

COURSE CATALOG



Tomer Devorah 5776/2015-2016

***Course
Selection Guide
for the
New
Tomer Devorah
Schedule &
Curriculum***

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THE NEW TOMER DEVORAH SCHEDULE

We are very excited to announce a complete restructuring of the Tomer Devorah Weekly Schedule. With our brand new schedule, every student will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Pick your own classes
- ✓ Place an emphasis on Tanach, text, Halacha or Hashkafa
- ✓ Create your own unique weekly schedule of classes and breaks
- ✓ Challenge yourself with the new Matmidot Program

All students must have a minimum of **39 Weekly Class Hours** and must fulfill the following weekly requirements:

- ✓ Tanach – 12 Hours/Week Minimum
- ✓ Halacha – 6 Hours/Week Minimum
- ✓ Hashkafa – 8 Hours/Week Minimum
- ✓ Eretz Yisrael – 3 Hours/Week Minimum

In addition to these 29 Required hours, all students must enroll in:

- ✓ 4 Hours of Rakezet Classes Weekly
- ✓ 4 Hours of Night Classes Weekly
- ✓ At least 2 more Classes Weekly

To qualify for the brand new **Matmidot Program**:

- ✓ At least 43 Weekly Class Hours
- ✓ Enroll in the Parshat HaShavua Self Study Program
- ✓ Attend Shacharit daily in the TD Beit Midrash

HOW DOES THE NEW TOMER DEVORAH SCHEDULE WORK?

Pick your own classes

Courses are divided into 4 categories: **Tanach, Halacha, Hashkafa and Eretz Yisrael**. [In addition, all students have 4 weekly hours of Rakezet Classes and 4 weekly hours of Night Classes.] In each category there is a minimum requirement of weekly class hours that each student must take. Each of the 4 categories has **Core Courses that all students must choose from**, and **Elective Courses** that represent a selection of classes that students can choose to fulfill their weekly class requirements, or take as study periods, or for personal time. Meaning, once a student's schedule has met the weekly requirements, she may choose to take more classes (whether to get more credits for college or for the Matmidot Program – see below), or opt out of taking more classes and use that time for studying or personal time instead.

Each week a student must have *a minimum* of:

Department	Weekly Requirement	Number of Core/Electives Offered
Tanach	12 Periods	7 Core / 5+ Electives
Halacha	6 Periods	4 Core / 2+ Electives
Hashkafa	8 Periods	3 Core / 5+ Electives
Eretz Yisrael	3 Periods	1 Core / 2+ Electives
Rakezet Class	4 Periods	All Core
Night Classes	4 Periods	All Core

Within the categories of Tanach, Halacha, Hashkafa and Eretz Yisrael, there are a variety of courses, teachers and class-styles to choose from...

Place an emphasis on Tanach, text, Halacha or Hashkafa

With the new schedule flexibility, a student can choose her classes throughout the week to reflect those areas of study that she would like to emphasize more. Once a student's Weekly Schedule contains the required weekly courses in each of the categories outlined above, she will have the opportunity to fill her schedule with more classes of her choosing, stressing whichever classes or Beit Midrash sessions that appeal to her. Even within the Core and Elective Requirement

Courses, there are options for a range of classes. For example, those that are more text-focused versus those that are more conceptual, or those that involve more independent work versus those that are in a classroom environment.

Create your own unique weekly schedule of classes and breaks

At the beginning of the semester, each student will have a blank weekly schedule. Each individual student fills her weekly schedule with the classes and Beit Midrash periods, as well as free periods, that she wants. Beyond a handful of certain classes and Beit Midrash periods that every student must be in, *each student can have a completely personalized schedule that caters exactly to her.*

The blank schedule consists of a full week, from Sunday morning through Thursday night with 45 class periods that students can fill. Every student must take a minimum of 39 classes throughout the week. [Those 39 classes are chosen based on 37 weekly requirements (based on the requirements for each of the Course categories outlined above) and 2 more classes weekly.] **Students looking for the opportunity to challenge themselves and excel academically can opt to choose the new Tomer Devorah Matmidot Program...**

Take it to the next level with the new Matmidot Program

For students looking to really challenge themselves for the year and place a strong emphasis on pushing their academic boundaries, we are proud to now offer the Tomer Devorah Matmidot Program. Students looking to fully take advantage of the wide variety of classes and Beit Midrash study periods that Tomer Devorah has to offer sign up for the Matmidot Program.

To be in the Matmidot Program, students must enroll in in 43 weekly class hours, pass the weekly test on Parshat Hashavua as well as attend Tefilat Shacharit together in the TD Beit Midrash each school day.

Students who opt to participate in the Matmidot Program will receive a 4% increase to their final grade in each class that they are enrolled in, as well as a full breakfast each Sunday morning consisting of cereal or oatmeal, milk, fruit and baked goods (in addition to the bread, spreads, coffee, tea and cocoa available for all Tomer Devorah students).

Tanach Department





Beit Midrash: Chumash Prep

Required prior:

- Individualized

Course will develop:

- Individualized

Course Description:

For four periods throughout the week student learn in the Beit Midrash dedicated to the Chumash class. During this organized, structured study period, students learn in small groups, either on their own or with the help of a Beit Midrash Tutor. Each and every Beit Midrash period, the students are provided with source and guided question sheets to help them prepare for the Chumash class, while still having the ability to focus on whatever each individual student needs.

**Two Study Periods
Weekly [double periods]**

4 Tanach CORE

Sun 11:30am;

Tue 11:30am

**Course Supervisor:
Mrs. Leah Rosenstein**



Beit Midrash: Navi Sefer Shoftim Self- Study

Required prior:

- Individualized

Course will develop:

- Individualized

Course Description:

The new Navi Bekiut Program has students in independent study groups, or with tutors, learn through Nach, beginning with Sefer Shoftim. Under the guidance of Rabbi Baruch Schechter, students study through the text of the Navi along with printed sheets of sources to elucidate and augment their understanding of the text.

Two Study Periods
Weekly 2 Tanach
ELECTIVES

Sun 4:35pm or 5:30pm;
and Wed 4:20pm or
5:15pm

Course Supervisor:
Rabbi Baruch Schechter



Beit Midrash: Parshat Hashavua Self- Study

Required prior:

- Individualized

Course will develop:

- Individualized
- Broad knowledge of Parshiyot of the Torah

Course Description:

Each week students receive a question review sheet for the weekly Parsha. Students can use Beit Midrash periods or their free time to work on learning the Parsha and answering the questions. [*Students in the Matmidot Program are required to be in the Parshat Hashavua: Self Study Program. If a student decides to dedicate a weekly Beit Midrash Period to working on Parsha, that Beit Midrash Period will count towards the 43 required weekly hours.*]

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE
[Core for Matmidot
Program]

Any Afternoon Beit
Midrash period may be
used for this course

Course Supervisor:
Mrs. Chanie Sklar



Chumash: Textual Analysis

Required prior:

- Strong Textual Skills
- Strong Analytical Skills
- Strong Background in Tanach

Course will develop:

- Textual Analysis Skills
- Conceptual Skills in:
- Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

The Chumash course is an in-depth study of Parshiot Toldot and Vayeitzei, and explores the lives of the Avot, with a particular focus on the relationship between Yaakov and Eisav. An intense focus on the text and the building of textual and analytical skills.

Twice Weekly
2 Tanach CORE

Sun 10:35am and
Thu 9:25am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Menucha Lieberman



Chumash: Conceptual Analysis

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- Analytical Skills
- Familiarity with Tanach

Course will develop:

- Background and understanding
- Conceptual Skills in:
- Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

The Chumash course is an in-depth study of Parshiot Toldot and Vayeitzei, and explores the lives of the Avot, with a particular focus on the relationship between Yaakov and Eisav. By delving into the conceptual analysis of the Acharonim and Rishonim, the class gives a deep understanding of the *peshat* and depth of the *pesukim*, without focusing heavily on developing textual/reading skills.

Twice Weekly
2 Tanach CORE

Sun 9:25am and
Thu 10:35am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Menucha Lieberman

Mis- understood Topics in Tanach: Conceptual Analysis

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Wed 10:35am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Avigail Teller

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- Analytical Skills
- Some familiarity Tanach

Course will develop:

- Analytical Skills
- Conceptual Skills in:
- Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

This course features an in depth study of stories of human errors in Chumash with an emphasis on understanding the psychology of sin, the relationship between the individual and G-d and the Divine response to human error. Students will study a wide array of approaches to these thought provoking events. Rather than focusing on the textual analysis, students learn more about the themes, hashkafot and lessons encountered.



Mis- understood Topics in Tanach: Textual Analysis

Twice Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Wed 9:25am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Avigail Teller

Required prior:

- Textual Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Background in Tanach

Course will develop:

- Textual Analysis Skills
- Conceptual Skills in:
- Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

This course features an in depth study of stories of human errors in Chumash with an emphasis on understanding the psychology of sin, the relationship between the individual and G-d and the Divine response to human error. Students will study a wide array of approaches to these thought provoking events. There is a strong emphasis on honing textual skills through examining the text, while students gain an appreciation for the subtlety and richness of the language used, while also learning powerful life lessons.



Mysteries of Parshat Bereishit

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Thu 2:10pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Dov Lev

Required prior:

- Textual Skills
- Analytical skills

Course will develop:

- Textual Analysis skills
- Appreciation of profundity of Torah
- Learning of Classical Commentaries

Course Description:

Parshat Beraishit is one of the most profound portions of the Torah. Yet few people ever have the opportunity to study it on an advanced level. By carefully analyzing the text and commentaries, this class will provide keys to some of the secrets of Beraishit and will leave a lasting impact how enrolled students relate to Torah, the natural world and to life in general.



Nashim BaTanach

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Wed 11:30am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Avigail Teller

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- Some familiarity with Tanach

Course will develop:

- Practical insights
- Appreciation of beauty of Torah

Course Description:

A study of some of the more, and lesser, known women in Tanach, focusing not just on the tzidkaniot, but also looking closely at the villains that we often overlook. With an attempt to understand the different strengths and roles of women as well as where some of them went wrong. Including the wives of Lemech, Serach bat Asher, Eishet Lot, Vashti, Yael, Orpa, the wives of Shlomo Hamelech, and more.



Navi: Sefer Shoftim

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- Background in Tanach not necessary

Course will develop:

- Background and understanding
- Bekiut [breadth] of Navi
- Concepts/lessons from Navi

Course Description:

Rabbi Schechter's Navi class learns through Sefer Shoftim with a focus on both covering ground and getting the background and history of the time period straight, while also learning life lessons from the events of Tanach.

Twice Weekly
2 Tanach ELECTIVES

Sun 4:35pm or 5:30 pm
and Wed 4:20pm or
5:15pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Baruch Schechter



Parshat Hashavua: Inspirational Insights

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Thu 11:30am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Chanie Sklar

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- Some familiarity with Tanach

Course will develop:

- Thoughtful Parsha insights
- Appreciation of beauty of Torah

Course Description:

Pulling insights from one or more of the events, commandments and moral lessons found in the Parsha. The curriculum is structured with an emphasis placed on showing the relevance of the themes in the Parsha to modern, everyday living.



Parshat Hashavua: Textual Insights

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Thu 11:30am

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Noam Fix

Required prior:

- Textual Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Background in Tanach

Course will develop:

- Textual Analysis Skills
- Ability to find unique Parsha insights
- Broad base of Torah concepts

Course Description:

Using the Classic Commentators on the Torah, each week new insights based on subtle or interesting textual anomalies or usages are explored. With an emphasis on understanding how small changes in text can have a significant impact on meaning and lessons.



Sefer Daniel

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Thu 11:30am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Hyndi Mendelowitz

Required prior:

- Textual skills not required
- Familiarity with Tanach a plus

Course will develop:

- Deep hashkafic insights based on text
- Appreciation of depth and beauty of the text of Ketuvim

Course Description:

The enigmatic Sefer Daniel comes alive in this class which focuses on understanding the text in a deep way, without requiring prior textual skills or familiarity. While this course does not require textual skills, the course does focus on developing a real appreciation of the rich, complex text of this Sefer, known for its difficulty to be penetrated. In addition, there is an emphasis on understanding the deep hashkafic insights and life lessons that this powerful Sefer contains.



Sefer Ezra and Nechemia: Text Intensive

Required prior:

- Textual Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Background in Tanach

Course will develop:

- Textual Analysis Skills
- Self-study research Skills in:

Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

This course focuses on understanding the text in a deep, thorough way. Delving deeply into the text and focusing on the complexities and subtleties of this less-known corner of our Ketuvim. [*This course meets once a week, but students that enroll must also use one of their weekly Afternoon Beit Midrash Sessions for textual preparation of the material. Both the class and that Beit Midrash Period will count towards the student's weekly Tanach Elective hours, making this a 2 Elective course.*]

Weekly
2 Tanach ELECTIVES

Thu 10:35 + 1 Afternoon
Beit Midrash Session
Weekly

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Hyndi Mendelowitz



**Sheva
Neviot**

**Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE**

Mon 10:35am

**Course Instructor:
Rebbetzin Miriam Miller**

Required prior:

- Textual Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Background in Tanach

Course will develop:

- Textual Analysis Skills
- Self-study research Skills in: Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

An incredible opportunity to take a deep, textual course with a true veteran mechanechet, we are honored to have Rebbetzin Miller on staff teaching her signature course examining the lives and deeds of the Seven Prophetesses outlined in the Talmud Megillah 14a, Sarah, Miriam, Devorah, Chanah, Avigayil, Chuldah and Esther.



Tanach Research Seminar: Conceptual

Weekly
1 Tanach ELECTIVE

Mon 10:35am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Chanie Sklar

Required prior:

- No Textual Skills required
- Analytical Skills
- Some familiarity with Tanach

Course will develop:

- An understanding of the process of learning and researching Tanach, Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

A unique course in which students learn and understand the the history and process of *how* mefarshim understand the Torah. Without an emphasis on textual skills or reading, the course focuses on giving an understanding of the process.



Tanach Research Seminar: Textual

Required prior:

- Textual Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Background in Tanach

Course will develop:

- Textual Analysis Skills
- Self-study research Skills in:
Midrashim, Rishonim, Acharonim

Course Description:

A unique course and accompanying Beit Midrash in which the students learn to thoroughly examine and research a topic in Tanach. Each semester, a different aspect of *Parshanut* and *Iyun* is examined. The goal is for each student to finish the year with a thorough understanding of the process of textual analysis, both from a textual and a halachic vantage point.

Twice Weekly
2 Tanach ELECTIVES

Mon 11:30am and
Wed 10:35am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Chanie Sklar



Tehillim

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Applicable life lessons
- Appreciation of beauty of Torah

Course Description:

A holistic look at Tehillim that focuses on the relevance of Dovid HaMel-ech's Songs to our lives in today's day and age. Using the text as a springboard to discuss the application of Tehillim to the students, a combination of meforshim, stories, real-life anecdotes and even humor bring the concepts discussed to life.

Weekly
1 Tanach CORE

Sun 9:25am;
Sun 10:35am;
Wed 8:30am;
Wed 11:30am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Rivka Lichtman

Halacha Department





Bein Adam LiChaveiro

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course Description:

Bein Adam LiChaveiro [Human Interactions] covers the philosophy and laws governing people's interactions with one another. This course stresses the idea that how one conducts oneself with others is a central tenet of the Jewish religion.

Weekly
1 Halacha CORE

Sun 3:40pm;
Mon 12:25pm; Wed 3:25

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein



Halacha I: Day to Day Jewish Living – Ashkenaz

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of Brachot and Kashrut

Course Description:

This Halacha course is a comprehensive and detailed understanding of a Jewish woman's day. The first half of the year focuses on understanding the detailed halachot and driving themes in Hilchot Brachot. The second half of the year is dedicated to Hilchot Kashrut, with a focus on practical, real-life kitchen practices.

Twice Weekly
2 Halacha ELECTIVES

Sun 2:45pm; Wed 2:30pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Gavriel Kruskal



Halacha II: Day-to-Day Jewish Living – Sephardic

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of Brachot and Kashrut as they pertain specifically to Sephardic women and the Sephardic home

Course Description:

This Halacha course is a comprehensive and detailed understanding of a Sephardic Jewish woman's day. The first half of the year focuses on understanding the detailed Sephardic halachot and driving themes in Hilchot Brachot. The second half of the year is dedicated to Hilchot Kashrut, with a focus on practical, real-life kitchen practices in a Sephardic home.

Twice Weekly
2 Halacha ELECTIVES

Sun 4:35pm
and Wed 4:20pm

Course Instructor:
TBA



Halacha III: Lifecycles

Twice Weekly
2 Halacha ELECTIVES

Sun 4:35pm
and Wed 4:20pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Dov Lev

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of the cycle of life from a Jewish perspective – from birth through marriage and death

Course Description:

Intended for students who already have a proficiency in Brachot and Kashrut, Lifecycles examines lesser-learned Halachot, Minhagim and mindsets of the Jewish life and year. Topics include naming children, Shidduchim, wedding ceremonies, Sheva Brachot and much, much more.



Halacha IV: Contemporary Issues in Halacha

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of many modern halachic questions and issues

Course Description:

Topics include the mechitza in halacha, abortion, euthanasia, Who is a Jew and a plethora of other current halachic issues.

Twice Weekly
2 Halacha ELECTIVES

Sun 5:30pm
and Wed 5:15pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Dov Lev



Halachot and Hashkafot of the Jew in the Modern World [& Hilchot Inyanei Nashim]

Weekly
1 Halacha CORE

Mon 8:30am

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Gavriel Friedman &
Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein

Course Description:

This course is taught on alternating weeks by Rabbi Gavriel Friedman and Rabbi Moshe Rosenstien.

Rabbi Friedman shares perspectives, insights and inspiration on what it means to be a Jew today. The topics are thought-provoking as well as practical, and they help students to deal with the challenges of the modern world.

Rabbi Rosenstein's class covers topics relevant to the Jewish women in today's society. We examine areas of Halacha that pertain specifically to women and seem to clash with modern-day sensibilities and ideas.



Hilchot Shabbat I: Fundamentals

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of Shabbat, specifically the basics of the melachot that come up in the kitchen

Course Description:

This is a halacha course whose goal is to advance the students' working knowledge of the laws of Shabbat as well as the halachic process governing these laws. Students study disagreements within the process and how they are resolved. The primary focus of the course is the principles behind the laws, primarily focusing on the laws of Shabbat as they pertain to the kitchen.

Weekly
1 Halacha CORE
[Must also enroll in
Hilchot Shabbat IV]

Mon 3:25pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein



Hilchot Shabbat II: Sephardic

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Twice Weekly
2 Halacha CORE

Mon 3:25pm
and Thu 1:15pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Yirmiyahu Cohen

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of Shabbat, specifically the basics of the melachot that come up in the kitchen

Course Description:

This is a Sephardic halacha course whose goal is to advance the students' working knowledge of the laws of Shabbat as well as the halachic process governing these laws. Students study disagreements within the process and how they are resolved. The primary focus of the course is the principles behind the laws, primarily focusing on the laws of Shabbat as they pertain to the kitchen in a Sephardi home.



Hilchot Shabbat III: 39 Melachot

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of Shabbat, going through all of the 39 Melachot throughout the year

Course Description:

Intended for students who are already very familiar with the basic concepts and structure of the Laws of Shabbat, the course moves rapidly and thoroughly through both the structure of the laws as well as countless practical applications and examples.

Twice Weekly
2 Halacha CORE

Mon 3:25pm
and Thu 1:15pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Tzadok Cable



Hilchot Shabbat IV: The Mitzvot of Shabbat

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding the positive commandments of Shabbat and their practical application

Course Description:

A thorough examination of all of the Positive Mitzvot associated with Shabbat. Among many other topics, the Mitzvot of Erev Shabbat and the Mitzvah of accepting Shabbat early and when that can happen, the Mitzvot of lighting Shabbat candles, Kiddush and the Shabbat meals will all be covered in detail.

Weekly
1 Halacha CORE
[Must also enroll in
Hilchot Shabbat I]

Thu 1:15pm

**Course Instructor:
Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein**



Mitzvot Hateluyot B'aretz

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of the Land of Israel including how to take Terumot, Maaserot, the laws of Shmittah and more

Course Description:

Students can take advantage of their time in Israel to learn about the unique and special Halachot that only pertain in this Holy Land. Beginning with the question surrounding the mitzvah of living in Israel and moving on to Shmittah, Terumot, Maaserot and more.

Weekly
1 Halacha ELECTIVE
or 1 Eretz Yisrael ELECTIVE

Wed 2:30pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein



Sefer Chafetz Chaim

Weekly
1 Halacha ELECTIVE

Mon 2:30pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein

None of the Halacha courses offered have any prerequisite requirements

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of Lashon Hora

Course Description:

Using the Sefer Chafetz Chaim as a guide, this course examines many Halachot of interpersonal relationships, specifically as it pertains to the sin of gossip and slanderous speech.

Hashkafa Department





Building Blocks

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Thu 8:30am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Sheva Rand

Required prior:

- No requirements

Course will develop:

- Self-awareness
- Awareness of how our environment affects us, and tools to control and filter the negative influences as well as increase the positive influences
- Different tools for improving both present and future relationships
- Understanding of the role unique to the Jewish woman

Course Description:

This course discusses tools for building ourselves, our relationships (present and future) and eventually our homes. We will cover emotional and spiritual techniques such as self-awareness, prioritizing, bitachon and communication to become the people we want to be and to live the life we choose and not the life that happens. We will also discuss strategies for overcoming life's daily challenges, specifically those in the life of the Jewish woman.



Beit Midrash: Freestyle

Required prior:

- Individualized

Course will develop:

- Individualized

Course Description:

Students are given the opportunity to devote a Beit Midrash period to explore any Jewish topic of Halacha/Hashkafa/Tanach, either independently or with a tutor leading a small group. This can be done through the use of the many seforim available in our Beit Midrash or any other book the student wishes to learn.

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE
or 1 Halacha ELECTIVE
or 1 Tanach ELECTIVE
or 1 Eretz Yisrael ELECTIVE

Any afternoon Beit
Midrash Period may be
used for this course.



Beit Midrash Maagal Hashana: Self Study

Required prior:

- Individualized

Course will develop:

- Individualized

Course Description:

Based on the Sefer Hatoda'ah by Eliyahu KiTov (Book of our Heritage) students use Beit Midrash time to research the months and cycle of the year.

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE
or 1 Halacha ELECTIVE

Mon 4:20pm;
Mon 5:15pm

Course Supervisor:
Mrs. Elisheva Bernstein

Concepts in Jewish Thought

Required prior:

- No text skills required
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas

Course Description:

This text-based course looks at classic works of Jewish thought and mus-sar. Utilizing a variety of texts, important ideas in Jewish philosophy are studied.

Twice Weekly
Hashkafa CORE

Mon 9:25am and
Wed 11:30am;
or Mon 12:25pm
and Wed 2:30pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Noam Fix



Da Et Atzmecha (Know Yourself)

Course Description:

Tomer Devorah is privileged to have a weekly class from the world renowned educator and mentor, Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker. For decades Mrs. Schoonmaker has been teaching her signature blend of thorough understanding of Torah ideas alongside deep, penetrating personal analysis of the human psyche, traits and motivations. Taught in interactive lecture format to the entire school together.

Bi-Weekly
Hashkafa CORE

Wed 11:30am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker



Da Ma Lehashiv

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Sun 3:40pm; Wed 3:25pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Dov Lev

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas
- Clarity on arguments for and against Judaism

Course Description:

As a vehicle for building a proper understanding and deep sense of confidence in the fundamental tenets of Judaism, students are taught the parameters of a Jew's obligation to answer challenges to their religion.



Getting to know the Greats: Gedolei Yisrael

Weekly
1 Hashafa ELECTIVE

Mon 5:15pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Nachman Seltzer

Required prior:

- No text skills required
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of history and Jewish culture
- Life lessons from our Torah Leaders

Course Description:

Renowned author and lecturer Rabbi Nachman Seltzer teaches and inspires using the lives and struggles of our Torah leaders as a backdrop. With fascinating stories and insights into these luminaries throughout the generations, Jewish history comes alive.



Maagal Hashana: The Cycle of the Jewish Year

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Mon 4:20pm;

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Nachman Seltzer

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas
- Concepts relating to the months and cycle of the year

Course Description:

This course examines each month of the Jewish calendar, focusing on the holidays and special historic events of that month. Students gain a deeper understanding of the value of each month and an appreciation of the rhythm of the Jewish year as a whole.



Pirkei Avot

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Sun 3:40pm; Wed 3:25pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Baruch Schechter

Required prior:

- Basic text skills a plus
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas
- Background of understanding of the Chain of Mesorah of Torah

Course Description:

Using the text of Pirkei Avot, this course takes students on a practical, applicable tour through this classic Sefer of Torah Ethics.

The Radiance of Shabbat

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Wed 8:30am

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Ephraim Stauber

Required prior:

- Textual Skills not required
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas
- Concepts relating to Shabbat

Course Description:

This course is a conceptual study of Shabbat, as well as a comprehensive analysis of the history, customs and themes of this special day. Taught from classic and contemporary texts, students gain a deeper understanding of what Shabbat offers to those who observe it, as it examines the relationship between the Shabbat and the Jewish people. In addition, the course aims to help students develop the ability to explain the concepts of Shabbat to non-observant Jews.



Relating to Others: A Torah Approach

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Tue 8:30am;
Wed 8:30am

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Ephraim Stauber

Required prior:

- No required skills

Course will develop:

- Mindsets and techniques to improve and strengthen our relationships with others

Course Description:

Our lives are filled with different kinds of relationships and interactions. With each of these interactions we are presented with opportunities to expand and grow, to give and to gain – if we know how to deal with them properly. In Judaism, mitzvot bein adam l'chaveiro play a central role and how we relate to others is of prime importance. This class will draw on Torah sources to help us better understand our various relationships and strengthen them as well.



Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Wed 6:00pm

Instructor:
Rabbi Mordechai Burg

Required prior:

- No text skills required
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas
- How to integrate Torah ideas into life

Course Description:

What is the truth? And what is Emet? Is it the same thing? This weekly rollercoaster takes students on a fast-paced ride through truth and falsehood. With vivid examples and hilarious anecdotes, learning how to identify the truth – and how to grab onto it and live by it – has never been this exciting or fun.



Sefer Kuzari

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Thu 2:10pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Baruch Schechter

Required prior:

- Basic text skills a plus
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas

Course Description:

Using Rabbi Yehuda HaLevi's epic masterpiece, The Kuzari, Rabbi Schechter explains some of the basic fundamentals of Torah, Judaism and Jewish History. This Torah classic comes alive with powerful arguments for the truth of Judaism and lessons for how to keep our chain of mesorah going.



Sephardic Roots: Maagal HaShana

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Thu 8:30am

Course Instructor:
Rabbanit Ilanit Dayan

Required prior:

- No required skills

Course Description:

This class will learn about sephardic customs and heritage as we go around the year. Focusing on different customs and how ancient practices are still done today by tens of thousands of Sepharadim around the world, anyone interested in Sephardic culture or customs will learn a lot from this course.

Understanding the End of Days

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE

Thu 3:05pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Baruch Schechter

Required prior:

- Nominal textual skills
- Some general Torah background

Course will develop:

- How to learn and understand difficult Midrashic passages
- Fundamental Torah concepts

Course Description:

Learning from a wide variety of Midrashim and Gemara sources, as well as the Rishonim, this course paints a picture of the process of the Redemption. Who or what is Mashiach? Are we really going to sacrifice animals in the Beit Hamikdash? What does it mean that “the dead will rise”? These questions and many more will be discussed and elucidated.

Works of the Ramchal

Weekly
1 Hashkafa ELECTIVE
Mon 2:30pm; Thu 2:10pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Tzadok Cable

Required prior:

- Basic textual skills
- No background required

Course will develop:

- Understanding of basic Torah ideas
- Fundamental understanding of the Ramchal's mystical approach to Torah and Mitzvot.

Course Description:

Using the works of the Ramchal, Rav Moshe Chaim Luzzato, this course builds a basic foundation of a Torah perspective and philosophy. Dealing with questions like “Why did Hashem create us to begin with?” and “Why does He care if we follow the Torah?” to learning how to integrate Torah ideas into real life and grow as a person and Jew.

Eretz Yisrael Department





Havanat HaAretz: Land of Israel Studies

Weekly
1 Eretz Yisrael ELECTIVE

Mon 10:35am

Course Instructor:
Mr. Arie Salomon

Course Description:

This course examines the major controversies and issues facing the Jewish State of Israel today – examining issues that affect the State and People of Israel from the Palestinians, the Arab World, the West, and the various factions of Jews in Israel.



The Land of Israel in Torah Outlook

Weekly
1 Eretz Yisrael ELECTIVE

Thu 3:05pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Dov Lev

Course Description:

The Land of Israel is the eternal home of the Jewish People. This class focuses on the connection of the Jewish People to Eretz Yisrael. Using textual references and historical overtures, Rabbi Lev presents a potpourri of material to develop the students' understanding and appreciation of our relationship with the Promised Land and how it affects every Jew everywhere in the world.



Mitzvot Hateluyot B'Aretz

Course will develop:

- Understanding of and proficiency in the practical halachot of the Land of Israel including how to take Terumot, Maaserot, the laws of Shmittah and more

Course Description:

Students can take advantage of their time in Israel to learn about the unique and special Halachot that only pertain in this Holy Land. Beginning with the question surrounding the mitzvah of living in Israel and moving on to Shmittah, Terumot, Maaserot and more.

Weekly
1 Eretz Yisrael ELECTIVE
or 1 Halacha ELECTIVE

Wed 2:30pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein



**Ulpan I:
Basic;
Ulpan II:
Advanced;
Ulpan III:
Fluent**

Weekly
1 Eretz Yisrael CORE

Ulpan I - Thu 9:25am
Ulpan II - Thu 11:30am
Ulpan III - Thu 10:35am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Yael Elbaz

Required prior for Ulpan I:

- Little or no background regarding Hebrew grammar
- Minimal knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Required prior for Ulpan II:

- Fair knowledge of basic word roots
- Knowledge of basic grammar rules and tense format

Required prior for Ulpan III:

- Good command of Hebrew language, spoken and written, including grammar, roots
- Ability to construct proper sentences as well as carrying on a conversation on a natural level

Course Description:

This course is aimed at improving students' ability to understand and converse in Modern Ivrit. The course focuses on grammar and word-building, as well as improving vocabulary, while occasionally exploring the Biblical roots of the language.



Uva LiTzion: A History of Zionism

*This course will only be offered in
the second semester*

Course Description:

This course is designed to analyze the major historical and social issues of the modern Jewish era, primarily in relation to the State of Israel. Complex and nuanced issues in the modern State of Israel are discussed and viewed through the lens of history and Torah. Both a history and a hashkafa Beit Midrash session, major personalities and events of the past 150 years are examined.

Weekly
1 Eretz Yisrael ELECTIVE

Tue 8:30am

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Miriam Rosen



**Yediat
Haaretz
Advanced &
Basic**

**Weekly
1 Eretz Yisrael ELECTIVE**

**Advanced: Mon 9:25am
Basic: Mon 11:30am**

**Course Instructor
Mr. Arie Salomon**

Course Description:

This course teaches about the physical land of Eretz Yisrael through the eyes of the Torah. Themes like the importance of Eretz Yisrael, its unique and distinct holiness, why the Avot travelled through the land like they did, what is special about Chevron and its holy sites, and the Torah view of the richness of the land of Eretz Yisrael.

Rakezet Classes





48 Ways

Weekly

1 Rakezet CORE

Tu 9:25; Tu 10:35

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Michal Trenk

Course Description:

The Mishna in Pirkei Avot teaches us that there are 48 ways in which Torah is acquired. what does it mean to “acquire” Torah? Maybe the end goal could be understood by taking a deeper look at the journey.

Each one of the 48 ways is a unique piece - a character trait that has to be identified, analyzed and then worked on. Each one offers another window into the depth of human psyche and psychology. The class offers the students a fascinating exploration of these “kinyanim” and the questions they beg of us to explore, such as: What is the spiritual significance of hearing? How does one achieve the definition of being “beloved”? Is conformity a positive trait? and many more.

The main goal of the 48 Ways class is for the student to look at different paths to “acquire” torah, and gain practical insights into applying those lessons to one’s personal development and perspectives on life.

As a discussion based course, students’ participation and involvement in the exchange of ideas with their peers and instructor is imperative to gaining from the material.



Igeret HaRamban

Weekly
1 Rakezet CORE

Sun 7:40pm; Sun 8:40pm

Instructor:
Mrs. Elana Stahler

Course Description:

This classic letter of the Ramban is studied and analyzed in an insightful and exciting way. Through the Ramban's own words and instruction to improve oneself, topics such as self control, perfecting one's middot and growing in Avodat Hashem are discussed.

This course focuses on the practical advice offered by the Ramban. Students learn how to refine and attain true middot tovot through the Ramban's timeless piece. Stress is placed on characteristics like humility, satisfaction with one's lot and awe of G-d. The passionate and exciting environment in which we explore these ideas make the lessons of this course remain with you long after class ends.



Michtav M'Elياهو

Weekly
1 Rakezet CORE

Sun 7:40pm;
Sun 8:40 pm

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Miriam Rosen

Course Description:

Using Rav Eliyahu Eliezer Dessler's mussar and machshava classic, Michtav M'Elياهو,

Mrs. Rosen delves deep into the topics covered by Rav Dessler. Including understanding topics in Tanach and hashkafa, as well as delving into the kochot hanefesh and internal struggles of every Jew, Michtav M'Elياهو, taught from the original Hebrew text, challenges students to reassess preconceived notions and inspires them to put those feelings into action.



Tefillah

Weekly

1 Rakezet CORE

Tu 9:25; Tu 10:35

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Esther Jankelow

Course Description:

This course examines the daily prayers and their meaning. Recognizing that tefillah constitutes a central part of man's relationship with his Creator, a strong emphasis is placed on nurturing the role of tefillah in that relationship. The core prayers studied are Birchot Hashachar, Pesukei Dizimra, Shema, and Shemoneh Esrei. The class stresses how important understanding the words of tefillah is, while teaching the basic Halachah pertaining to everyday tefillah.

The class is taught in such a way that the students understand that Prayer is an essential gift that G-d bestowed upon man. Appreciating that concentrating on prayer is a lifelong challenge, the course has a special focus on the importance of learning and internalizing skills that allow one's tefillot to be free of distractions and said with meaning and feeling. The instructor stresses that prayer is a time to thank G-d for the grand happenings in life as well as the everyday "miracles" like catching the bus or finding the right words to help a friend.

Students analyze both the literal translations of the text of the siddur, and major commentaries on the siddur as well. The sources chosen are utilized in the classroom to encourage a deeper sense of meaning and greater affinity towards the daily prayers. Included in the curriculum is a research project where students choose a specific selection of Tefillot and explain them based on commentaries not already discussed in class.

Night Classes





Aish HaTorah Workshop: A Practical Approach to Eemunah and Bitachon

Weekly
1 Night Class CORE

Thu 7:30pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Jamie Cowland

Course Description:

While topics relating to *emunah* come up in several classes, the the Weekly Workshop on Eemunah U'Bitachon is devoted exclusively to this topic and deals with it in a direct, practical manner.

Based on decades of experience breaking down and explaining these intricate topics to every type of Jew, Rabbi Cowland has tailor-made this brand-new Workshop specifically for the Tomer Devorah students. By exploring these topics together in a highly interactive fashion, students work together to figure out this deep and nuanced subject.

The course assists in the students' assessment, and reassessment, of their perspectives and *hashkafot* regarding this fundamental topic. With a strong focus on practical application of the ideas learned and discussed, students come away with a real understanding of what it means to live life trusting in Hashem.



Chayei Olam

Weekly
1 Night Class CORE

Tue 7:00pm; Tue 7:55pm

Course Instructor:
Rabbi Don Perkal

Course Description:

The sefer Chayei Olam (written by The Steipler Gaon, Rav Yakov Yisroel Kanievsky) serves as a springboard for group discussions on different issues surrounding proper Jewish Hashkafa. A variety of subjects are examined, including the purpose of the world, purpose of Torah, and free will.

As an evening class, the course is taught in an “open discussion” format, with tangents welcomed. Many current event topics are addressed, often times leading to lively class discussion and debates.



Inyanei Nashim

Weekly
1 Night Class CORE

Tue 7:00pm; Tue 7:55pm

Course Instructor:
Mrs. Michal Baruch

Course Description:

This course discusses the way a modern Jewish woman should conduct herself, with a special focus on the unique laws that pertain specifically to her. Recognizing that an essential role of the Jewish woman is the passing of core concepts of Judaism to the next generation, the Inyanei Nashim course stresses how Judaism must be more than the performance of the halachot that pertain to women. Proper outlook on life – and lifestyle – in general is central to the success of young Jewish women.

The course is divided into three categories. The first topic deals with the Torah hashkafa behind Mitzvot that, while special and unique to women, are often misunderstood by the very people they are meant to build up. The second category includes the Jewish and intellectual approach to finding a husband and marriage. The third focus relates to the struggles the modern woman faces, as well as the traits she needs to build herself. Over the course of the year, topics covered include feminism, modesty, hair covering, suffering, body image, dating and marriage, anger and self esteem.

Women and their role in Tanach are also studied, by analyzing several particular women who are a part of our heritage and history and what character traits made them who they were. There is a focus on what it is specifically about the woman that students can strive to emulate and why she played an important role in her time.



The Joy of Being a Jew

Weekly
1 Night Class CORE

Thu 8:30pm
Course Instructor:
Rabbi YY Wenglin

Course Description:

Let's face it: it's simply more exciting to go to a concert or ballgame or a party than it is to daven Shacharis. Or to take challah. Or to keep Shabbos. Or to... You get the point. In this shiur -- G-d willing! -- we will start with some basics of Jewish hashkafa and then progress to deeper ideas of Kabbalah/Chasidus to help us understand ourselves and our relationship with Hashem. The world will slowly become for us a place that is filled with His holiness and wisdom, one-hundred percent suited for intense closeness and attachment to Him. Anticipated topics include truth, our deep desires in life, self-esteem, spiritual reality, emotions, davening, Shabbos, and, of course, much more. Experience shows that once a Jew gains a greater appreciation and internalization of deeper ideas in Judaism, her joy from being Jewish increases proportionately. Who knows, you might even walk away from this shiur knowing how to make an "asher yatzar" with the same simcha and passion as if you won America Idol!

Full Course List

Course - Core classes are highlighted	Department
48 Ways	Rakezet
Bein Adam Lichaveiro	Halacha
Beit Midrash (Freestyle)	Hash/Hal/Tan/EY
Beit Midrash Maagal Hashana: Self Study	Hashkafa
Beit Midrash: Chumash Prep	Tanach
Beit Midrash: Ezra-Nechemiah	Tanach
Beit Midrash: Navi Sefer Shoftim Self Study	Tanach
Beit Midrash: Parshat Hashavua Self Study	Tanach
Building Blocks	Hashkafa
Chayei Olam	Night class
Chumash - Conceptual Analysis	Tanach
Chumash - Textual Analysis	Tanach
Concepts in Jewish Thought	Hashkafa
Da Et Atzmecha	Hashkafa
Da Ma Lihashiv	Hashkafa
Aish HaTorah Emunah Workshops	Night class
Getting to know the Greats: Gedolei Yisrael	Hashkafa
Halacha I: Day to Day – Ashkenaz	Halacha
Halacha II: Day-to-Day – Sephardic	Halacha
Halacha III: Lifecycles	Halacha
Halacha IV: Contemporary Issues in Halacha	Halacha
Halachot & Hashkafot of the Jew in the Modern World	Halacha
Havanat HaAretz: Land of Israel Studies	Eretz Yisrael
Hilchot Shabbat I : Fundamentals	Halacha

Course - Core classes are highlighted	Department
Hilchot Shabbat II: Sephardic	Halacha
Hilchot Shabbat III: 39 Melachot	Halacha
Hilchot Shabbat IV: Mitzvot of Shabbat	Halacha
Iggeret HaRamban	Rakezet
Inyanei Nashim	Night class
Maagal Hashana: Cycle of the Jewish Year	Hashkafa
Michtav M'Eliyahu	Rakezet
Misunderstood Topics in Tanach - Conceptual	Tanach
Misunderstood Topics in Tanach - Textual	Tanach
Mitzvot HaTeluyot BaAretz	Eretz Yisrael/Halacha
Mysteries of Parshat Bereishit	Tanach
Nashim BaTanach	Tanach
Navi Sefer Shoftim	Tanach
Parshat Hashavua: Inspirational Insights	Tanach
Parshat Hashavua: Textual Insights	Tanach
Pirkei Avot	Hashkafa
Relating to Others: A Torah Approach	Hashkafa
Rodfei Emet	Hashkafa
Sefer Chafetz Chaim	Halacha
Sefer Daniel	Tanach
Sefer Ezra and Nechemia: Text Intensive	Tanach
Sefer Kuzari	Hashkafa
Sephardic Roots: Maagal Hashana	Halacha
Sheva Neviot	Tanach

Course - <i>Core classes are highlighted</i>	Department
Tanach Research Seminar: Conceptual	Tanach
Tanach Research Seminar: Textual	Tanach
Tefillah	Rakezet
Tehillim	Tanach
The Joy of Being a Jew	Night class
The Radiance of Shabbat	Hashkafa
Ulpan I - Basic	Eretz Yisrael
Ulpan II - Advanced	Eretz Yisrael
Ulpan III - Fluent	Eretz Yisrael
Understanding the End of Days	Hashkafa
Uva LiTzion: A History of Zionism	Eretz Yisrael
Works of the Ramchal	Hashkafa
Yediat Ha'aretz	Eretz Yisrael

***The Tomer
Devorah
Educational
Staff***

Rabbi Noam Fix – Dean

Rabbi Noam Fix grew up in Queens, NY where he began his work with teens as Regional President of the New York Ohr Chadash Region. After studying in Yeshivat Sha'arei Mevaseret Tzion in Israel, Yeshivat Ohr HaChaim in Queens and graduating Summa Cum Laude from Touro College with a B.A. in Psychology, Rabbi Fix went on to be ordained by Dayan Zalman Nechemiah Goldberg. His vision and leadership abilities have also led him to launching and coordinating a very successful “big-brother” outreach program in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel. Rabbi Fix currently resides in Ramat Beit Shemesh with his wife Rivka and their five sons.

Rabbi Moshe Rosenstein – Dean

Rabbi Rosenstein grew up in Elizabeth, NJ. A former National President of NCSY, Rabbi Rosenstein's commitment to Jewish education and outreach manifested itself early on in his life. He learned at Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalayim after high school, and then returned to America where he attended Touro College and Yeshivat Ohr HaChaim in Queens. Rabbi Rosenstein has been a popular women's teacher for many years. While learning in the Chicago Community Kollel, Rabbi Rosenstein was also teaching halacha and machshava at the Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov High School in Chicago when he opened Tomer Devorah and moved to Israel. The Rosensteins live in Ramot, within walking distance of the seminary.

Mrs. Rivka Lichtman – *Mechanechet*

Rivka Lichtman grew up in Paramus, NJ with a constant yearning for the Holy Land. After attending Darchei Binah seminary, she taught Nach in Manhattan Day School while completing her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Mrs. Lichtman moved to Israel immediately following her marriage and has been involved in chinuch banot throughout Yerushalayim for close to 20 years. Mrs. Lichtman lives with her family in the Givat Hamivtar section of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Esther Jankeolw – *Rakezet*

Mrs. Esther Jankelow grew up in Toronto. Prior to moving to Israel, Mrs. Jankelow served on the Faculty of Tiferes Bais Yaakov High School, where she taught and coordinated extra-curricular activities. Mrs. Jankelow combines her passion for teaching with her love of kiruv. Through Aish Hatorah, or NCSY, she has taught hundreds of unaffiliated public school students across Canada and Israel. Since moving to Israel, Mrs. Jankelow has been a teacher in a variety of English speaking women's programs. Students are drawn to her unique combination of her sensitive yet honest and direct guidance. Mrs. Jankelow lives with her husband in Ramat Eshkol.

Mrs. Elana Stahler – *Rakezet*

Mrs. Elana Stahler has been a proud member of the Td Staff since its second year. She grew up in West Hempstead NY. She then attended Sharfmans Seminary for two years. She returned to America where she taught in various schools including Hebrew Day school, Russian Kiruv schools and Bais Yaakov. Mrs. Stahler moved to Eretz Yisroel in 2007 with her husband, She then trained to be a certified Life Coach. Mrs. Stahler lives in Givat Zeev with her husband and 4 children.

Mrs. Miriam Rosen – *Rakezet*

Mrs. Rosen grew up in Hillcrest, NY. After graduating high school and spending a year in the Machal program of Michlala, Mrs. Rosen returned to NY where she graduated Queens College with a BA in History and received her Masters in Judaic Studies from Touro College. After spending several more years in NY teaching in SKA and working summers in NCSY Summer Programs, the Rosens moved to Israel where they now live in the Ramat Eshkol neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Michal Trenk – *Rakezet*

Michal Trenk was born and grew up near Haifa, Israel in a small town called Ramat Yshai. After graduating from an Israeli performing arts high school, she went on to become well-known for her passion for acting in women's theater productions such as the internationally-

renowned Zir Chemed. She attended Afikei Torah Seminary and then Ofakim for two years. Mrs. Trenk is an in-demand inspirational speaker for both Hebrew and English-speaking seminaries and programs as well as various world-wide audiences. She has taught for multiple kiruv programs including JLE, various Aish HaTorah groups, PERI, Meor and, most notably, Jewel/JInternships, where she has worked as a program director, teacher, and instructor of a popular Ulpan class. Married with three children, the Trenks live in Maalot Dafna, Jerusalem.

Mrs. Michal Baruch

Mrs. Baruch grew up in Queens and Long Island, New York. She attended SUNY at Stony Brook and graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa majoring in History with a minor in Women's Studies. She worked for the City of New York, Department of Housing Preservation and Development as a Special Assistant and then went on to study and graduate from NYU School of Law. In 2002, the Baruch family made Aliyah and moved to Ramat Beit Shemesh, where they live today. In addition to her educational positions, Mrs. Baruch currently helps her husband, Dr. Shaul Baruch of Sha'arei Zedeck Medical Center, with his medical practice while she continues to nurture her growing family.

Rabbi Mordechai Burg

After completing his BA in Special Education and Judaic Studies, as well as completing the Kollel Elyon and Smicha Program at Lander College, in 2008 Rav Burg made aliyah to join the teaching staff of his alma mater, Yeshivat Shaarei Mevaseret Yerushalayim. A popular speaker throughout Israel and America, his dynamic and inspiring Shiurim span all areas of Torah ranging from Tefillah and Hashkafa to Contemporary Jewish life. More than anything, Rav Burg is also known for his true care and concern for all his students, challenging them to bring out their very best. Rabbi Burg lives with his family in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Rabbi Tzadok Cable

Rabbi Tzadok Cable was born and raised in Miami Beach Florida before moving to Israel in 1992. Over the years he has studied under many leading Rabbanim, including Rabbi Yitzchak Birkowitz, Rabbi Yirmiyahu Kagganof, and Rabbi Nosson Weiss, and received smicha in 2002. In addition to teaching the semicha program at Aish HaTorah, Rabbi Cable is a renowned speaker and teacher on a wide array of Torah topics. He currently lives with his wife and seven children in Beitar, just outside of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Yirmiyahu Cohen

His family originating from Morocco, Rabbi Yirmiyahu Cohen was born in Gibraltar, where his parents and grandparents were born. After completing high school in Gibraltar, Rabbi Cohen went to Yeshivat Mikdash Melech. After getting married and spending several years in Kolel Beit Abba, in 2005 Rabbi Cohen went back to Mikdash as a teacher and Mashgiach, and he remains there in that capacity until today. A true sportsman when not studying or teaching Torah, Rabbi Cohen remains an avid soccer player. The Cohen family lives in the Ramat Shlomo neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Jamie Cowland

Rabbi Cowland, who lives with his family in Ramot, is known as a world renowned lecturer and teacher, as well as having served for nearly a decade as the Educational Director of Aish HaTorah. Rabbi Cowland brings an infectious enthusiasm for Torah with him wherever he goes. Whether he is speaking one-on-one with a student, or to a crowded lecture hall, Rabbi Cowland is known to keep his audience riveted and participating from beginning to end.

Rabbanit Ilanit Dayan

Israeli by birth, Rabbanit Dayan lives near the Tomer Devorah dorms in the Ramot Gimmel neighborhood of Jerusalem. For many years Rabbanit Dayan has been very active in guidance and counseling for

women in Israel, and is highly experienced in practical Halacha and its application.

Rabbi Dov Lev

Rabbi Lev is a highly sought-after lecturer of halacha, hashkafa and fundamentals of Jewish belief. For over a dozen years, he has served as an educator, counselor and researcher for Aish HaTorah as well as numerous women's seminaries throughout Israel. He is a frequent speaker for Ner LeElef and other renowned institutions. He has semicha from Yeshivas Ner Yisroel and holds a Master's degree from the Johns' Hopkins University School of Engineering. Rabbi Lev's stimulating highly-interactive classes encourage lively student participation. He lives with his family in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Mrs. Menucha Lieberman

Originally from Lakewood, NJ, Mrs. Lieberman has lived in Israel for close to a decade. She has taught in a variety of institutions in America and Israel and currently teaches high school students at Seminar Alei Be'er in Jerusalem as well as college students at Michlalah of Ofakim and Sheransky in Tel Aviv. Mrs. Lieberman also lectures to teachers in Israel. Known for her powerhouse approach to teaching Chumash, Mrs. Lieberman guides her students to grasp the meaning and depth of the pesukim by exploring the Mefarshei Chumash in an innovative and truly exhilarating fashion.

Rabbi Don Perkal

Rabbi Don Perkal has been involved in education in Israel for decades. Rabbi Perkal serves as the Mashgiach Ruchani for Yeshivat Tiferet Jerusalem ("TJ") and is known for his clear and thought provoking classes and personal discussions. In addition to teaching the Chayei Olam class in Tomer Devorah, because of his proximity to the seminary, Rabbi Perkal is from time to time a featured guest speaker at school Shabbatonim.

Mrs. Sheva Rand

Sheva Rand grew up in the Five Towns, New York. After attending Michlala Seminary for two years, she switched to the Israeli program (Michlala Jerusalem College) majoring in education and Jewish Studies and has been in Israel ever since. Mrs. Rand is passionate about teaching young women to actively chart the course of their lives through self-awareness and proactive decision-making and has worked in several seminaries and mentoring programs including institutions for girls with eating disorders, newcomers to Judaism and post-high school programs. She lives with her family in the Sanhedria Murchevet neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker

Mrs. Schoonmaker grew up in Engelwood N.J. where her father served as a Rabbi in the community. She moved to Israel in 1980. She earned a degree in Tanach and education from Michlalah and an M.A. in Jewish History from Touro college. She currently has a pending doctorate on the topic of the sociology of education. Mrs. Schoonmaker has been known as a popular teacher the Machal Program at Michlalah since 1990. She gives very popular classes on personal development for women around the Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh communities, and around the world. Mrs. Schoonmaker currently lives in the Giva'at Hamiftar neighborhood with her husband and family. The Schoonmakers have seven children and one grandchild.

Rabbi Baruch Schechter

Rabbi Baruch Schechter, hailing from Monsey, N.Y., studied in Yeshivat Sha'arei Mevaseret Zion, and further continued his Torah Studies under Rav Chaim Ilson shlit'a, one of the foremost talmidim of Rav Soloveichik. For years Rabbi Schechter has been delivering shiurim in TaNa'ch to ba'alei batim in Ramat Beit Shemesh, where he lives, and recently began teaching in a number of seminaries. Combining humor, life experience, and a vast knowledge of Hashkafic and Mussar sources, Rabbi Schechter's classes inspire and entertain his students.

Mrs. Chanie Sklar

Mrs. Sklar is originally from Brooklyn, NY and has been living in Israel for 9 of the past 10 years. Miss Rudman attended Michlalah for 3 years and has a BA in Liberal Arts from Thomas Edison College. In addition to teaching both Shana Aleph and Shana Bet in Tomer Devorah, Miss Rudman has been an instrumental part of the Tomer Devorah staff, including her involvement in the Machshava Paper and as an advisor for the Tomer Devorah Kedma choir performances. Miss Rudman has spent the last ten summers working for Camp HASC, the past four years in the position of division head.

Rabbi Nachman Seltzer

Rabbi Nachman Seltzer grew up in Brooklyn N.Y. At the age of fourteen his family made aliyah to a small settlement in the West Bank. He studied at Yeshivat Torah Ohr and went on to the Mir Yeshiva where he studied for fifteen years. He was ordained by Rav Yitzchok Berkovitz at The Jerusalem Kollel. In addition to teaching and learning, Rabbi Seltzer is a published author; having published twenty one books to date. His latest book published by Artscroll is entitled "I Have An Amazing Story For You!" Rabbi Seltzer runs the Shira Chadasha Boys Choir based in Jerusalem and Ramat Beit Shemesh as well. They have released five recordings. He lives with his wife and children in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Mrs. Avigail Teller

Avigail Teller grew up in Teaneck NJ. She studied in Michlalah for two years and earned a B.A in Humanities from Thomas Edison College and an M.A. in Jewish Education from Azrieli. She taught in Maayanot High School for two years, then in Michlalah for six years and MMY for two years. Mrs. Teller generally teaches Tanach and mussar topics. She currently live in the French Hill with her husband and three children.

Rabbi YY Wenglin

Before moving to Israel, Rabbi "Y.Y." Wenglin graduated with a B.A.

cum laude in History and Literature from Harvard University and with a JD from the UCLA School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review and a lead performer in the law school musical all three years. After law school, Rabbi Wenglin joined the Manhattan law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison as a corporate associate, working in their mergers and acquisitions subgroup. He then decided to learn at Yeshivat Aish Hatorah. After learning for several years at Aish, Rabbi Wenglin became the Executive Director of Yeshivas Lev Yisrael before going on to become a sought-after teacher and lecturer around the world. Rabbi Wenglin and his family live in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Required Seforim List

Some courses require that students come prepared with their own sefer. If you plan to take any of the following classes, please arrange to have the required seforim on the first day of class.

*Note: a * indicates a mandatory course*

Course	Sefer
Chumash - Conceptual/Textual*	Bereshit - Mikra'ot Gedolot
Mysteries of Parshat Bereishit	Chumash Bereishit
Navi Sefer Shoftim/Beit Midrash Navi Shoftim Self-Study	Sefer Shoftim Mikra'ot Gedolot
Pirkei Avot	Pirkei avot with Rabbainu Yonah and the Rambam - called פירושי הראשונים על אבות
Sefer Daniel	Daniel Ish Chamudos
Sefer Ezra and Nechemiah	Mikra'ot Gedolot Ezra/Nechemia with Malbim
Sefer Kuzari	Kuzari Hamefurash - put out by ספריית
Sheva Neviot	Tanach Mikraot Gedolot or Ha'ma'or - with Ramban Navi Sefer Shoftim with Radak
Tehillim*	Any Tehillim (even a pocket Tehillim) with or without English, does not need meforshim.
Works of the Ramchal	Ramchal Derech Hashem
Yediat Haaretz	Hebrew-English Tanach