



כ"ב אלול תשע"ה
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Dear Members, Parents, Friends and Supporters,

We write to you with very heavy hearts after the events of the past weeks - in particular, Rabbi Telsner's decision to stand down from his role as Rabbi at the Yeshivah Centre.

We acknowledge the deep concern and shock of many community members following Rabbi Telsner's decision. He and his wife served the community with devotion and selflessness for almost a decade. Together they helped many individuals and families in ways too numerous to enumerate with their open home and open hearts, always putting the community and its needs ahead of their own. This continues to be evident in his decision to now step down.

For all this and more, the Yeshivah Centre and the Melbourne community at large will always remain in debt.

In accordance with our commitment to transparency and accountability, we asked our Rabbinical Advisory Panel to review our involvement in the events that led up to Rabbi Telsner stepping down from his role. We understand that they will be communicating to the community in relation to this today.

Although on this occasion the decision was not ours to make, we would like to assure you of our commitment to thoughtful and considered management of the Yeshivah Centre, in line with the values of Torah, Chassidus and the directives of the Rebbe, and in close collaboration with the Rabbinical Advisory Panel.

We have been particularly inspired by Rabbi Telsner's humility in dealing with this matter and consider his response an act of true leadership from which we can all learn. We thank him sincerely for his tireless efforts and wish him well for this coming New Year.

We look forward to working with you over the coming months and welcome your continued feedback.

K'Sivah V'Chasimah Toivah, with blessings for a good and sweet new year.

Sincerely,

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