



About

MIDRESHET TORAH V'AVODAH

Midreshet Torah v'Avodah is an innovative Bnei Akiva midrasha for highly motivated high school graduates. It is the first midrasha to offer a truly integrated experience. In one incredible year, you will experience life-changing growth in your connection to Torah, to the Jewish people, and to the land and State of Israel. You will have the opportunity to learn from the most impressive educators in the world, developing deep relationships that will stay with you for life.



TVA's path-breaking model allows you to expand and broaden every aspect of who you are as a member of Am Yisrael in Medinat Yisrael through the lens of Torat Eretz Yisrael.

You will experience our pioneering Machon Leadership program, which allows you to explore pivotal issues facing the future of the Jewish people. MTVA opens you up to Eretz Yisrael and Am Yisrael through targeted internships, volunteering and service learning,

living and working on Kibbutz, rigorous spoken-Hebrew language training, and exciting tiyulim throughout the year. All of these experiences will be infused with intensive Torah learning while living in apartments in the best and most central location in Jerusalem.





היית מדרש OUR BEIT MIDRASH

The heart of MTVA is its dynamic Beit Midrash, where you will interact with an incredible faculty, who combine warmth and high-level Torah education. We believe strongly in providing a holistic educational environment, combining a top-notch learning program and a supportive religious environment. Our Beit Midrash encourages students to develop their Jewish identity and a deeper commitment to Torah and Mitzvot. MTVA combines a wide-range of classes - in Gemara, Tanach, Halakha Jewish Philosophy, Jewish History, Chassidut, and Zionism - with an energetic Beit Midrash allowing you to work on your independent learning skills.



מרכז EDUCATIONAL CONTENT & SHIURIM

At Midreshet Torah v'Avodah, we believe that the best students should learn with the most elite teachers in the world in a broad and integrative manner. Whether it is a Gemara shiur from Rabbanit Shani Taragin, Rabbanit Nechama Barash, Rabbanit Dr. Tamara Spitz or Rabbi Alan Haber, a Tanach shiur from Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, a Halakha shiur from Rabbi David Brofsky, or a Jewish Philosophy shiur from Rabbi Dr. Yehuda Seif, our students come away with a foundation to carry them for the rest of their lives. You will have the unique opportunity to "Learn and Tour," where the walls of the Beit Midrash are expanded to the Land of Israel, as Tanakh and Halakha come to life in a way that you have never experienced before.



CLASSES:

- Tanach
- Gemara
- Jewish Philosophy
- Halakha
- Zionism and Israel Activism
- Hebrew Language Training
- Learn and Tour with Rabbanit Shani Taragin and Rabbi Alan Haber
- Chassidut



ת"ב MEET OUR STAFF



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מכון מנהיגות LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Machon Leadership Program offers TVA students an opportunity to learn both broadly and rigorously. Students engage in a nuanced approach to Israel Advocacy, meet political, military and cultural leaders, and hone leadership skills by synthesizing their learning with Israeli society and culture.

Along with these special programs, students spend every afternoon and evening in the Beit Midrash, thus modeling an integrated Torah lifestyle.



MODELS OF LEADERSHIP:

- Zionism and Israel Activism with StandwithUs and Makom
- Democracy and Statehood at the Knesset
- Jewish Art, Culture, and Film with Kol Haot and Ma'aleh Film School
- Social Activism and Chesed with Kedma
- Masa Hagshama with Shomer Hachadash



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SERVICE LEARNING



Midreshet Torah v'Avodah students have the unique opportunity to experience life in Israel while engaged in intense volunteer service that is framed and integrated with Torah study.

You will help the elderly in a local home, volunteer in hospitals, and volunteer in schools for underprivileged children in Development towns in the south such as Yerucham and Dimona.



התמחות INTERNSHIPS

TVA's groundbreaking internship program maximizes the ideal of Torah v'Avodah. For one month, students experience working in Israel in the mornings, while returning back to the Beit Midrash in the afternoons and evenings. It is exhausting and exhilarating, and is a true preparation for life as a fully integrated Bat Torah. You will have the ability to work in an incredible range of jobs: TVA students have trained as Emergency First Responders and covered shifts on Israeli ambulances, engaged in political activism at think-tanks such as NGO monitor and the Kohelet Policy Forum, joined ground-breaking cancer research at Shaare Zedek Hospital, built walls and cleared trails for the JNF, participated in archaeological digs at Ir David, interned for film production companies and much more!





On kibbutz, you will have the once in a lifetime experience of working, learning, and living on a historic religious kibbutz. Your day will include working in the fields, gardens, factories, dining hall, farms, and childcare facilities of the kibbutz, side-by-side with the Israelis who live there.



Like all of our special programming, our time on kibbutz is fully integrated with Torah, and there is daily learning in the afternoons and evenings. You will also experientially learn the halakhot relating to working the Land of Israel, and connect with early Zionist pioneers through a deep engagement with their institutions.

קיבוץ KIBBUTZ



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STUDENT LIFE IN JERUSALEM



At Midreshet Torah v'Avodah, we believe that an essential part of the year will be learning to live independently. You will live in beautiful apartments in the heart of Jerusalem, and the surrounding neighborhood functions as the most exciting and vibrant campus in the world. Minutes from the Old City, Emek Refaim, and the center of town, you will be perfectly situated to maximize all of your time in Israel.



עם ארץ ישראל AM V'ERETZ YISRAEL



At TVA, experiencing the land of Israel is a central part of your year in Israel. Encounter Israel as you never have before on intense tiyulim that take you up, down, across, and through the beauty and history of Eretz Yisrael. Each tiyul includes deep integrated learning of Tanach, Chazal, & Jewish history to enrich your lifelong Jewish identity.

RIGOROUS TIYULIM



TORAT YISRAEL

Experience Torah in a whole different way as you walk in the footsteps of our forefathers with a Tanach in hand, bringing new meaning to your heritage.



AM YISRAEL

Retrace the steps of early and modern Zionist heroes as you understand the history of the State of Israel and relive the miracles of our times.



ERETZ YISRAEL

Traverse Israel from north to south, east to west. Get to know it with your body and your soul. Sleep in tents, cook on campfires, crawl in caves, explore archaeological excavations and much, much more!



POLAND (OPTIONAL)

AT TVA, we ask our students to build the Jewish future out of a profound appreciation of the richness of the Jewish past. We visit Poland to learn about the essential place the history of Polish Jewry holds to Jewish identity in the 21st century.



ABOUT BNEI AKIVA

TVA is one of the many programs under the umbrella of Bnei Akiva, the pioneering Religious Zionist youth movement, which has more than 50 years of experience running programs for young men and women in their year in Israel.



Bnei Akiva is your family in Israel. In addition to Israel programs, Bnei Akiva runs summer camps for thousands of young people, and year-round programs in dozens of communities in North America and across the world. On TVA, you will have the remarkable opportunity to connect with Bnei Akiva students from across the world - from the UK, Australia, South Africa, Germany, France, South America, and more!

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