

### משכן אהרן

לע"נ הבחור אהרן סופר ז"ל



#### HACHNOSAS ORCHIM

achnosas Orchim has been a defining attribute of Klal Yisroel going back to Avrohom Avinu.

Hakadosh Boruch Hu chose Avrohom
Avinu and his descendants as the Am
Hanivchar with the words –
כי ידעתיו למען אשר יצוה את בניו ואת ביתו

because he will
instill in his children to carry on and
emulate his ways. Indeed, Klal Yisroel
comes to be known as a nation of
Rachmonim and Gomlei Chassodim – the
traits of Avrohom Avinu are embedded in
the essence of Klal Yisroel.



### A COMMUNAL INSTITUTION

על הרבים בודאי יש חיוב בזה, שיהיה להם מקום מיוחד ללינת האורחים... וכבר נהגו בכל ישראל לעשות חברה הכנסת אורחים המתחזקים במצוה זו, ואשרי חלקם... he Hachnosas Orchim House has been a communal fixture in Klal Yisroel all throughout the ages. Kehillos from across the spectrum, from the most affluent to the most impoverished, proudly maintained a Hekdesh, as it was known, to host visitors to their communities, providing them with room and accommodations, often on a higher standard than their own family.

Perhaps one of the downsides of our generation, where families are able to host guests in their own homes, has been the loss of this vital community institution, the *Hachnosas Orchim* House.

The middah of Hachnosas Orchim corresponds to the middas hachesed of Hakadosh Borchu Hu, who feeds and sustains every living being.

ספר כד הקמח, ערך אורחים

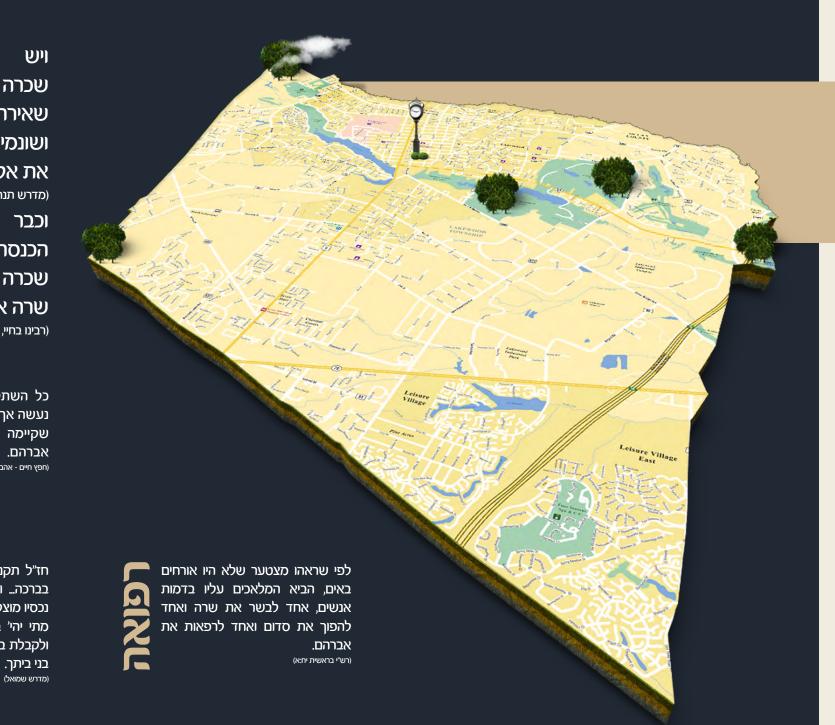
ויש מצוה שכרה בנים, כמו שרה שאירחה את האורחים ושונמית על שקבלה את אלישע. (מדרש תנחומא פ' תצא)

וכבר ידעת שמצות הכנסת אורחים פרי שכרה בנים, והראי' שרה אמינו.

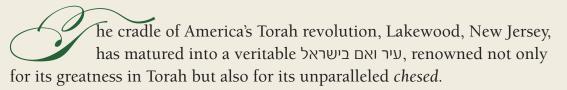
(רבינו בחיי, דברים כ"ב - ז')

כל השתלשלות זיווג רבקה ליצחק נעשה אך ורק על ידי הכנסת אורחים שקיימה רבקה לאליעזר עבד אברהם. (חפץ חיים - אהבת חסד)

חז"ל תקנו שאורח מברך את בעה"ב בברכה... ויצליח מאד בכל נכסיו, ויהיו נכסיו מוצלחים... אמן. מתי יהי' ביתך פתוח לקראת הרווחה ולקבלת ברכת שמים, כאשר יהיו עניים בני ביתך.







Lakewood today is home to well over 15,000 families, כן ירבו, many of them hailing from cities across America and around the globe. The number of guests visiting Lakewood on an average week for simchos and other occasions is estimated at several hundred.

Unfortunately, in some high-density areas of town, accommodation space is at a premium and very often inadequate. When guests have little or no family in Lakewood or in the immediate vicinity, visiting becomes a real challenge.

The acute and overwhelming need for a Hachnosas Orchim facility in Lakewood, to host families visiting for simchos and other occasions, has been expressed by Lakewood's rabbonim and communal askanim.

One must be vigilant not to overlook the mitzvah of Hachnosas Orchim. In its zechus, Hashem will save him and

his children from afflictions.
Chofetz Chaim

Ahavas Chesed 3:1











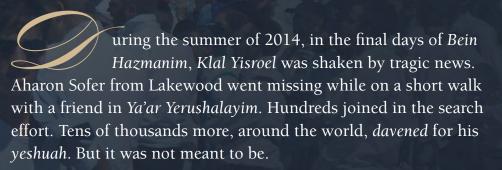








# PERPETUATING A Legacy of Chesed



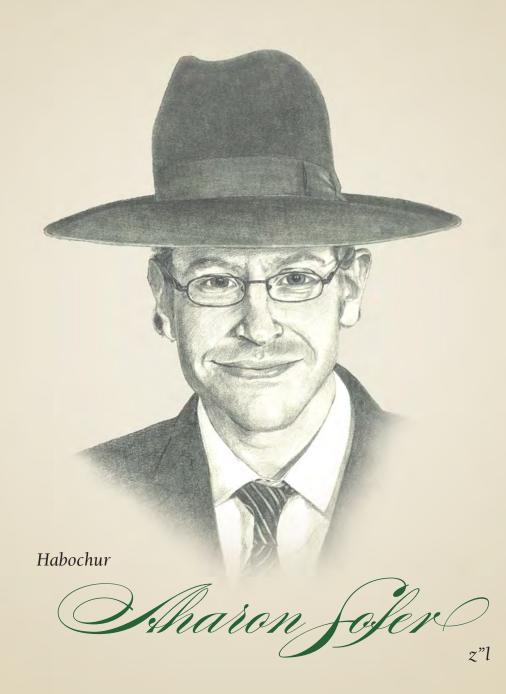
#### דודי ירד לגנו ללקוט שושנים...

The Ribbono Shel Olam plucked away the finest and most beautiful rose in His garden to take its rightful place in the World of Truth. The following week, on Erev Shabbos Parshas Shoftim, thousands came to be מלוה Aharon to his סנוחה נכונה. One month later, on Tzom Gedaliah, once again hundreds gathered in Lakewood to be נתחוק and to do something on behalf of this special neshama.



אריים... Harav Yitzchok Sorotzkin at the Shloshim of Aharon Sofer z"l





n his lifetime, Aharon represented the epitome of shleimus, working simultaneously to achieve gadlus in Torah, Avodah and Gemillus Chassodim. The great heights he achieved in his learning and his Avodas Hashem were manifested in his middos, particularly his chesed – a giving heart that would do anything to help another yid.

It was with this in mind, that the Sofer family, along with a group of Aharon's friends and admirers, initiated the *Hachnosas Orchim* project as the ideal perpetuation of his legacy.

"Through this continuous and everlasting chesed project, Aharon's memory will live on serving as a continuous zechus for his neshama and a tremendous nechama for us."



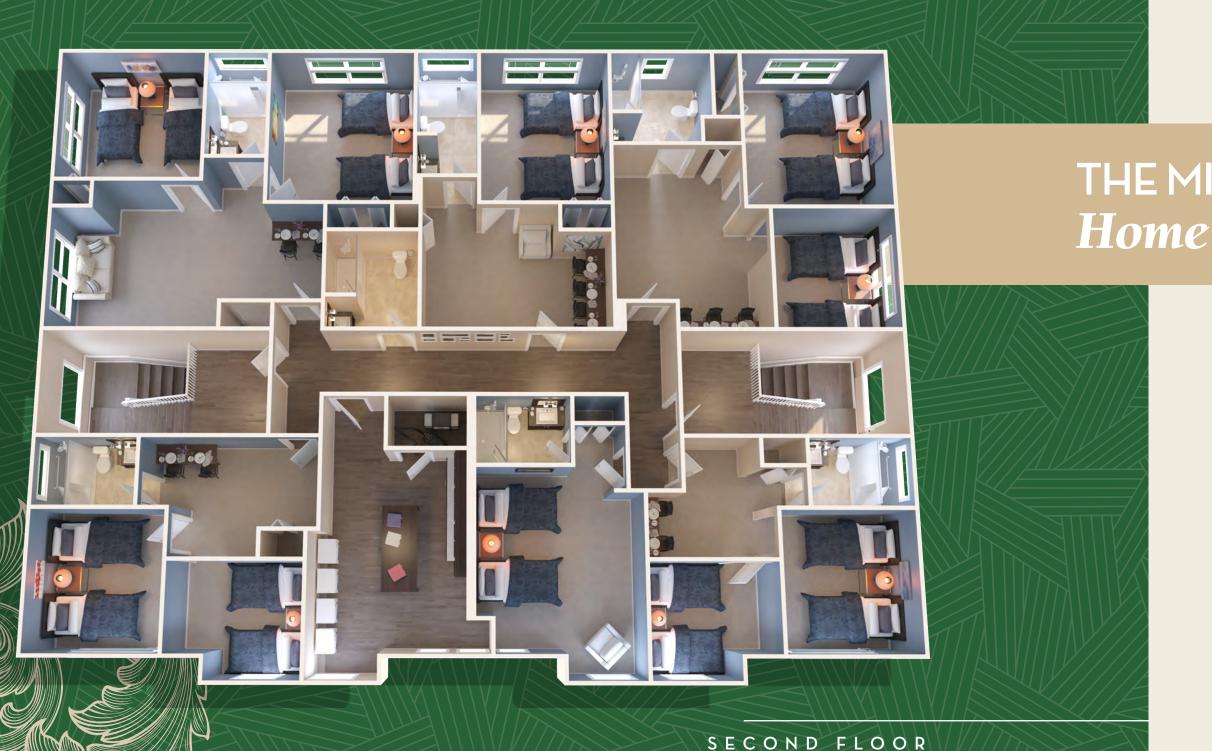
Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Tzvi Sofer





ולמי שאין נותנים לו בעל הבית ונותנים בית מלון מן הקהל, כמנהג בהרבה מקומות, יכינו הבית שיהא טוב בית מושב לימות החרף, ויכינו שם כרים וכסתות...

he planned Mishkan Ahron Hachnosas Orchim Center is a state-of-the-art, 10,500 square foot residence, strategically located at heart of several high-density neighborhoods. The center is located within walking distance to many simcha halls and hundreds of families, an area that has steady demand for hosting accommodations.



## THE MISHKAN AHARON Home Away from Home

ישכיבם במיטב מטותיו, כפי הראוי להם, כי גדולה מנוחת עיף בהיותו שוכב בטוב, ולפעמים יותר עושה לו טובה המשכיבו מן המאכילו והמשקהו. he Hachnosas Orchim
House will feature 14 suites
of various sizes, on three floors, with
a capacity to comfortably host up to
60 guests at a time. The rooms will be
reserved exclusively for families visiting
Lakewood for short stays. To ensure the
decorum of the facility and the safety of
guests, all visitors will submit to screening
and references.

A central kitchen area, common play areas and small refrigerator units in each apartment, and other accommodations will make staying at the Hachnosas Orchim Center a truly delightful experience.





he Mishkan Ahron Hachnosas Orchim Center of Lakewood is modeled after a highly successful Hachnosas Orchim facility in Flatbush already in operation for ten years.

With a hired maintenance staff and a long-term annual maintenance budget, the professional management and upkeep of the center has been secured for the long haul. Close to half of the projected \$100,000 annual maintenance budget will be covered by a nominal cleaning and maintenance fee assessed for each stay.

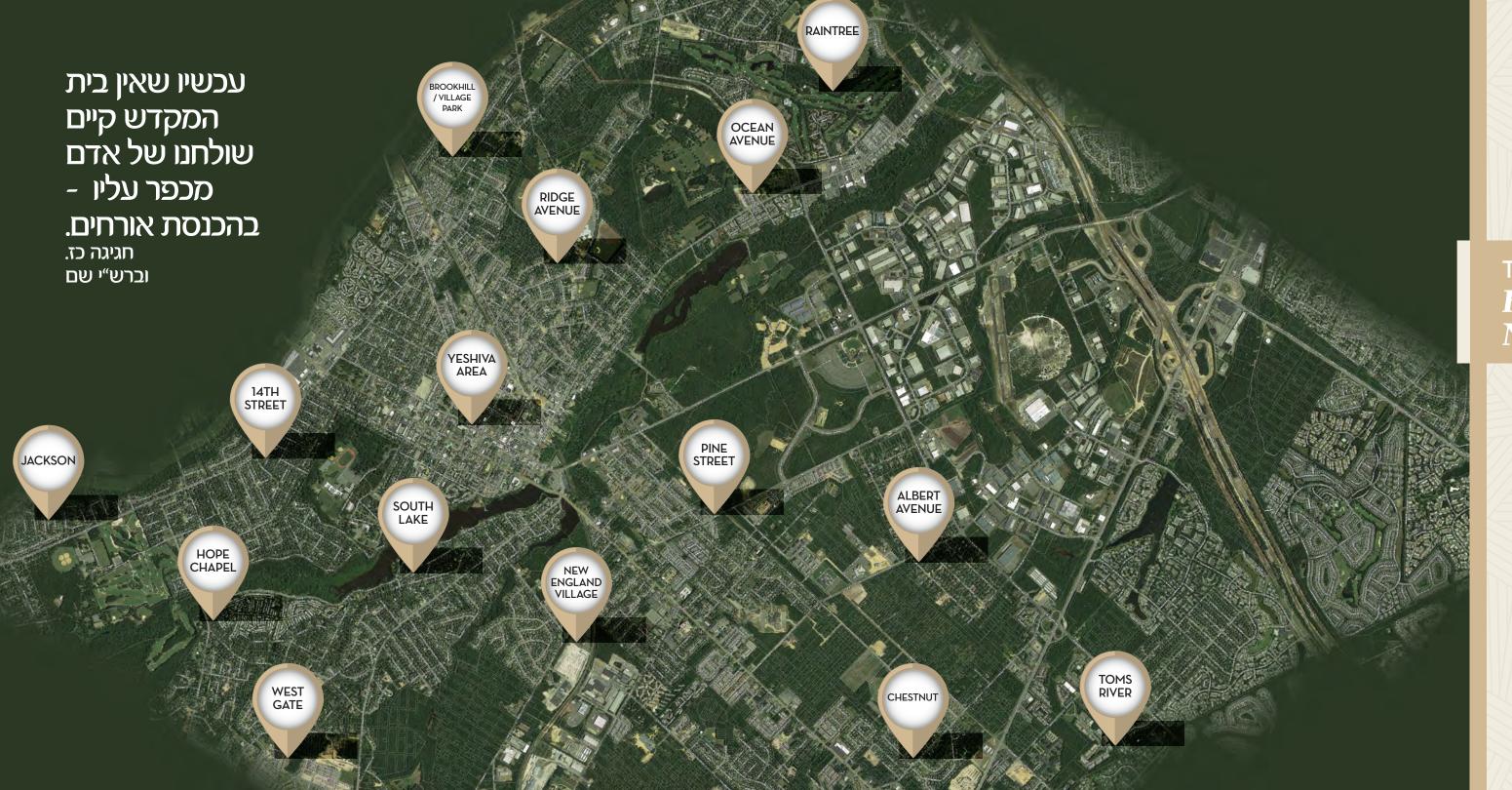
The remainder of the budget can be easily raised through a small annual campaign as well as Parnes dedications for days, weeks or months.

Join in this project today. Earn a perpetual share in the untold number of Mitzvos that will be generated through the project for many years to come!

הכנסת אורחים יותר מהשכמת בית המדרש וקבלת פני השכינה.

שבת קכז.

גדולה



### THE NEIGHBORHOOD Hachnosas Orchim Network Project

xpanding the scope of the Mishkan Aharon
Hachnosas Orchim Center, the Neighborhood
Hachnosas Orchim Network Project will be a free service
geared to matching up guests with available hosts in
Lakewood's diverse neighborhoods. The goal is to
compile a database of participating Hachnosas Orchim
hosts in different neighborhoods. Staffed by a dedicated
receptionist, the Mishkan Aharon office will serve as
virtual clearinghouse for ba'alei simcha and others seeking
accommodations in specific neighborhoods either for
Shabbos or overnight stays.

This project is open for dedications.

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