



Learn and Live Profoundly

"חכמות בנתה ביתה חצבה עמודיה שבעה"





Look Beyond the 'What' to Explore the 'Whys' and 'Hows'



Midreshet Amudim takes you on a search for truth and meaning and opens exciting horizons by allowing you to:

Discover

An innovative style that empowers you to bring your own voice to Torah study and learn independently for life.

Inquire

All sources and questions are on the table in honest conversations about essential and existential issues.

Experience

The Land of Israel itself as a Beit Midrash, with hands-on classes taking place on and off-campus.

Wonder

An expansive and broad-reaching curriculum that is stimulating and awe-inspiring.

Explore

One-of-a-kind tiyulim, internships, and extracurriculars that bring our values to life.

Grow

A warm thoughtful environment that inspires steadfast Shmirat ha-Mitzvot and love of Torah.

LEARN PROFOUNDLY

Soundbites just won't cut it! Learning with sophistication and intellectual honesty leads you to internalize and connect with the Torah. To help you achieve this, Amudim's approach is:

Meta

At Midreshet Amudim, we don't just read texts. We engage with them.

Through context, comparison, and analysis, students uncover how Jewish ideas were formed and how our texts are meant to be understood.

Expansive

Where deep thinkers thrive--Midreshet

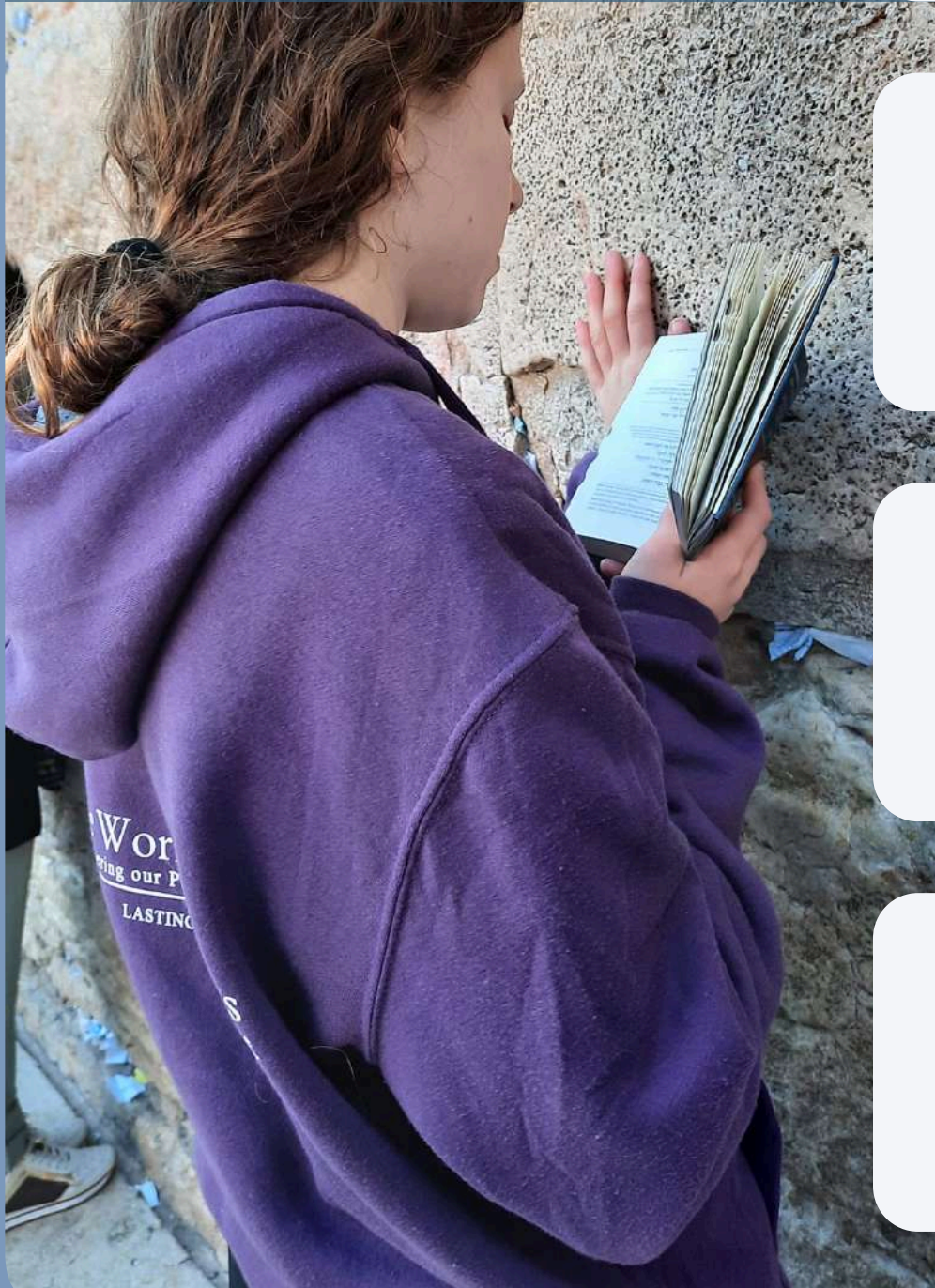
Amudim's exclusive programs with world-class scholars and thinkers dive into the questions and ideas that have shaped Jewish thought through the ages.

Evidence-Based

Text Interpretation lies at the heart of our study, empowering students to develop their own insights while situating themselves in our mesorah.

Student-Centered

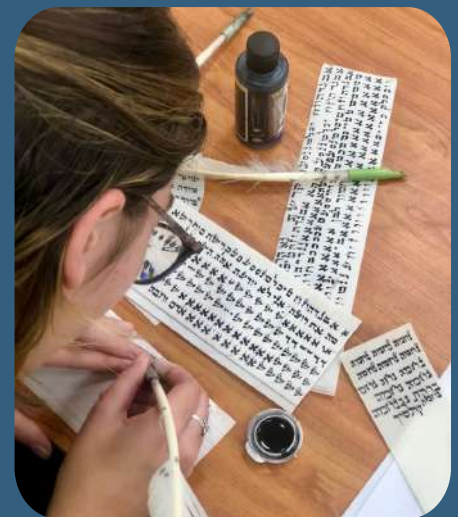
At Midreshet Amudim, students think, create, question, and challenge, engaging personally with texts, teachers, and the world around them in a vibrant pursuit of independent thought and discovery.



OUR WEEK OF LEARNING



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
8-9 Tefillah and Breakfast	8-9 Tefillah and Breakfast	8-9 Tefillah and Breakfast	8-9 Tefillah and Breakfast	8-9 Tefillah and Breakfast
9:30-11 Gemara Seder and Shiur	9-11 Halacha Seder and Shiur	9-11 Gemara Seder and Shiur	9-11 From Gemara to Halachah	9-11:30 Tanach Seder and Shiur
11-12 Torah Shebaal Peh	11-11:30 Va'ad	11-12 Torah Shebaal Peh	11-12 From Gemara to Hashkafa	11:40-12:15 Ask the Rabbi
12:00-1 Theories of God	11:30-1 Discovering Aggadah: Talmudic Heroines	12:15-1 Amudim and Yesodot	12:15-1 Sichat HaMashgicha	12:15-1 The Jewish Historical Experience
Pathways to God	The Midrashic Mind			50 Big Questions
1-3 Lunch and Break	1-2 Lunch & Break/Travel	1-3 Lunch and Break		1-3 Lunch and Break
3-4:15 Psychology and Tanach	2-6 Torat Chayim	3-4:15 Sefer Mishlei	1-5:30 Lunch	3-4:15 Practical Halacha
Midrash Agnon	- Jerusalem Past and Present - Museum Tanach - Israel Unplugged - Jewish Filmmaking - Hands-On Halacha - Jewish Books and Ephemera	4:14-4:30 Mincha	Internships and Hitnadvut	4:15-4:30 Mincha
4:15-4:30 Mincha	Mincha	4:30-5:30 Beit Midrash	5:30-5:40 Mincha	4:30-5:30 Beit Midrash
4:30-5:30 Beit Midrash	Optional Beit Midrash	5:30-6:30 Zionism in Theory and Practice	6-7 Hebrew Immersion	5:30-7 Woman and Judaism
5:30-7 SmARTorah		6:30-7 "Tea" with Rivka	Theater and Theology	7-8 Dinner
Pirkei Avot: Ethics and Ideology		7-8 Dinner	8-10 The Amudim Seminar	8-9:30/10 Parsha Dialogues
7-8 Dinner		8-9 Mishpat Ivri	NIGHT SEDER	NIGHT SEDER
8-10 Cheshbon HaNefesh: Encountering the Self		9-10 NIGHT SEDER		10-11 Mishmar
		The Meaning of Shabbat		
		Rav Kook's Mystical Revolution		





SAMPLE OF COURSES

Seder and Shiur

Daily sedarim in Talmud, Tanach, and Halacha culminating in in-depth, analytical shiurim.

Theories of God

An exploration of Jewish and Western philosophical approaches to God's existence and the rationality of belief.

Talmudic Heroines

A study of Aggada revealing the Rabbis' sensitivity to the female experience and moral truths within Talmudic narratives.

Discourses of Dress

Not your standard tzniut class! Examining dignity, humility, and self-expression through philosophy and halacha.

Philosophy of Prayer

Big questions about tefilah: What is its purpose? Can it change God's mind? Why use a fixed text to speak to God?

Mental Health and Halacha

An analysis of how halacha addresses mental illness, applying classic sources to psychological and ethical challenges.

Science and Religion

A study of rabbinic responses to evolution and the shared pursuit of truth between science and religion.

From Midrasha to Campus

A candid discussion of the halachic, social, and ideological challenges facing Jewish students on today's college campuses.

Akedah Through the Ages

A study of Akedat Yitzchak and its evolving interpretations of faith, obedience, and moral struggle.

Jewish Art: Biblical Portraits

A creative exploration of biblical figures through text study and original visual art.

Maimonidean Thought

A survey of Rambam's key works--halachic, philosophical, and theological, tracing his influence on Jewish thought.

Tiny Tanach Tales

A close reading of 100-word biblical narratives, revealing how brevity deepens meaning in Tanach.

Chassidic Pathways

A journey into the spiritual revolution of Chassidut, its core teachings and their relevance to personal avodat Hashem.

Halachic Methodology

An inside look at how halacha works, its foundations, reasoning, and the factors that shape its evolution.

Must-Reads

A deep dive into ground-breaking essays in Jewish thought that challenge, inspire, and spark vibrant discussion.

50 Big Questions

A dynamic forum for tackling students' most pressing questions on God, faith, morality, and so much more.

Many classes are designed to complement one another, approaching a single topic from multiple angles:

*Rational and Spiritual,
Intellectual and Emotional,
Theoretical and Practical.*

Examples include:

Theories of God



Pathways to God

The Halachot of Shabbat



The Meaning of Shabbat

Hilchot Kashrut



Hands-On Kashrut

From Gemara to Halacha



From Gemara to Hashkafa

FACULTY AND STAFF

With love and care for our talmidot, Midreshet Amudim teachers forge deep personal relationships, whether through formal and informal discussions or by having students over for Shabbat, guiding them to uncover their own sense of meaning within Torah and Judaism.



Dr. Julie Goldstein, Rosh HaMidrasha and Director

Dr. Julie Goldstein holds a PhD in Medieval History and Judaic Studies from NYU and an MA in Jewish Philosophy from Yeshiva University. With thirty years of teaching experience at both the high school and college levels, she has received multiple awards for her scholarship and education.



Rabbi Uri Goldstein, Rav HaMidrasha and Gemara Ra"m

Rav Uri Goldstein received semicha from Yeshiva University and has served as a rabbi, educator, and program director in both the U.S. and Israel. He was a community rabbi in Fair Lawn, NJ, taught at Frisch and Ma'ayanot, and directed the overseas program at Yeshivat HaKotel. The Goldsteins live in Beit Shemesh with their five children.



Brie Reich, Dean of Students

Brie Reich brings over two decades of experience in Jewish education to her work at Amudim. Her background includes teaching on Michlelet NCSY, coordinating youth programming, teaching kallah classes, and serving as a rakezet and teacher at Tiferet.



Rabbanit Aviva Wapner, Mashgichah Ruchanit

Rabbanit Aviva Wapner is a Jerusalem-based educator who holds degrees in Tanach and Law from Bar-Ilan University and was admitted to the Israeli Bar in 2024. Originally from Toronto, she made Aliyah in 2016 and learned at Beit Midrash Migdal Oz.



Rivka Gopin, Director of Operations and Programming

Rivka Gopin was born and raised in Israel and served for two years in national service. A longtime member of the midrasha world, both as a student and as staff, Rivka brings energy, warmth, and experience to her work at Amudim. She is currently pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

Aviva Begoun — Social Worker

Dr. Tikva Blaukopf Schein — Parsha, Creative Writing

Gila Fine — Rabbinic Thought

Rabbanit Leah Herzog — Tanach and Psychology

R. Dov Laimon — Safrut (Scribal Arts)

R. David Levin-Kruss — Machshava

R. Dr. John Krug — Theater and Theology

Matthew Lipman — Israel and the Middle East

R. Yoni Nouriel — Halacha

Rabbanit Neima Novetsky — Tanach

R. Uri Pilichowski — Zionism

R. Yitzchak Rubenstein — Jewish History

R. Yoni Rosensweig — Halacha

R. Jeffrey Saks — Jewish Literature and Thought

Efrat Shani — Fine Art

Mrs. Naomi Schrager — Halacha, Women and Judaism

R. Dr. Eliezer Shore — Chassidut and Kabbalah

Kelila Slonim — Head of Experiential Programming, Tanach

Rabbanit Tzophia Stepansky — Gemara

R. Ari Zeev Schwartz — Philosophy

Hannah Weizman — Shoelet u'Meishiva

THE AMUDIM SEMINAR

A weekly encounter with creative and dynamic thinkers from the intellectual world in Israel

Presenters have included :



Ilana Kurshan
Author



R. Dr. Joshua Berman
Bible, Bar Ilan



R. Dr. Jeffrey Woolf
Talmud, Bar Ilan



R. Yosef Hadane
Chief Rabbi, Ethiopian-Israeli Community



Sivan Rahav Meir
Journalist



R. Yosef Zvi Rimon
Posek and Author



Journey to Poland

Our trip to Poland, led by our own Rav Yitz Rubenstein, master educator and JRoots guide, explores the vibrancy of pre-war Jewish life, the tragedy of its loss, and the endurance of faith and spirit.

LIVE WITH PURPOSE

The year in Israel at Amudim is not just informative. It's transformative.



Own Your Religious Life

**Participate passionately
in your Judaism.**

Amudim invites students to move from spectators to participants in their Judaism. Torah becomes personal, purposeful, and fully lived.



Engage Modernity

**Be empowered as a Jew
in the modern world.**

Through dialogue on science and religion, Judaism and democracy, postmodernism and ethics, Amudim equips students to live and lead as confident Jews in the modern world.



Take Action

**Collaborate
with Meaning**

Through chavruta learning, independent living, internships, and hitnadvut, Amudim students learn responsibility, discover their strengths, and make a meaningful impact within their community and beyond.



Learn To Lead

**Be informed.
Bring change.**

Amudim emboldens bright, motivated students to shape the Jewish future. In partnership with leading Israel advocacy organizations, Amudim students prepare to become confident, articulate voices for Am Yisrael on campus and beyond.

HERE'S HOW

These unique hands-on features make the transformation happen:

Jerusalem as Your Classroom

See Jerusalem again, for the first time! Classes that take place in sites throughout the city bring Tanach and Chazal to life.



Torat Chayim

Mini courses that combine learning with hands-on exploration. Examples include “Museum Tanach,” “Hands-On Halacha,” “Jerusalem Through the Ages,” “Israel Unplugged,” and many more.

Internships and Hitnadvut

Devote time each week to the pursuit of an internship or volunteer for chesed in a field of personal interest.



smARTorah

Express your own interpretation of Torah texts by creating visual art in classes specially designed to correspond to the learning.

Healthy Body, Healthy Soul

Build strength of body, mind, and soul through energizing workouts including krav maga, HIIT, boxing, and Zumba





ISRAEL FOR REAL

Israel isn't just where the experience takes place.
Israel *is* the experience.

A photograph of two young women hugging outdoors. The woman on the left is wearing a grey hoodie and a backpack, and the woman on the right is wearing a dark jacket. They are both smiling. The background shows a desert landscape with mountains under a clear sky.

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Hebrew Immersion

Shabbatot and Chagim

At Midreshet Amudim, Shabbatot follow a rotating rhythm of “In-Shabbatot” in Jerusalem, “Out-Shabbatot” for rest and exploration, and Shabbatonim across Israel that connect students with diverse communities and experiences. Many chagim are celebrated together, each revealing the unique beauty and spirit of holidays in Israel, and allowing students to personally participate in new ways.

Live and Breathe Israel

Apartment living, a warm Israeli neighborhood, and weekly internships immerse students in real Israeli life. Through bnot sherut madrichot, chesed projects, advocacy initiatives, and Shabbatonim in diverse communities, students form meaningful connections, gain a deep understanding of Israel and its people, and come to feel at home.

Alumni in Israel

Many Midreshet Amudim alumni take their next steps in Israel, whether shana bet, sherut, army, or university, with Amudim providing hands-on guidance and support throughout the process. They often return to us for classes, Shabbatot, holidays, and a warm dose of home.

STUDENT LIFE

A Year in Israel. A Community for Life.

Mentorship

At Midreshet Amudim, depth of learning is matched by depth of connection. Our warm atmosphere fosters genuine camaraderie between teachers and students, grounded in deep mutual respect for each other. From that care and authenticity, trust develops naturally, creating a culture of growth and belonging where relationships are personal and transformative.

Guidance and Support

Our support team keeps a caring pulse on each student's well-being. The Dean of Students builds close bonds so every girl has an address. Madrichot offer daily warmth and guidance. A compassionate mental health professional provides ongoing support, equipping students with tools and perspective as they navigate life in Israel and grow into confident young adults.



Home in Yerushalayim

Students live in charming apartments in Jerusalem's vibrant German Colony, in close proximity to our Beit Midrash, each staffed by a madricha and open year-round, where cozy spaces and shared daily life foster independence, deep friendships, and a true sense of belonging in Israel.

Amenities

Each apartment is designed for comfort and independence, featuring WiFi, laundry services, a kitchen, living room, and inviting outdoor spaces. Students enjoy three daily meals while the midrasha is in session: self-prepared breakfasts with groceries provided in their apartments, and wholesome, well-balanced lunches and dinners from a local caterer.



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