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*Where
the Arts
inspires
Learning*

*...and
Torah
inspires
the Arts*



אִמּוּנָה וְאִמּוּנָה
EMUNAH V'OMANUT

WOMEN'S SEMINARY FOR TORAH AND THE ARTS
JERUSALEM

Are Torah and Art significant parts of who you are?



Advance your
learning in a
challenging Torah
program taught
by outstanding
educators.

Develop your
creative artistic
ability in a rich
array of art courses
and experiences.

Discover your
spiritual potential
in a reflective,
supportive
and inspiring
environment.

Torah *At Midreshet Emunah v'Omanut,*
your Torah study will
concentrate on the traditional areas of textual
study as well as Jewish philosophy and ideas in
order to expand your breadth of knowledge and
deepen your religious understanding. This will
provide you with a reservoir for authentically
Jewish artistic expression.

Art *At Midreshet Emunah v'Omanut* you
will learn and create in many artistic
modalities: Drawing, Painting, Sculpting,
Photography and Graphic Design. These courses
will advance expressive creativity, technical
mastery and conceptual understanding.

Inspiration *As a student*
at Midreshet
Emunah v'Omanut you will not just make
friends for life but you will grow with a
group of young women who share your
desire for a deep and expressive inner
life rooted in Torah and Mitzvot. You will
learn with inspired Torah personalities
attuned to the creative spirit and discover
the many ways in which Torah learning
informed by art and art infused with Torah
can become a vehicle for Avodat Hashem.

At Emunah v'Omanut Torah and Art are integrated into a single religious pursuit.



Welcome, Shalom!

We are so happy that you are interested in our Midrasha. Over a decade ago, *HaKadosh Baruch Hu* granted us the opportunity to create a warm and inspiring home for creative religious individuals looking to grow. Our caring community celebrates individual creative expression within a Halachik framework. We have had the joy and privilege to learn with so many wonderful young women who have become part of the Midreshet Emunah v'Omanut family. Together we learn, share our creativity and develop a richer, deeper commitment and connection to our people, our Torah and our land.

We'd love you to come join too!

Dr. Yocheved and Rabbi David Debow



מציון מכלל
יופי אלקים
הופיע

תהלים נ, ב

*From
Tzion, perfect
in beauty, G-d
appeared*

Tehillim 50, 2

Torah Studies

We are committed to skill development, content acquisition and in depth understanding. Classes will employ progressive teaching methods, traditional instruction and Bet Midrash preparation.



*Divine breadth
and beauty to
Yefet and may he
dwell in the tents
of Shem...*

Bereshit 9,27

Tanach study will incorporate a thorough treatment of the text with broader themes like personality analysis and philosophy. Tanach trips will enhance understanding with on-site visits. Extensive courses (*bekiut*) will help you gain an integrated picture of the entire period of the Tanach.

Midrash will explore both the meaning and method of midrash. What are the textual roots? How do we understand some of the fantastic claims of Midrash?

Halacha will cover critical areas like *Hilchot Shabbat*, *Kashrut* and *Women in Halacha* as well as topical areas like *Jewish Medical Ethics*. While all classes will be based on sources, some will emphasize process through primary sources while others will maintain a more practical focus.



Gemara study will pursue traditional learning of a given *masechet* and *rishonim* with the focus necessary to advance skills. This class is optional.

Machshava is designed to promote religious depth, nuance, introspection and reflection. You will be exposed to a wide variety of classic and modern thinkers including Rav Kook, Rabbi Soloveitchik and Rav Hutner.

Chassidut is *Torat HaNefesh* and seeks to educate the soul as well as the mind with transformative Torah that helps you grow in to a larger more loving individual through Torah.

Limudei Eretz Yisrael will examine primary sources through Torah, *navi*, and *chazal* in order to deepen your understanding of the significance of *Eretz Yisrael* and *Medinat Yisrael*. You will receive serious training in Israel Advocacy.

Evening seder time will give you opportunities for individual learning. Topical courses offered at this time will cover a host of relevant issues from a Torah perspective. You will also hear from a variety of guest speakers drawn from the incredible variety of dynamic personalities available in and around Jerusalem.



Hebrew Ulpan will emphasize conversational Hebrew at several skill levels.

Israel, Your Classroom provides endless opportunities for Torah and Arts education beyond the classroom. You will learn from field trips to archeological digs, interactive museums, historical reconstructions and ancient synagogues. You will enjoy *tiyulim* and *Shabbatonim* across a fascinating variety of locations and communities.

“The students are inspirational and the teachers even more so.”

Tovah Anavian, Student



יפת אלקים
ליפת וישכן
באהלי-שם...
בראשית ט, כ"ז

Art Studies

Experts in a variety of fine and graphic arts will guide and challenge you to new levels of accomplishment in a warm and supportive atmosphere.



“The artistic character of each student really makes this school vibrant and exciting.”

Ruby Gardner, Student

Courses. Offered at a range of levels so students at a variety of beginning points will all advance their skills. Our educational approach combines an appreciation for contemporary artistic themes with eternal Jewish values.

Drawing. From the elements of perspective and shading to detailed portraiture, you will find expert guidance meeting you at your level and helping you to grow. Learn to see as an artist so that you can capture and express the mood and tone of your subjects.

Painting. In extensive studio work you will develop skills in color and composition in a host of media, methods and styles. You will work under professional painters who are expert educators.



Ceramics. Deepen your understanding of the elements that make for a great sculpture: points of tension, static and dynamic forms, space and substance, balance and discord. You will learn the possibilities and limits of different materials by working with them.

Integrative Torah-Art Studio. You will experiment with a range of media including glasswork, animation, paper cuts, and calligraphy. You will engage in projects designed to give expression to a

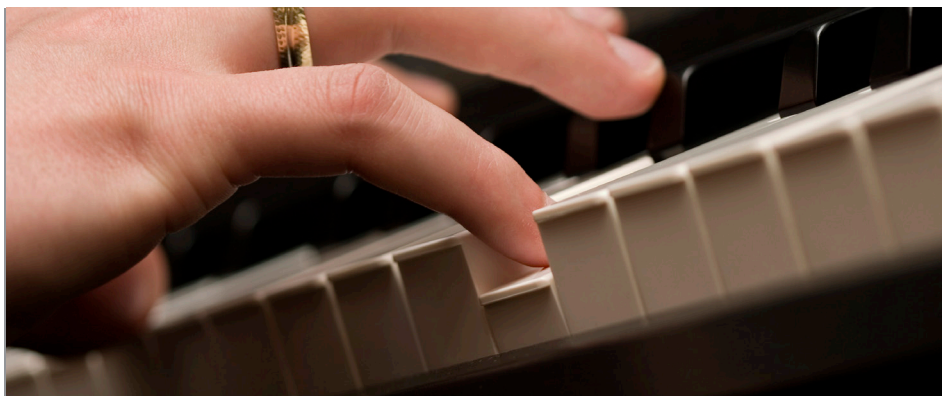
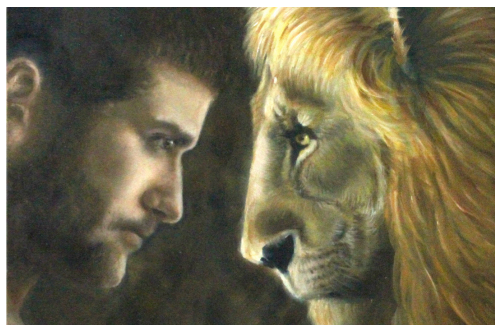
variety of Torah ideas. You will learn about installation art and find creative venues to express the themes of each Holiday throughout the year.

Photography. Imagine the Land of Israel, the arches and niches of Jerusalem as your photography studio. Guided by a gifted photographer, you will develop both technical skill and artistic sensitivity in the key elements which make for great pictures: composition, lighting, depth of field. Your work will focus in the world of the digital and include post-production computer graphics.

Studio Visits. Israel is home to a vibrant community of religious artists. These artists will share with you their sources of inspiration and technical craft.

*Literature,
painting and
sculpture possess
the power to
realize all of the
spiritual notions
that are deeply
embedded in the
human soul.*

**Rabbi Abraham Isaac
Hacohen Kook**



Music Studies



Program Components:

Individual Music Instruction.

Students receive weekly private instruction on the instrument of their choice. Voice training is also available.

Choral Ensemble. Under the directorship of a dynamic choir master, students will improve vocal skills. They will gain performance expertise through seasonal concerts before female only audiences.

Music Workshop. Here students creatively combine Torah study and musical improvisation to produce original interpretive works.

Music Theory and Composition.

Students learn in a tailored class available on every level, from introductory to advanced.

Studio Production. Students learn to use our in-house studio equipment to record, arrange and produce original compositions.

Concerts, Guest Musicians. Students will be exposed to the vibrant community of religious artists engaged in the current renaissance of Jewish music.

Upon completion, our students will:

- Appreciate the role that music plays in an inspired religious life
- Discover avenues of synthesis between Torah and Music
- Build a repertoire of recital pieces
- Significantly improve their technical and interpretive skills on the instrument of choice
- Expand their vocal capabilities
- Advance their music literacy
- Participate in the creative process of composing original music and lyrics
- Enjoy performance opportunities before supportive audiences
- Use their music for *Tikkun Olam*.



More Tracks:

Torah Scholars Track

Studio Recording

Drama

Graphic Design

Film Studies

Dance

Creative Writing

Digital Media

Beyond the Classroom

As both religion and art embrace life in all its manifold experiences so too must our program reach beyond the classroom. We have created for you a rich informal program which will complement your formal studies.



Behold, I called him Betzalel... I have endowed him with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every kind of craft.

Shemot 31, 2-3

Your teacher's table sets the scene for personal attention and relationship to transform a stimulating education into a life-changing year.

Shabbatot and Chaggim in Israel means celebrating the Jewish calendar in rhythm with the seasons and in harmony with the nation.

Tiyulim bring alive the Tanach and offer a window into Israel's living history, natural beauty and tapestry of Jewish cultures and vibrant communities.



Chessed is your opportunity to give back and grow. Our caring community naturally seeks to be helpfully involved in the lives of others broadening our community, our scope and ourselves.

Our Campus consists of a classic Jerusalem style school building and lovely nearby dormitory facilities. Campus includes the Stark Beit Midrash, classrooms, studios, music rooms, recording facilities and offices. Our campus is nestled in the beautiful Greek Colony of Jerusalem, central but still residential. Students have access to a full kitchen, garden, washing machine, dryers as well as practice space and WIFI access.

Our Kitchen is staffed with a dedicated chef which means fresh home-cooked, delicious and nutritious meals.

Administration



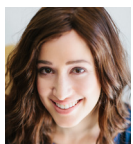
Rabbi David Debow, *Director*, infuses his classes with relevance and creativity. He served as teacher, *Mashgiach Ruchani* and Principal of Fuchs Mizrahi high school in Cleveland. Received *Smicha l'Gola* from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. BA, Yeshiva University and MA, Ursuline College.



Dr. Yocheved Debow, *Academic Principal*, teaches to students in a way that is emotionally and religiously relevant. She holds a BA in Psychology and Education, an MA in Child Clinical and Educational Psychology and a doctorate in Education from Bar Ilan University as a presidential fellow, and a Judaic Studies teaching certificate from Michlalah College for Women.



Rabbanit Shira Zimmerman, *Rosh Beit Midrash* exemplifies Torah scholarship. She graduated the Susi Bradfield Women's Institute for Halakhic Leadership at Midreshet Lindenbaum and the Matan Institute for Advanced Talmudic Learning. She holds a BA in Talmud and Tanakh from Bar Ilan.



Mrs. Franny Waisman, *Mashgicha Ruchanit* lives and breathes Torah and Art. A professional VIP guide, she infects princes and politicians with her passionate love of Eretz Yisrael. A song writer and performer, Franny touches many with her authentic Jewish music. She studied Tanach and Machshava at Herzog College and Midreshet Migdol Oz



“This program is the destination you’ve been searching for.”

Tamar Aharanov, Student

How do I apply?

1. Fill out an Application.

Log on to our website at www.emunahvomanut.org and submit an online application. Paper applications are also available

2. Sit for an Interview.

Interviews can be arranged through your school's Israel advisor or directly by being in touch with our office.

3. Submit several samples of art from your portfolio. Music, Film and Writing applicants need also submit examples of their work.

Samples can be sent by email to our office (midreshetevo@gmail.com) or bring hard copies to your interview.