מדרשת לב התורה

Midreshet Lev HaTorah

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"בכל לבי דרשתיך" תהילים קי"ט:

Follow Your Heart...

Welcome to Midreshet Lev



Welcome to Midreshet Lev — a seminary located in the picturesque hills of Ramat Beit Shemesh. Joining Midreshet Lev means that you have the opportunity to be a part of a Midrasha that uniquely weaves together 4 fundamental educational pillars:



1. Warmth and Personal Attention

The emphasis on the 'heart' distinguishes Midreshet Lev by providing personalized care, acknowledging each student's uniqueness, and offering the warmth and support essential for individual growth.

2 Academic Excellence

Midreshet Lev's dedication to the 'mind' offers challenging Torah classes, delving into a variety of subjects, at the highest level, requiring intellectual depth and understanding.

3 Religious Zionism

The profound focus on Eretz Yisrael, Medinat Yisrael and Am Yisrael, through classroom learning, experiential touring, and community living, fosters a genuine and meaningful connection with our Land and our Nation.

4 Lifelong Avodat Hashem

The seminary's priority is to create a lifelong dedication to Avodat Hashem that goes beyond academia, cultivating a continuous journey of spiritual devotion and growth, and uncompromising commitment to Halacha.

Meet our warm & experienced Staff



Rabbi Jonathan Schachter

| Rav Beit Midrash

Rabbi Schachter holds a BA, MS and Semicha from Yeshiva University. He was a beloved Rebbi in Yeshivat Frisch for 20 years and led the B'nai Yeshurun teen minyan in Teaneck for over 15 years. In the summers, Rav Schachter works as the boys head counselor in Camp Morasha. Since making Aliyah, Rav Schachter was a Ram in Yeshivat Lev Hatorah, and now has joined the Midreshet Lev family as Rav Beit Midrash.



Rav Boaz Mori

| Rosh Midrasha

Rav Boaz Mori is the Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Lev HaTorah and founder of the Ramat Shilo community in Ramat Beit Shemesh. His unwavering belief in each person's inherent greatness, paired with his remarkable talent for recognizing their unique abilities, inspires students, staff and the entire community. As both an institution-builder and educator, Rav Boaz seamlessly bridges lofty ideals with practical wisdom.



Mrs. Bina Golding

| Director of Student Life

Bina Golding lives in Ramat Beit Shemesh with her husband, Rav Sam Golding, and their children. A graduate of Kiryat Ono College with a degree in Special Education and Informal Education, Bina has spent more than a decade in the seminary world. Her devotion to chinuch and to every student helps them feel valued, supported, and inspired to grow personally and spiritually.



Mrs. Shira Platnick

| Midrasha Administrator

Shira Platnick lives in Ramat Beit Shemesh with her family and has been an integral part of the Midreshet Lev family since 2024. As our Administrator, she keeps the Midrasha running smoothly, managing countless details for students, staff, and daily operations. With her warm personality, wonderful smile, and readiness to help, Shira makes sure everyone feels welcomed, supported, and truly at home.





Mrs. Sela Wagner

| Aim Bayit

Sela, originally from West Hempstead, NY, made Aliyah with her family in 2022 and currently lives in Neve Shamir. She studied for a year at MMY and received her BA from Stern College. Her passion for inspiring the next generation led her to NCSY, where she served in many leadership roles in 4G and GIVE. Sela is known for her energy, warmth, and ability to connect with everyone she meets.



Mrs. Devori Weichholz

| Head Rakezet

Devori Weichholz holds a BA and MS from Yeshiva University. She taught middle school in New York for eight years before making Aliyah to Ramat Beit Shemesh in 2011. She has taught and served as a rakezet in various seminaries and was a popular NCSY Michlelet teacher for many summers. Devori is known for her warmth and connection with students.



Rabbi Michael Siev

| Posek

Rav Michael Siev has served as a Ram in Yeshivat Lev HaTorah for the past twenty years. He joined Midreshet Lev in its inaugural year where he functions as the Midrasha's posek and a Halacha teacher. He has also served as a senior editor of a wide range of Torah publications, including the Koren Steinsaltz Talmud series and the Sefaria Midrash Rabbah project.



Mrs. Leah Nusbacher

| Head of Chessed

Mrs. Leah Nusbacher attended Michlalah and holds a BA from Yeshiva University and an MA from Columbia University. She has lived in Israel for over 30 years and worked extensively in women's Jewish education. Mrs. Nusbacher brings her passion for helping each student reach her potential through meaningful chesed experiences. She especially values giving students the opportunity to make a real impact on Am Yisrael through the vehicle of chesed.



Mrs. Ariella Ginsberg

| Programming

Ariella Ginsberg lives in Beit Shemesh with her husband and five children. She brings a wealth of experience in education and administration, having previously served as a Madricha and Director of Programming at Shaalvim for Women. Ariella brings energy, creativity, and excitement to the programming at Midreshet Lev, helping create meaningful and memorable experiences for every student.





Mrs. Alyssa Kirsch

Mrs. Bonnie Odze

Rabbi Elie Levy

Mrs. Lauren Pruzansky

Mrs. Shira Schechter

Rabbi Ari Shames

Mrs. Chavi Eisenberg

Mrs. Eliana Hornstein

Mrs. Esther Wachstock

Rabbi Moshe Shulman

Rav Mike Unterberg

Mrs. Mai Silverstone

Mrs. Sori Teitelbaum

Dr. Tamar Halpern

Mrs. Yael Gelernter

Rabbi Shmuel Chaim Naiman



The classes are so real and applicable to life — I always walk out feeling like I've gained so much and am a better person than when I entered.

Tamar Jansenson, 5786
Alum

Lev didn't just teach me how to learn Torah. It taught me how to love it, live by it, and incorporate it into my everyday life.

Miriam Tanen, 5787
Current student

Midreshet Lev gave me the emotional support that I needed to make Aliyah. I was surrounded by mentors and friends who had already taken this journey and was assisted by them. I felt guided and encouraged every step of the way. Their care and support made the entire process feel achievable and deeply meaningful.

Danielle Levkovich, 5785
Bat Sherut in Sderot



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
8:00-9:00	SHACHARIT/BREAKFAST				
9:00-10:30	Announcements 9:30	עיון הלכה Rav Schachter	עיון הלכה Rav Schachter	עיון הלכה Rav Schachter	עיון הלכה Rav Schachter
	עבודה of the week Rav Schachter	שבת וחגים Rav Levi	שבת וחגים Rav Levi	שבת וחגים Rav Levi	ברכות וכשרות Rav Levi
10:30-11:20	שיעור רכזת Devori Weichholz	משלי Yael Gelernter	פרקי אבות Yael Gelernter	משלי Yael Gelernter	פרקי אבות Yael Gelernter
	שיעור רכזת Lauren Pruzansky	Rationalism & Kabbala Esther Wachstock	תורת הנפש Tamar Halpern	Rationalism & Kabbala Esther Wachstock	תורת הנפש Tamar Halpern
11:20-12:00	חומש ורש"י Rav Schachter				
12:00-12:50	נשים בתנ"ך Devori Weichholz	חיי נביאים Yael Gelenter	Siblings in Tanach Yael Gelenter	חיי נביאים Yael Gelenter	Siblings in Tanach Yael Gelenter
	עלי שור Eliana Hornstein	ספר דניאל Esther Wachstock	The Great Debates Alyssa Kirsch	ספר דניאל Esther Wachstock	The Great Debates Alyssa Kirsch
12:50-2:30	LUNCH AND AFTERNOON BREAK				
2:30-3:20	איילת השחר Eliana Hornstein	אשה והמצות Esther Wachstock	Connecting to tefila Devori Weichholz	אשה והמצות Esther Wachstock	Chessed
	צפית לישועה - גאולה בנביאים Rav Schachter	אשה והמצות Eliana Hornstein	מאמרי הרב סולוביצ'ק והרב ליכטנשטיין Rav Schachter	אשה והמצות Eliana Hornstein	

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
3:30-4:20	Foundations Mrs.Teitlebaum	Halachic Headlines Rav Michael Siev	מסילת ישרים & TOWN HALL MEETING Rav Boaz	ערבי פסחים Rav Shames	Chessed
	דרך ה' Mai Silverstone			הלכות לשון הרע / כיבוד הורים Rav Schachter	
4:20-5:10	MINCHA & HAVRUTA				
5:10-6:00	Deja vu in תנ"ך Chavi Eisenberg	Understanding Midrash & Aggada Rav Schachter	Deja vu in תנ"ך Chavi Eisenberg	Know thy land Rav Shames	
	Mastering נביאים ראשונים Rav Moshe Shulman	רמב"ם ספר המדע Rav Shmuel Chaim	Mastering נביאים ראשונים Rav Moshe Shulman	Zionism Rav Unterberg	
6:00-7:45	DINNER				
7:45-8:10	מסילת ישרים Rav Boaz	Free Night	Living Emunah Bonnie Odze	חברותא Community	מסילת ישרים Rav Boaz
8:10-8:35	חבורות Community				משמר GUEST SPEAKERS! Cholent - Fun!
8:40-9:30			Female Force Bonnie Odze	Penetrating the פרשה Rav Schachter	
			Now you know!! Eliana Hornstein		

Machshava Tanach History Hashkafa Halacha Independent or Group Learning

Midreshet Lev at a Glance

Highlights of Your Shana Ba'aretz

Elul/Tishrei

Siyur Yerushalayim
Selichos Program
Leil Hoshana Rabbah

Cheshvan/Kislev

Eilat Tiyul
Rakezet Shabbaton
Foraging

Tevet/Shevat

Old City Shabbaton
Masada & Dead Sea
Tefillah Workshop

Adar/Nissan

Otef Aza
Chevron
Poland Trip
Eilat Tiyul
Tzfat Shabbaton

Iyar

Yom HaZikaron *Har Herzl Tour*
Yom Haatzmaut *BBQ and Chagiga*
Yom Yerushalayim *Rikud-Degalim*

Sivan

Lag B'Omer
Shavuot
Mesibat Siyum









Q&A

Is Midreshet Lev for me?

Yes, if you are motivated, are ready for an academic challenge, and are looking for a program that will foster intellectual, spiritual, and religious growth in a personal and nurturing environment.

What type of learning does the Midrasha offer?

Challenging text-based learning from original sources, combined with thoughtful discussion.

What are the facilities like?

We have brand-new apartment buildings with breathtaking scenic views, and we are excited to expand our campus and presence in Neve Shamir.

What is the arrangement for meals?

We provide home-cooked, quality meals every school day, along with many opportunities to be hosted by warm, dynamic neighborhood families.

What makes Midreshet Lev unique?

- We welcome young women from across North America, the UK, and beyond, who come for our warm, close-knit community, personal guidance from our dedicated teachers, and a year of meaningful Torah learning rooted in a deep love of Eretz Yisrael.
- We have an integrated program with the women of Neve Shamir, providing shiurim and chavrutot for our students.
- Post–Shana Aleph, young women doing Sherut Leumi will have the opportunity to join our Midrasha in conjunction with their National Service, with ongoing support and guidance from our staff throughout their year.

What are the arrangements for students in Shabbatot and Chagim? What if I don't have any family in Israel?

Students always have the option to stay in with meals provided by the Midrasha or to be guests at local community members' and staff homes. The student's immersion into the community of Neve Shamir creates the true feeling of a home away from home.

Can you describe the extracurricular programming at Midreshet Lev?

Midreshet Lev has an extensive extracurricular program. Several hours each week are dedicated to chesed projects within the Ramat Beit Shemesh environs and beyond. Students may assist local families, hospitals, and schools, serve as companions to senior citizens, and run food drives and carnivals. Students attend weekly community Shabbatot hosted by community members and faculty members

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Enrolling in Midreshet Lev isn't just joining a seminary; it's embarking on a holistic journey that integrates intellectual rigor, personalized care, a profound connection to Israel, and a lifelong commitment to Torah and mitzvot.

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