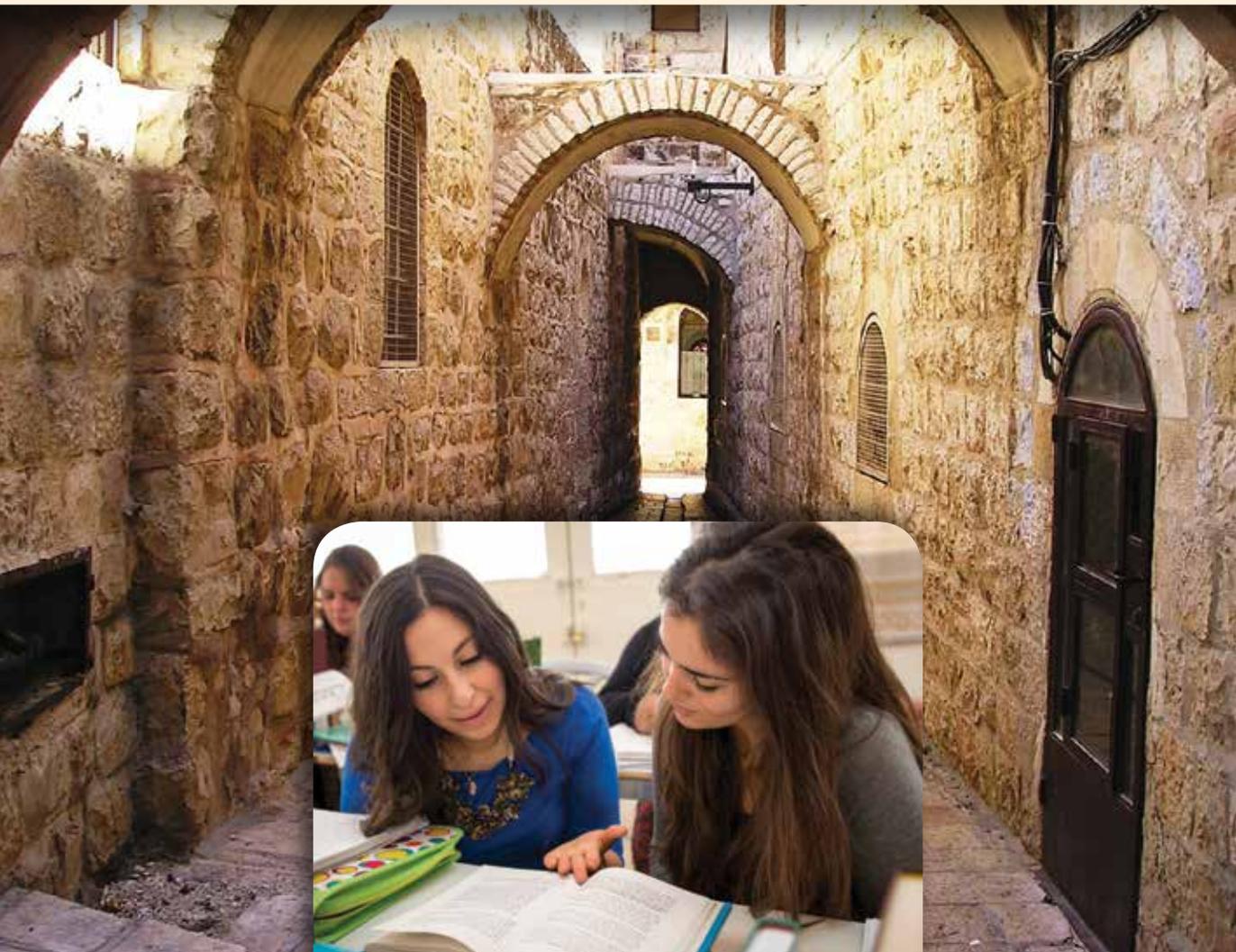




# Midreshet Eshel

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“זיטע אברהם אשׁל... ויקרא שם בשם ה' קל עולם”  
*“And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree... and called there on the name of G-d, the everlasting G-d.” (Bereisheet 21:33)*  
 “על ידי אותו אשׁל נקרא הקב”ה אלוק לכל העולם” (רש”י)

### OUR MISSION

Midreshet Eshel is committed to helping students develop themselves both spiritually and personally; to see the Torah as relevant to modern life and Halacha as their guide. Our Sephardic heritage which is inclusive and tolerant is conveyed with warmth and first hand experience. Students are taught to discover and further identify with pride their families’ customs and traditions and are encouraged to preserve their way of life. Higher education is promoted in all ways as a means to fulfill their potential as human beings and as Jews. Simultaneously students are given access to the entire corpus of Jewish learning as they prepare themselves for active roles in family, community and the nation as a whole. Sincere devotion to the people and the land of Israel are a cornerstone of the Hashkafa of the Midrasha.

### LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

MIDRESHET ESHEL IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter, just a two minute walk from the Kotel. The newly renovated dorms overlook the breathtaking views of Jerusalem.  
 What a privilege to live and learn in the holiest place on earth!!

Students are housed in the Midrasha and accompanying villas. There are 4 students per room. Students live with Madrihot (Dorm Counselors) and are supervised by an Em Bayit (House Mother) as well.





“חִכְמוֹת נָשִׁים בְּנִתָּה בֵּיתָה”  
*"The wisest of women each one built her house" (Mishlei 14:1)*

## LEARNING

Midreshet Eshel offers a small and nurturing learning environment in which students can choose the learning level that is right for them. The learning environment at Midreshet Eshel is unique in that it caters to both the advanced and the non-advanced student.

### Staff

Our teachers are known for their professionalism and sincere dedication to our students. While teaching in several other Midrashot, our teachers still find the time to speak to students after class about their learning. In addition, teachers are available to guide students in navigating the more complex challenges that come up, cementing bonds which last well beyond the time students spend at the Midrasha.

### Advanced Track

Students will be academically challenged in textual classes taught partially in Hebrew. Students are given the opportunity to sharpen their analytic skills as they acquire breadth and depth in their study of Torah.

### Regular

Students will learn in semi-textual classes designed to inspire thoughtful discussion of Jewish ideals and values. In this open forum, students will be given the unique opportunity to explore their questions about Judaism as well as examine their own commitment to Judaism in a profound and supportive environment.

*"The world is built on kindness" (Tehilim 89:3) "עוֹלָם, חֶסֶד יִבְנֶה"*

## VOLUNTEERING

At Midreshet Eshel we believe that Hesed is an integral part of what it means to be a Jew. Students are taught that Hesed is not just a once a week activity but a way of life.

Students participate in one of a variety of quality Hesed programs such as Medical Clowning, Shalva, Zichron Menachem, One Family Fund as well as others. One afternoon a week is dedicated to Hesed as students volunteer in the same Hesed project of their choice. It goes without saying that in the end the students gain even more than they give as Hesed becomes a way of life.



“קום התהלך בארץ לארצה ולרחבה בי לה אתננה”

*“Rise, walk in the land to its length and breadth  
for I will give it to you” (Bereisheet 13:17)*

## TOURING

“The land is our classroom.” This statement expresses our educational philosophy which encourages students to learn as much as possible through travelling the land. With their feet, students traverse the land to learn and discover the wonders of ancient and modern Israel. Weekly walking tours of the Jewish Quarter, hiking and visits to museums and national landmarks are an essential part of the experience. Students form deep connections to both the land and the people of Israel.



## SHABBATOT

Once a month students will experience an uplifting and fun Shabbat together Shabbaton. Throughout the year, Shabbatonim will take place in places such as Sefat, Teveria, Mizpe Ramon and the Golan. These are special times when students bond with their friends, teachers as they deepen their understanding and connection to Shabbat.

Other weeks, students will have “Off Shabbatot” when students are free to visit family and friends or enjoy being a guest at one of the many hospital families who welcome our students into their homes.



*“Inspiring classes, unbelievable teachers, great experiences, best location and amazing lifelong friends.” Esther Levy*

*“Just one year will last you a lifetime.” Nina Dweck*

**Credit** Students may earn college credit according to individual school policy.

**Tuition** Tuition is \$26000. Scholarships are available based on need and merit.

**YU** Midreshet Eshel is a partner of the S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program.



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**Rabbi Hayim Levy**  
**Mashgiah Ruhani**

Masgiah Ruhani. Originally from the Egyptian Brooklyn community Ahaba Vachva in New York, Rabbi Levy studied in the Yeshivat Hayim Berlin, Lakewood NJ ,Mir Jerusalem and Yehave Daat under HaCham Daveed Yosef shlit" a. He is the author of the Sefer Anshei Hayil, and is the Founder of Gosephardic, Instarabbi and the Geshet program which reaches out to thousands of Sephardic Youth in North America. For over a decade he has been teaching Sephardic Halacha in such fine institutions as Aish Hatora, Yesod Hatora, Ner Yaakov, and other yeshivot. He is one of the originators of the Sephardic Heritage program in numerous seminaries, including Shearim and Jewel. He made Aliyah in the year 2000 and resides in Har Nof with his wife and children.



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**Founder and Director of Midreshet Eshel**

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