



סדרת  
לב התורה

*Midreshet Lev Hatorah*



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"בכל לבי דרשתיך" תהילים קיטו:

*Follow Your Heart...*



# Welcome to Midreshet

*Welcome to Midreshet Lev, a new seminary in the picturesque hills of Ramat Beit Shemesh. Joining Midreshet Lev, means that you have the opportunity to be a pioneer in the establishment of a Midrasha that uniquely weaves together 4 fundamental educational pillars:*



## 1 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

## 2 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.

## 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 emphasis is on a lifelong commitment 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. Eliana Silverman**  
| Head Rakezet

Eliana Silverman, grew up in Englewood, NJ and made Aliyah to Yerushalayim 12 years ago. Eliana now lives in Neve Shamir with her husband and 5 daughters. She is filled with enthusiasm as she brings her incredible energy and abundant expertise to Midreshet Lev. Her approachability and warmth are an inspiration for all she connects with. For the past 6 years, Eliana has been a popular Rakezet at MMY, with both Shana Alef and Shana Bet girls.



**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. Elisheva Levin**  
| Sherut Leumi Rakezet

Elisheva Levin currently lives in Neve Shamir, Ramat Beit Shemesh with her husband and three children and works as an educational psychologist. Elisheva made aliyah with her family 15 years ago from Teaneck, NJ to Beit Shemesh. After high school, she studied for a year at MMY followed by a year of Sherut Leumi in a position she herself created. Elisheva was a beloved rakezet at MMY and has taught in various Israeli high schools. Her passion for students choosing to do Sheirut Leumi will provide them with much guidance and support.



**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 nineteen years, where he teaches Gemara and Halacha. He also functions as Lev HaTorah's posek and runs an active Halacha group chat for alumni of the yeshiva. 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 Torah 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 students experience.



**Mrs. Adina Averick**



**Rav Michael Cytrin**



**Mrs. Rachel Himelstein**



**Mrs. Eliana Hornstein**



**Mrs. Jamie Katz**



**Mrs. Alyssa Kirsch**



**Mrs. Tzippy Leichter**



**Mrs. Leah Nusbacher**



**Mrs. Bonnie Odze**



**Rav Jonathan Schachter**



**Mrs. Shira Schechter**



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**Mrs. Sela Wagner**  
Eim Bayit



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TIME	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	
8:15	SHACHARIT/BREAKFAST [9AM]					
8:50-10:50 [Sun: 9:40-10:40]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Female Force</li> <li>Netivot Shalom</li> <li>Parshanut in the Parsha</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shivat Zion</li> <li>Sibling Rivalry</li> <li>Sefer BaMidbar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mizmor L'David</li> <li>Survey of Neviim</li> <li>In Depth Gemara Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shivat Zion</li> <li>Sibling Rivalry</li> <li>Sefer BaMidbar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mizmor L'David</li> <li>Survey of Neviim</li> <li>In Depth Gemara Study</li> </ul>	
10:55-11:45 [Sun: 10:45-11:45]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Haftarot v'Emunah</li> <li>Emunah v'Bitachon</li> <li>Tanya</li> </ul>	POWER BEKIUT SEDER		SHNAYIM MIKRA / HALACHA		
11:50-12:50	SHIUR RAKEZET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sefer Mishlei</li> <li>Torat HaNefesh</li> <li>*Halsha v'HaMitzvot I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful Tefilla</li> <li>Pirkei Avot</li> <li>The Great Mefarshim Debate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sefer Mishlei</li> <li>Torat HaNefesh</li> <li>*Halsha v'HaMitzvot I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful Tefilla</li> <li>Pirkei Avot</li> <li>The Great Mefarshim Debate</li> </ul>	
12:50	ANNOUNCEMENTS / LUNCH					
3:00-4:00	Hilchot Shabbat	Hilchot Shabbat	MUSSAR VAAD	Hilchot Kashrut		
4:00-4:15	MINCHA					
4:20-5:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mesilat Yesarim</li> <li>Around the Jewish Year</li> <li>Eim HaBanim Semeicha</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nashim B'Tanach</li> <li>Pirkei Orach Chaim</li> <li>Fundamentals in Judaism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bacha"m (Bayit, Chinuch, Mishpacha)</li> <li>Sefer HaChinuch</li> <li>Meaningful Moments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torat Umanut</li> <li>Medical Ethics</li> <li>HaNiggun v'HaLev</li> </ul>		
5:30-6:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlocking Midrash</li> <li>Chamesh Megillot</li> <li>Halsha v'HaMitzvot II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sugyot in Vayikra</li> <li>From Good to Great</li> <li>Michtav MeiEliyahu</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlocking Midrash</li> <li>Chamesh Megillot</li> <li>Halsha v'HaMitzvot II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alei Shur</li> <li>From Womb to Tomb</li> <li>Kitvei Maharal</li> </ul>		
6:30	DINNER					
8:00-9:00	לימוד בית מדרש Open Beit Midrash		לימוד בית מדרש Open Beit Midrash	לימוד בית מדרש Open Beit Midrash	לימוד בית מדרש Open Beit Midrash	
9:00-10:00	CHABUROT At Community Homes	FREE NIGHT	HIDDEN INSIGHTS In The Parsha	CHAVRUTA PROGRAM	SHIUR KLALI	
10:00					MISHMAR Learning & Kumzitz	



## Is Midreshet Lev for me?

Yes, if you possess a high level of motivation, 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 the Midrasha offer?

Challenging, text-based learning, combined with thoughtful discussion.

## What are the facilities like?

Midreshet Lev began its first year in brand new apartment buildings and is excited to expand its campus and presence in Neve Shamir.

## What is the arrangement for meals?

We provide 3 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. These themes of Teshuva, Shabbat, Tefilla, Kedusha, Eretz Yisrael and Torah are the subject of your shiur Rakezet, Yemei Iyunt and experiential programming.

We have an integrated program with the Neve Shamir Beit Midrash L'Nashim, 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 on 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 either the staff's homes or local community members. 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.



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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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