurim* in the high school and junior high school. More than 50 boys were *mesayem* various *masechtos*. Many of the *bachurim* reviewed what they learned 15 times and all of the *bachurim* successfully completed

rigorous and in-depth *bechinos*. Additionally, a week before the *siyum*, 20 of the eleventh- and twelfth-graders were tested on what they learned by four local Rabbanim. The Rabbanim were amazed by their command of the material and the proficiency that

the boys displayed.

Addressing the audience, the *Rosh Mechinah*, Harav Nisson Friedman, expressed his genuine pride in seeing so many *talmidim* being *mesayem masechtos*. He stressed how the *mesayem* had taken upon themselves extra hours of learning outside of the regular *sidrei yeshivah*, in order to finish these *masechtos*.

The *siyum* was held *l'zecher nishmas* Reb Binyoman Tzvi ben Reb Shlomo Chaim who survived the horrors of *Churban Europa* and built a life dedicated to *ahavas haTorah* and *ahavas Yisrael*. Today his great legacy is carried on by his family.

The night culminated with spirited dancing and an outpouring of true *simchah* as the *bachurim* and their parents danced with their *Rebbeim* late into the night. Together they celebrated the tremendous growth and *shteiging* of the past year.