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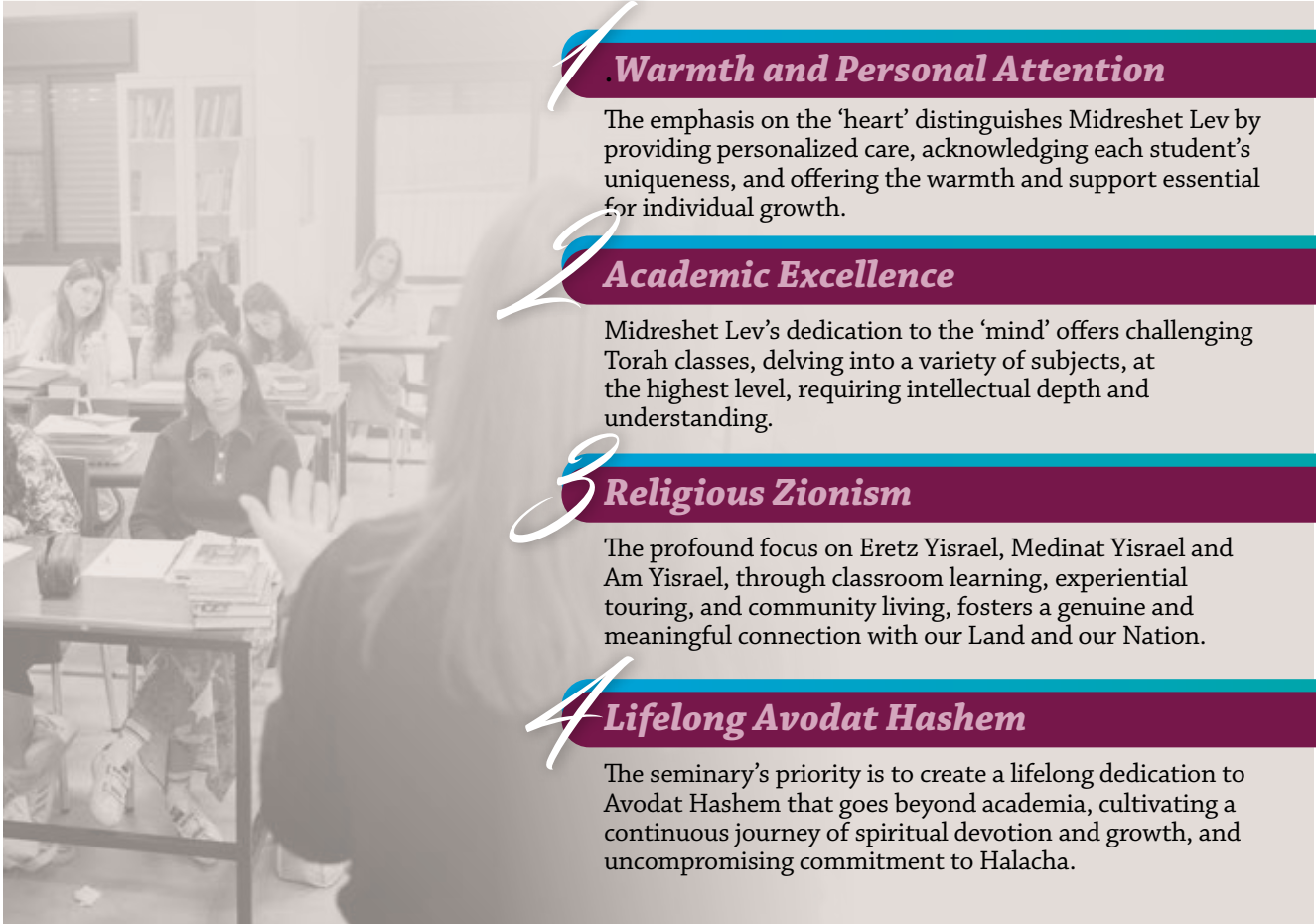
"בכל ליבי דרשתיך" תהילים קיט:

Follow Your Heart...



*Welcome to
Midreshet*

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



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. Devori Weichholz
| Head Rakezet

Devori Weichholz holds a BA and MS from Yeshiva University. Devori taught in middle school for eight years in New York before making Aliyah in 2011 with her family to Ramat Beit Shemesh. Since then, she has been teaching and serving as a rakezet in various seminars and for many summers, has been a popular teacher on NCSY Michlelet. Devori loves learning and teaching and is known for her warmth and ability to connect with her students.



Mrs. Esther Grossman
| Director

Originally from Elizabeth, NJ, Mrs. Esther Grossman made Aliyah to Ramat Beit Shemesh via Boca Raton. With a BA and MS from Yeshiva University, she has over 25 years of experience in the classroom and serves as an Upper Staff member at Camp Kaylie. Mrs. Grossman is known for her unwavering dedication to the spiritual growth of her students, and brings her unique experience, vision and love for Torah and Eretz Yisrael as the Director of Midreshet Lev.



Mrs. Michal Eichler
| Sherut Leumi Rakezet

Michal Eichler made Aliyah in 2018 during her year at MMY and went on to complete her Sherut Leumi as a tour guide at Machon HaMikdash. She and her family call Neve Shamir home and in the summers Michal works in B'nei Akiva camps. Her tremendous passion for helping students navigate their own Aliyah and Sherut Leumi experiences showcases her love of community and Israel.



Mrs. Penina Bernstein
| Rosh Beit Midrash

Mrs. Bernstein teaches students how to bridge textual analysis of Tanach stories with hashkafa and middot. Her teaching transcends the classroom, extending into the heart of the Beit Midrash and various engaging programs. With boundless enthusiasm, she forges strong connections with her students through limud Torah and through developing relationships in the classroom, Beit Midrash and other programming. She previously was the Campus Rebbetzin at Stern College and was part of the faculty of SKA in the Five Towns.



Rav 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.



Dr. Tamar Halpern
| Student Welfare

Dr. Halpern is a Clinical Psychologist licensed in both America and Israel. Before making Aliyah, she taught AP Psychology at KTA in Philadelphia and has significant experience working with older adolescents and young adult college students. She teaches a popular Torat HaNefesh class, weaving psychology and Torah and is an indispensable part of the Midreshet Lev staff.



Mrs. Yael Gelernter
| Recruiting

Mrs. G, as she is more commonly known, hails originally from Kew Gardens Hills, NY. She brings her characteristic passion and simchat hachayim to the classroom while teaching her favorite subject, Tanach. Yael has taught at SKA and was the co-principal at Ulpanat Orot in Toronto for 4 years. Mrs. G has also worked in various capacities at NCSY and the Maimonides Jewish Heritage Experience.



Mrs. Ariella Ginsberg
| Programming

Ariella Ginsberg, currently residing in Beit Shemesh with her husband and four children, brings a wealth of experience in educational and administrative roles. Previously, she was a Madricha and Director of Programming at Shaalvim for Women. Ariella infuses a sense of excitement into the programming at Midreshet Lev, enhancing every student's experience.



Rav Jonathan Schachter
| Halacha and Machshava

Rav Schachter holds a BA, MS and Semicha from Yeshiva University. He was a beloved Rebbe in Yeshivat Frisch for 20 years and led the Bnai 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 has been a Ram in Yeshivat Lev Hatorah, and joined the Midrasha in its inaugural year, teaching classes daily.



Mrs. Sela Wagner
| Eim 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. Leah Nusbacher
| Chesed

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. Sari Dratch
| PR and Social Media

Sari Dratch and her family have been living in Neve Shamir since making Aliyah in 2022. She holds a BA from Yeshiva University and an MBA from Touro University. Sari brings a strong background in nonprofit leadership and community engagement. Currently, Sari serves as the PR and Social Media lead at Midreshet Lev, where she focuses on building meaningful connections between the program and its broader community—students, alumni, and prospective families alike.





Mrs. Adina Averick



Mrs. Rachel Friedman



Dr. Mimi Fuchs



Mrs. Rachel Himmelstein



Mrs. Eliana Hornstein



Mrs. Jamie Katz



Mrs. Alyssa Kirsch



Rabbi Elie Levi



Mrs. Bonnie Odze



Mrs. Shira Platnick



Mrs. Lauren Pruzansky



Mrs. Shira Schechter



Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker



Rav Ari Shames



Rav Simi Sherman



Mrs. Sori Teitelbaum



Rav Michael Unterberg



Mrs. Esther Wachstock



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
Current Student



The staff is present for all the girls whenever needed, be it for school, Shabbos meals or personal reasons. The relationships they are creating are lifelong bonds.

Mrs. Shlomit Keehn
Mother of Noa Taube, 5785



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
		SHACHARIT/BREAKFAST [9AM]				
8:50-9:50		Announcements 9:30	האשה והמצוות 1 Mrs. Wachstock	From Womb to Tomb Mrs. Grossman	האשה והמצוות 1 Mrs. Wachstock	From Womb to Tomb Mrs. Grossman
	9:40-10:40	מסיבת ישרים Dr. Fuchs	The Great Mefarshim Debate Mrs. Kirsch	David's Tehillim: Tefillot for Life Mrs. Bernstein	The Great Mefarshim Debate Mrs. Kirsch	David's Tehillim: Tefillot for Life Mrs. Bernstein
		The Female Force Mrs. Odze				
10:00-11:00	10:45-11:45	Living Emunah Mrs. Odze	Chaburot with Mrs. Kirsch & Mrs. Wachstock	Power Seder	Chaburot with Mrs. Kirsch & Mrs. Wachstock	Power Seder
		The Final Speech (Devarim) Mrs. Bernstein	תורת הנפש Dr. Halpern		תורת הנפש Dr. Halpern	
11:15-12:45	11:50-12:50	Shiur Rakezet	שיבת ציון Mrs. Wachstock	Survey of Neviim Mrs. Bernstein	שיבת ציון Mrs. Wachstock	Survey of Neviim Mrs. Bernstein
			האשה והמצוות 2 Mrs. Grossman	ספר במדבר Devori	האשה והמצוות 2 Mrs. Grossman	ספר במדבר Devori
12:50-3:00		LUNCH AND AFTERNOON BREAK				
3:00-4:00		הלכות שבת Rav Levi	הלכות שבת Rav Levi	Mussar Vaad Rebbetzin Schoonmaker	Fundamentals Rav Schachter	הלכות שבת Rav Levi
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	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
4:00-4:15	MINCHA				
4:20-5:20	Foundations Mrs. Teitelbaum	חובות התלמידים Rav Shames	הלכות כשרות Rav Siev	תורת אומנות Morah Rachel	Chessed
	תורת ארץ ישראל Mrs. Hornstein	חמש מגילות Mrs. Wachstock	הלכות כשרות Rav Schachter	חמש מגילות Mrs. Wachstock	
5:30-6:30	הלכות ברכות Rav Sherman	Unlocking Midrash Mrs. Averick	עין אי"ה Rav Boaz	Unlocking Midrash Mrs. Averick	
	עלי שור Mrs. Hornstein	Livin' on a Prayer Mrs. Katz	Parsha Perspectives Rav Sherman	Livin' on a Prayer Mrs. Katz	
6:30-7:15	DINNER				
8:00-9:00	 8:00-9:30	 Free Night	Zionism Rav Unterburg	 Community Chavruta Program	שיעור כללי Rav Boaz
9:00-10:00			Beit Midrash Mrs. Grossman		
10:00			Hidden Insights in the Parsha Mrs. Grossman	Beit Midrash Mrs. Bernstein & Mrs. Shechter	Spiritual Life Hacks Rav Sherman
					Beit Midrash with the Madrichot
					Mishmar

Machshava

Tanach

History

Hashkafa

Halacha

Independent or
Group Learning

Midreshet Lev at a Glance

Highlights of Your Shana Ba'aretz



Elul / Tishrei Teshuva

Siyur Yerushalayim
Selichos Program
Leil Hoshana Rabbah



Cheshvan / Kislev Shabbos

Alon Shvut Shabbaton
Negev Tiyl
Rakezet Shabbaton



Tevet / Shevat Tefillah

Old City Shabbaton
Masada & Dead Sea
Tefillah Workshop



Adar / Nissan Kedusha

Otef Aza
Chevron
Poland Trip
Eilat Tiyl
Tzfat Shabbaton



Iyar Eretz Yisrael

Mitzpe Yericho Shabbaton
Golan Tiyl
Siyur Chomot



Sivan Torah

Lag B'Omer
Shavuot
Mesibat Siyum



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, combined with thoughtful discussion.

What are the facilities like?

Midreshet Lev has brand new apartment buildings and is excited to expand its 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 young, dynamic neighborhood families.

What makes Midreshet Lev unique?

- Midreshet Lev has six educational themes throughout the year-Teshuva, Shabbat, Tefilla, Kedusha, Eretz Yisrael and Torah. These themes are the subject of your shiur Rakezet, Yemei Iyun and experiential programming.
- 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.

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 extra-curricular 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 chaburot hosted by community members and faculty members.

We offer workshops in art, education, and a brand new sports facility is currently being built across the street from our school. Musically talented students are encouraged to join our Midrasha's choir. With our Midrasha's personal tour guide we have the opportunity to travel all over Israel with three over-night tiyulim (to the Negev, Golan and Eilat), many day trips touring the width and breadth of the country as well as several special tiyulim linked to the Midrasha's six educational themes.

Q&A

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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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