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## April Constituent of the Month: Rabbi Moishe Feiglin

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**Award:** Constituent of the Month

Rabbi Moishe Feiglin is the founder and Executive Director of A.L.I.Y.A (Alternative Learning Institute for Young Adults) Institute in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

ALIYA, a branch of the Worldwide Chabad Lubavitch Outreach Organization, operates a drop-in center for young adults. The aim of ALIYA is to improve the lives of the at-risk youth on the fringe of the community who might otherwise “fall through the cracks” because of the inability to complete high school, drug use and/or other high-risk behavior. The ALIYA drop-in center is open 24 hours/day and offers GED certification classes, employment training and referral, substance abuse counseling and referral, mental health referral, mentoring, a full gym and recording studio, scheduled meals and, most of all, a place to call home for those young adults who may not be welcome in their own homes.

Born in Melbourne, Australia, Rabbi Feiglin attended the Chabad Yeshiva College in Melbourne, graduating from both their high school and college (where he received an Associate Degree in Talmudic Studies). He continued his education in the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, NJ, where he received a Bachelor of Religious Studies degree. While performing a year of young adult outreach work at Yale University in New Haven, CT, he attended the Rabbinical College of New England. Rabbi Feiglin then studied for a year in yeshiva in Israel and received his Rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Yitzchak Yehuda Yaroslavsky of Kfar Chabad. In 2010, he was certified as a Professional Life Coach by the American Association of Professional Coaches as well as the Refuah Institute.

Rabbi Feiglin and his wife, Sara, work closely together on ALIYA's outreach efforts. Rebbetzin Feiglin is involved with organizational planning and hosts many of ALIYA's clients for Shabbos and holiday meals. The Feiglins and their four children live in Crown Heights.