

# Chief Rabbi Shaul Kassin Visits Hillel Yeshiva

The talmidim and talmidot (students) of Hillel Yeshiva celebrated a day that will be remembered in Community history! Chief Rabbi Shaul Kassin, known in the Syrian Community as Chacham Shaul, was welcomed with spirited songs of the Pizmon *Yachid El Dagul* by Hillel Yeshiva students of grades 1-5 under the direction of Rabbi Maslaton, Morah Dabbah Menaged and Morah Sima Goldofsky.

As Chacham Shaul was escorted by the entourage of parents and lay leadership through the throngs of the children's smiling faces, it was indeed a realization of the Pasuk "Tnu Chavod La Torah": Give honor to the Torah and those who represent the Torah value system, which serves as our guide of Jewish life. During the course of his visit, Rabbi Kassin addressed the fathers & mothers of the 6, 7 and 8 middle school students, as well as the faculty and students of the elementary grades through high school.

Fathers of the ELC from three-year-olds to kindgarteners were also given the wonderful opportunity to pray Minha with Chief Rabbi Shaul Kassin and to receive Divrei Beracha from the Chief Rabbi.

As a midday break in this whirlwind inspirational day, community rabbis and leaders participated in a lunch reception in honor of Chief Rabbi Kassin.

I am certain that Chacham Shaul's visit will remain legendary and inspirational in the hearts and minds of all those who were there. As stated by a Hillel Yeshiva parent, Mr. David Smouha: "Hazak Ubaruch for



organizing today's wonderful event. It was truly a magical moment for the entire Hillel Family to see the parents, children and faculty so proud to have our Chief Rabbi visit our school. It was a total success! May we continue to inspire our children and teach them our wonderful Torah." □