



ישיבת שבילי חיים



*Yeshivat Shvilei Chaim aims to inspire and encourage the success of aspiring talmidei chachamim, while preparing them to engage the modern world with confidence and pride. In realizing this goal, our hope is to cultivate caring and active Bnei Torah who will contribute meaningfully and substantially to their communities.*

The Yeshiva strives for excellence in all facets of our students' education. We place a major emphasis on an in-depth and sophisticated understanding of Gemara, while achieving genuine competence in Halacha, Machshava, Parshanut and Mussar. Our focus is to enable each student to acquire and hone a personal derech ha'limud in each of these areas that encourages organized thinking and eventual intellectual independence.

We pride ourselves in offering this challenging curriculum in a warm nurturing environment, fostered by a continuous connection to dynamic, supportive and relatable rabbeim.

We create opportunities throughout the year for our talmidim to engage with successful baal habatim in various professions, allowing them to experience role models who can shape their ideals enabling them to prepare for the next stage of their lives.

Finally, it is our strong desire for our talmidim to acquire a deep and lasting connection to Eretz Yisrael thereby making it a central focus of their Avodat Hashem.

# *Torah with HaRav Asher Weiss Shlit"a*

One of the unique offerings at Shvilei Chaim is the extensive contact available with HaRav Asher Weiss, a universally acknowledged Gadol b'Yisrael. Some of the other highlights for the upcoming year will include:

- Weekly shiur in the Yeshiva
- Informal learning opportunities
- Question and answer sessions
- Access to other shiurim throughout the week, walking distance from the Yeshiva

"קיום התורה בישראל תלוי  
במציאותם של חכמי תורה אמיתיים,  
שהם המוסרים אותה מדור לדור,  
והשומרים על מקוריותה וצורתה  
הבלתי מזויפת."  
-רב אהרן קוטלר זצ"ל



# Seder HaYom

## Sunday - Thursday

7:20 AM	Shacharit (Mon. & Thu. 7:10AM)
8:00 AM	Halacha
8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Iyun Seder
12:00 PM	Iyun Shiur
1:00 PM	Lunch
3:00 PM	Chumash B'Iyun
3:30 PM	Mincha
3:50 PM	Bekiyut Seder
6:00 PM	Chaburot
6:45 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Maariv
8:15 PM	Night Seder
10:15 PM	Beginning of the Week Chizzuk   Vaad Sichat Mussar and Mishmar

טוב שתכתוב לך על נייר את סדר כל היום,  
למשל בבוקר בשעה זו אני קם, בשעה זו כבר  
לבשתי נטלתי את ידי אמרתי ק"ש וברכת  
התורה, ואני מתחיל ללמוד עד שעה זו וכו',  
ובכל יום תביט ברשימה להשלים את חקר.

- חובת התלמידים





# *Daily Schedule Highlights*



## *Iyun Seder*

Understanding the methodology of the Gemara and sharpening analytical skills to assist talmidim in mastering independent in-depth learning.



## *Bekiut Seder*

Will focus on the improving of textual skills and expansion of the talmid's overall knowledge base. This will be facilitated by the availability and close supervision of our dedicated bekiut rabbeim.



## *Halacha Seder*

Talmidim in shana aleph will cover chelek aleph of Mishnah Berurah with guidance of dedicated halacha rabbiem and worksheets. Weekly halacha shiurim will be given by Dayan Yehoshua Pfeffer.



## *Chumash B'Iyun*

Talmidim will acquire knowledge and skills in learning Chumash through the eyes of chazal, two tracks will be offered:

1. Covering Sefer berisheit b'iyun with multiple peirushim.
2. Exploring difficult sugyot throughout the Torah with specific meforshim in order to best understand the Torah's objective. An understanding of the methodology of each particular peirush will be highlighted.



## *Chazara Seder*

A systematic chazara seder will be implemented throughout the day for both iyun and bekiut. Our chazara system ensures talmidim understand, retain, and master the material in addition to sharpening the skills required to learn for a lifetime.



## *Dynamic Chaburot*

Post afternoon seder has a daily chaburah slot with unique learning opportunities. Next year opportunities include:

- "Hashkafic Challenges" with the Rosh Yeshiva
- Contemporary Sugyot with Dayan Pfeffer
- Shiur with Rav Asher Weiss
- Guest speakers

# Our Staff



**Rosh HaYeshiva**  
**Rabbi Dr.**  
**Chanan Apfel**

Rabbi Dr. Apfel grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and attended Yeshiva of Flatbush High School and Yeshivat Sha'alvim in Israel. He completed his undergraduate studies at Columbia University, graduating in 1985 with a BA degree in Comparative Religion. While at Columbia, he learned for four years under Rabbi Yonason Sacks shlita as part of a campus Bais Medrash program. He received his MD degree from SUNY Downstate Medical School and subsequently completed a pediatric residency at Schneider Children's Hospital, followed by a fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Columbia University Medical Center. While pursuing his medical career, Rabbi Apfel continued learning with Rabbi Sacks at Yeshiva University, and received semicha from RIETS in 2003. He then served as a maggid shiur in the 12th grade Bais Medrash Katan program and as the 10th grade masmidim shiur rebbe at Yeshiva University High School for Boys (MTA). After making aliyah from Teaneck, New Jersey in 2010, Rabbi Apfel served as a Shana Bet RA"m in Yeshivat Torat Shraga and Yeshivat HaKotel, as well as a maggid shiur at Yeshivat Shaalvim.

Over the years, Rabbi Dr. Apfel has given courses in Medical Halacha and Bio-ethics at many institutions, including Yeshiva University, Lander College for Men, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Gruss Kollel in Jerusalem, and at Sackler Medical School in Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Apfel currently gives an advanced gemara be'iyun shiur to yeshiva alumni attending the University of Pennsylvania, and also teaches a class in machshava at Michlala College for Women in Jerusalem. He is a sought-after lecturer and has published extensively on contemporary halachik and hashkafik issues. He is also the chief medical advisor for MILI, a non-profit organization in Israel that provides cardiac evaluation, recommendations and support for children with heart disease.



**Menahel**  
**Rabbi Dani Abell**

Rabbi Abell was born and raised in Chicago. After graduating from Fasman Yeshiva High School, he continued his growth at Yeshivat Shaalvim for three years. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree from Hebrew Theological College, in Skokie IL, followed by a master's in Jewish Education and Administration from Yeshiva University's, Azrieli Graduate School. In addition to receiving Semicha from HaRabbi Zalman Nehemiah Goldberg, he also completed the Mechanchim Counseling course at the Family Institute.

Rav Dani returned to Shaalvim with his wife Lea and spent six years learning at the Shaalvim Kollel and joined the staff as the Mashpia of the overseas program. It was during these years that he gained a strong connection with the Rosh Hayeshiva, Rabbi Michael Yammer, as well as the entire staff. Through their hadracha he was able to take on a central role with the talmidim, gaining a reputation for his warmth, excitement, and relatability.

After nearly a decade of learning and teaching at Yeshivat Shaalvim, Rav Dani began teaching at various seminaries, ultimately becoming a Rebbe and Administrator at MMY for the past 5 years. Rav Dani gave shiurim daily in both halacha and machshava, known for their depth, clarity, and practicality. He currently lives in Ramot with his wife and four children.



**Rabbi Robbie**  
**Schrier**

Rabbi Robbie Schrier was born and raised in Woodmere, New York. He attended HALB and DRS before leaving to study in Yeshivat Har Etzion in Alon Shevut, Israel. While attending Yeshiva University as an undergraduate and semicha student, Rabbi Schrier learned for many years under his principal rebbe, Rabbi Michael Rosensweig. Rabbi Schrier studied psychology and Jewish studies as an undergraduate student at YU.

Over the summers, he was a madrich on NCSY Kollel and became an advisor for Midwest NCSY during the year. After completing semicha, he became a member of the Wexner Kollel Elyon. For the past five years, he has served as a Night Seder Rebbe in Yeshiva University's growing night seder program where he aids talmidim in their study of gemara.

Additionally, he delivers mussar vaadim to the talmidim, drawing from classical works of mussar, chassidut, and machshava to craft messages that are pertinent to issues the talmidim face in their daily lives. He also has been a Rosh Chaburah for an early morning Kinyan HaMasechta chabura where he learns Gemara together with young professionals and working alumni of Yeshiva University. He has also served as a Resident Scholar in Congregation Darchei Noam (Fairlawn, NJ) for the past three years.



*"Let the reverence for your teacher be like the reverence for Heaven," said the Sages. In other words: if you want to come close to Heaven, don't search for kings, priests, saints, or even prophets. They may be great, but a fine teacher helps you to become great, and that is a different thing altogether." - Rabbi Lord Jonathen Sacks zt"l:*



**Rabbi (Dayan)  
Yehoshua Pfeffer**

Rabbi (Dayan) Pfeffer grew up in London, England, and came at the age of 17 to study in Yeshiva in Israel - first at Beit Yisrael and later at Mir Yeshiva, where he studied for five years under the tutelage of Rabbi Asher Arieli. After marriage he learned for over a decade under Rabbi Asher Weiss, also earning semicha and Dayanut, and serving for some time as a Dayan on Rabbi Weiss's Beis Din. He also studied under Rabbi Moshe Shapiro zt"l for close to twenty years, participating in a variety of shiurim. Rabbi Pfeffer has a bachelor's and master's degree in law from Hebrew University and is a qualified attorney, having interned at Israel's Supreme Court (justice Neil Hendel). He has taught at several Yeshivot (most recently at Yeshivat Chedvat Ha-Torah in Jerusalem, which he partnered in founding) and academic institutions (currently at the law faculty of Hebrew University), has held several halacha-related posts (including halachic advisor to Israel's Chief Rabbi and moderating the dinonline.org website for over a decade), and currently heads the Haredi division of Israel's Tikvah Fund, where he established the Tzarich Iyun journal. Rabbi Pfeffer lives in Ramot, Jerusalem, with his wife (daughter of Rabbi Reuven Leuchter, ) and eight children. He is the Rabbi of Kehillat Ohr Chadash, a flourishing and diverse Anglo community in Ramot Bet.



**Rabbi Chaim  
Eisenstein**

Rabbi Eisenstein is a sought after Rabbi known for his knowledge in Gemarah, Halacha, Chassidut, Shalom Bayit, Chinuch ha-Banim, and Avodat Hashem. He was educated at Yeshivat Torah Temima, Yeshivat Torah Vodaath, Yeshiva University and Teachers college at Columbia University, and received Semicha from RIETS in 2000 as a member of the Kollel Elyon.

After making Aliyah in 2004, Rabbi Eisenstein taught in Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh, and in 2008, joined the Gruss Kollel. Rabbi Eisenstein authored Netios Chain, which was published by RIETS in 2014, and his lectures reach worldwide audiences via YUTorah.org and TorahAnytime.com



**Rabbi Daniel  
Apfel**

Rabbi Daniel, a Teaneck, NJ native, attended MTA high school and subsequently studied for two years in Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh. Rabbi Apfel continued his Torah studies at Mir Yeshiva in Yerushalayim where he was taught by renowned talmidei chachamim Rabbi Eitan Yoffen and Rabbi Asher Arieli. He concurrently completed a BSc in computer science at The Open University of Israel.

Since then Rabbi Apfel has been teaching as the night seder sho'el u'meishiv for the overseas program at KBY where he engages the talmidim in their talmud torah and personal growth as well as delivering in depth gemarah shiurim. Having made aliyah, he currently resides in Ramat Beit Shemesh gimel with his family.



**Rabbi Yisrael  
Feld**

Rabbi Feld grew up in Teaneck NJ and currently lives in Ramot with his wife and three children. He attended MTA for high school and went on to learn at Netiv Aryeh for two years. When returning back to America, Rabbi Feld balanced full days at Yeshiva University where he concentrated on Talmud Torah, studied psychology, and played on the YU basketball team.

After college, Rabbi Feld made Aliyah and studied in the Gruss Kollel where he received his YU Smicha. He is now a senior R'am at Yeshivat Torat Shraga and is a sought after speaker in many Yeshivot and seminars. Rabbi Feld is also the director of Sulam summer programs and is known to inspire teenagers across the country. He has become well known for his ability to relate to and motivate his students, as well as maintain long lasting relationships.



**Rabbi David  
Avichail**

Rabbi Avichail is founder and Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Ramot. He is an alumni of Yeshivat Mercaz Harav and served as an officer in the IDF. He went on to establish the Yeshiva High school in Mitzpe Rimon and served as the Rosh Yeshiva for 17 years. He is an accomplished talmid chacham and has written many seforim including **מקום במדבר**, **היערן בצומת העולמות**, **תיקון המידות**, **אדם וסביבה בתפיסת עולם יהודית**, **היערן**.

# *The Ruach of Shvilei Chaim*

Shvilei Chaim prides itself on ruach and warmth as an essential component of the Yeshiva. In addition to rigorous learning, growth opportunities are integrated in the schedule to ensure students are growing both intellectually and emotionally. Some of these opportunities include:

- Visits to the homes of Rabbeim
- Oneg Shabbat, Melava Malka, & Mishmar
- Shabbatonim
- Tiyulim
- Community engagement
- Guest speakers

"החלק הרוחני שבתורה, לכל רחבו,  
עמקו והיקיפו, מוכרח גם הוא למצא  
מקום בישיבה." - הרב אברהם יצחק  
הכהן קוק זצ"ל





# Shvilei Chaim Mishmar Program

Another unique aspect of Shvilei Chaim is the integration and exposure our talmidim have to accomplished Bnei Torah who are involved and engaged in the professional world. One platform facilitating this value is our monthly “Shvilei Chaim Mishmar.”

Each month our talmidim will have the opportunity to hear from experts in various professional fields, meeting role models who excel at balancing a family life and a career while simultaneously growing as lomdei and melamdei Torah. The goal of exposure to these specific individuals is geared to assist the talmidim in envisioning a life of genuine avodat Hashem coupled with professional aspirations.

Next year's mishmars will include:



**Rabbi Dr. Judah Goldberg**

Emergency Medicine Shaarei Tzedek Hospital | Bio-ethicist



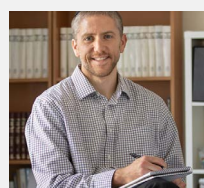
**Rabbi Dr. Pinny Sanders**

Anesthesiologist Hackensack Medical Center | Magid Shiur Chashmonaim



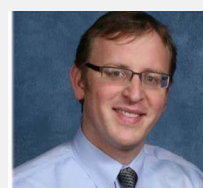
**Dr. Jonathan Paley DDS**

Five Towns Orthodontics



**Rabbi Dr. Dovid Lessin**

Psychotherapist



**Rabbi Dr. Alex Mondrow**

Psychologist | Former Rav of the Einstein Synagogue



**Rabbi Dr. Eitan Eisen**

Clinical psychologist | noted lecturer and writer



**Rabbi Judah Mischel**

Executive Director of Camp HASC | Founder of Tzama Nafshi | Mashpiah, OU-NCSY



**Rabbi Moshe Benovitz**

Managing Director of International NCSY | Director of NCSY Kollel



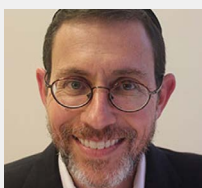
**Rabbi Doron Perez**

Chief Executive of the Mizrachi World Movement



**Mr. Marc Lesnick**

Partner at Fortissimo Capital



**Rabbi Ari Wasserman**

Specialist in corporate contracts and mergers | author of multiple seforim | co-host of “Headlines”



**Rabbi Rafi Abraham**

Software Architect | Magid Shiur Ramat Beit Shemesh community



**Mr. Judah Diament**

Chairman of the Computer Department Yeshiva University



**Yonason Rosenblum**

Noted Journalist & Author



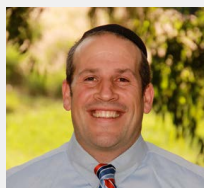
**Yishai Fleisher**

Noted Journalist | Spokesperson for Chevron Jewish community



**Rabbi Simon Wolf**

Financial professional | Magid shiur Daf Yomi, Parshat HaShavua, Ramat Shilo | Founder of SW Daf.



**Rabbi Seth Grossman**

President CREF Advisors/ SZG Investments | Vice President- Slomo and Cindy Silvan Foundation | Magid Shiur Ramat Shilo



*“Bekhol derakhekha da’ehu – no area of life, no area of endeavor should be divorced from avodat Hashem. There is nothing neutral. Whatever a person does, wherever he is, he can strive to structure his life so that it is ultimately geared to being an oved Hashem.”*

*- Rav Aharon Lichtenstein zt”l*





1. Yeshiva 2. Rav Asher Weiss's Beit Midrash 3. Ramot Mall 4. Community Center with Indoor Pool 5. Park and Basketball 6. Mini-Makolet and Bus line 7. Ramot Bet Community 8. Outer part of Ramot Forest





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"שארץ ישראל גורמת חשיבות לכל  
הנמצא בה, שזוכה לעליה רוחנית גדולה  
כשהוא בה. וכמו שאמרו: "אין תורה כתורת  
ארץ ישראל". הרי שאותם לומדי תורה  
כשלומדים אותה בארץ ישראל תורתן מעולה  
יותר." -רב חיים שמואלביץ זצ"ל



## The Ramot Community

The Yeshiva is located in Ramot Bet, a warm and welcoming Torah community in North Jerusalem. The neighborhood includes many English speaking olim who have recently made Aliyah and serve as a support network for our talmidim. Having access to the community grants our talmidim the opportunity to experience "real life" in Israel, and home hospitality throughout the year. The community also boasts an active community center with basketball courts and a swimming pool, a mall with a wide range of popular shops and restaurants, and the beauty of the Ramot forest all within walking distance of the Yeshiva.

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Scan the QR Code to check  
out the neighborhood!



## Our Beit Midrash

Our Beit Midrash is situated in the newly renovated Bnei Ha'Rama shul complex and contains all amenities of a serious makom Torah. We share the space with a preexisting Israeli Yeshiva, Yeshivat Ramot. Yeshivat Ramot consists of a staff of Talmidei Chachamim, a Kollel, and spirited talmidim, all contributing to a vibrant atmosphere and inspiring Kol Torah. This partnership exposes students to Torat Eretz Yisrael, allowing them to broaden their horizons and maximize their learning experience.







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