

Sussya Yeshiva High School: A School With a Vision



They're a unique breed. Teenage boys, in open sandals and baseball caps, leaning over an overturned rock, their manly hands delicately examining a purple bloom edged with thorns. They burrow into their backpacks for their pocket-sized Bibles, turn a few well-worn pages and turn to their guide, their teacher, waiting for an explanation. At Sussya's Yeshiva High School for Environmental Studies, nature is the students' classroom. Every rock, every flower, every path through a wooded forest, is a lesson in learning about their beloved Biblical land. And reading in the Scriptures about their forefathers who walked through this same wilderness and smelled the same outdoor scents, makes the words come to life... helps internalize spiritually, their people's history.

The Yeshiva of Sussya is located in the Biblical inheritance of Caleb, on the border of the desert, at the foot of a mountain range on the way to the Negev. This breathtaking setting offers the students a hands-on learning experience, and the fieldwork encourages a love, a deep attachment to their Creator, His creations, and His land.

Only a small percentage of the student body comes from Sussya. The school has been serving teenage boys from all over Israel for more than ten years and has developed itself into an institution in great demand. The Sussya High School does not want to turn away

boys, and never takes into account a boy's economic situation when accepting him as a student. Many families pay tuition to supplement the government-provided resources. But so many cannot. CFOIC has been asked to help cover the scholarships the school sometimes has to provide.

There are some very specific needs at the school, as well, and CFOIC has been instrumental in providing for those needs. Last year, CFOIC helped upgrade and update the computer system and network and purchased more computers for the school's computer room and youth center.

It is a joy to pass by the Study Hall of the Sussya Yeshiva High School. Young men, leaning intently over their volumes of Talmud, discuss the intricacies of Biblical Law with their peers, each line challenging them to delve deeper. The room hums with the words of the Scriptures being studied. Last year CFOIC helped Sussya acquire additional books to replenish the library. This year they would like to continue the work to make the library a friendly and more accessible place.

These boys are educated in a way that makes them prime candidates for education, the military, and government. They know the lay of land, have walked the land, learned the feel of the land, and studied its complexities. The spiritual angle of the school lends these young men sensitivity, courage, and devotion, qualities which are so important for our future generations' leaders.

Won't you help the school build today's young boys into men of value for tomorrow? The future holds so many challenges for them and their country, and with the proper education, they can be the ones to play a significant role in its growth.

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| Student scholarships | \$22,000 |
| Library/study hall furnishings | 5,500 |
| TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED: | \$27,500 |

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