

Connect. Absorb. Learn.

Seeking inspiration and insight, the participants in this year's **Summer Learning Program** were not disappointed. But don't take our word for it, hear it in theirs:

*"Inspiring and brain stretching."
- "A fulfilling and uplifting week."*



"Wonderful and entertaining week of learning." - *"A truly unique opportunity to learn about a broad range of topics in an approachable and entertaining way."* - *"The best ever."* These were just some of the ways in which this year's program has been described.

And the crowds kept coming. Well over 200 people participated on each day of the program, with the public holiday days topping 300! Young and old, new faces and returning ones; our participants came from across the diverse spectrum of the Melbourne community.



A sizeable group of interstate guests also came down to enjoy the week of learning.

This week-long program is the premier learning event run by Kollel Menachem Lubavitch, the adult education division of the Yeshivah Centre. It is also the largest annual Torah learning program in Australia.

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With over 50 Shiurim delivered on a plethora of topics, many consider the Summer Learning Program to be a smorgasbord of Jewish thought that is sure to please the diverse array of participants.

Each year we host an international scholar to enlighten the crowd with a fresh and unique perspective. This year our guest speaker was the



talented **Rabbi Ari Shishler** from Sandton, South Africa. Rabbi Shishler is a brilliant orator with a sharp mind, a great sense of humour and broad knowledge.

He was joined by a team of dynamic presenters comprising our local, talented community Rabbis and Rebbetzins as well as the Rabbis of Kollel Menachem.

Rabbi Shishler mesmerised the crowds each day with his entertaining and thought-provoking presentations.

He addressed fresh and contemporary issues with lecture topics including: **Unorthodox women, You don't know what you don't know, Are Jews afraid**

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of fame? and The Shemittah project. He also spoke about our role in the conflict in Israel in the lecture titled



What can we do about a situation we cant seem to do anything about.

Needless to say these lectures left

many with lasting inspiration and new techniques to put to practice in their daily lives.

The more advanced learners were treated to a week of challenging, in-depth textual learning. Rosh Hakollel, **Rabbi Yonason Johnson** led the group through the Gemora and Rishonim, analysing and exploring different aspects of the Shemittah year.

A high-light for many young people was the relationships evening hosted by *Adei Ad*. Rabbi Shishler presented a shiur entitled **5 relationship pitfalls and how to avoid them**. The large crowd was treated to a refreshing perspective, accompanied by a refreshing tropical fruit and sorbet selection.

Many commented on the smooth and professional presentation of this year's program. As one woman put it most succinctly, "I have been to this program almost every year since its inception, this was far and away the best year from every perspective."



To compliment the food for thought, a delicious buffet of creative refreshments was served each day. This was

just another great feature to enhance the overall experience for our participants.

This year's program was truly amazing and we look forward to sharing an even better program with you next year. ■

We would like to thank our partners in Torah; the generous sponsors who enable us to offer such high-quality learning initiatives to the community.

Thank you to this year's major corporate sponsors; **Melbourne Office Supplies** and **Laserfast**. May the merit of so many people learning Torah bring you continued success and many blessings.

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"This was far and away the best year from every perspective."

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