

MIDRESHET TORAT CHESSED



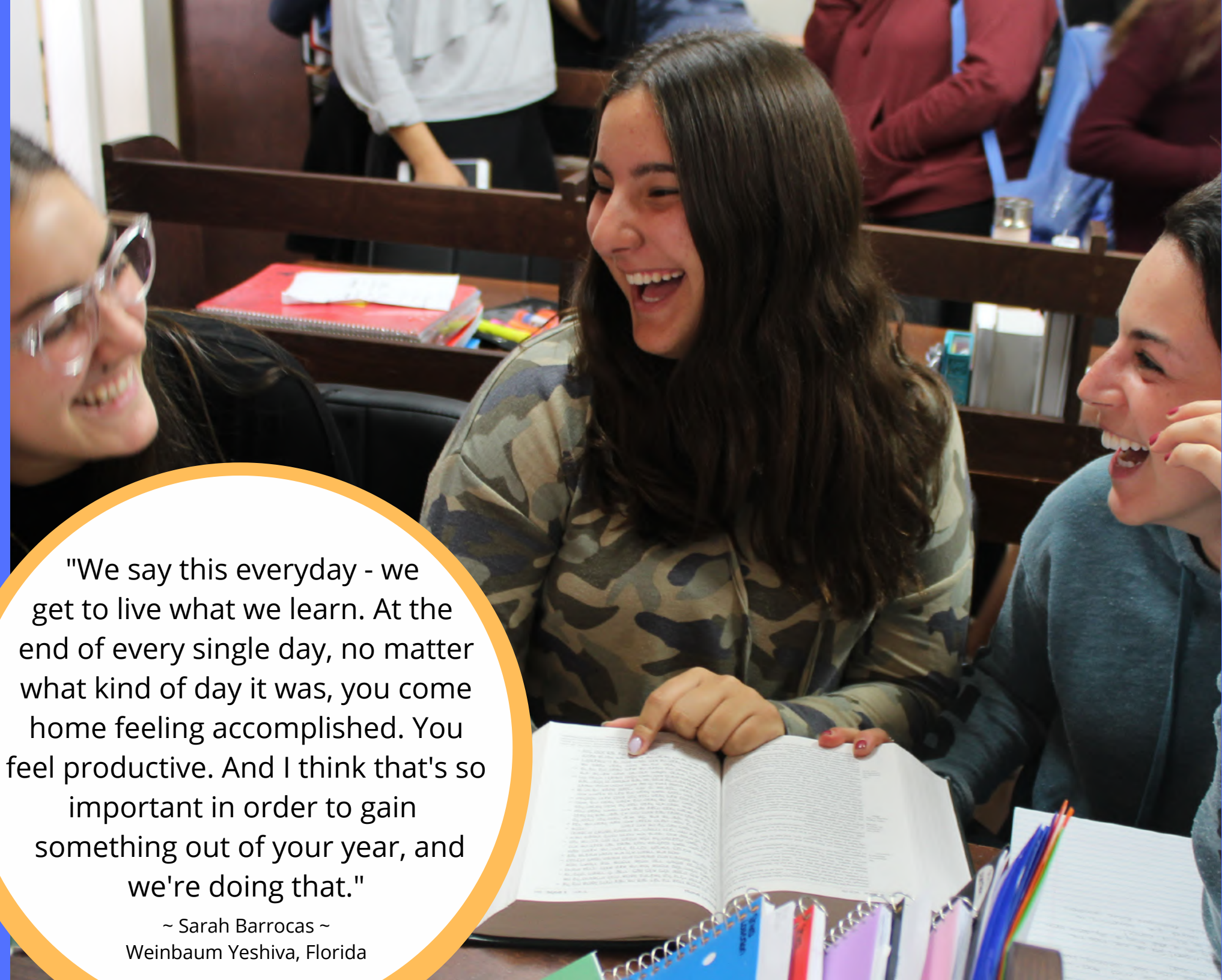
*IMPACT A CHILD'S LIFE,
ENRICH YOUR OWN*





Torat Yisrael. Am Yisrael. Eretz Yisrael.

Spending your year in the Holy Land learning Torah and making a difference in the life of a child.



"We say this everyday - we get to live what we learn. At the end of every single day, no matter what kind of day it was, you come home feeling accomplished. You feel productive. And I think that's so important in order to gain something out of your year, and we're doing that."

~ Sarah Barrocas ~
Weinbaum Yeshiva, Florida



"Aside from the amazing teachers, what makes MTC so unique is being an integral part of Bet Elazraki - working side by side with bnot sherut and developing relationships with the amazing kids. I am really getting to know Israeli society."

~ Malka Hirsch ~
SAR High School, New York



Become an Integral Part of a Child's Life

Help the children of Bet Elazraki, and
discover what it means to live what you learn.

DAILY SCHEDULE



MTC Daily Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Shacharit	Shacharit	Shacharit	Shacharit	Shacharit
9:00-9:55 CLASS #1	Hilchot Shabbat - Bekiyut Rav Tzvi VIP Hilchot Shabbat - B'lyun Rav Yonaton LC	Jewish Lifecycles Alexis LC Sages through the Ages Rav Tzvi VIP	Hilchot Shabbat - Bekiyut Rav Tzvi VIP Hilchot Shabbat - B'lyun Rav Yonaton LC	Ripped from the Headlines Rav Effie VIP Derech Hashem Avital LC	Jewish Lifecycles Alexis LC Sages through the Ages Rav Tzvi VIP
10:00-10:55 CLASS #2	Tehillim: The Lyrics Behind the Song Rav Tzvi VIP 13 Principles of Faith Alexis LC Bet Midrash Rav Yonaton	Ulpan: Intermediate Lani VIP Ulpan: Advanced Miriam LC	Tehillim: The Lyrics Behind the Song Rav Tzvi VIP 13 Principles of Faith Alexis LC Bet Midrash Rav Yonaton	21st Century Perspectives on the Holocaust Rav Effie Kleinberg VIP Tefillah – Talking to our Creator Esther LC Bet Midrash Lauren	Ulpan: Intermediate Lani VIP Ulpan: Advanced Miriam LC
11:00-11:55 CLASS #3	Mesilat Yesharim Shira LC Commentating on the Commentators Rav Yonaton VIP	Ahavat Eretz Yisrael Lani VIP Bein Adam L'Chavero Ellie LC Bet Midrash Miriam	Mesilat Yesharim Shira LC Commentating on the Commentators Rav Yonaton VIP	R' Nachman - Life Advice Rav Yonaton VIP The Jewish Woman Lauren LC Bet Midrash Avital	Ahavat Eretz Yisrael Lani VIP Bein Adam L'Chavero Ellie LC Bet Midrash Rav Yonaton
12:00-12:55 CLASS #4	Chagim: Putting the Holy back into the Holidays Rav Tzvi VIP Netivot Shalom: Living Inspired Avital LC Bet Midrash Rav Yonaton	Maharal- Netiv HaChessed Rav Yonaton VIP Arguing with G-d Ellie LC Nach Bekiyut Alexis Miklat	Chagim: Putting the Holy back into the Holidays Rav Tzvi VIP Netivot Shalom: Living Inspired Avital LC Bet Midrash Rav Yonaton	The World of Chassidic Thought Esther LC Gemara Rav Yonaton BM The Inner Dimensions of Shabbat Avital VIP	Shiur Klali – Parshat HaShavua Rav Yonaton BM
12:55	Announcements				
1:00-3:30	Lunch and Break				
	1:30 - 2:15 Practical Daily Halacha Avital	1:30 - 2:30 Growth Through Chessed Shira & Lauren (Mandatory)	1:30 - 2:15 Practical Daily Halacha Avital	1:30 - 2:15 5 Megillot R' Yonaton	1:30 - 2:15 5 Megillot R' Yonaton
3:30-4:00	Mincha and Chessed Prep	Mincha (2:30)	Mincha and Chessed Prep	Mincha and Chessed Prep	Mincha and Chessed Prep
4:00-7:00	Chessed With BE Children	Free Afternoon/Evening (from 2:45pm) 8:00-9:00 Optional Learning and Pizza with Lauren	Chessed With BE Children	Chessed With BE Children	Chessed With BE Children
7:00-8:00	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
8:00-9:30	Night Seder R' Yonaton & R' Tzvi		Night Seder Shira & Avital	Night Seder R' Yonaton & R' Yehoshua	Bayit Cham/Mishmar/Off
9:30-10:00	Post Night Seder Optional Learning		Post Night Seder Optional Learning	Post Night Seder Optional Learning	Bayit Cham/Mishmar/Off
9:30-12:00	Free time		Free Time	Free time	Free time
12:00	Curfew	Curfew (1 AM)	Curfew	Curfew	Curfew

When asked why I chose MTC, I explain that when looking for a seminary I knew I wanted to do more than sit in a Bet Midrash all day. I wanted to also actively do something with my year that would be rewarding. I wanted to go to sleep at night feeling good about my day. The small moments like, when a girl asks for help with English homework or when one girl grabs my hand are what allow me to go to sleep at night feeling so good about my day. As the teachers at MTC say, we learn Torah in the morning and live Torah in the afternoon.

~ Shira Dickman~
Heschel High School, NY

STAFF



SHIRA MELAMED - DIRECTOR

After making aliyah at a young age, Shira went to complete her National Service and then continued on to Bar Ilan University where she received her degree in Social Work. Shira's background in mental health has proven essential to our students' personal development throughout their year at MTC. Her focus on individual growth allows for an environment of warmth and acceptance in which our students are able to thrive. Her passion for chessed and learning is contagious both in and outside the classroom.



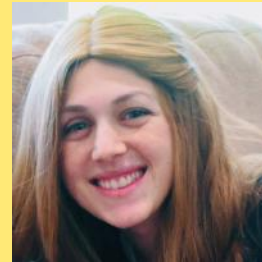
RAV YONATON HIRSCHHORN - RABBI OF MTC

Rav Yonaton was born and raised in Neve Daniel, Israel. After high school he joined the Hesder Army program, and studied at Yeshivat Otniel and Yeshivat Bat Ayin. Rav Yonaton has experience teaching in many Yeshivot and Seminaries, where he was an extremely popular and inspiring teacher. Most recently, Rav Yonaton has worked as the OU-JLIC Rabbi at the University of Maryland for the past 4 years, alongside his wife, Avital. Our MTC students are blessed to have Rav Yonatan as their Rav Midrasha. His inspiring and exciting methods of teaching leave our students eager to learn more.



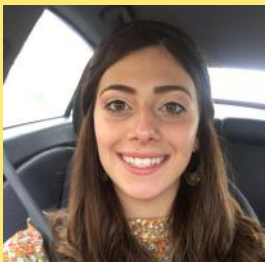
ALEXIS LEVY - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Alexis is originally from Manchester, England. She studied for her first degree in Michlala Jerusalem where she received a B. Ed. with excellence in Tanach and Toshba and the education department's prize of distinction. Alexis also has a Masters in Jewish Philosophy from Herzog College, where she received the department's scholarship for academic excellence. She has many years of experience in both formal and informal education in a number of seminaries in Israel.



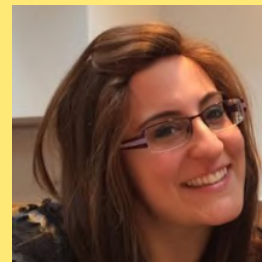
AVITAL HIRSCHHORN - MECHANECHET

Avital made aliyah at a young age and was raised in Neve Daniel. Avital has studied at Nishmat and Matan, two incredible institutions that have helped deepen and shape her Jewish and religious identity. For the past four years, Avital, alongside her husband, Rav Yonaton, has served as an OU-JLIC Educator at the University of Maryland where she was fully invested and dedicated in the students' religious growth. We are thrilled to have Avital as our Mechanechet. Her warm personality and her sincere love of teaching draws our students to her and her classes.



LAUREN FRIEDMAN - EIM BAYIT & CHESSED COORDINATOR

Lauren grew up in Miami, Florida and made Aliyah after attending Midreshet Torat Chessed Shana Alef & Bet! Lauren acts as a guide to our girls, whilst also being someone they can come to and rely on during their seminary year. Her dedication to our students knows no bounds. Lauren currently lives in Netanya with her husband Josh, next to the girls' houses.



SOPHIE FELBERG - OFFICE MANAGER

Sophie grew up in Hendon, London. After completing further studies in Art and Design she came to Israel and spent time at a number of Jerusalem's leading seminaries. Sophie and her husband made aliyah in 2016 where she found her new home as Office Manager at MTC. Sophie is a daily presence in the seminary and regularly hosts girls for shabbat in her home in Harish.

Mrs. Ellie Ausubel ~ Mrs. Esther Farkovits ~ Rav Yehoshua Felberg ~ Ms. Sara Friedman ~ Rav Effie Kleinberg ~ Mrs. Lani Margolias ~ Mr. Eytan Rund ~ Mrs. Miriam Stolovich ~ Rav Tzvi Wohlgernter

FAQS

Where is the Midrasha located? Where do the students live?

Bet Elazraki (BE) is located in the beautiful coastal city of Netanya. Our students live in two gorgeous villas a few houses down from BE. This allows them to be close enough to take part in all on-campus activities but also gives them the personal space to be on their own when needed.

All the classes and learning for the midrasha takes place on the Bet Elazraki campus. In this way, the learning and environment of the midrasha impacts the home, and vice versa.

What kind of city is Netanya? Is there anything interesting to do there?

Netanya is a vibrant and picturesque coastal city with all the amenities of a large city, but the peace and quiet of a suburb. Our midrasha is located within a 10 minute walk from the separate beach.

There are malls, restaurants, and recreational centers all within walking distance as well, not to mention the beautiful boardwalk along the beach!

How far away is Netanya from Yerushalayim?

Netanya is an hour and fifteen minutes by car. We provide transportation to Jerusalem, both ways for each "out" Shabbat, as well as every Monday evening, "seminary night off", in order to enable our participants to easily connect with their friends and family.

What is the food and laundry setup?

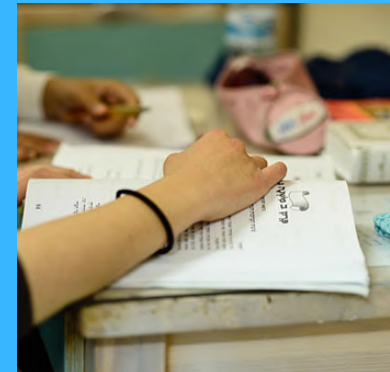
Three meals a day are provided for our students. In addition, the villas are equipped with basic kitchen appliances to allow the students to make their own food, should they so choose.

There is a washer and dryer in each villa for the students to do laundry at their leisure.

What is the schedule for Shabbatot?

Similar to Bet Elazraki, the Shabbat experience will be a unique and crucial part of our program. One Shabbat a month, we have an "in" Shabbat together with the children of Bet Elazraki.

An additional Shabbat each month is spent together as a midrasha, either on campus together or at various communities across the country. The other two Shabbatot each month are "out" Shabbatot, where the students are able visit family and friends. On those Shabbatot the campus is open for those who would like to stay in.



FAQS

Are there any tiyulim? Will we get to connect to Israel over the year?

We believe that an essential part of the midrasha experience is the fact that we are in Eretz Yisrael, the land of our people, nation and history. As such, our program includes various ways to help our students connect to the land and *Medinat Yisrael*.

A large part of our program involves traveling the land and exploring its beauty. We have a big 2-3 day trip every few months to different parts of the country, enabling our students to connect to the land in a unique way. Various day tiyulim across the country also help give our students the ability to experience - and impact upon - their land and their people.

We have numerous shabbatonim throughout the year in various cities and communities around the country in order to expose our students to the different types of communities that make up Israeli society.

In addition to seeing Israel, our students work closely with Israelis every day, with both the children and staff from the home. There are also 50 Israeli peers who do their Sheirut Leumi (National service) at the home, which gives our students a unique window into Israeli society and culture.

Do I have to know Hebrew to come? How will I communicate with the children and staff at the home?

Speaking Hebrew is not a prerequisite for being accepted to our midrasha. Although most of the children in BE speak only Hebrew, we have found over the years that even when a common language is lacking, a "language of love" develops between our children and those who care for them- something which enables them to overcome the language barrier. At the same time, we do hope and expect that our students will improve in their speech and comprehension of Hebrew over the year. Every student in our midrasha will be required to take Ulpan to maximize her ability to communicate with the staff and children of the home.

What is the typical "Midreshet Torat Chessed" student?

At MTC, we are looking for a young woman who appreciates both aspects of our program, and will take both parts seriously, a girl who recognizes the importance of both learning Torah and doing chessed, and the ability of each aspect to enhance the other.

A student who commits to devoting herself to our challenging, yet rewarding, program will thrive during her year.

Over the course of the year, we hope to arm our students with a newfound appreciation and commitment to their Judaism, as well as a keen understanding of the power of giving, and the impact it can have on their own lives.





“People often call this year a ‘selfish’ year. Only at MTC have I learned that being selfish and selfless is not an oxymoron, but a fulfilling way of life – with the combination of Torah and Chessed”

~ Rivki Portnoy ~
Yavneh Girls, Manchester

Having a complete balance of Torah and Chessed in our day is such a beautiful concept that you cannot find anywhere else. Not only have I learned so much here and done so much chessed, I have made such genuinely amazing friends. I am forever grateful for the wonderful experiences that this year has brought me, and for the everlasting memories made here at MTC.

~ Emma Schneider ~
The Seven Hills School, OH

Not only have I learned Halacha and hashkafa but I have learnt so much more. I have learnt to love learning! The girls and staff at MTC are a different kind of special. They have amazing middot and I learn so much from them every day. I'm so lucky to have made such close relationships with my friends and the staff. Looking back at my year in seminary, I see that my whole life has been transformed. I have been given tools I will take with me for my whole entire life. I love MTC so much and I'm so thankful for all MTC has given me.

~ Tikva Goldberg ~
Yeshiva University HS, Queens

The Power of Learning. The Power of Giving.

Learn to recognize your own talents and strengths,
and learn the power of your ability to give.

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