

Yeshivat Birkat Moshe
Ma'aleh Adumim



Educational Philosophy

The educational philosophy at Birkat Moshe is to groom Talmidei Chachamim.

The learning curriculum stresses the acquisition of tools necessary for analysis of Talmud and Poskim along with all subjects in the Torah.

The focus of the daily routine is on the in-depth study of gemara and rishonim. In addition, students at Birkat Moshe put almost equal emphasis on the study of "gemara bekiut," where the goal is to increase each individual student's breadth and command of the gemara. There is also a wide variety of classes in other subjects available, with students being able to choose from topics as varied as Tanach, Hakdamot HaRambam, Moreh Nevuchim, Kuzari, Halacha, and Midrash, to name a few.

The mode of study in the Yeshiva emphasizes independent inquiry and critical analysis.

In their first year, students are required to submit a written work analyzing a sugya or principle that they studied over the course of the year. In subsequent years they are encouraged to continue submitting articles on various scholarly topics

We believe in each student's ability to strive to achieve their full potential. We have many different approaches within the faculty – Rav Rabinvitch is known for his Rambam Hashkafa, Rav Shilat and Rav Elisha Aviner are Talmidim of Rav Tzvi Yehuda Kook, and Rav Sabbato continues the Sphardi Masoret from Aleppo.

We believe that this variety helps each student find his own unique way to learn Torah and serve Hashem.



Faculty

The yeshiva is headed by Rabbi Dr. Nachum L. Rabinovitch, who was named Rosh Yeshiva in 1982. A musmach of Ner Yisrael, Rav Rabinovitch also holds a Ph.D. in the History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Toronto and an MA in Mathematics from Johns Hopkins University.

A prolific author, Rav Rabinovitch is best known for his "Yad Peshuta" commentary on the "Sefer Mishneh Torah" of the Rambam, and "Melumdei Milchama" a responsa volume dealing with halachic issues facing religious soldiers serving in the IDF. His work on probability theory has been published by University of Toronto Press and he has contributed numerous articles of both Jewish and scientific interest to a variety of scholarly journals.

Birkat Moshe's founders, Rabbis Hayim Sabato and Yitzhak Sheilat, became Rashei Yeshiva alongside Rav Rabinovitch in 2015. Rav Sabato, a member of an illustrious rabbinical family, has written many books on Jewish law and thought and other literature books, and won the Sapir Prize for his novel "Adjusting Sights". He holds an honorary doctorate from Bar Ilan University.

Rav Sheilat, a talmid muvhak of Rav Tzi Yehuda Kook, of blessed memory, holds a M.Sc. in the Philosophy of Science from the Hebrew University. A world renowned scholar, he is the author of the definitive editions of Igrot Harambam, Hakdamot Harambam, the Kuzari and an accurate version of the Yad Hachazaka. He is also the author of books regarding medicine and halacha and other Talmudic subjects and mashechtot.

The Yeshiva is guided by a dedication to the ideals of Ahavat HaTorah, Ahavat HaAm and Ahavat HaAretz. The faculty, virtually all of whom have served in frontline units in the Israel Defense Forces, fully embody these ideals.



Rav Nahum Eliezer Rabinovitch



Rav Haim Sabato



Rav Yitzhak Sheilat

The Hesder Ideal

"A nation that has lost its moorings in the past and its vision of the future cannot long survive. This is precisely what distinguishes Yeshivot Hesder.

They represent a genuine Torat Chaim, a Torah which flows from the eternal fountainhead of Sinai, and which inspires those who drink of its living waters to build the future of Am Yisrael."

With these words, Rav Rabinovitch captured the essence of the Hesder ideal. Not content to focus only on their studies while abandoning the mitzvah of defending the country to others, Hesder students have carved a storied niche for themselves in the IDF. Birkat Moshe's students have earned a reputation as hard-working, idealistic soldiers, with a number of our graduates progressing to officer rank.



The overseas program

The overseas program at Yeshivat Birkat Moshe – Maale Adumim is dedicated towards giving its students the highest level of learning that there is to offer. The most unique aspect of the program is that it specifically integrates the overseas students (Chutznikim) with their Israeli counterparts in all aspects of Yeshiva. This integration affords them the opportunity to learn with the top level Israeli rabbanim and be in an Israeli hesder Yeshiva. It is a very unique opportunity offered only at Maale Adumim.



Although the Chutznikim are fully integrated into the rest of the Yeshiva, there is programming designed specifically for them to experience Israel through many tiyulim and special shiurim. Rav Amichai Sacher holds the position of head of the Chutznik program. He offers daily shiurim and chaburot for the Chutznikim and keeps their learning at a high level.



Avishai Berman is the program director (Achrai) for the Chutznikim. Besides for helping the Chutznikim in the Beit Midrash and other personal matters, he provides the Chutznikim with a Zionistic-Torah experience. He arranges shabbatonim and tiyulim for them throughout the year in order

to allow them to see and experience the amazing country they have come to learn in. Over the course of the year they explore the Golan, Negev, Tsfat, and Jerusalem. Tiyulim range from exciting hikes, interesting museums, Segway tours, and even paintball!




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