

## We Choose the Cream of the Crop...

After the terrible tragedy that took place in Meron this past Lag BaOmer, the Vizhnitz-London Rebbe, *shlita*, wrote a piercing letter, in which he raises awareness and demands that we better deal with the issue of weak *bochurim*, so that they do not fall by the wayside. Twenty-five *bochurim* perished in Meron, but what is happening with the hundreds of other *bochurim* who are dying?? Yes! They are going and coming, eating and drinking and smoking, but they are dead! *Zei zehnen toit!!* A body without a soul! Who even looks at them? Who is interested in them??



I'd like to share a few points:

It was well known that the Tosher Rebbe, *zy"a*, could not tolerate when a *maggid shiur* finished delivering the *shiur*, and then left the yeshivah without engaging with the *bochurim*.

The Radoshitzer Rav, *shlita*, who learned in the Tosher Yeshiva, told me that often, the Tosher Rebbe, *zy"a*, would see a *miaggid shiur* leaving the yeshivah after giving his *shiur*. The Rebbe would go over to the *maggid shiur* and admonish him, "Why are you walking around with a big *Gemara* under your arm?? Have you interacted with the *bochurim*? Have you taken an interest, and made sure that every *bochur* has what he needs? Are you sure that no one is lacking for anything? The *bochurim* are here in yeshivah without a father or mother!"

There was once a *bochur* who was on the verge of being expelled from the yeshivah. The members of the *hanhalah* came to the Tosher Rebbe and told them that this *bochur* needed to be removed from the yeshivah.

"What is bad about this boy?" the Rebbe asked them. The *hanhalah* replied that he was not doing anything - *ehr halt bei gornisht!*

"Buy this boy a new pair of the shoes and you'll see that everything will work out!" the Rebbe instructed them.

The Radoshitzer Rav further related that in 5762/2002, the Rebbe said in anguish, "There is an anger, *charon af*, on the world, *R"!!* We are not dealing with the weaker boys!! What is going to be??"



Many years ago, a number of distinguished people visited the Gaavad of Yerushalayim, *shlita*, and asked him to write a letter of endorsement for a certain yeshivah. The members of the *hanhalah* listed the virtues of the yeshivah and said, "We only accept *metzuyanim* to our yeshivah! We choose the cream of the crop,