

# MIGDAL OZ

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Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women – Migdal Oz  
of Yeshivat Har Etzion

An intimate,  
personal  
shana ba'aretz  
in a large,  
vibrant  
beit midrash





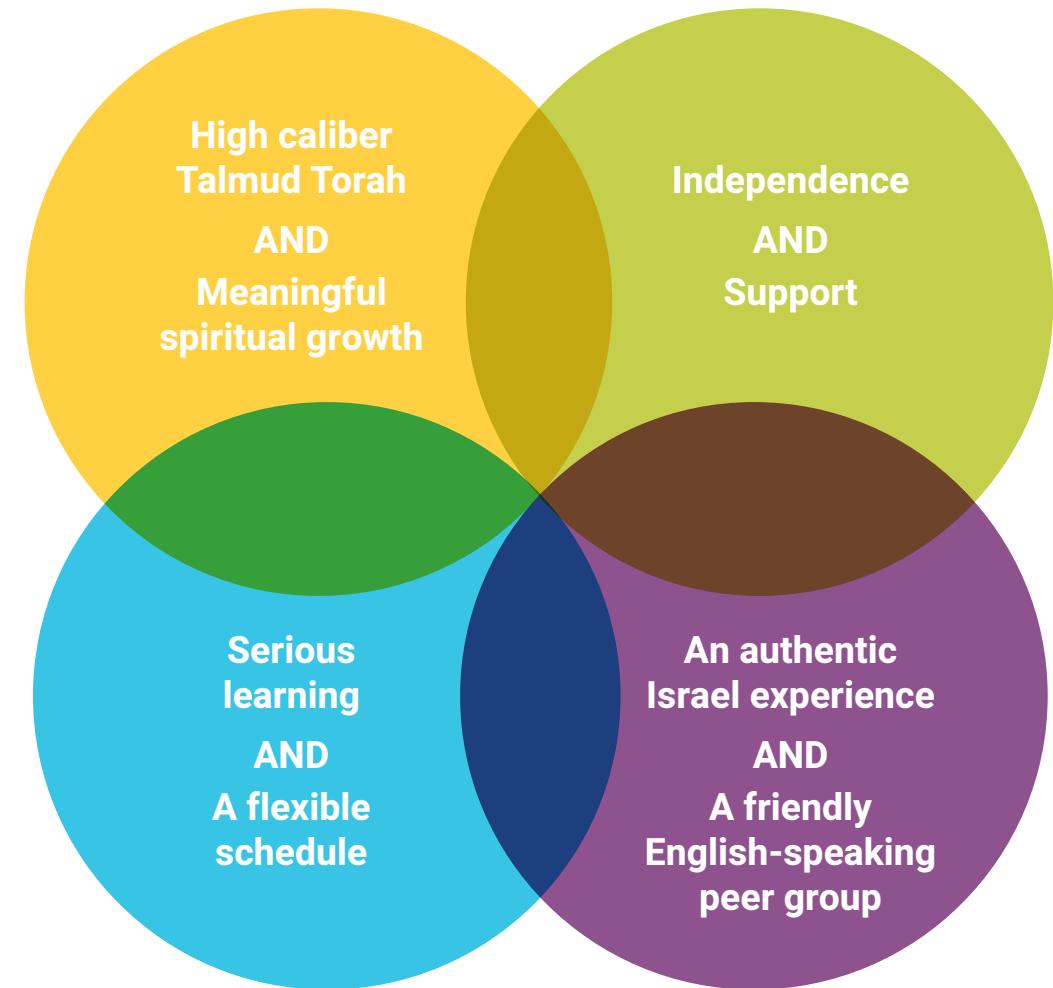
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ע"ש סטלה ק. אברהם

ABRAHAM  
FOR WOMEN



High caliber  
Talmud Torah  
AND  
Meaningful  
spiritual growth

Independence  
AND  
Support

Serious  
learning  
AND  
A flexible  
schedule

An authentic  
Israel experience  
AND  
A friendly  
English-speaking  
peer group

## A BEIT MIDRASH LIKE NO OTHER

The beit midrash is the heart and soul of the Migdal Oz experience.

Here you will:

- Learn, daven, contemplate and discuss ideas with friends and teachers
- Grow in your Avodat Hashem
- Be inspired by fellow students, faculty, and women in advanced programs
- Acquire skills for independent learning
- Be part of a caring, passionate community of students

Growth

## A SPIRITUAL HOME

An unparalleled religious experience awaits you.

The Migdal Oz Beit Midrash is well known for its beautiful tefillot on Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh, Selichot, Yom Kippur, Yom HaAtzma'ut and other special occasions. Spiritually uplifting shabbatot, all-night learning on Shavuot, Chanuka and Purim celebrations, and Rosh Chodesh programming all combine to create an atmosphere of joyous engagement with Torah, mitzvot and klal Yisrael.





## AVODAT HASHEM & YIRAT SHAMAYIM

The environment in Migdal Oz is saturated with love of Torah and Hashem, and commitment to halacha and mesorah.

We believe that healthy growth in these areas is best developed gradually and from within. Your year will include lots of opportunities to learn and reflect on topics of religious growth through:

- Beit midrash-wide discussions
- Open and honest conversations on contemporary topics
- Yemei iyun, seminars and panels
- Workshops and round-table talks
- Guest lectures by renowned speakers
- Personal meetings with faculty members
- The beit midrash Shabbat experience

These all come together to create genuine personal growth that will give you a solid foundation to build on throughout life.

Inspiration

הלכה  
ומסורת

## FEEL AT HOME IN ISRAEL

Migdal Oz is an incredibly warm, friendly place, and learning in an Israeli beit midrash will give you the opportunity to truly be part of Israeli society and culture.

- Develop deep and real friendships with Israeli peers
- Feel a real sense of belonging and connection to Medinat Yisrael
- Spend Shabbatot at the homes of your Israeli friends
- Choose to have an adopted family on the kibbutz
- Be an insider to unforgettable Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut experiences

Best of all, you will learn to speak Hebrew at a higher level, which will change your experience of davening, learning and Avodat Hashem.

Warmth

## GROW IN INDEPENDENCE

In Migdal Oz, you will be respected as an emerging adult and as an individual.

Within the framework of a warm, caring environment you will be given the space and responsibility to make decisions that are right for you. At the same time, you're never alone. Staff members are always available to help you process and navigate whatever is on your mind.



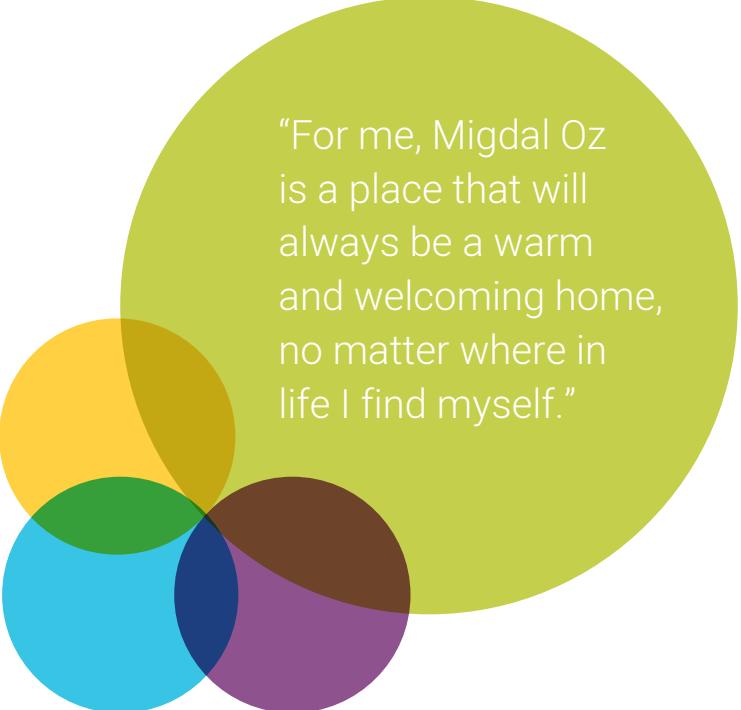


Caring  
Staff

## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

**In Migdal Oz, we will make sure that you feel comfortable and supported.**

In addition to Mrs. Racheli Schmell, Director of Overseas Students, Rabbanit Shayna Goldberg, Mashgicha Ruchanit, and our entire staff of caring teachers, we have American madrichot, and an American "eim bayit" with an open home – all of whom are there to help you with physical, spiritual, emotional, medical and mental health needs. Strong bonds between the overseas students are fostered through a weekly class and several shabbatot and tiyulim just for them.



"For me, Migdal Oz is a place that will always be a warm and welcoming home, no matter where in life I find myself."

## HIGH CALIBER LEARNING

In Migdal Oz, you will learn from some of the most well-known names in Torah education today, including the Roshei Yeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion.

In addition to morning seder in Gemara and an engaging night seder program, there is a wide array of stimulating, high level classes offered in Tanach, halacha, machshava, and other areas of Gemara. Interested students can also join select Shana Bet classes.

## PERSONALIZATION AND FLEXIBILITY

**Build your own schedule to match your personal interests, aspirations and needs.**

In the afternoon you can choose from a wide range of options:

- Multiple classes in each time slot
- Optional shiurim in English
- Chavruta and independent learning
- Advanced tracks in Tanach, Mishna, Gemara and Halacha
- Chessed volunteering
- Extra-curricular programming
- Personal time

**It's your choice!**

Choices



Sample Weekly Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday					
6:45 am	Optional Daf Yomi									
7:45 am	Shacharit and Breakfast									
8:45 am	<b>Advanced Gemara</b> Rav Koby Gigi  <b>Topics in Jewish Thought and Personal Growth</b> Rabbanit Shayna Goldberg	<b>Tanach</b> Dr. Yael Ziegler  <b>The Five Megillot</b> Dr. Yosefa (Fogel) Wruble  <b>Introduction to Jewish Philosophy</b> Rabbanit Chani Kleiman	Morning Seder Gemara Chavruta and Shiur	Morning Seder Gemara Chavruta and Shiur	Shiur with Ramiot          Torah Lishma Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg	Morning Seder Gemara Chavruta and Shiur				
1:00 pm	Lunch Break and Mincha									
3:00 pm	<b>Analysis of the Rambam's Mishneh Torah</b> Rav Meir Lichtenstein	<b>Mishnayot Chabura</b> Rabbanit Shiri Himelfarb	<b>Bekiut Machshava</b> Rav Avishai Schreiber	<b>Bekiut Gemara</b> Rabbanit Lior Porat	<b>Parashat Shavua</b> Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg	<b>Development of Chasidic Thought</b> Rav Aviezer Cohen	<b>Laws of Kashrut and Shabbat</b> Rav Yosef Tzvi Rimon	<b>Women in Jewish Law</b> Rav Meir Nehorai	<b>The Writings of Emmanuel Levinas</b> Dr. Shmuel Wygoda	
4:30 pm	<b>Seder and Shiur Talmudic Aggadata</b> Rav Tani Feintuch	<b>Tefillah</b> Rav Ezra Bick	<b>Bein Ish l'isha</b> Rabbanit Shayna Goldberg	<b>Seder and Shiur Laws of Shabbat</b> Rav Meir Nehorai	<b>The Writings of Rav A.Y.Kook</b> Rav Reuven Tubul	<b>The Development of The Oral Law</b> Rav Amnon Bazak	<b>Advanced Gemara</b> Rav Koby Gigi	<b>Orot Hatshuva-Rav Kook</b> Rav Haim Vidal	<b>The Thought of Rav Lichtenstein and Rav Amital</b> Rav Moshe Taragin	<b>The Book of Bamidbar</b> Rav Yakov Medan
6:00 pm	<b>The Philosophy of Rav Soloveitchik</b> Rav Netanel Buchs	<b>Bekiut Tanach</b> Rav Seffi Marcus	<b>Kevutza Shiur with the Ramiot</b>		<b>Advanced Gemara</b> Rav Koby Gigi	<b>Yeshayahu</b> Rav Yuval Scherlo	<b>Women in Tanach</b> Rabbanit Shayna Goldberg	<b>Seder and Shiur Midrashim on Tanach</b> Rabbanit Achinoam Yakobs	<b>The Shema and Ahavat Hashem</b> Rav Baruch Gigi	<b>Haftarot</b> Rabbanit Shani Taragin
7:30 pm	Dinner									
8:30 pm	Seder Erev									
10:30 pm	<b>Chabura in Gemara</b> Rav Netanel Buchs	<b>The Stories of Rabbi Nachman</b> Rav Dan Hauzer	<b>Beit Midrash Electives</b> With Madrichot	<b>Insights Through Song</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Mishmar</b> Classes by the Staff and Guest Lecturers					

The Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women, headed by the dynamic educator and scholar Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg, was established in 1997 by Yeshivat Har Etzion under the leadership of the famed Roshei Yeshiva Rav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l and Rav Yehuda Amital zt"l, and it continues their derech of serious Talmud Torah and commitment to Avodat Hashem to this day.



Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg  
Rosh Beit Midrash



Mrs. Racheli Schmell  
Overseas Director



Rabbanit Shayna Goldberg  
Mashgicha Ruchanit



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## A GORGE<sup>O</sup>US CAMPUS TO CALL YOUR HOME

**With beautiful green grounds, swings, porches and patios, Migdal Oz is not just a building but an expansive and secure campus.**

Located in the hills of Gush Etzion on Kibbutz Migdal Oz, we are a 30-minute drive to Jerusalem and a 15-minute walk to Efrat, where there are shops, medical and dental clinics, restaurants and more. Students live in apartments on campus alongside a main building which houses the beit midrash, dining room, library, exercise room, and various lounges.

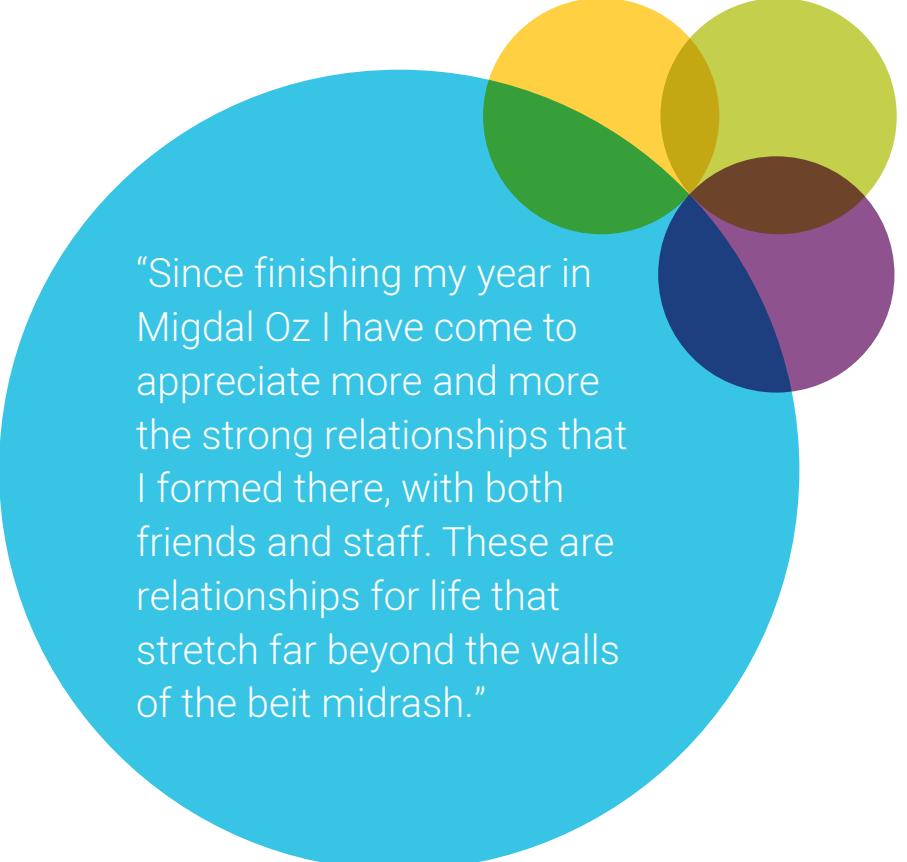
“Every time I walk into the beit midrash, I feel so proud and inspired to be part of a community of women of all ages who are learning, davening, and working on their Avodat Hashem.”

Friendship

## A COMMUNITY FOR LIFE

The decision to come to Migdal Oz is a decision to become part of a warm, vibrant community of bogrot (alumnae), who continue to stay connected to each other and to the beit midrash long after their shana ba'aretz.

There are active alumnae communities on college campuses across the US and Israel, as well as numerous alumnae events throughout the year. In this special community, you will find deep friendship and conversations of relevance to your ever-developing religious world.



"Since finishing my year in Migdal Oz I have come to appreciate more and more the strong relationships that I formed there, with both friends and staff. These are relationships for life that stretch far beyond the walls of the beit midrash."





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