

Queens & Long Island

Kesharim Ties The Knot With West Hempstead

Kesharim, founded and directed by Rabbi Shalom Axelrod, is a campus oriented non-profit organization whose mission is to create a Torah environment for Jewish collegiates attending secular colleges across the United States. Its primary goal is to offer attractive opportunities to yeshiva high-school graduates to advance their Jewish studies. *Kesharim* is committed to creating a network of Torah scholarship on and near college campuses where interested and committed Jewish students may find ongoing programs of learning, inspiration, guidance, and camaraderie.

Dedicated to setting up a network of Jewish learning programs on college campuses, first on the East Coast of the United States and then throughout North America, *Kesharim* is reaching out to affiliated students and offering specialized programs designed to meet their specific needs.

Currently, *Kesharim* promotes two divisions, *Ateret Seminary* for women and *Netzach Dovid* for men. Both divisions reach over 300 collegiates on several campuses (Barnard, Baruch, Brooklyn College, New York University, Queens College, and Rutgers University). Gradually expanding its scope and enrollment, *Kesharim* is single-handedly meeting the ongoing needs of this population and continually receiving requests from students on other

campuses to establish new chapters. In this spirit, *Kesharim* recently announced the inception of its newest initiative — The Yeshiva Gedolah of West Hempstead (YGWH), a *Kesharim* affiliate to be headed by Rabbi Warren Cinamon.

Rabbi Cinamon has been teaching Torah to the community for the past decade through numerous weekly shiurim in Queens and Long Island. For the last eight years, he also taught at the Rambam Mesivta in Lawrence. As a practicing attorney, Rabbi Cinamon appreciates the demands of the professional world and tries to convey to all of his *talmidim*, regardless of their ages, the importance of keeping one's priorities straight and striking the proper balance between the physical realities of life and living spiritually.

The YGWH, which has already been warmly received by the West Hempstead community, is slated to open its doors this September and will cater primarily to those boys who live in West Hempstead and the neighboring communities. YGWH will provide a serious, yet warm environment offering a morning learning program to the students in the area who attend Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, Adelphi University and other nearby schools. In addition to *shachris* and breakfast, the daily schedule will include a *halacha shiur*, *chavrusa* learning and an in-depth *gemorah shiur*. Weekly *parsha shiurim* and special guest *shiurim* given by local *rabbanim* and *roshei yeshiva* are also planned.

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