Rabbi & Mrs. Yirmiyohu and Liba Bauminger

Alumni of the Year

Rabbi Yirmiyohu and Liba Bauminger came to Bala Cynwyd to join the Kollel 15 years ago via Brooklyn, where they were born and bred; Eretz Yisroel, where Rabbi Bauminger learned in the Mir Yeshiva and Kollel; and the Kollel in Elizabeth, NJ. During their years in Israel, Rabbi Bauminger laid the groundwork for a future of Torah learning and outreach by taking part in the Ohr Lagola *chinuch* and *kiruv* training program and by getting *semicha* from Rabbi Zalman Nechemia Goldberg, *zt"l*.

After many years of formally serving on the Kollel faculty, Rabbi Bauminger pursued an accounting certification and currently works for Betty, Inc. Mrs. Bauminger, who holds a Masters in early childhood special education, worked as a special instructor for many years and is currently teaching in the *kodesh* resource room at Politz Hebrew Academy. While the Baumingers technically are Kollel alumni, they and their crew of boys are still a key part of everyday learning, *davening*, and programming at the Kollel. Rabbi Bauminger is one of the Kollel's *gabbaim* and gives a Daf Yomi shiur. Mrs. Bauminger is one of the incredibly dedicated leaders at the Kesher program (which their daughter Yehudis is not even old enough to join yet!) and consistently volunteers to take part in everything the Kollel Women's division does. We cannot imagine the Philadelphia Community Kollel without the Baumingers behind the scenes!

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CELEBRATING **THE KOLLEL AT 21**

Our Honorees

Mr. & Mrs. Herb and Karen Berkowitz

Guests of Honor

Herb and Karen Berkowitz have successfully channeled all their lifetime personal and professional experiences into becoming the Jewish Community role models they are today. Since their meeting at the Drexel University Hillel in 1975, the Berkowitzes have devoted time and energy to helping others. While they raised their three children in Havertown, they moved to Bala Cynwyd in 2013 and joined the Torah-observant Community here.

Herb, a partner at William E. Howe CPA, uses his financial expertise to currently serve as the Kollel's treasurer; he previously held that position at Aish Philadelphia. Karen, who spent 30 years working on behalf of developmentally disabled adults, is now retired and concentrates her efforts for others through her work for Chasdei Eliyahu and PUAH. Both Herb and Karen love Torah learning; Herb's weekly chavrusa at the Kollel is the highlight of his week, and Karen regularly attends Kollel women's classes. The Berkowitz's greatest *nachas* and joy are their five amazing grandchildren, some of whom live around the corner from them, the children of Jared and Ilana Berkowitz.

Dr. & Mrs. Eli and Tamar Miller

Chaver Tov Award

Dr. Eli and Tamar Miller settled in Bala Cynwyd seven years ago for Eli's residency at Temple University Hospital, and they have since become integral to our community and its institutions. Hailing from the Chicago and Baltimore areas, Eli and Tamar met at Brandeis University and married in 2012.

Eli is an endocrinologist with Einstein Physicians Montgomery, and Tamar works as a health actuary. The Millers have three delicious children, Eitan, Yair, and Leora. They enjoy being active, especially outdoors, and they also love hosting friends and family for Shabbos. Eli assists with *gabbai* functions at YIML, and Tamar serves on the board of CTA. Everyone who comes to the Kollel Beis Medrash is familiar with Eli's passionate, precise, and intense Torah learning, and we are proud to honor a couple like the Millers who stand for Torah-true growth.