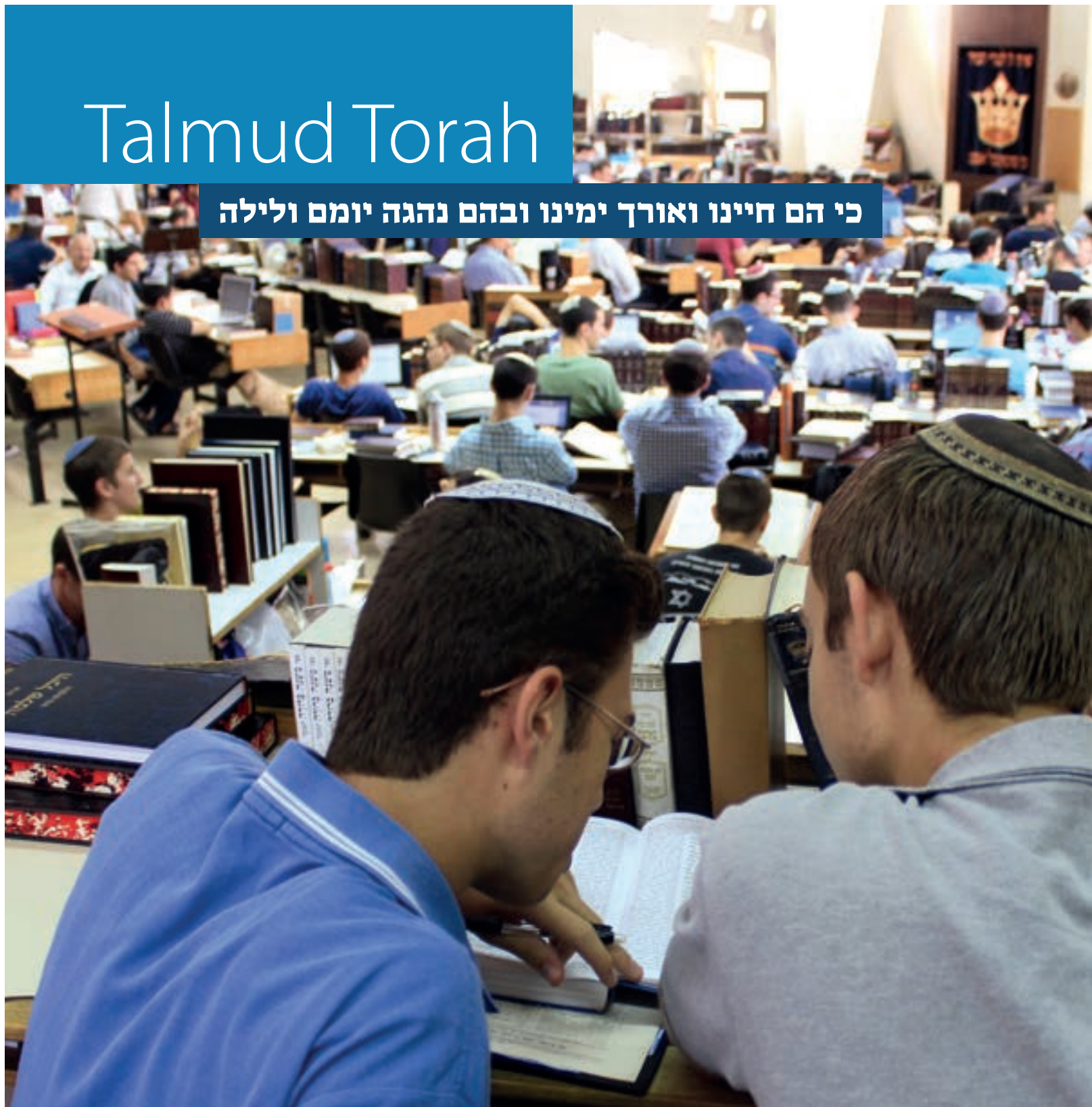




Yeshivat Har Etzion

# Talmud Torah

כי הם חיינו ואורך ימינו ובהם נהגה יומם ולילה





# 30,000

Torah learners on the  
Yeshiva's Virtual Beit  
Midrash (VBM)

# 64,062

"gushfiles" – Torah  
shiurim of Rabbanim  
and Talmidim

# 350

sefarim published  
by the Yeshiva

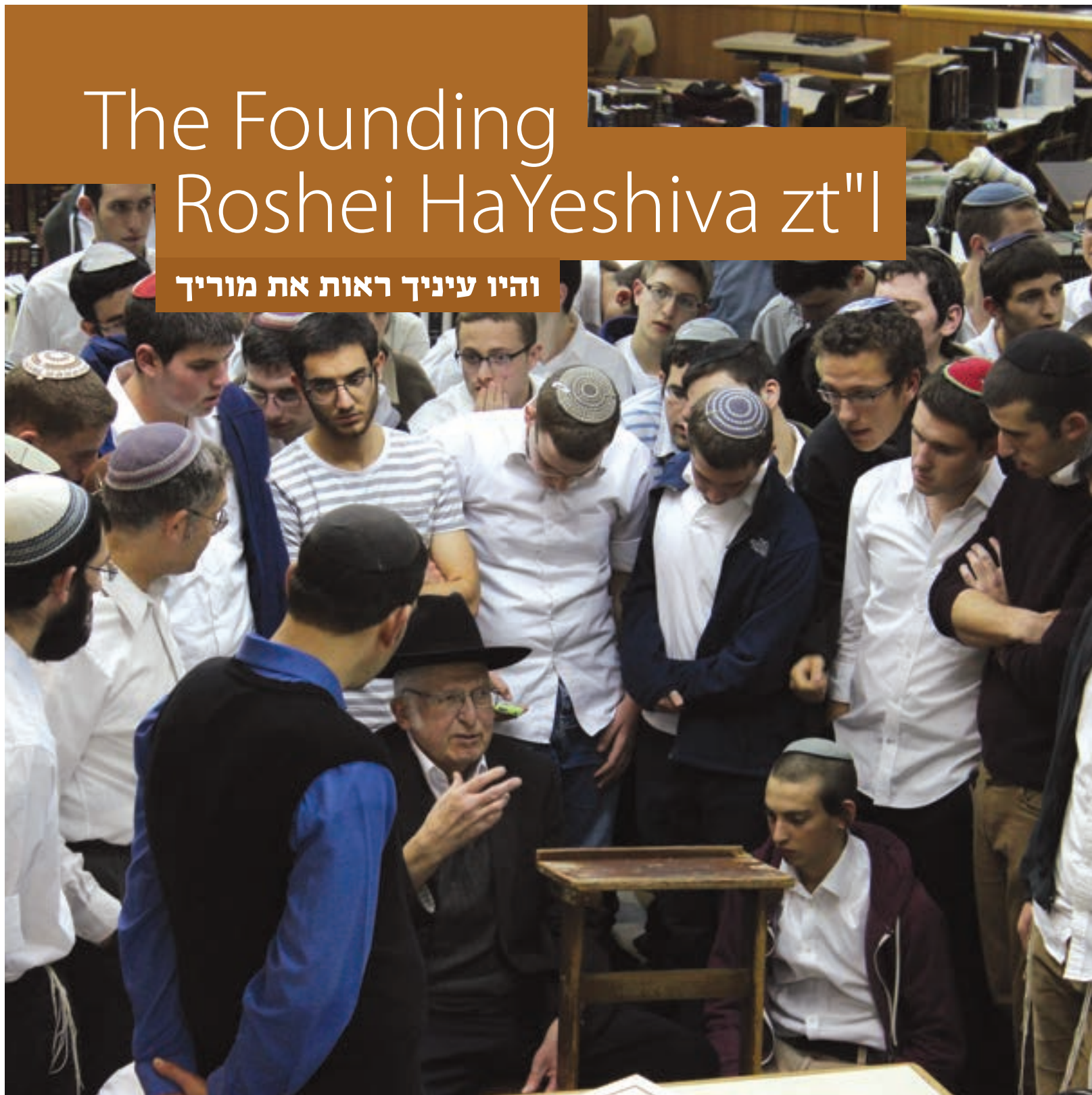


Talmud Torah is the heart of Yeshivat Har Etzion because Talmud Torah is a direct way to connect to HaKadosh Baruch Hu. The Gush's Torah heritage known as the "Brisker Derech", endows talmidim with an enduring methodology that enables them to learn independently for the rest of their lives.

This learning is enhanced by complementary study of Tanach, Machshevet Yisrael, Halacha, Mussar, and Chassidut. We seek to instill Ahavat Hashem, a passion for learning, and excellence in Middot that will last a lifetime.

# The Founding Roshei HaYeshiva zt"l

והיו עיניך ראות את מוריד





# 78

Israeli alumni  
who serve as  
Rosh Yeshiva or  
teach in Hesder  
Yeshivot

Yeshivat Har Etzion was founded by HaRav Yehuda Amital zt"l in 1968 as a model yeshiva for the emerging hesder community. In 1971, HaRav Amital zt"l invited Harav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l to join him as co-Rosh Yeshiva. These two Gedolim, along with their talmidim have reshaped the Torah world both in Israel and abroad. Their Torah values and legacy remains the core of our Yeshiva.



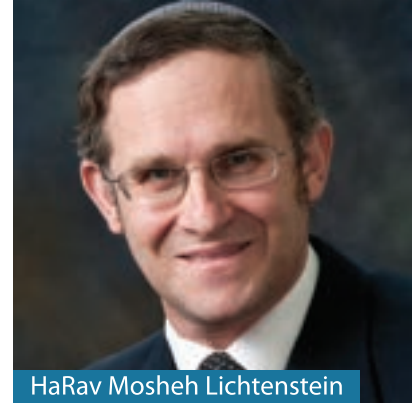
# Roshei HaYeshiva shlit"a



HaRav Baruch Gigi



HaRav Yaakov Medan



HaRav Mosheh Lichtenstein

## Your Rabbeim



Rav Eli Weber



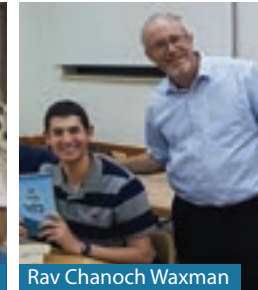
Rav Yair Kahn



Rav Pini Cohen



Rav Mordechai Friedman



Rav Chanoch Waxman



Rav Dovid Gottlieb



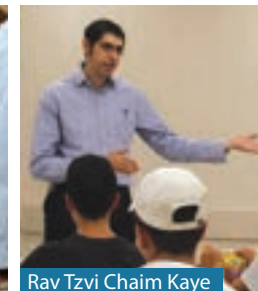
Rav Daniel Rhein



Rav Doniel Schreiber



Rav Moshe Taragin



Rav Tzvi Chaim Kaye

# Sample Day

- 7:00 Shacharit  
7:45 post Shacharit Halacha / Chassidut  
Breakfast  
8:30 Shiur Yomi / Seder Boker  
1:00 lunch  
1:30 - 3:00 break / optional learning / sports / ulpan  
3:00 Mincha  
3:15 Afternoon Seder / group learning  
in the Beit Midrash led by Kollel teachers  
and Gush alumni  
5:15 - 7:15 Chugim – please see page 12/13  
7:15 Maariv  
7:30 - 8:15 Dinner  
8:30 - 8:45 Mussar Seder  
8:45 - 11:00 Night Seder  
\*10:30 Vaad at the homes of Ramim or families  
in Alon Shevut / chaburot

\*once a week



# Spirituality

וטהר לבנו לעבדך באמת







Immersion in Torah must yield broader spiritual growth. Avodat Hashem grows by participating in shiurim on Tefilah as well as davening three Tefilot a day with Rabbeim and chaverim in the Beit Midrash. Vaadim with Ramim and leading Rabbanim in Alon Shevut along with chaburot with alumni and kollel talmidim all shape character and middos. The Gush Shabbat experience begins with Thursday evening singing to welcome the Shabbat and continues throughout Motzei Shabbat with weekly Tishim and Mesibot. Our Ramim live within walking distance of the Yeshiva and infuse every Shabbat with ruach.



# Leadership



- ▶ Flagship Hesder Yeshiva - deeply shaping Israeli Society
- ▶ A network of thousands of alumni who return throughout the year to The Gush to learn and attend events
- ▶ Nationwide weekly "Gush Shiurim" in communities
- ▶ Israeli leaders regularly visit the Gush to consult with Roshei Yeshiva and meet with talmidim
- ▶ Weekly classes for Gush talmidim in public speaking and writing
- ▶ Seminars building Leadership Skills



▲ Rosh Yeshiva, HaRav Yaakov Medan, addressing elite combat troops



▲ Rav HaRashi HaRav Yitzchak Yosef shlit" a giving a shiur in the Beit Midrash

330  
alumni serve  
as Rabbanim /  
Mechanchim in  
Chutz LaAretz

# Chutz LaAretz Chugim\*

## Tanakh and Eretz Yisrael

### Parshat HaShavua

#### Rav Menachem Leibtag

Rav Leibtag teaches each book of the Chamisha Chumshei Torah as a separate entity, analyzing the overall structure in order to outline and uncover the central themes, followed by a review of each individual unit.

### Chumash – Parshanut

#### Rav Menachem Leibtag

Rav Leibtag takes the conclusions of his Parsha Chug and analyzes how various commentaries (primarily Rishonim) deal with the questions raised and studies the varied answers they offer.

### Nevi'im Rishonim

#### Rav Menachem Leibtag

Rav Leibtag teaches Yehoshua, Shoftim, Shmuel and Melachim in a similar style to his Chumash Chug, identifying the prophetic message of the Navi, then going back to see how the nevuot fit in with the structure and themes.

### Nevi'im Acharonim

#### Rav Menachem Leibtag

Rav Leibtag teaches Yirmiyahu, Yechezkel, Yeshayahu and Trei Asar in a similar style to his Chumash Chug, identifying the prophetic message of the sefer, then going back to see how the nevuot fit in with the structure and themes.

### Parsha and Mussar

#### Rav Moshe Taragin

Rav Taragin addresses moral and developmental issues, based on the weekly Torah sedra. Through his shiurim, he addresses issues which talmidim face during their yeshiva experiences and beyond.

### Inyanei Eretz Yisrael

#### Rav Menachem Leibtag

Based around the cycle of the chagim, Rav Leibtag shows the centrality of Eretz Yisrael to our Holiday celebrations, primarily using Tanach, but also historical and modern sources.

## Shnayim Mikra Track

### Madrichim

With such a broad and exciting range of Chugim, we do not want talmidim to overlook the basic requirement of studying each week's Parsha with Rashi or a Targum of their choice. Madrichim provide guidance in this area.

## Halakha

### Halakha LeMaaseh

#### Rav Mordechai Friedman

Rav Friedman's Chug enables talmidim to attain a high level of fluency in the study of Halakha, while gaining Halakha LeMaaseh practical knowledge.

### Hilchot Shabbat

#### Rav Dovid Gottlieb / Rav Doniel Schreiber

Practical questions in Hilchot Shabbat are addressed, focusing on the development of the Halakha, from the Gemara and commentaries to the rulings of contemporary authorities.

### Hilkhot Ishut

#### Rav Doniel Schreiber

This Chug provides an in-depth review of major Sugyot in Yoreh Deah and Even Ha'Ezer, relating to marital life, ranging from the Mitzva of P'ru U'rvu and Seder Kiddushin, to Hilkhot Nida and Mikvaot.

## From the Sources to Practical Halakha

### Rav Yosef Zvi Rimon

This Chug, delivered in Ivrit, serves a dual purpose. First and primarily, it introduces Bnei Chul to Rav Rimon's style of teaching Halakha, from the sources to practical psak. Second, it introduces the Talmidim to Rav Rimon personally, someone who is a major player in the Halachic discourse in Eretz Yisrael.

\*A separate, extensive, schedule of Hebrew Chugim is open to all talmidim of the Yeshiva.

## **Mishneh Torah Track**

### **Madrichim**

Using HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein's zt"l list of recommended perakim of the Mishneh Torah as a guide, this track provides talmidim with an exposure to the major concepts and themes which are applicable, both to their study of Gemara and their everyday lives.

### **Halacha from the Parsha**

#### **Rav Dovid Gottlieb**

Rav Gottlieb takes one Halachic topic related to Parshat HaShavua and analyzes it in depth through the tradition of Lomdus, and with an eye towards practical Halakha.

## **Machshava**

### **Hashkafa in the Modern World**

#### **Rav Yair Kahn**

The goal of Rav Kahn's Chug is to build a bridge between Torah and current issues with which we struggle.

### **Talking about God in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

#### **Rav Ezra Bick**

This ambitious Chug, starts off dealing with classical philosophical topics, then moves on to dealing with philosophical proofs of God's existence from a Torah perspective and, finally, to issues such as reward and punishment, free choice and the World to Come.

### **Sichot Roshei Yeshiva**

#### **Roshei Yeshiva**

A different Rosh Yeshiva speaks on a topic of their choice and responds to questions from the talmidim. This weekly meeting provides an essential opportunity for the overseas talmidim to develop a connection with the Roshei Yeshiva, address relevant topics and broaden their horizons.

### **Fundamentals in Machshava**

#### **Rav Assaf Bednarsh**

Using a comprehensive list of sources and opinions, Rav Bednarsh's Machshava Chug deals in, great depth, with topics such as free choice, Hashgacha Pratit, Emunah, and the need for Halakha.

### **Sichot Mussar**

#### **Different Ramim**

Every week, a different Ra"m gives a Sichat Mussar to overseas talmidim.

### **Ramban al HaTorah**

#### **HaRav Mosheh Lichtenstein**

Each week, HaRav Lichtenstein focuses on one or more Rambans on Parshat Hashavua. Focusing on the Ramban's methodology and broader philosophic message.

### **Modern Orthodox Thought**

#### **HaRav Mosheh Lichtenstein**

HaRav Mosheh lays out the history and development of Modern Orthodoxy along with the most critical issues such as our relationship with the broader world, the role of secular knowledge etc.

## **Torah SheBaal Peh**

### **Introduction to Torah Shebaal Peh**

#### **Rav Pini Cohen**

This Chug traces the chain of the development of Torah SheBaal Peh from the giving of the Torah at Sinai, through the writing of the Mishna and Gemara, to Rishonim, Acharonim and the present day.

### **Aggadeta**

#### **Rav Chanoch Waxman**

This Chug draws from the Ein Ya'akov, Maharsha, Maharal and Rav Kook in order to understand various passages of Aggadeta. There is a clear focus on training the talmidim how to read and analyze Aggadot themselves, looking at the structure, context and comparable sources for each of the passages studied.

### **In Search of a Philosophy of Halakha**

#### **Eli Weber**

This Chug deals with the fundamental philosophic issues surrounding Halakha including Taamei HaMitzvot, the relationship between Halakha and morality, and the overall development of Halacha.

# The Tanach Revolution

תורת ה' תמימה משיבת נפש





7,000  
participants in the Summer  
Tanach Study Days



▲ Rosh Yeshiva HaRav Medan  
and Rabbi Menachem Leibtag  
discuss Tanach in The Gush  
Beit Midrash

It is rare that a revolution can be traced to one moment in time. That is not the case with respect to what is universally known as the “Tanach Revolution”. Upon its founding, the Yeshiva decided that the study of Tanach would be a regular part of the Yeshiva’s curriculum. That small decision, changed the way Orthodox Jews learn and relate to Tanach. The world’s leading Tanach Rabbeim - HaRav Medan, Rav Yoel Bin-Nun, Rav Leibtag and others - learned and continue to teach in our Beit Midrash. The opportunity to learn directly from them, and in a Beit Midrash in which the love of Tanach is palpable, is transformative.

100,000  
Torah articles on the  
Gush Torah database



▲ Rav Yoel Bin-Nun in conversation with talmidim

# Tiyulim

קום התהלך בארץ לארכה ולרחבה







Gush talmidim have the incredible opportunity to tour Eretz Yisrael through the study of Tanach. Their journey discovering Eretz Yisrael is guided by monthly Tanach tiyulim led by a team of teachers who are both Ohavei Torah and Ohavei HaAretz. Rav Menachem Leibtag teaches ongoing shiurim which lead into tiyulim. Shabbatonim in the Old City of Yerushalayim and Tzfat provide talmidim with a personal encounter with our beautiful land and Jewish history. Additionally, three day tiyulim during Bein HaZmanim provide a great bonding opportunity for Madrichim and Talmidim.



# Compassion and Chesed

ותורת חסד על לשונה



The entire concept of a Hesder Yeshiva is built upon integrating Torah and Chesed. Torah learning is our primary focus, we are absolutely dedicated to serving and protecting the people of Israel. Serving Am Yisrael also means spending time serving food to soldiers at a local Gush cafe built especially to aid on-duty chayalim, volunteering to run Chanuka and Purim parties in a children's home, and even spending Shabbat at an absorption center for olim from Ethiopia. It also includes learning be'chavruta with the children who live in Alon Shevut and being a big brother for children in need.



90  
talmidim a year  
who serve in  
the IDF

The Yeshiva is the proud home of Yeshivat Darkaynu, a learning program for overseas talmidim with special needs. Darkaynu talmidim live in the Gush dorms, daven and learn with us in the Beit Midrash, join our Shabbatonim and Tiyulim and are a significant part of life on the Gush campus.



# Rebbe-Talmid Relationship

עשה לך רב, וקנה לך חבר





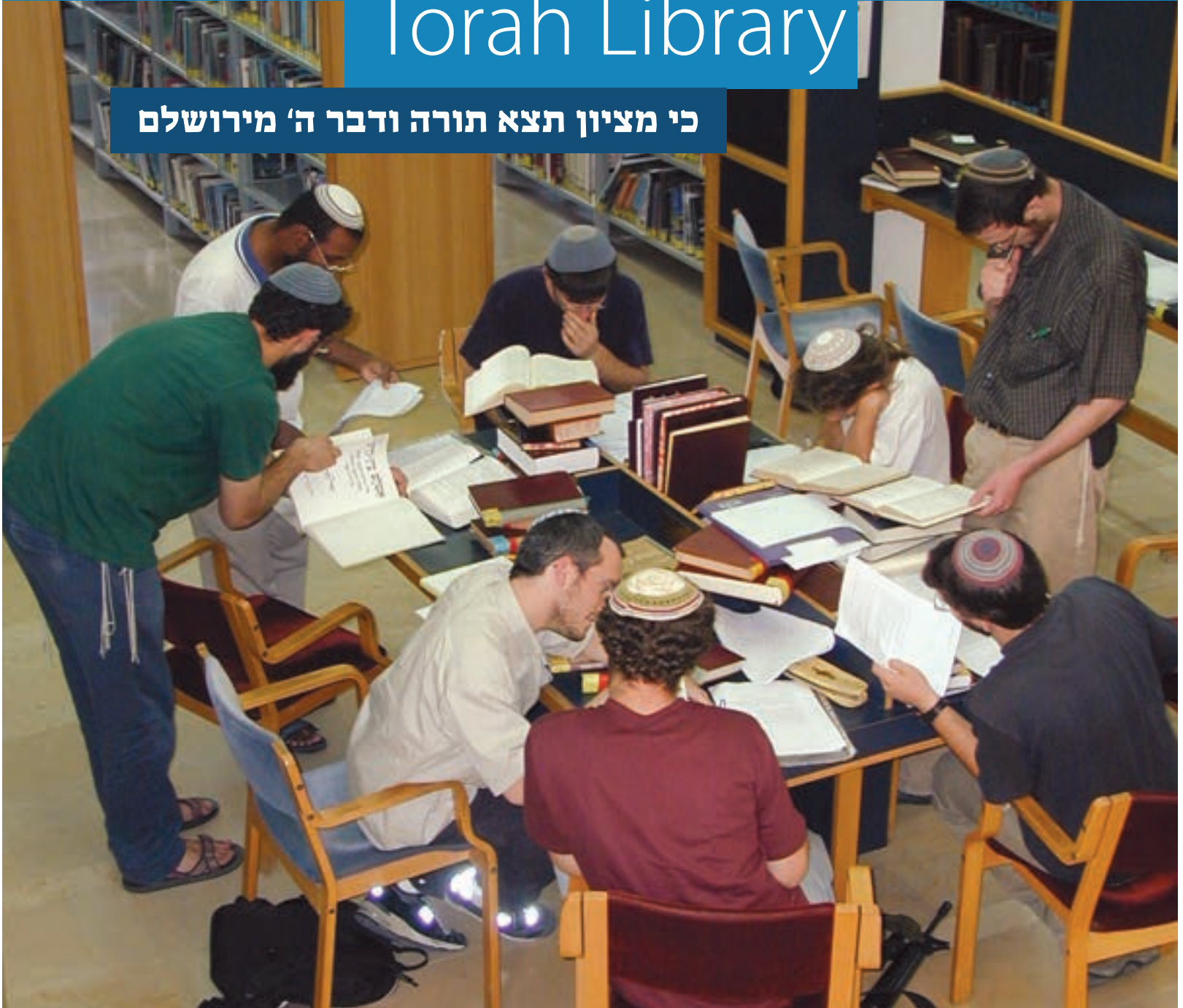
The Rebbe-Talmid relationship is at the center of spiritual, emotional and intellectual growth of our talmidim. To nurture this relationship, Rabbeim take an active interest in the talmidim's interests and aspirations. With most living on campus, the Rabbeim are a constant presence in the Beit Midrash, including for Shabbat and Yom Tov, and regularly host talmidim in their homes for meals and other get-togethers. The spiritual and emotional development of the talmidim is further enhanced by our devoted Mashgichim and Madrichim.

3,184  
graduates from the  
Dr. William Major z"l  
Overseas program  
at Gush



# The Marcos and Adina Katz Torah Library

כי מציון תצא תורה ודבר ה' מירושלם



# 80,000

sefarim in the Gush  
Torah Library



Fifty years ago, when launching the innovative Hesder idea, The Gush wanted to assure that its talmidim were firmly connected to the great lineage of Torah learning of the past. The Yeshiva's Torah Library, containing over 80,000 sefarim, including hundreds of rare sefarim and manuscripts, assigns a sense of reverence to Talmud Torah. Torah scholars from all over Israel regularly visit the Gush Library. In addition, the library contains the personal sefarim collections of Gush talmidim who have heroically fallen in service. Learning with their sefarim connects our talmidim to the Yeshiva's legacy.



# 500

years old - oldest  
sefer in the  
Yeshiva's Torah  
Library





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