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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:00 PM		CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION
4:05 PM	Nirvana A	MINCHA
6:00 PM– 8:00 PM	Schaumburg East (and E/F/G/H)	GENERAL DINNER
6:45 PM –7:45 PM	Schaumburg A and B	SPECIAL SESSION FOR MECHANCHIM AND MECHANCHOS Chairman Rabbi Moshe Revah Rosh Kollel, Kollel Beis Medrash L'Torah and Rav, Ohel Tefillah, Chicago, IL Rabbi Lipa Geldwerth Rav, Cong. Kol Torah and Maggid Shiur, Torah Temimah, Brooklyn, NY Rabbi Yosef Elefant R"m, Yeshivas Mir Yerushalayim Followed by Q&A
7:00 PM		AGUDAH LIVE! Rabbi Shai Markowitz Rabbi Avi Schnall
7:30 PM	Schaumburg West	PRE-KEYNOTE SESSION LIFE LESSONS FROM THE PAST TWO YEARS (IN 10 MINUTES OR LESS) Rabbi Yisroel Menachem Levin Rav, Cong. Beth Tefilo, Southfield, MI Rabbi Yisroel Reisman Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Torah Vo'daas and Rav, Agudah of Madison, Brooklyn, NY Rabbi Shmuel Dishon Menahel, Yeshivas Karlin-Stolin, Brooklyn, NY Dayan Aharon Dovid Dunner Rosh Av Bais Din, Kedassia, London, England
	Schaumburg C and D	FOR WOMEN: STAYING POSITIVE AMIDST ADVERSITY: FINDING WAYS TO THRIVE Introduction Mrs. Roni Lichtman , Chicago, IL Rebbitzen Esther Levin Rebbitzen, Telshe Yeshiva- Chicago, IL Dr. Chani Tessler Dean, Blitstein Institute, Chicago, IL

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 CONT.

8:30 PM	Schaumburg West	MAARIV
8:45 PM	Schaumburg West	<p>THURSDAY NIGHT KEYNOTE ALIVE! CHAI V'KAYAM- THE GRIT AND THE GLORY OF OUR NATION</p> <p>Chairman Rabbi Shlomo Soroka Director of Government Affairs, AIOI</p> <p>Divrei Pesicha Rabbi Henoah Plotnik Maggid Shiur, Yeshivas Kesser Yonah, Chicago, IL</p> <p>ADDRESSES: Rabbi Yisroel Reisman Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Torah Vo'daas and Rav, Agudah of Madison, Brooklyn, NY</p> <p>Rabbi Lipa Geldwerth, Rav, Cong. Kol Torah and Maggid Shiur, Torah Temimah, Brooklyn, NY</p>
		CONCURRENT SESSIONS
	Schaumburg A/B	<p>עשה לך רב RABBINIC AUTHORITY & RABBINIC CONNECTION</p> <p>Rabbi Moshe Scheinberg Rav, Agudas Yisroel of West Rogers Park, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rabbi Lipa Geldwerth Rav, Cong. Kol Torah and Maggid Shiur, Torah Temimah, Brooklyn, NY</p> <p>Rabbi Yechezkel Greenberg Congregation Bais Yisroel, St. Louis Park, MN</p>
10:00 PM	Schaumburg E/F	<p>קנה לך חבר UNMASKING ACHDUS</p> <p>Rabbi Yisroel Reisman Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Torah Vo'daas and Rav, Agudah of Madison, Brooklyn, NY</p> <p>Rabbi Menachem Greenblatt Rav, Agudas Yisroel of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO</p> <p>Rabbi Naphtali Buchwald Assistant Rav, Young Israel of Houston, TX</p>
	Schaumburg C/D	<p>FOR WOMEN: CHINUCH- 24/7/365</p> <p>Mrs. Elisheva Scheinberg Rebbitzin, Agudas Yisroel of West Rogers Park, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Mrs. Rivka Sara Jaffe Head of Hebrew Resource Room, Arie Crown Hebrew Day School, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Mrs. Bella Kaufman Assistant Principal, Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov Junior High, Chicago, IL</p>
10:15 PM	Schaumburg H	<p>REBBITZENS MEETING with Mrs. Shani Neuhoff Noted Kallah Teacher, Brooklyn, NY</p>
10:30 PM	Schaumburg G	<p>RABBANIM MEETING with Dayan Ahron Dovid Dunner Rosh Av Bais Din, Kedassia, London, England</p>

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:30 AM	Schaumburg A/B	SHACHARIS 1
6:45 AM	Nirvana A	DAF YOMI – Rabbi Alexander Charlop Rav, Zichron Chaim, University Heights, OH
6:55 AM	Schaumburg A/B	SHACHARIS 2 – K’VASIKIN Ha’netz- 7:17 am
7:30 AM	Nirvana A	SHACHARIS 3
8:00 AM	Schaumburg A and B	SHACHARIS 4
7:30 AM-9:30 AM	Schaumburg East and West	BREAKFAST
8:15 AM	Schaumburg G	RABBANIM BREAKFAST with Rabbi Yosef Elefant and Rabbi Sholem Fishbane
CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS		
<p>REVIVE: REIGNITING A PASSION FOR YIDDISHKEIT (A PROVEN PATH TO SELF ACTUALIZATION)</p> <p>MAKING A PLAN Rabbi Mordechai Kalatsky Rav, Cong. Knesset Yisroel, St. Louis Park, MN</p> <p>MUSSAR Rabbi Zev Cohen Rav, Adas Yeshurun and Rosh Kollel, Chicago Choshen Mishpat Kollel, Chicago, IL</p> <p>TORAH Rabbi Binyamin Meystel Rosh Hayeshiva, Yeshiva Eitz Chaim, Chicago, IL</p>		
9:30 AM	Schaumburg E/F	<p>WE ALL KEEP KOSHER, RIGHT? The Torah Approach to Planning Parties and Events Rabbi Naphtali Burnstein Rav, Young Israel of Greater Cleveland, Beachwood, OH</p> <p>Rabbi Pinchus Eichenstein Rav, Khal Ohr Yisocheer-Chodorov, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rabbi Sholem Fishbane Kashrus Administrator, CRC, Chicago, IL</p>
	Schaumburg C/D	<p>FOR WOMEN: LOOKING GOOD VS. BEING GOOD Introduction Mrs. Ayala Weinrib, Rebbitzin, Cong. Zichron Eliezer, Cincinnati, OH.</p> <p>Mrs. Yael Kaisman, Teacher, Lecturer and Life Coach, Lakewood, NJ</p>

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 CONT.

9:45 AM	Utopia A-D	<p>SPECIAL SESSION for Bais Yaakov High School and Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov Students</p> <p>Dayan Aharon Dovid Dunner, Rosh Av Bais Din, Kedassia, London, England</p> <p>Rabbi Shmuel Dishon, Menahel, Yeshivas Karlin-Stolin, Brooklyn, NY</p> <p>Mrs. Ilana Toweg Shmitah Farmer, Moshav Azarya</p>
11:00 AM	Schaumburg A/B and C/D	<p>FRIDAY MORNING KEYNOTE</p> <p>SURVIVE: STAYING SANE IN AN INSANE WORLD</p> <p>Chairman Mr. Moshe Davis, Interm EVP</p> <p>Rabbi Shimon Alster Rosh Hayeshiva, Yeshiva Gedolah of Cliffwood and Rav, Bais Medrash Torah U'tefilah, Brooklyn, NY</p> <p>Rabbi Efraim Twerski Rav, Khal Chasidim, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rabbi Yosef Elefant R"m, Yeshivas Mir Yerushalayim</p>
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Schaumburg East West	BUFFET LUNCH
1:30 PM	Schaumburg H	<p>REBBETZINS MEETING</p> <p>Mrs. Yael Kaisman, Teacher, Lecturer and Life Coach, Lakewood, NJ</p>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Public House and Winter Garden	TOAMEHA
1:30 PM	Nirvana B	<p>SHABBOS IN A HOTEL: Q & A with the Dayan</p> <p>Chairman Rabbi Reuven Gross Rav, Shaarei Tzedek Mishkan Yair, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rabbi Shmuel Fuerst Dayan, Agudas Yisroel of Illinois, Chicago, IL</p>
3:35 PM	Utopia A - D	<p>PARSHA B'YUN</p> <p>Rabbi Shlomo Littman Rosh Kollel, Kollel of Houston, Houston, TX</p>
3:30 PM	Nirvana A	<p>FOR BOYS</p> <p>LIKRAS SHABBOS</p> <p>Led by- Rabbi Asher Neuman Principal, Hebrew Academy of Cleveland Yeshiva Ketana, Cleveland Heights, OH</p>

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3:35 PM	Schaumburg E/F	<p>PRE-SHABBOS DIVREI CHIZUK FOR WOMEN THE AURA OF NEIROS SHABBOS Rabbi Daniel Raccach Rav, Ohel Shalom Torah Center, Chicago, IL</p>
4:05 PM	Schaumburg A	<p>LICHT BENTSCHEN – Room is open 3:45-4:25</p>
<p>IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO LIGHT CANDLES IN GUEST ROOMS OR ANYWHERE IN THE HOTEL OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED AREA. It is halachically preferable to turn on a light in your hotel room before proceeding to light candles on Erev Shabbos and have in mind that this should be part of your candle lighting. (It should be a light that you will be leaving on for Shabbos.)</p>		
4:10 PM	Utopia A-D	<p>MINCHA AND KABBOLAS SHABBOS Introduction Rabbi Chaim Dovid Zwiebel Executive Vice President, Agudath Israel of America, Brooklyn, NY Rabbi Malkiel Kotler Chaver Moetzes Gedolei Hatorah and Rosh Hayeshiva, Beth Medrash Govoha, Lakewood, NJ</p>
4:25 PM		<p>SHKIAH</p>
4:30 PM	Schaumburg E/F	<p>FOR WOMEN: EISHES CHAYIL: THE UNIQUE ROLE OF A WOMAN Introduction Mrs. Beth Bassman Mrs. Craindell Mannes Menahelas, Bais Yaakov High School, Chicago, IL</p>
5:45 PM	Schaumburg East West A - D	<p>SEUDAS SHABBOS DVAR TORAH – Rabbi Heshy Forster, Menahel, Yeshiva Ohr Boruch-Veitzenner Cheder, Chicago, IL</p>
8:45 PM	Utopia A - D	<p>LEIL SHABBOS KEYNOTE SESSION Q AND A: ASKING FOR A FRIEND Chairman Rabbi Avi Schnell, Director, New Jersey Office of AIOA, Lakewood, NJ Rabbi Elya Brudny Chaver Moetzes Gedolei Hatorah and Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivas Mir, Brooklyn, NY Rabbi Yosef Elefant R”M, Yeshivas Mir Yerushalayim</p>
10:15 PM	Schaumburg E/F (men) G/H (women)	<p>SHEVES ACHIM AND ONEG SHABBOS (for Men and Women) Rabbi Nosson Muller Menahel, Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi, Chicago, IL Rabbi Yechiel Spero Noted Rebbi, Author and Speaker, Baltimore, MD</p>

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SHABBOS, DECEMBER 25

6:35 AM	Nirvana A/B Nirvana C	<p>SHACHARIS (Nusach Ashkenaz) [K'vasikin- Hanetz- 7:18]</p> <p>Shiur Rabbi Dovid Zucker Rosh Kollel, Kollel Zichron Shneur, Chicago, IL</p> <p>After Davening - KIDDUSH</p>
7:35 AM	Utopia A-D	<p>DAF YOMI Rabbi Mayer Yehuda Lichtman Menahel, Yeshivas Kesser Yonah, Chicago, IL</p>
8:15 AM	Utopia A-D	<p>SHACHARIS (Nusach Sefard) Introduction Rabbi Ari Strulowitz, DOO, AIOI</p> <p>Drasha Rabbi Aharon Dovid Goldberg Chaver Moetzes Gedolei Hatorah and Rosh Hayeshiva, Telshe Yeshiva, Wickliffe, OH</p>
10:00 AM	Nirvana A	<p>REINFORCING OUR PILLARS: TORAH V'TEFILLAH Divrei Pesicha Rabbi Shloime Kohn Rosh Hayeshiva, Yeshivas Kesser Yonah, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rabbi Shimon Alster, Rosh Hayeshiva, Yeshiva Gedolah of Cliffwood and Rav, Bais Medrash Torah U'tefilah, Brooklyn, NY</p> <p>Rabbi Shmuel Yeshaya Keller Rosh Hayeshiva, Telshe Yeshiva-Chicago, Chicago, IL</p>
	Nirvana B	<p>FOR WOMEN: ENTITLEMENT: IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT US Introduction Mrs. Tobie Teller Menacheles, Hannah Sacks Bais Yaakov, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Mrs. Yael Kaisman Teacher, Lecturer and Life Coach, Lakewood, NJ</p>
11:00 AM	Utopia Foyer (men) Nirvana Foyer (women)	<p>KIDDUSH</p>
11:45 AM	Utopia A-D	<p>MINI KEYNOTE SESSION: Arrive: Timely Advice to Help Bring Mashiah Chairman Rabbi Labish Becker, Executive Director, Agudath Israel of America</p> <p>Dayan Aharon Dovid Dunner Rosh Av Bais Din, Kedassia, London, England</p> <p>Rabbi Yechiel Spero Noted Rebbi, Author and Speaker, Baltimore, MD</p>
12:45 PM	Schaumburg East West A - D	<p>SEUDAS SHABBOS</p> <p>Dvar Torah Rabbi Mordechai Yaroslavit Director, Kulanu Yachad, St. Louis, MO</p>
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Nirvana B	<p>Session for High School Girls CHOOSING TO LIVE IN A COMPETITIVE OR CONTRIBUTIVE WORLD Introduction Mrs. Frumie Kohn</p> <p>Mrs. Yael Kaisman Teacher, Lecturer and Life Coach, Lakewood, NJ</p>

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SHABBOS, DECEMBER 25 CONT.

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:00 PM	Nirvana A	<p>יום שבתון אין לשנוח MAKING SHABBOS UNFORGETTABLE Rabbi Shmuel Dishon Menahel, Yeshivas Karlin-Stolin, Brooklyn, NY Rabbi Daniel Raccach Rav, Ohel Shalom Torah Center, Chicago, IL</p>
	Nirvana B	<p>FOR WOMEN: חנוך לנער - LETTING GO OF PERFECTION Mrs. Sara Neuman, General Studies Principal, Bais Yaakov High School, Chicago, IL Mrs. Shani Neuhoff Noted Kallah Teacher, Brooklyn, NY</p>
3:15 PM	Utopia A-D	<p>THE HALACHOS OF AYIN HARA Rabbi Shmuel Khoshkerman Rav, Cong. Ner Hamizrach/Agudah of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA</p>
3:50 PM	Utopia A-D	<p>MINCHA</p>
4:00 PM	Schaumburg EFGH	<p>SHALOSH SEUDOS FOR WOMEN Rabbi Shmuel Fuerst Dayan, Agudas Yisroel of Illinois, Chicago, IL Mrs. Ilana Toweg Shmitah Farmer, Moshav Azarya</p>
4:10 PM	Schaumburg A/B	<p>SHALOSH SEUDOS FOR MEN Introduction Rabbi A.D. Motzen National Director of State Relations, Agudath Israel of America, Cincinnati, OH Rabbi Malkiel Kotler Chaver Moetzes Gedolei Hatorah and Rosh Hayeshiva, Beth Medrash Govoha, Lakewood, NJ Rabbi Nosson Muller Menahel, Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi, Chicago, IL</p>
	Schaumburg C/D	<p>YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SHALOSH SEUDOS Introduction Rabbi Yitz Frank Executive Director, Agudath Israel of Ohio, Cleveland, OH Rabbi Yechiel Spero Rav Shimon Alster</p>
4:26 PM		<p>SHKIAH</p>
5:26 PM	Shalosh Seudos Location	<p>MAARIV AND HAVDALAH</p>
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Boys: Adventure Foyer Girls: Childcare area	<p>CHILDREN'S MELAVE MALKA</p>

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SHABBOS, DECEMBER 25 CONT.

7:00 PM	Utopia A	<p>RECALIBRATING: EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND AVODAS HASHEM</p> <p>Rabbi Avrohom Weinrib Rav, Cong. Zichron Eliezer, Cincinnati, OH</p> <p>Rabbi Binyamin A. Neuman Rav, Adas Bnai Yisroel, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rabbi Yosef Elefant R"m, Yeshivas Mir Yerushalayim</p>
7:00 PM	Utopia B	<p>FOR WOMEN: SUPPORT AND DIRECTION: PREPARING OUR DAUGHTERS FOR DATING AND MARRIAGE</p> <p>Rabbi Tzadok Katz, Lakewood, NJ</p> <p>Mrs. Yael Kaisman Teacher, Lecturer and Life Coach, Lakewood, NJ</p> <p>Mrs. Shani Neuhoff Noted Kallah Teacher, Brooklyn, NY</p>
7:00 PM	Nirvana A/B	<p>AVOS U'BONIM with the Roshei Hayeshiva Story Told By: Rabbi Mordechai Yaroslawitz</p>
7:15 PM		<p>AGUDAH LIVE!</p> <p>Rabbi Shai Markowitz Rabbi Avi Schnell</p>
8:00 PM	Exploration Hall	<p>MOTZEI SHABBOS KEYNOTE SESSION</p> <p>וחי בהם Thrive! Keeping Our Mesorah Alive.</p> <p>Chairman Rabbi Yaakov Robinson Menahel, Midwest Agudas Yisroel Vaad Harabbanim and Rav, Beis Medrash Mikor Hachaim, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Message from the Moetzes Rabbi Elya Brudny, Chaver Moetzes Gedolei Hatorah and Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivas Mir, Brooklyn, NY</p> <p>Addresses</p> <p>Rabbi Shmuel Fuerst Dayan, Agudas Yisroel of Illinois, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Rabbi Shmuel Yehuda Levin Rosh Hayeshiva, Telshe Yeshiva-Chicago, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Guest Speaker Dayan Ahron Dovid Dunner</p> <p>Video Presentation A Thriving Agudah</p>
10:30 PM	Schaumburg East and West	<p>MELAVE MALKA</p>
		<p>DESSERT AND ZEMIROS</p>

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:55 AM	Schaumburg A/B	SHACHARIS 1 (K'VASIKIN)
7:30 AM	Schaumburg C/D	SHACHARIS 2
8:00 AM	Schaumburg A/B	SHACHARIS 3
8:30 AM	Nirvana A	SHACHARIS 4
7:30 AM	Schaumburg West	BREAKFAST
7:30 AM	Nirvana A	DAF YOMI Rabbi Reuven Levitin, Maggid Shiur Daf Yomi, Chicago, IL
8:45 AM	Schaumburg E	RABBANIM BREAKFAST with: Presentation Rabbi Yitzchak Melber Founder and Director, Tahareinu, Yerushalayim
CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
9:30 AM	Schaumburg A/B	THRIVE: THRIVING CHILDREN – TRULY UNDERSTAND EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN Rabbi Yehuda Cheplowitz Rosh Yeshiva, WITS, Milwaukee, WI Rabbi Shmuel Tenenbaum Mashgiach, Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi, Chicago, IL Dr. Chaim Neuhoff Noted Therapist, Brooklyn, NY
	Schaumburg C/D	THRIVE: THRIVING MARRIAGES – MERGING PARALLEL LIVES Rabbi Shmuel Dishon , Menahel, Yeshivas Karlin-Stolin, Brooklyn, NY Rabbi Zalman Leib Eichenstein Rav, Chesed L'Avrohom Zititchov, Rosh Kollel, Kollel Zichron Yitzchok Zev, Chicago, IL Rabbi Moshe Kaufman Rav, Bais Haknesses D'Chicago and Morah Horaah, Midwest Bais Horaah, Chicago, IL
11:00 AM	Schaumburg A-D	CLOSING KEYNOTE Thrive! Giborei Koach- Growth Through Emunah and Bitachon Chairman Mr. Yonason Ghermezian Chief Business Officer, Mall of America Rabbi Zev Cohen Rav, Adas Yeshurun and Rosh Kollel, Chicago Choshen Mishpat Kollel, Chicago, IL Mr. Avishai Yifrach Shmitah Farmer, Moshav Revaya Rabbi Joey Haber Rav, Magen David Synagogue and Dean, Magen David Yeshiva, Brooklyn, NY
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