

Yeshivat Birkat Moshe
Ma'aleh Adumim



Educational Philosophy

At Birkat Moshe, we create independent talmidei chachamim who feel at home in the Sea of the Talmud and the Rishonim and Poskim who have come before us.

Our curriculum stresses the acquisition of tools necessary for independent inquiry and critical analysis. Moreover, we do not limit our study to the Talmud – we believe in the in-depth study of Tanach and Jewish philosophy, and we do our best to impart the skills necessary for their independent, in-depth study as well.

The daily routine is built around the solid foundation that Talmud study provides. During seder boker, we focus on learning “B’iyun,” and in seder erev, we focus on the learning “B’bkiut,” where the goal is to increase each individual student’s breadth and command of the Talmud. Seder tz’horaim is focused on independent learning. During this time, Students focus on topics of their choosing and can make their own chavrutot or learn alone. Even though Seder Tz’horaim is devoted to independent learning, we offer various classes and programs during this time as well, on topics such as Tanach, Hakdamot HaRambam, Kuzari, Halacha, Midrash, and Jewish philosophy.

As part of our goal to groom independent scholars, who know not only how to think but to express themselves, our first-year students submit an essay analyzing a sugya of their choice to Rav Sabato. In subsequent years, we continue to encourage our students to write in the publications from the Yeshiva and the Torah community at large.

Ultimately, we believe that different minds and perspectives are critical to achieving these goals and help each student in discovering the best path for him, both in methods of learning and machshavah.

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



Faculty

From 1982-2015 Rav Nachum Rabinovitch ZT"l was Rosh Yeshiva and left a lasting mark on its philosophy and character. A musmach of Rav Ruderman at Ner Yisrael, He held a MA in Mathematics from Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate in the History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Toronto. He was also a prolific author. He published two volumes of responsa: Melumdei Milchama, a volume that deals with halakhic issues that arise in a military setting and was one of the first of its kind, and Siach Nachum, a responsa covering all the sections of the Shulchan Aruch. However, he is best known for the monumental Yad Peshuta – a unique, groundbreaking commentary on more than seven of the fourteen books of the Rambam's Mishne Torah.

Rav Chaim Sabato, who co-founded the Yeshiva, became the Rosh Yeshiva in 2015 alongside Rav Itzchak Sheilat. Rav Sabbato studied in Yeshivat HaKotel and has authored several books. He has written both works of literature and Torah study. In 2000, Rav Sabato won the Sapir Prize for his novel "Adjusting Sights," a memoir of his experience in the Yom Kippur War. He holds an honorary doctorate from Bar Ilan University.

Rav Sheilat studied in Yeshivat Merkaz HaRav and Yeshivat HaKotel and became a close student of Rav Tzvi Yehuda Kook, and studied under the direct tutelage of Rav David Cohen, Harav HaNazir. He holds a M.Sc. in the Philosophy of Science from Hebrew University and is renowned for his translations of Rambam's works from Judeo-Arabic to Hebrew. He has translated the Kuzari and recently finished a complete and exact version of the Mishne Torah as well as other works of the Rambam. He has written pioneering works of halakha and in-depth Talmud study, based on the philosophy of another of his mentors, Rav Gedalia Nadel.

Many other Rabanim of varying backgrounds, each with a unique perspective on life and Torah, come in contact with the students during their time here. We believe that the different perspectives provided by our intellectually diverse faculty will help impart a love of Torah, Am Yisrael and, the land of Israel.



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 ZT"l 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 most unique aspect of the Overseas program is its complete integration within the Yeshiva. In day-to-day Yeshiva life, one cannot discern a separate overseas program. Rather, some students of the Yeshiva happen to come from outside of Israel. Overseas students (Chutznikim) are fully integrated with their Israeli peers. It's not that they share some spaces and programming with "the Israelis." The Chutznikim are simply like all other students of the Yeshiva. They are not in any respect separated from their Israeli peers.

Although the Chutznikim are fully integrated with the rest of the Yeshiva, there is programming designed specifically for them. Each morning Rav Amichai Sacher gives an introductory shiur in English to the Chutznikim so they can be ready for that day's iyun topic. Once a week, the Chutznikim join for a chabura over a pizza dinner.

The program also affords the Chutznikim a chance to experience Israel's land through tiyulim (once every three weeks) and Shabbatonim. Destinations and events include Midbar Yehuda, Yerushalayim, the Negev, Tsfat, the Golan, skiing on Har Hermon, museums, Segway tours, and even paintball!



Rav Amichai Sacher is the head of the Chutznik program. In addition to giving daily shiurim and weekly chaburot for the Chutznikim, he is constantly available to them whether in or out of the Beit Midrash. Rav Sacher also keeps in touch with all the Chutznik alumni, giving weekly divrei Torah and arranging special Zoom shiurim to help them continue a lasting connection with the Yeshiva and Torah as they continue on in life.



Avishai Berman is the program director (Achrai) for the Chutznikim. He began learning in Ma'aleh Adumim for his shanah aleph in 2014 in the overseas program and became the Achrai Chutznikim in 2018. His experience as a Chutznik in the Yeshiva enables him to help the students to adjust to living and learning in a brand new environment.



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 Birkat Moshe – Ma'aleh Adumim

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07:00 Shacharit
08:00 Seder Halacha
08:15 Breakfast
09:00 Seder Boker

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09:00 Special Shiurim

12:00 Shiur – Rav Sabbato
13:00 Orot Hatorah – Rav Sabbato
13:15 Lunch and Afternoon break
15:15 Mincha

Afternoon seder –independant learning

17:30	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
	Rav Kook	Tanach	Kuzari	Halacha	Tanach
	Gmara Bekiut	Sicha Klalit	Shiur Klali	Rambam	Parsha

MON 18:00
Pizza Chabura 

19:15 Dinner
19:45 Seder Emunah – Chavruta Boger
20:15 Maariv
20:30 Seder Erev – Chavruta Boger

23:00	MON	THU
	Chabura	Avrech Chabura



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