V'et Yehuda Shalach L'fanav, by Rabbi Aharon Ziegler

- Aharon Ziegler. What a yeshiva should be.

In this parsha, the torah and Chazal spell out for us the mission of what a yeshiva should stand for.

46:28-v'et Yehuda shalach lefanov el Yosef lehorot.."

Rashi cites the Midrash: letaken bo beit midrash shemisham teitzei tora.

In other words, a yeshiva should function as a place where halakha will be forthcoming.

A yeshiva should not merely be a place where students will sit and learn for sake of learning, but a place where halakha lema'aseh will be forthcoming.

A new environment, a new circumstance requires halakha to decide on new technological innovations in our society. The yeshiva should provide those solutions and answers.

Yaakov Avinu was aware of this challenge. He therefore sent forth Yehuda to begin the groundwork, even before Yaakov and family go down to Mitzrayim.

Are our Yeshivot standing up to this challenge?