

expense can't be beat. I was in a house before and this is no headaches at all. My wife got the house, but I got some money and I am saving it to make a wiser investment later," said a newly divorced tenant of one of the buildings. Just a few years ago, the growth in the neighborhood was in Cedarhurst and other parts of the Five Towns. Now the trend has shifted to Far Rockaway. Both buildings are in relative walking distance to the beach, parks, shuls, kosher shopping, and many other community amenities. ❖

Technology For Torah

During Rabbi Friedman's annual trip to *Eretz Yisrael* to visit Rambam graduates learning there, current students back in the states experienced a special 'Skype' *shiur* given by Rabbi Friedman from Yerushalayim. Chaim Rosensweig, a student in Rabbi Friedman's *shiur* described it as follows, "It felt like it was like any other day of school. It is a remarkable use of technology: uplifting the mundane to the higher, spiritual purpose of teaching Torah." A Skype *shiur* was also delivered via Smart Board to students in Shalhevet. Every year Rambam boys learning in *Eretz Yisrael* get together for a *Shabbaton* with Rabbi Friedman. They *daven* together, sing together, *shmooze* together, and just have a great time. Rabbi Friedman said, "They really are an amazing bunch. It gives us great *nachas* to see their focus and desire to grow in Torah and *yiras Shamayim*." In addition to his reunion with his *talmidim* for Shabbos, Rabbi Friedman spends time visiting the various yeshivas the boys attend and was invited to give *shiurim* and *shmoozim* at



Shaalvim, HaKotel, Torat Shraga, and Mevaseret. "It is important to see what changes are taking place in the various yeshivas. Giving a *shiur* affords me the opportunity to see firsthand where the yeshiva is holding and the level of the boys who attend there. Overall, I was very impressed by the questions they asked and answers they proposed," said Rabbi Friedman.

Traditionally, approximately 95% of Rambam graduates go to learn in Israel in various *Hesder* and American type yeshivas. The annual *Shabbaton* is a much anticipated event for the *talmidim*.

In addition to the learning and *ruach*, Rabbi Friedman spends time talking to the *talmidim* about their individual progress. "It's really great to keep the *kesher* with the boys and we look forward to having them come back and visit Rambam as they always do. Meanwhile, I look forward to returning to the *talmidim* in New York and learning with them face-to-face." ❖

Kumsitz In West Orange With Rabbi Binyomin Kamenetsky

By Boruch Young

The Kessler Institute in West Orange,

New Jersey has housed two Supermen. The first one is Christopher Reeves. The second superman is our own Rabbi Binyamin Kamenetsky, *ylc't*. Rabbi Kamenetsky, one of the main founders and builders of the Torah community in the Five Towns was injured in a fall a few months ago, and is recovering at the Kessler Institute.

On Sunday, December 6, eighth graders, parents, and friends from the West Orange community joined with Michael Pruzansky in a warm *kumsitz*

Continued on Page 56

WOODMERE REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE CENTER

Serving the Five Towns Jewish Community

The Place for Caring

Specialized Services

- Short Term Rehabilitation - Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies
- Certified Ventilator Unit
- Hemodialysis - In-Patient and Out-Patient
- Amputation Recovery Program
- Oncology Wellness Program
- IV Therapy - Hydration, Nutrition and Medication Administration
- Wound Management
- Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia Care
- Long Term Care
- Hospice Care
- Social Work/Discharge Planning
- Glatt Kosher

For exceptional care, call (516) 374-9300

WOODMERE REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE CENTER

121 Franklin Place
Woodmere, NY 11598
Email: woodmererehab@aol.com
www.woodmererehab.com
Most Insurances Accepted

126 Cedarhurst Ave.
Cedarhurst NY
P. 516.792.1191

5211 New Utrecht Ave.
Brooklyn NY
P. 718.438.3933

- We sell them in all sizes, and prices.
- Outstanding service guaranteed.
- All on display, we encourage you to try them before you buy them.
- Largest selection, lowest prices, honest advice.
- Free: bed frame, delivery, set-up, & curb side removal.