

INTRODUCTION

Ohr Somayach-Monsey was originally established in 1979 as a branch of the Jerusalem-based Ohr Somayach Institutions network. Ohr Somayach-Monsey became an independent Yeshiva catering to Ba'alei Teshuvah in 1983.

Ohr Somayach-Monsey endeavors to offer its students a conducive environment for personal and intellectual growth through a carefully designed program of Talmudic, ethical and philosophical studies. An exciting and challenging program is geared to developing the students' skills and a full appreciation of an authentic Jewish approach to living.

The basic goal of this vigorous academic program is to develop intellectually sophisticated Talmudic scholars who can make a significant contribution to their communities both as teachers and experts in Jewish law; and as knowledgeable lay citizens.

Students are selected on a basis of membership in Jewish faith. Ohr Somayach does not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin provided that they members of the above mentioned denomination.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

Ohr Somayach is located at 244 Route 306 in Monsey, N.Y., a vibrant suburban community 35 miles northwest of New York City. The spacious wooded grounds include a central academic building with a large lecture hall and classrooms and a central administration building.

There are dormitory facilities on campus as well as off campus student housing. Three meals a day are served at the school.

A full range of student services is provided including tutoring and personal counseling.

Monsey is well known as a well developed Jewish community. World famous Talmudical scholars as well as Rabbinical sages in the community are available for personal consultation and discussion. Major synagogues, libraries and communal organizations are in close proximity, as are numerous shopping and kosher dining facilities.

LIBRARY

The library plays a major role in Jewish scholarship. Although the reference materials most frequently utilized are appended to most additions of the Talmud for quick reference, considerable supplementary material is necessary for serious, more advanced work. A voluminous collection of works spanning over one thousand years of Jewish thought is part of a vital support system of research, in addition to the classical analytical commentaries.

The library consists of the basic Scriptural and Talmudic texts and codes, as well as a wide array of analytical writings and scholarly works. The college possesses an impressive array of Responsa. In addition, there is a selection of ethical and philosophical works, classics of Biblical exegesis and ethical masterpieces. Finally, the library maintains an extensive collection of CD's dealing with ethics, philosophy and Biblical analysis.

Moreover, the students have free and immediate access to the extensive private collections of the Deans.

Bookshelves containing the most commonly used sources line the main study hall. A student librarian is charged with overseeing this collection, and student monitors supervise the day-to-day circulation and collection of books.

**OHR SOMAYACH
CALENDAR 2016 - 2017**

SEPTEMBER 5 - JANUARY 16

FALL SEMESTER

OCTOBER 13 - NOVEMBER 2

SUKKOS BREAK

JANUARY 17 - JUNE 2

SPRING SEMESTER

FEBRUARY 2 - 7

WINTER BREAK

MARCH 9

FAST OF ESTHER - AM SESSION ONLY

MARCH 12

PURIM - NO SESSIONS

APRIL 4 - APRIL 26

PESACH BREAK

MAY 30 - JUNE 2

SHAVUOS

JUNE 2

SPRING SEMESTER ENDS

JUNE 4 - JULY 26

SUMMER SEMESTER

AUGUST 1

TISHA B'AV

JULY 26

SUMMER BREAK

AUGUST 23

NEW FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

FALL SEMESTER

SESSION I - SEPTEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 21

SESSION II -NOVEMBER 22 - JANUARY 16

SPRING SEMESTER

SESSION I -JANUARY 17 - MARCH 13

SESSION II -MARCH 17 - JUNE 2

SUMMER SEMESTER

JUNE 4 - JULY 26

updated 1/2/2017

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Prospective students are invited to apply to Ohr Somayach by completing an application on-line at os.edu. Subsequent to completing the application the applicant should call the office to arrange a personal interview with the Dean of students or the Director. Once the applicant is accepted for enrollment, he will then complete the enrollment process, arrange a tuition meeting and submit all necessary documentation including proof of High School graduation and immunizations.

Students applying to Ohr Somayach should have a high school diploma or its equivalent. In addition, they should have adequate preparation in Talmudic and related studies. An oral examination in Talmudic studies will be administered by a member of the admissions staff.

Transcripts of previous Talmudic study and recommendations of faculty at the student's previous schools will be welcomed by the admissions office.

Students who demonstrate preparation beyond the scope of the undergraduate program may be admitted as graduate students by special arrangement (see below, Graduate Program).

Admission to Ohr Somayach is open to male members of the Jewish faith without regard to color, race, national origin or handicap. Ohr Somayach's main facilities are

fully accessible to the handicapped at present. Ohr Somayach is fully committed to making all facilities available to any handicapped applicant who is qualified to attend the institution.

CONDUCT

The Institution expects high standards of moral and ethical behavior on the part of its students. Any student as determined by the administration of the Yeshiva falling below school standards or acting inappropriately or jeopardizing the quality of the school may be asked by the administration to summarily leave the Yeshiva even mid-term. The following is an outline of the Code of Conduct.

SEE CODE OF CONDUCT OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

OHR SOMAYACH CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of the school is to assist and enable each student to develop into a knowledgeable, responsible individual with high moral standards and become a successful, accomplished member of the community.

Students come from many diverse families, cultures and countries, but all have a common mission: to grow, to change and to rebuild through their learning and living of Torah.

The school's aim is to assist each student to achieve these goals in a warm, positive environment.

In order to accomplish this, the Yeshiva has formulated a system of rules of conduct so that students may be clear as to what is expected of them while at Ohr Somayach.

1) The process of enrollment at Ohr Somayach is to submit a signed completed full application, schedule an interview with Rabbi Braun and a tuition meeting with Rabbi Eliyahu Rokowsky.

2) Upon arrival, a student will meet with Rabbi Kelemer for room placement and to arrange a learning program and schedule. Any learning program or dormitory changes are to be made with the approval of Rabbi Kelemer.

3) Students are to attend all three levels daily unless a modified schedule has been designed with Rabbi Kelemer

Morning	9:45 am - 1:15 pm
Afternoon	3:25 pm - 6:25 pm
Night Seder	7:30 pm - 9:15 pm

4) Attendance at learning programs must be consistent. Any student whose attendance is irregular or sporadic may expect a review of his status as a student.

- 5) Receiving credit towards a degree from Ohr Somayach is dependent on consistent attendance, good grades and the fulfillment of tuition agreements.
- 6) If a student wishes or needs to leave during the semester for a day or longer, the request should be addressed to Rabbi Kelemer prior to finalizing plans i.e. booking a ticket.
- 7) Students are to abide by the Yeshiva's calendar unless otherwise approved by one of the abovementioned Rabbis.
- 8) Students are to go to sleep early enough to be well rested for the next day's learning. After 11:00 pm there may be no loud noises i.e. loud music in dorms both indoors and outdoors.
- 9) From 11:00 pm and on, any roommate even if in the minority, has the right to request that the ceiling lights be turned off and that the room should be quiet.
- 10) Exercise and recreational activities are encouraged during non-seder hours only. A workout room, as well as a gym are available in Beit Shvidler.
- 11) The students are permitted to have their own laptop computers. Filtered Internet access is limited to the main building only, not in the dormitory.
- 12) The Yeshiva has zero tolerance policy on illegal substances i.e. drugs including marijuana. Students can be immediately expelled for possession or use of such substances.
- 13) Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the dormitories.
- 14) Movies of any kind (other than Jewish educational content) may not be viewed in the Yeshiva.
- 15) Each student is to do his utmost to take care of and protect the Yeshiva's property and private property of other students.

16) Students are urged to spend the weekend at Yeshiva.

17) Students are to participate in Yeshiva sponsored events i.e 'IN-Shabbos' meals, unless given permission otherwise.

18) Students are to take responsibility to arrange Shabbos meals in advance either by signing the Shabbos placement list or by contacting families independently.

19) Rude conduct is intolerable under any circumstance. If a student experiences a relationship problem with another student, the issue should be brought to Rabbi Braun, Rabbi Kelemer or one's teacher for resolution.

20) Each student is to volunteer up to two hours a week for the benefit of the Yeshiva as detailed in the list of Yeshiva responsibilities.

21) To maintain safe levels of security for students and campus the following must be adhered to:

a) Never invite a guest to sleep in your room without permission of Rabbi Braun or Rabbi Kelemer.

b) Never give out any combinations to buildings or rooms without permission.

c) Report any suspicious persons or activity observed on campus to Rabbi Eliyahu Rokowksy or office ASAP

22) Dorm rooms are to be cleaned regularly and kept neat. Beds are to be made and clutter kept to a minimum.

23) Upon moving out, be sure to leave contact information, i.e address, e-mail, cell phone numbers with the office. Also clean up your room and throw away any unwanted items. Any items left behind for 30 days will automatically become the property of the Yeshiva.

I understand and accept that my privilege as a student at Ohr Somaych is contingent upon my compliance with the expectations listed above.

Interested applicants are encouraged to e-mail [to:\(ohr@os.edu\)](mailto:to:(ohr@os.edu)) or contact us through our website at os.edu. They may also call or write to Rabbi Avrohom Braun, Director of Students, to arrange for an interview.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Students who transfer to Ohr Somayach from other post-secondary institutions should submit an academic transcript for previous work if they wish to obtain credits for same. Note that previous study not comparable to the courses offered at Ohr Somayach may not be considered for credit.

Alternatively, they may request challenge examinations from Ohr Somayach, on which basis credits may be granted. In addition to credit which is granted for previous study, students must fulfill a residency requirement of 40 credits of study at Ohr Somayach in order to receive an Ohr Somayach degree. The amount of credits necessary for residency requirement may be modified upon the approval of the Dean, Director or Registrar.

ACCREDITATION

Ohr Somayach has been granted Candidate status by the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS), 11 Broadway Suite 405, New York, NY, 10004,
212 363-1991.

A copy of the letter of certification is available at the school's business office during regular business hours. Students may request a copy of the certification for a fee of \$10.00.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual Tuition and Fees - Full-time students

Tuition	\$9,000.00
Room and Board	\$9,000.00
TOTAL TUITION	\$18,000.00

Tuition and fees are charged on an annual basis, payable in two equal installments at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semester respectively. If this is not paid prior to the beginning of the semester the cost is \$1,800.00 on a monthly basis.

FINANCIAL AID

Students at Ohr Somayach are expected to participate fully in defraying the cost of their education. Those students whose circumstances make it impossible for them to pay the full amount of tuition will receive institutional scholarships. The yeshiva's policy is not to deny entrance to students who legitimately are unable to pay full or even partial tuition. It is, however understood that upon graduation and procurement of employment, the recipient of institutional scholarship will view it as a moral obligation to make Ohr Somayach a priority among his charitable contributions.

Ohr Somayach makes institutional scholarships available for needy students. Students in need of assistance are asked to contact Rabbi Berel Kelemer.

The student's need will then be considered and scholarships awarded accordingly.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Students must maintain satisfactory progress. This is defined as passing grades in courses totaling at minimum of 12 credits per semester, in order to complete a First Talmudic Degree in a maximum of 10 semesters for a full time student totaling 120 credits. An additional 60 credits are required for a First Professional Degree.

Students who fail to achieve satisfactory progress for one semester will be placed on probation by the registrar for one semester, during which time they will continue to receive student scholarship. Should they again fail to achieve satisfactory progress the end of the probationary period, they will lose their eligibility for the following semesters unless they can reestablish good standing.

To reestablish good standing, students must consult with their faculty advisor and professors, who will design a study plan to assist the student in bringing his grades up to standard.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The grading system followed at Ohr Somayach is as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	65-69
F	less than 65
I	Incomplete
W	Withdrawal (no penalty)

A student's overall average is weighted towards the courses which yield the greater number of credits. Thus, a grade point average is established by multiplying the grade of each course times the number of credits, and dividing the sum of these products by the total number of credits.

For the purpose of computing a grade point average letter, grades shall be considered as follows:

A	95
B	85

C	75
D	67
F	50
I	50

CALCULATING GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A = 4

A- = 3.667

B+ = 3.333

B = 3.0

B- = 2.667

C+ = 2.333

C = 2.0

C- = 1.667

D+ = 1.333

D = 1.0

D- = 0.7

F- = .667

Dean list 3.5

INCOMPLETE AND WITHDRAWALS

Students failing to complete all required course work may be allowed up to six months to fulfill the requirements for the course, during which time the grade will be noted as incomplete. If the work is not completed satisfactorily by the required time, the grade will be recorded as a Fail for which a grade of 50% will be assigned for purposes of obtaining a grade point average.

However, students who withdraw or fail to complete a course and obtain the approval of the Dean for the withdrawal, may have the course recorded as Withdrawn and the grade-point average will not be affected.

REFUND-WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Students who cancel within 3 days are entitled to full refund. Students are monitored within the first 2 weeks to observe their activity and participation. If there is an administrative decision to withdraw the student within the first two weeks, for non-participation a full refund will be awarded. A student has the option to drop the course of study for the first week of study and be granted a full refund.

REPETITIONS

If a student fails a course, and then repeats the course with a passing grade, the failing grade may be deleted from the calculation of his grade-point average.

Credit is generally not given for the repetition of a course. However, a student may choose a course, for credit, which he has taken already, if the course is now being offered with a substantially modified curriculum.

NON-CREDIT REMEDIAL COURSES

The School offers no non-credit remedial courses.

APPEAL PROCESS

A student who has a substantive dispute concerning his grading is encouraged to discuss the matter with his instructor. After such discussion, if necessary, the student may appeal in writing to the Dean.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

While formal attendance is not taken, students are expected to attend all lectures and study sessions. Excessive absences must be explained to the Dean of Students.

Students who are absent excessively will be required to consult with the Dean of Students to implement a plan to complete missed work.

Credit may be denied for course work during which excessive absences occurred.

Students who enroll after the beginning of the semester must have the permission of the Dean.

ACADEMIC RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY

Records remain confidential and will only be shared with anyone other than Ohr Somayach staff

either with permission from the student or if required by law.

INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Should a student at any time feel that he has been aggrieved by Ohr Somayach, he should bring that issue to the attention of either the Rosh Hayeshiva, Rabbi Y. Rokowsky or the Menahel,

Rabbi Avraham Braun either by personal appointment or written form signed by the student.

Should the issue not be resolved in a satisfactory manner within reasonable time, a second meeting or written complaint should be instituted by the student. If the student still feels the issue has not been resolved he should bring the matter before the Board of Directors of the institution either in person or in signed written form for review by said Board.

Section 494C(j) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, provides that a student, faculty member, or any other person who believes he or she has been aggrieved by an institution of higher education has the right to file a written complaint.

In New York State, a complaint may be filed by any person with reason to believe that an institution has acted contrary to its published standards or that conditions at the institution appear to jeopardize the quality of the institution's instructional programs or the general welfare of its students. Any person who believes he or she has been aggrieved by an institution on or after May 4, 1994 may file a written complaint with the Department within three years of the alleged incident.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

1. The person should first try to resolve the complaint directly with institution by following the internal complaint procedures provided by the institution. An institution of higher education is required to publish its internal complaint procedure in a primary information document such as the catalog or student handbook. The Department suggests that the complainant keep copies of all correspondence with the institution.

2. Ohr Somayach is accredited by the Accreditation Commission of the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, and students should be aware that complaints that cannot be resolved with the school directly can be filed with the office of the Association at 11 Broadway, Suite 405, New York, NY 10004.

3. If a person is unable to resolve the complaint with the institution or the Accreditation Commission he may also send letter or telephone the Post secondary Complaint Registry to request a complaint form.

Telephone 212 951-6493 or write to:

New York State Education Department

Postsecondary Complaint Registry

One Park Avenue, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10016

internal complaint processes. Copies of all relevant documents should be included.

4. The Post secondary Complaint Registry Form should be completed, signed and sent to the above address. The completed form should indicate the resolution being sought and any efforts that have been made to resolve the complaint through the institution's

5. After receiving the completed form, the Department will notify the complainant of its receipt and make any necessary request for further information. When appropriate, the Department will also advise the institution that a complaint has been made and, when appropriate, the nature of the complaint. The complainant will also be notified of the name of the evaluator assigned to address the specific complaint. The evaluator may contact the complainant for additional information.

6. The Department will make every effort to address and resolve complaints within ninety days from receipt of the complaint form.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION

Some complaints may fall within the jurisdiction of an agency or organization other than the State Education Department. These complaints will be referred to the entity with appropriate jurisdiction. When a complaint concerns a matter that falls solely within the jurisdiction of the institution of higher education, the complainant will be notified and the Department will refer the complaint to the institution in question and request that the matter receive a review and response.

Upon conclusion of the Department's complaint review or upon a disposition of the complaint referral to another agency or organization, or to the institution of higher education, the Department will issue a written notice to the complainant describing the resolution of the

complaint. The complainant may contact the Department evaluator directly for follow-up information or for additional assistance.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Educational Center admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the school. It does not discriminate on basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

(Please note that a yeshiva that selects students on the basis of membership in a religious denomination or unit is not considered to be implementing a discriminatory policy if membership in the denomination or unit is open to all on a racially nondiscriminatory basis.)

ADMINISTRATION

Rabbi Yisroel Rokowsky, Rosh Yeshiva, Dean

Rabbi Avrohom Braun, Director

Rabbi Berel Kelemer, Educational Director, Mashgiach

Rabbi Naftali Reich, Director Orah V'Simcha

Mrs. Chana Silberberg, Comptroller/Director of Financial Aid

Mrs. Miriam Grossman, Registrar

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rabbi Israel Rokowsky, President

Mr. Yitzchok Rokowsky, Vice President

Rabbi Naftali Reich, Vice Pres.

Rabbi Abraham Braun, Secretary

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Rabbi Israel S. Schorr, Trustee

Mr. Menachem Rokowsky, Trustee

Dr. Joel Berman, Trustee

Mr. Joel Goldberg, Trustee

Mr. Robert Simins, Esq., Trustee

FACULTY

Rabbi Avrohom Becher - Professor of Talmud

Rabbi Avrohom Braun - Dean of Students

Rabbi Berel Kelemer - Mashgiach, Lecturer

Rabbi Naftali Reich - Director Orah V'Simcha

Rabbi Yisroel Rokowsky - Dean

Rabbi Yisroel Saperstein - Lecturer

Rabbi Yisroel S. Schorr - Lecturer

Rabbi Avrohom Schnall - Lecturer

Rabbi Menachem Sperka-Lecturer of Talmud

Rabbi Mordechai Swiatycki - Professor of Talmud and Philosophy

Rabbi Yered Vidors, - Lecturer

FACULTY

Rabbi Avrohom Braun Dean of Students; Yeshiva and Kollel Beth Medrash Elyon, Monsey, New York, 1968-77; Ordination, Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, Brooklyn, New York 1968; Faculty, Moriah School, Englewood, New Jersey 1977-78; Vice Principal, Beth Jacob Schools and Rabbi, Congregation Ahavath Torah, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1978-1979; Director and Principal, Be'er HaGolah Institute, Brooklyn, New York 1979-1982; 1982- present, Dean of Students, Ohr Somayach/Monsey.

Rabbi Naftali Reich Professor of Talmudic Studies, Director of Russian Student Division. Gateshead Talmudical College, England 1979-1983; Beth Medrash Govoha, Lakewood, NJ 1983 - 1985; Rabbinical College Zichron Moshe, South Fallsburg, NY 1985 -86; Yeshivat Beth Abraham, Jerusalem Israel 1986 -87; Fellow Kollel Member Mechon Hahorayo 1987 -89; Private Research in Talmudical Philosophy 1989 -90. Lecturer at Bais Mikroh, Monsey, NY 1991 - 1992.

Instructor and Program Developer Ohr Somayach, Director of Ora V'Simchah Family Programs - Monsey 1990 - Present.

Rabbi Yisroel Rokowsky Dean and Professor of Talmudic Studies; Member of Kollel Brisk, Advanced Talmudic Research, Ordination: Rabbi Dov Schwartzman, JI and Rabbi Chaim P. Scheinberg, JI, 1967-1971; Lecturer in Talmud at Yeshiva Merkaz Hatorah, Jerusalem, 1971-1976; Lecturer and Educational Director at Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, 1976-1980; Director of Ohr Somayach/Monsey.

Rabbi Israel S. Schorr Professor of Talmud and Bible, Mesivta Torah Vodaath Undergraduate, 1962-1964; Bais Medrash Elyon - Undergraduate, 1964-1968; Bais Medrash Elyon Kollel, 1968-1976; Lecturer at Mesivta Bais Tzvi Meyer, 1976-1978; Lecturer at Kol Torah - Chofetz Chaim, 1978-1979; Instructor at Mesivta Mechon LeHoyroa, 1979-1980; Senior lecturer at Ohr Somayach-Monsey, 1980-present.

Rabbi Mordechai Swiatycki Assoc. Professor of Talmud and Philosophy; Yeshiva Beth Moshe - Scranton, PA., 1965-1969; Lakewood Yeshiva, Adelphia, Ponovez, 1970-1974; Ordination, Lakewood Yeshiva; Lakewood Kollel, Detroit, Michigan, 1975-1984; Lecturer of extracurricular classes in Jewish Studies at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Michigan State, Lansing, 1979-1984.

SEE ADDITIONAL RESUMES FOLLOWING PAGES

Rabbi Avrohom F. Becher

Education:

1967 – 1970 Telshe Yeshiva, Cleveland

1970 - 1972 Mir Yeshiva, Brooklyn, NY
1972 - 1974 Mir Yeshiva, Jerusalem
1974 - 1979 Mir yeshiva, Brooklyn, NY
1979 Rabbinical Ordination, Mir Yeshiva, Brooklyn, NY
1981 B.S. in Accounting from Brooklyn College

Experience:

2000 - Present Lecturer Ohr Somayach, Monsey, NY
2004 - Present Ohavei Torah Congregation, Rabbi
2004 - Present Daf Yomi Magid shiur

Berel Kelemer

176 Viola Road

Monsey, NY 10952

845 362- 4958 c- 914 548-7153

1999 - 2003 Avreich, Kollel Yeshiva Darchei Torah,
Far Rockaway, NY

2003-2004 Avreich, Kollel of Greater Boston

2005 - Present

Gemora Rebbe for Beginner entry Level

Yeshivas Ohr Somayach, Monsey, NY

2004 - January 2012

Director Ezra Trust Foundation,

Montvale, NJ

References

Ezra Beyman, President, Empire American Holdings

Montvale, NJ 201 326-3300

Dov Teiler, Comptroller, Empire American Holdings

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Rabbi Yisroel Rokowsky, Rosh Yeshiva Ohr Somayach,

Monsey, NY

Rabbi Yisroel Saperstein

A graduate of Yeshiva University, talmid of Rav Yehuda Davis, zt"l. After learning under Rabbi Davis in Brighton Beach, and, during the summer months, in Mountaindale, the Saperteins moved to Mexico and joined the Kollel that had recently started there. It was in Mexico City that Rabbi Saperstein began to emerge not only as a talmid chochom, but as a teacher and a force in outreach.

One of Rabbi Sapertein's areas of expertise is the interface between kashrus and technology. He is involved in analyzing and evaluating the issues that arise due to modern-day manufacturing techniques, and their impact on questions of Halacha.

Rav of Kehillas Bais Yehuda founded in 1990

Rabbi Avrohom Schnall

Education:

1976 - 1979	M. Ed. Applied Human Deveopment & Counseling M.A. Psychology in Education
1972-1975	Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Yeshiva Kollel, Rabbinic Ordination 1975
1970 - 1971	Yeshivat Kerem BeYavneh
1968-1973	B.A. Political Science

Experience:

1997-Present	Yeshiva of North Jersey, River Edge, NJ Judaic Studies Faculty
2000 - Present	Kehillas Reyem Ahuvim, Wesley Hills, NY - Rabbi
1997 - 1998	Yeshiva Bais Mikrah, Monsey, NY, Secular Studies principal
1991 - 1997	Principal of Yeshiva of Rockland County
1986 - 1990	Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, Cincinnati, Ohio Judaic Studies faculty
1986 - 1990	North Avondale Synagogue - Cincinnati, Ohio - Rabbi
1982-1986	Hillel Academy, Dayton Ohio, Lecturer
1981-1982	Yeshiva Shaarei Torah of Rockland County - Lecturer

1982 - 1986	Young Israel of Dayton - Rabbi
1980 - 1981	Jerusalem Torah College - Guidance Counselor
1977-1980	Yeshiva University High School for Boys - Manhattan Guidance Counselor
1975- 1977	Ramaz Upper school - Manhattan- Judaic Studies faculty

Rabbi Menachem Sperka

Education:

1986 - 1989 - Yeshiva Ateres Mordechai, Detroit, MI

1989 - 1991 - Yeshivas Bais Binyomin, Stamford, CT

1991- 1997 - Kollel under leadership of Rabbi Eliyahu Levin,
Jerusalem IS

Experience:

1997 - 2007 - Lecturer in Yeshivas Ohr Naftali, Monsey, NY

2007 - Present - Senior Lecturer in Yeshivas Ohr Somayach, Monsey

Yered (Jared) Micha'el Vidars

5 Greenhill Lane

Spring Valley, New York 10977

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Teaching

Experience: **Yeshivas Ohr Somayach, Monsey, New York, 2010-2015**

Teach beginner level courses in Jewish law and Mussar.

R'tzei B'mnuchasaynu, Spring Valley, New York, 2009 - Present

Give weekly shiur to women of our neighborhood on *halachas* and *hashkafos* of *Shabbas*, *Tefillah* and *Middos*.

Lecturing: Guest Lecturer for JEP of Westchester, Van Cortlandt Jewish Center, Otzar Girls, Areivim and others.

Tutoring. Spring Valley, New York, 2010 - 2015

Nightly tutorial of *ba'al ha'bas* (*Piskei Teshuvos* and *Leiv Avigdor*).

Partners in Torah, Monsey, New York, 2002 - 09

Weekly phone tutorials (*Kuzari*, *Avos*, *Mishnayos*).

Rabbi-in-Residence. Young Israel of Huntington, Huntington, New York, 2009 - 11

One *Shabbas* a year fill-in for Rav Yoel Adelman at Young Israel of Huntington.

Work

Experience:

Law Office of Jared Vidars, Esq., Suffern, New York, 2010 - Present

Represent corporate and private clients in commercial and personal injury litigation. Handle residential real estate closings. Draft appellate briefs, motions and legal research memoranda for law firms in Rockland, Westchester and Orange Counties. Routinely represent firms in Supreme and City Courts throughout the Hudson Valley. Of Counsel to personal injury firms in (Commack and New City, New York) and probate firm (Suffern, New York).

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts, 2000 - 2001

Judicial Clerk for Hon. Roderick Ireland

Researched and drafted opinions for Commonwealth's highest appellate court. Reviewed trial record and law in anticipation of oral arguments on wide variety of subjects (civil, criminal, juvenile and administrative law).

Education:

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1992 - 1996

B.A., English, *magna cum laude*

Minor: History

Boston College Law School, Newton, Massachusetts, 1996 - 1999

J.D., *cum laude*

Boston College Law Review, Editor-in-Chief

Yeshiva Ohr Somayach, Monsey, New York, 2000 - 2006

Completed Rabbinic Ordination Program

Attended *shiur* from Rabbi *Yisrael Simcha Schorr, shlita, Rosh HaYeshiva*

Yeshiva Sha'arei Torah, Suffern, New York, 2006 - 2010

Advanced Talmudic studies

Attended *shiur* from Rabbi *Yaakov Leff, shlita, Rosh Beis Medrash*

Personal: Married with five children.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Ohr Somayach presently offers a four year academic program which leads to a First Talmudic Degree. Other programs of study may be available by special arrangement.

FIRST TALMUDIC DEGREE

Recommended guidelines for completion of the First Talmudic Degree are as follows:

Talmud	48 Credits
Bible	28 Credits
Legal Codes	18 Credits
Ethics and Philosophy	8 Credits

Electives 20 Credits

TOTAL 120 Credits

FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE

An additional 60 credits are required for a First Professional Degree.

Ohr Somayach presently maintains a small graduate program, of advanced Talmudic students.

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Educational Center does not offer programs leading to the academic degrees authorized by the New York State Board of Regents. In the Ohr Somayach Educational Center opinion, its studies, though different in kind, are equivalent in duration, intensity, depth of knowledge, and quality of scholarship to degree programs approved by the Regents. The credits offered by this institution measure a student's progress toward the rabbinical degrees offered by this institution. Under New York State Law a corporation formed for religious and educational purposes which does not confer academic degree requiring program registration by the State Education Department requires no state approval or credential in order to exist or to perform its post-secondary education functions. Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Educational Center falls into this category and is therefore not subject to the evaluation of the New York Board of Regents.

DEPARTMENTS AND COURSE LISTINGS

DEPARTMENT OF TALMUD

The Department of Talmud provides a substantial amount of the academic program. The entire school generally studies the same tractate, to facilitate sharing of ideas between students at various levels, with each student proceeding at the depth appropriate to his level, and developing the skills to progress to the next level.

The schedule of tractates for study by the student body for the present semester and the one to follow is available from the office of the Dean.

This "spiral" approach means that a student will generally study a cycle of ten tractates, according to the College's schedule; another student entering a year later would study the tractates in a different sequence, although the level of study in each year would follow the same progress from introductory through intermediate and advanced levels of study.

Each lecture series may be open to students on more than one level. The selection of the appropriate level is decided by consultation between the student, his professor and faculty advisor.

The course designations are indicative of the course level, types of research, etc., which take place in a given course. The subject matter studies will depend on the particular year of the student's entry. Academic records will therefore show each course completed as indicated by level, term and session, followed by a suffix (##) will be appended to refer to the tractate being studied in the particular semester, as below.

T A L M U D

LEVEL I:

Course Numbers: TF101.1, TF101.2, TSP101.1, TSP101.2, TS101.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Methods in Talmudic Studies**

Credits: 2

Description: These courses introduce the student to the basic methods of in-depth Talmudic study, using the same tractate as the other levels. The teacher will translate a large portion of the Hebrew and Aramaic text. He will at the same time encourage the student to join in a free-flowing discussion of the matter under consideration.

Course Numbers: TF102.1, TF102.2, TSP102.1, TSP102.2, TS102.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Chavrusa Tutorial**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses complement the T101 courses. The student is required to review and clarify daily Talmudic studies by means of chavrusa (pair) study with a student from a higher level.

Course Numbers: TF103.1, TF103.2, TSP103.1, TSP103.2, TS103.1

(Currently not offered)

Title: **B'kius - Survey of Talmudic Texts**

Credits: 2

Description: These courses are designed to give the student an overview of a particular Talmudic tractate. The teacher will cover three-quarters of a page per day, focusing the group's attention on the literal translation of the Gemara with a view to gaining a basic understanding of the Talmudic piece. The teacher will also emphasize particular structures in the language of the Gemara.

Course Numbers: TF104.1, TF104.2, TSP104.1, TSP104.2, TS104.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow Up Study Independently**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are designed to encourage the student to further develop his Talmudic learning skills and vocabulary by means of independent study. In doing so, the student will usually review a the tractate studied in T101 with the consultation of a faculty member.

T A L M U D

LEVEL II:

Course Numbers: TF201.1, TF201.2, TSP201.1, TSP201.2, TS201.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Methods in Talmudic Studies II**

Credits: 3

Description: These courses are designed for the student who is acquainted with the basic methods of in-depth Talmud study. After the teacher gives a brief overview of the Talmudic piece, the student will prepare that piece through chavrusa study, using the primary commentary of Rashi. The teacher will focus the group's attention on the Rashi commentary to gain a clearer understanding of the Talmudic piece.

Course Numbers: TF202.1, TF202.2, TSP202.1, TSP202.2, TS202.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Chavrusa Tutorial II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses complement the T201 courses. The student is required to review and clarify daily Talmudic studies by means of chavrusa (pair) study with a student from a higher level.

Course Numbers: TF203.1, TF203.2, TSP203.1, TSP203.2, TS203.1

Title: **B'khus - Survey of Talmudic Texts II**

Credits: 2

Description: These courses are designed to give the student an overview of a particular Talmudic tractate. The teacher will cover three-quarters of a page per day, focusing the group's attention on the literal translation of the Gemara with a view to gaining a basic understanding of the Talmudic piece. The teacher will also emphasize particular structures in the language of the Gemara.

Course Numbers: TF204.1, TF204.2, TSP204.1, TSP204.2, TS204.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow up Study Independently**

Credits: 1

Description: The student is required to review the piece of Talmud by means of chavrusa study with a student from the same group. These courses are designed to encourage the student to further extend his Talmudic study. The student may review the T201 tractate course independently. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic learning skills.

Course Numbers: TF205.1, TF205.2, TSP205.1, TSP205.2, TS205.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow Up Study with Study Partner or Independently**

Credits: 1

Description: The student will break new ground with a new tractate. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic learning skills. This course is designed to encourage the student to further develop his Talmudic learning skills and vocabulary by means of independent study or chavrusa study.

T A L M U D LEVEL III:

Course Numbers: TF301.1, TF301.2, TSP301.1, TSP301.2, TS301.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Intermediate Talmudic Analysis I**

Credits: 3

Description: These courses are designed for the student who has a solid foundation in the basic methods of Talmudic learning. The student will prepare a piece through chavrusa study, acquainting himself with the Tosfos commentary and interactively using it with the Rashi commentary, thereby leading to a more thorough understanding of the Gemara. The teacher, concentrating particularly on the Tosfos commentary, will lead the group in a progressively deeper analysis of the matter under discussion.

Course Numbers: TF302.1, TF302.2, TSP302.1, TSP302.2, TS302.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial I**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses complement the T301 courses. The student is required to review and clarify his Talmudic studies by means of chavrusa study with a student from one of the first two levels.

Course Numbers: TF303.1, TF303.2, TSP303.1, TSP303.2, TS303.1

Title: **B'kius - Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts I**

Credits: 2

Description: These courses give the student an overview of a particular Talmudic tractate. The teacher will cover one page per day, translating the Gemara and focusing attention on the Rashi commentary to give the group a basic understanding of the Talmudic piece. The student is required to review the Talmud with a chavrusa from the same group.

Course Numbers: TF304.1, TF304.2, TSP304.1, TSP304.2, TS304.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow up Study Independently III**

Credits: 1

Description: The student is required to review the piece of Talmud by means of chavrusa study with a student from the same group. These courses are designed to encourage the student to further extend his Talmudic study. The student may review the T301 tractate course independently. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic learning skills.

Course Numbers: TF305.1, TF305.2, TSP305.1, TSP305.2, TS305.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow Up Study with Study Partner or Independently III**

Credits: 1

Description: The student will break new ground with a new tractate. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic learning skills. This course is designed to encourage the student to further develop his Talmudic learning skills and vocabulary by means of independent study or chavrusa study.

T A L M U D

LEVEL IV:

Course Numbers: TF401.1, TF401.2, TSP401.1, TSP401.2, TS401.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Intermediate Talmudic Analysis II**

Credits: 3

Description: The student will prepare a section of the Talmud with a chavrusa using these commentaries, contrasting them with an array of other commentaries including the Ran, the Rif, the Rosh, and the Maharsha. The teacher will develop the group's ability to interactively use the commentaries in order to facilitate an ever deeper and clearer view of the Talmud.

Course Numbers: TF402.1, TF402.2, TSP402.1, TSP402.2, TS402.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses complement the T401 courses. The student is required to review and clarify his Talmudic studies by means of chavrusa study with a student from one of the first three levels.

Course Numbers: TF403.1, TF403.2, TSP403.1, TSP403.2, TS403.1

Title: **B'kuis - Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts II**

Credits: 2

Description: These courses give the student an overview of a particular Talmudic tractate. The teacher will cover one page per day, translating the Gemara and focusing attention on the Rashi commentary to give the group a basic understanding of the Talmudic piece. The student is required to review the Talmud with a chavrusa from the same group.

Course Numbers: TF404.1, TF404.2, TSP404.1, TSP404.2, TS404.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow up Study Independently**

Credits: 1

Description: The student is required to review the piece of Talmud by means of chavrusa study with a student from the same group. These courses are designed to encourage the student to further extend his Talmudic study. The student may review the T401 tractate course independently. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic learning skills.

Course Numbers: TF405.1, TF405.2, TSP405.1, TSP405.2, TS405.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow Up Study with Study Partner or Independently**

Credits: 1

Description: The student will break new ground with a new tractate. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic

learning skills. This course is designed to encourage the student to further develop his Talmudic learning skills and vocabulary by means of independent study or chavrusa study.

LEVEL V:

Course Numbers: TF501.1, TF501.2, TSP501.1, TSP501.2, TS501.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Advanced Talmudic Analysis**

Credits: 3

Description: These courses constitute the highest level of Talmudic group study at the yeshiva. The student, although quite capable of learning a Talmudic piece on his own, will still prepare in the customary manner of chavrusa (pair) study. He will be required to delve into the later commentaries of the Acharonim, contrasting their insights with those of the Rishonim. This study will take place under the guidance of a leading Talmudic scholar, who will lead the students in an advanced in-depth discussion of the Talmud.

Course Numbers: TF502.1, TF502.2, TSP502.1, TSP502.2, TS502.1

Title: **B'Iyun - Advanced Chavrusa Tutorial**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses complement the T501 courses. The student is required to review and clarify his daily Talmudic studies by means of chavrusa study with a student from one of the first three levels.

Course Numbers: TF503.1, TF503.2, TSP503.1, TSP503.2, TS503.1

Title: **B'kuis - Advanced Survey of Talmudic Texts**

Credits: 2

Description: These courses give the student an overview of a particular Talmudic tractate. The teacher will cover at least one page per day, taking the students through the Gemara and the commentaries of Rashi and Tosfos at a fast pace. The student is required to review the Talmud with a chavrusa from the same group.

Course Numbers: TF504.1, TF504.2, TSP504.1, TSP504.2, TS504.1

Title: **Talmud - Follow up Study Independently**

Credits: 1

Description: The student is required to review the piece of Talmud by means of chavrusa study with a student from the same group. These courses are designed to encourage the student to further extend his Talmudic study. The student may review the T501 tractate course independently. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic learning skills.

LEVEL I

TALMUD

FALL

FIRST SESSION

TF 101.1	B'iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies	2 credits
TF 102.1	B'lyun-Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TF 103.1	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TF 104.1	Talmud Independent Study	1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TF101.2	B'iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies	2 credits
TF102.2	B'iyun-Chavrusa Evening Program	1 credit
TF103.2	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TF104.2	Talmud - Independent Study	1 credit

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FIRST SESSION

TSP101.1	B'iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies	2 credits
TSP102.1	B'iyun-Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TSP103.1	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TSP104.1	Talmud - Independent Study	1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TSP101.2	B'iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies	2 credits
TSP102.2	B'iyun-Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TSP103.2	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TSP104.2	Talmud - Independent Study	1 credit

SUMMER

TS101.1	B'iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies	2 credits
TS102.1	B'iyun-Chavrusa - Tutorial	1 credit
TS103.1	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TS104.1	Talmud - Independent Study	1 credit

LEVEL II

FALL

FIRST SESSION

TF 201.1	B'Iyun Methods in Talmudic Studies II	3 credits
TF 202.1	B'Iyun Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit
TF 203.1	B'kius Survey of Talmudic Texts II	2 credits
TF 204.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study II	1 credit
TF 205.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study II	1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TF201.2	B'Iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies II	3 credits
TF202.2	B'Iyun-Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit
TF203.2	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts II	2 credits
TF204.2	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study II	1 credit
TF205.2	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study II	1 credit

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

TSP201.1	B'Iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies II	3 credits
TSP202.1	B'Iyun-Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit
TSP203.1	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts II	2 credits
TSP204.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study II	1 credit
TF205.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study II	1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TSP201.2	B'Iyun-Methods in Talmudic Studies II	3 credits
TSP202.2	B'Iyun-Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit

TSP203.2	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts	II	2 credits
TSP204.2	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study	II	1 credit
TSP205.2	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study	II	1 credit

SUMMER

TS201.1	B'Iyun - Methods in Talmudic Studies	II	3 credits
TS202.1	B'Iyun-Chavrusa Tutorial		1 credit
TS203.1	B'kius-Survey of Talmudic Texts	II	2 credits
TS204.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study	II	1 credit
TS205.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study	II	1 credit

LEVEL III-FALL

FIRST SESSION

TF301.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis		3 credits
TF302.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial		1 credit
TF303.1	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts		2 credits
TF304.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study	III	1 credit
TF305.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study	III	1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TF301.2	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis		3 credits
TF302.2	B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial		1 credit
TF303.2	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts		2 credits
TF304.2	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study	III	1 credit
TF305.2	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study	III	1 credit

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

TSP301.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis	3 credits
TSP302.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TSP303.1	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TSP304.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study III	1 credit
TSP305.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study III	1 1 cr1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TSP301.2	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis	3 credits
TSP302.2	B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TSP303.2	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TSP304.2	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study III	1 credit
TSP305.2	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study III	1 credit

SUMMER

TS301.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis	3 credits
TS302.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TS303.1	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TS304.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study III	1 credit
TS305.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study III	1 credit

LEVEL IV

FALL

FIRST SESSION

TF 401.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis II	3 credits
TF 402.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit
TF 403.1	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts II	2 credits
TF 404.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study IV	1 credit
TF 405.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study IV	1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TF401.2	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis II	3 credits
TF402.2	B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit
TF403.2	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts II	2 credits
TF404.2	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study IV	1 credit
TF405.2	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study IV	1 credit

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

TSP401.1	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis II	3 credits
TSP402.1	B'Iyun Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit
TSP403.1	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts II	2 credits
TSP404.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study IV	1 credit
TSP405.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study IV	1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TSP401.2	B'Iyun-Intermediate Talmudic Analysis II	3 credits
TSP402.2	B'Iyun Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial II	1 credit
TSP403.2	B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts II	2 credits
TSP404.2	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study IV	1 credit

TSP405.2 Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study IV 1 credit

SUMMER

TS401.1 B'Iyun - Intermediate Talmudic Analysis II 3 credits

TS402.1 B'Iyun-Intermediate Chavrusa Tutorial II 1 credit

TS403.1 B'kius-Intermediate Survey of Talmudic Texts II 2 credits

TS404.1 Talmud - Follow Up Study Study IV 1 credit

TS405.1 Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study IV 1 credit

LEVEL V

FALL

FIRST SESSION

TF 501.1 B'iyun-Advanced Talmudic Analysis 3 credits

TF 502.1 B'iyun-Advanced Chavrusa Tutorial 1 credit

TF 503.1 B'kius-Advanced Survey of Talmudic Texts 2 credits

TF 504.1 Talmud - Follow Up Study Study V 1 credit

TF 505.1 Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study V 1 credit

SECOND SESSION

TF401.2 B'iyun-Advanced Talmudic Analysis 3 credits

TF502.2 B'iyun-Advanced Chavrusa Tutorial 1 credit

TF503.2 B'kius-Advanced Survey of Talmudic Texts 2 credits

TF504.2 Talmud - Follow Up Study Study V 1 credit

TF505.2 Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study V

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

TSP501.1	B'Iyun-Advanced Talmudic Analysis	3 credits
TSP502.1	B'Iyun-Advanced Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TSP503.1	B'kius-Advanced Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TSP504.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study V	1 credit
TSP505.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study V	

SECOND SESSION

TSP501.2	B'Iyun-Advanced Seminar Talmudic Analysis	3 credits
TSP502.2	B'Iyun Advanced Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TSP503.2	B'kius Advanced Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TSP504.2	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study V	1 credit
TSP505.2	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study V	

SUMMER

TS501.1	B'Iyun - Advanced Seminar in Talmudic Analysis	3 credits
TS502.1	B'Iyun Advanced Chavrusa Tutorial	1 credit
TS503.1	B'kius Advanced Survey of Talmudic Texts	2 credits
TS504.1	Talmud - Independent Study	1 credit
TS504.1	Talmud - Follow Up Study Study V	1 credit
TS505.1	Talmud - Independent/Chavrusa Study V	

The tractates of Talmud which are studied in the various Talmud courses are as follows:

(01) SHABBOS - The Sabbath; restrictions related to proscribed work efforts and their source, in-depth study of all regulations regarding the Sabbath, including extension to problems that emanate from changes in society and technological advances.

(02) PESACHIM - Laws of Passover; leaven, the Seder and Passover offering, concepts of ownership and relinquishment of rights, responsibilities for removal of leaven as related to status; tenant, landlord, head of household and watchmen.

- (03) KESUBOS - The marriage contract; obligations and commitments incurred therein, specifically in relation to financial considerations and promises made prior to marriage. Family structure; the status, role and rights of women in society.
- (04) YEVIAMOS - Study of Levirate marriage and consanguinity. General anthropological structure of Jewish society, permitted marriage partners, etc. Privileges and obligations of priestly descendants. Procedures involved in ascertaining death of an individual; the Agunah.
- (05) KIDDUSHIN - Procedures whereby women become betrothed and related regulations and obligations. Comparative study of modes of acquisition employed elsewhere. Marriage by proxy and conditional betrothal.
- (06) GITTIN - Traditional divorce with primary emphasis on the divorce document; technical aspects regulating its legality. Review of legal documents and methods of establishing authenticity of signatures on such documents; related regulations.
- (07) BABA KAMA - Talmudic Civil Law, Part I. Compensation for injury or loss, redress and liability through injury or misappropriation, damages by the defendant, personally or by any chattels or agencies. Misappropriation also reviewed in its broad sense, whether through violence or theft.
- (08) BABA METZIA - Talmudic Civil Law, Part II. Dealing primarily with claims related to joint transactions, from finding lost articles to wage agreements. Considerations relating to trade and industry, usury, labor conditions and responsibilities, deposits and tenancy, interest.
- (09) BABA BASRA - Talmudic Civil Law, Part III. Claims of right of way, claims and rights of partners, neighbors, purchasers, vendors and heirs, legal forms of acquisitions of partners; seller's liability for value of his wares and deeds in terms of protecting the consumer. Deeds and legal documents relating to business also treated.
- (10) CHULIN - A study of animals and birds considered suitable for consumption and detailed analysis of diseases and injuries rendering the animal unfit for food. Principal dietary laws. Methodology of slaughter of animals; students become thoroughly familiar with the anatomy and physiology of large animals.
- (11) BERACHOS - Daily liturgy and blessings.
- (12) ROSH HASHANA - Laws of the New Year, the Shofar, Sanctification of new months.
- (13) YUMA - The day of Atonement and related laws. Sacrifices, services in the Temple, repentance, the five afflictions.

(14) SUCCAḤ - Laws of the Festival of Booths, construction of Booths and their requirements. The 4 symbolic species.

(15) SANHEDRIN - Judicial processes, the Judicial Assembly and conduct of monetary and capital cases. Examination of witnesses, the rebellious son, types of capital punishment for various transgressions; stoning, burning, choking and the sword.

(16) MAKOS - Judicial corporal punishment and transgressions resulting therein. Contradictory witnesses, cities of refuge for involuntary manslaughter.

(17) MISCELLANEOUS TRACTATES - Selected tractates such as BEITZAH, MEGILLA.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

The study of classical works of Jewish philosophy and ethics is based on a two-fold approach. One aspect of the program aims to offer the student a clear concept of basic and essential areas of Jewish thought and ideology. The second goal is to help the student to explore works which deal with the psychology of the individual and techniques for self-improvement. These two tracks are designed to help each student strive for his potential in "Midos" and understanding.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ELUL AND TISHREI - Philosophical overview of the concept of Repentance and its relationship to Reward and Punishment. The philosophical basis of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

LAWS OF SLANDER (TEXTUAL)/ETHIC IN SPEECH - Analysis of the classical text written by Rabbi Yisroel Meir Kagan, the Chofetz Chaim. Specific case situations will be analyzed.

TOPICS IN JEWISH PHILOSOPHY - Basic introduction to Jewish Philosophy. Unity of G-D, Reward and Punishment, Divine Providence, Purpose of History, Messiah and Afterlife.

TOPICS IN CHASSIDIC PHILOSOPHY - Works of the great chassidic Rabbis including the Ba'al Shem Tov. Topics include the chassidic approach to personal development and the interrelationship of the physical and spiritual realms.

MESILLAS YESHORIM - THE PATH OF THE JUST - Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto's classical medieval text on the stages of personal spiritual development.

THE KUZARI - Famous work by Yehuda Halevi which records a dialogue between a Jewish scholar and a ninth-century ruler who converts his kingdom to Judaism. This work outlines all the basic tenets of Jewish belief.

NEFESH HACHAIM - Rav Chaim of Volozhin. Famous philosophical work by the 19th century Lithuanian scholar. Analytical approach to classical philosophical problems such as Free Will and Determinism.

WRITINGS OF THE CHOFETZ CHAIM - Works of Rabbi Yisroel Meir Kagan on a wide range of issues including approach to prayer, and business ethics.

CHOVOS HALEVOVOS - DUTIES OF THE HEART - Rabbenu Bachya Ibn Pakuda. Medieval philosophical text detailing the methods by which the individual can dedicate himself to the service of G-D.

MAHARAL - TIFERES YISROEL - THE GLORY OF ISRAEL - Rabbi Yehuda Loewe of Prague. Mystical approach to the importance of the study of Torah by the 17th century leader of Central European Judaism.

HILCHOS T'SHUVA - Laws of Repentance - Maimonides. The section of Maimonides' classical work - the Mishnah Torah - which deals with the methods by which the individual can rectify past transgressions in his quest for personal perfection.

DERECH HASHEM - THE WAY OF G-D - Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto. Luzzatto's classical work dealing with nature and essence of G-D and his relationship to man.

SELECTED READINGS IN MUSSAR LITERATURE - Readings in various Mussar works which deal with an organized approach to moral and ethical self-perfection.

WRITINGS OF RABBI ELIYAHU DESSLER - Various works such as Michtav M'Eliyahu will be discussed. Rabbi Dessler was a 20th century Jewish scholar who applies biblical and medieval philosophical texts to contemporary ethical problems.

MUSSAR LITERATURE - INDEPENDENT STUDY - Individually tailored program of study under supervision of a faculty member.

PHILOSOPHY

The texts which are studied in the various Philosophy courses are as follows:

- (01) Fundamentals of Elul and Tishrei
- (02) Laws of Slander (Textual)/Ethics in Speech
- (03) Topics in Jewish Philosophy
- (04) Mesilas Yesharim
- (05) Derech Hashem
- (06) Chovos Halevovos - Duties of the Heart (summer)
- (07) Writings of Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler
- (08) Writings of the Chofetz Chaim
- (09) The Kuzari
- (10) Maharal - Tiferes Yisroel
- (11) Nefesh Hachaim

- (12) Hilchos Teshuva
- (13) Topics of Chassidic Philosophy
- (14) Selected Readings in Mussar Literature
- (15) Orchos Tzadikim
- (16) Mishlei
- (17) Daniel
- (18) The Knowing Heart
- (19) Ethics of the Fathers
- (20) Ruth
- (21) Shir Hashirim

PHILOSOPHY

LEVEL I:

Course Numbers: PF101.1, PF101.2, PSP101.1, PSP101.2, PS101.1

Title: **Ethical and Philosophical Concepts (Rabbi Feuer)**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses introduce the student to the fundamental concepts of Jewish philosophy. The teacher will select a classic Jewish philosophical text to delve into on an array of issues. The students will be encouraged to ask questions. This class meets daily.

LEVEL II:

Course Numbers: PF201.1, PF201.2, PSP201.1, PS201.2, PS201.1

Title: **Ethical and Philosophical Concepts II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses further develop the philosophical issues covered in the first level. The teacher will continue to use a classic Jewish philosophical text. In particular, he will deal with the psychology of the individual and techniques for self improvement. The goal is to help each student actualize his newly acquired philosophical concepts, with a view to developing the student's character and giving him a greater appreciation for the sensitivity of Jewish philosophy.

This class meets daily.

LEVEL III:

Course Numbers: PF301.1, PF301.2, PSP301.1, PSP301.2, PS301.1

Title: **Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are designed for those students who have a firm command of both the theory and practical application of Jewish philosophy. The student will, under the guidance of a faculty member, select a particular text to study, either independently or with a chavrusa, while continually liaising with the teacher on matters pertaining to the text. Once each week the Mashgiach will present a lecture advising the students on how to further enhance their characters by actively conducting their lives in accordance with Jewish philosophical concepts.

LEVEL IV:

Course Numbers: PF401.1, PF401.2, PSP301.1, PSP401.2, PS401.1

Title: **Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses will be attended by students who have attained a degree of sensitivity to philosophical issues, enabling them to further plumb the depth of Jewish philosophy. To facilitate this, the students will be given a wider range of philosophical texts from which to choose. The students will study these texts either individually or with a chavrusa, and under the guidance of a faculty member.

LEVEL V:

Course Numbers: PF501.1, PF501.2, PSP501.1, PSP501.2, PS501.1

Title: **Advanced Philosophy and Ethics**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses enable the students, under the guidance of a faculty member, to reconsider and analyze on a deeper level, all the material that was studied until this point. The student will review texts which he already learned, but will be able to gain even more from these texts with his deeper understanding of Jewish philosophy and ethics.

PHILOSOPHY

LEVEL I

FALL

FIRST SESSION

PF101.1 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts

SECOND SESSION

PF101.2 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

PSP101.1 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts

SECOND SESSION

PSP101.2 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts

SUMMER

PS 101.1 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts

LEVEL II

FALL

FIRST SESSION

PF201.1 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts II

SECOND SESSION

PF201.2 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts II

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

PSP201.1 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts II

SECOND SESSION

PSP201.2 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts II

SUMMER

PS201.1 Ethical and Philosophical Concepts II

LEVEL III

FALL FIRST SESSION

PF301.1 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues

SECOND SESSION

PF301.2 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues

SPRING FIRST SESSION

PSP301.1 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues

SECOND SESSION

PSP302.2 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues

SUMMER

PS301.1 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues

LEVEL IV

FALL

FIRST SESSION

PF401.1 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues II

SECOND SESSION

PF401.2 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues II

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

PSP401.1 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues II

SECOND SESSION

PSP401.2 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues II

SUMMER

PS401.1 Analysis of Philosophical and Ethical Issues II

LEVEL V

FALL

FIRST SESSION

PF501.1 Advanced Philosophy and Ethics

SECOND SESSION

PF501.2 Advanced Philosophy and Ethics

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

PSP501.1 Advanced Philosophy and Ethics

SECOND SESSION

PSP501.2 Advanced Philosophy and Ethics

SUMMER

PS501.1 Advanced Philosophy and Ethics

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL CODES

Students are offered an overview of the precepts and prohibitions which are part and parcel of Jewish practice. The stress is on the examination of principles promulgated by the early and latter codifiers with their application to modern life.

LEGAL CODES

The texts which are studied in the various Halacha courses are as follows:

- (01) Kitzur Shulchan Aruch - An abridged version of the Code of Jewish Law, covering most areas of conduct, written by Rabbi Shlomo Ganzfried

- (02) Shulchan Aruch - The pertinent source of Jewish Law, reflecting Rabbi Yosef Karo's distillation of Talmudic discussion and subsequent commentaries.

- (03) Mishnah Brurah - The classic commentary on the Code of Jewish Law, written by Rabbi Yisroel Meir HaCohen, on the Orach Chaim section, covering daily and holiday behavior.

(04) Mishnah Torah - Written by Maimonides, one of the earliest and most comprehensive sources for Jewish Law and custom.

(05) Badei Hashulchan - A masterful contemporary work, elucidating the Shulchan Aruch's ruling on the Laws of Family Purity Styled after the Mishna Brurah. It was written by Rabbi Feivel Cohen, a prominent Brooklyn scholar.

LEGAL CODES

LEVEL I:

Course Numbers: LF101.1, LF101.2, LSP101.1, LSP101.2, LS101.1

Title: **Survey of Legal Codes**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are designed to show the student how the matrix of Jewish law has been codified since Talmudic times. The course will focus mainly on the past 800 years.

Course Numbers: LF102.1, LF102.2, LSP102.1, LSP102.2, LS102.1

Title: **Overview of 613 Commandments**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are designed to introduce the student to the 613 commandments which form the foundation of practical

Course Numbers: LF103.1, LF103.2, LSP103.1, LSP103.2, LS103.1

Title: **Halacha - Jewish Law**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses introduce the student to the fundamental laws governing a Jewish person's daily life. The students will meet as a group once a day, whereupon festival or period of mourning.

LEVEL II:

Course Numbers: LF201.1, LF201.2, LSP201.1, LSP201.2, LS201.1

Title: **Survey of Legal Codes II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are a continuation of the first level classes, with further in-depth study of the codification of Jewish law.

Course Numbers: LF202.1, LF202.2, LSP202.1, LSP202.2, LS202.1

Title: **Halacha - Jewish Law II**

Credits: 1

Description: Having spent some time in the yeshiva, students

will have witnessed the practical application of Jewish law in their law already covered. This is regarded as preparation for the detailed teachings of Jewish law which will be taught on levels III, IV, and V.

LEVEL III:

Course Numbers: LF301.1, LF301.2, LSP301.1, LSP301.2, LS301.1

Title: **Halacha - Intermediate Jewish Law**

Credits: 1

Description: The students will have achieved a solid foundation in many areas areas as yet uncovered. the teacher will also show th students how to read and apply one of the classic Jewish legal texts.

LEVEL IV:

Course Numbers: LF401.1, LF401.2, LSP401.1, LSP401.2, LS401.1

Title: **Halacha - Intermediate Jewish Law II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are regarded as a natural extension to Level III, the main difference being that on Level IV the class is given at a faster pace, covering a far greater amount of material. Alternatively, students may elect to learn independently under the guidance of a faculty member.

LEVEL V:

Course Numbers: LF501.1, LF501.2, LSP501.1, LSP501.2, LS501.1

Title: **Halacha - Advanced Jewish Law**

Credits: 1

Description: The students will now have a solid understanding of an array of specialized areas. The students will continue to be taught by a faculty member. Emphasis will be placed on reviewing the laws

LEGAL CODES

LEVEL I

FALL

FIRST SESSION

LF101.1	Survey of Legal Codes
LF102.1	Overview of 613 Commandments
LF103.1	Halacha - Jewish Law

SECOND SESSION

LF101.2	Survey of Legal Codes
LF102.2	Overview of 613 Commandments
LF103.2	Halacha - Jewish Law

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

LSP101.1	Survey of Legal Codes
LSP102.1	Overview of 613 Commandments
LSP103.1	Halacha - Jewish Law

SECOND SESSION

LSP101.2	Survey of Legal Codes
LSP102.2	Overview of 613 Commandments
LSP103.2	Halacha - Introduction to Practical Jewish Law

SUMMER

LS101.1	Survey of Legal Codes
LS102.1	Overview of 613 Commandments

LS103.1 Halacha - Jewish Law

LEVEL II

FALL

FIRST SESSION

LF201.1 Survey of Legal Codes II

LF202.1 Halacha - Jewish Law II

SECOND SESSION

LF201.2 Survey of Legal Codes II

LF202.2 Halacha - Jewish Law II

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

LSP201.1 Survey of Legal Codes II

LSP202.1 Halacha - Jewish Law II

SECOND SESSION

LSP201.2 Survey of Legal Codes II

LSP202.2 Halacha - Jewish Law II

SUMMER

LS201.1 Survey of Legal Codes II

LS202.1 Halacha - Jewish Law II

LEVEL III

FALL

FIRST SESSION

LF301.1 Halacha - Intermediate Jewish Law

SECOND SESSION

LF301.2 Halacha - Intermediate Jewish Law

SPRING

LSP301.1 Halacha - Intermediate Practical Jewish Law

LSP301.2 Halacha - Intermediate Practical Jewish Law

SUMMER

LS301.1 Halacha - Intermediate Practical Jewish Law

LEVEL IV

FALL

FIRST SESSION

LF401.1 Halacha - Intermediate Jewish Law II

SECOND SESSION

LF401.2 Halacha - Intermediate Jewish Law II

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

LSP401.1 Halacha - Intermediate Jewish Law II

SECOND SESSION

LSP401.2 Halacha - Intermediate Practical Jewish Law II

SUMMER

LS401.1 Halacha - Intermediate Practical Jewish Law II

LEVEL V

FALL

FIRST SESSION

LF501.1 Halacha - Advanced Jewish Law

SECOND SESSION

LF501.2 Halacha - Advanced Jewish Law

SPRING

LSP501.1 Halacha - Advanced Jewish Law

SECOND SESSION

LSP501.2 Halacha - Advanced Jewish Law

SUMMER

LS501.1 Halacha - Advanced Jewish Law

MISHNAH

The following courses deal with mishnaic texts on various levels.

The tractates of Mishnah which are studied in the various Mishnah courses are as follows:

(01) ZERA'IM - Growing, harvesting, and distribution of agricultural produce; tithes and social welfare; new plants and trees; grafts and crossbreeding; Sabbatical year.

(02) MOED - Tractates dealing with holidays and their observances, customs,

liturgy, p

(03) NASHIM - Tractates dealing with marriage, divorce; marital and parental relationships, obligations and responsibilities; levirate marriage and chalitza; forbidden relationships; contracts; vows.

(04) N'ZIKIN - Tractates dealing with damages, torts, property rights, bailments, labor; commercial papers and legal documents; inheritance and gifts; theft and embezzlement; assault, fraud, and usury; courts, judges, witnesses, rules of evidence and execution of judgement; crime and punishment; laws of the state; wars; idolatry and religious beliefs.

(05) KODSHIM - Laws and background governing ritual slaughter; animal and dietary laws; the sacrificial system and temple law; vows to the temple, the synagogue, and charity; sanctity of the firstborn.

(06) TAHAROS - Ritualistic defilement of persons, articles, and utensils; menstruation, puberty, and childbirth' "plagues" (leprosy), death, and the Red Heifer; ritual immersion and ritualaria.

M I S H N A H

LEVEL I:

Course Numbers: MF101.1, MF101.2, MSP101.1, MSP101.2, MS101.1

Title: **Mishnah**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are designed to introduce the student to the backbone of Talmudic study - the Mishnah. The teacher will translate and explain each Mishnah within a particular Talmudic tractate. He will also discuss the personalities quoted therein. The student can expect to cover approximately one tractate per eight-week session.

Course Numbers: MF102.1(2), MSP102.1(2)

Title **Overview of Mishnah**

Credits: **1 per semester (not session)**

Description: Continuous study of 2 Mishnayos daily, traveling through the

LEVEL II:

Course Numbers: MF201.1, MF201.2, MSP201.1, MSP201.2, MS201.1

Title: **Mishnah II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are an extension of the courses in Level I.

By the end of the second level, the student will have learned

Course Numbers: MF202.1(2), MSP202.1(2)

Title **Overview of Mishnah**

Credits: **1 per semester (not session)**

Description: Continuous study of 2 Mishnayos daily, traveling through the

LEVEL III:

Course Numbers: MF301.1, MF301.2, MSP301.1, MSP301.2, MS301.1

Title: **Intermediate Mishnah**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses encourage the student to continue his personal
Mishnayos study. The student will learn with a chavrusa, under -
47 the guidance of a faculty member.

Course Numbers: MF302.1(2), MSP302.1(2)

Title **Overview of Mishnah**

Credits: 1 per semester (not session)

Description: Continuous study of 2 Mishnayos daily, traveling through the
entire order of the six tractates of Mishnah.

LEVEL IV:

Course Numbers: MF401.1, MF401.2, MSP401.1, MSP401.2, MS401.1

Title: **Intermediate Mishnah II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses follow the same format as Level III.

Course Numbers: MF402.1(2), MSP402.1(2)

Title **Overview of Mishnah**

Credits: 1 per semester (not session)

Description: Continuous study of 2 Mishnayos daily, travelling through the

LEVEL V:

Course Numbers: MF501.1, MF501.2, MSP501.1, MSP501.2, MS501.1

Title: **Advanced Mishnah**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses follow the same format as Levels III and IV.

Course Numbers: MF502.1(2), MSP502.1(2)

Title **Overview of Mishnah**

Credits: **1 per semester (not session)**

Description: Continuous study of 2 Mishnayos daily, travelling through the

MISHNAH

LEVEL I

FALL

FIRST SESSION

MF101.1 Mishnah

SECOND SESSION

MF101.2 Mishnah

MF102.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

MSP101.1 Mishnah

SECOND SESSION

MSP101.2 Mishnah

MSP101.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SUMMER

MS101.1 Mishnah

LEVEL II

FALL

FIRST SESSION

MF201.1 Mishnah II

SECOND SESSION

MF201.2 Mishnah II

MF202.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

MSP201.1 Mishnah II

SECOND SESSION

MSP201.2 Mishnah II

MSP202.1.2 Mishnah II

SUMMER

MS201.1 Mishnah II

LEVEL III

FALL _____ FIRST SESSION

MF301.1 Intermediate Mishnah

SECOND SESSION

MF301.2 Intermediate Mishnah

MF302.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

MSP301.1 Intermediate Mishnah

SECOND SESSION

MSP301.2 Intermediate Mishnah

MSP302.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SUMMER

MS301.1 Intermediate Mishnah

LEVEL IV

FALL

FIRST SESSION

MF401.1 Intermediate Mishnah II

SECOND SESSION

MF401.2 Intermediate Mishnah II

MF402.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

MSP401.1 Intermediate Mishnah II

SECOND SESSION

MSP401.2 Intermediate Mishnah II

MSP402.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SUMMER

MS401.1 Intermediate Mishnah II

LEVEL V

FALL

FIRST SESSION

MF501.1 Advanced Mishnah

SECOND SESSION

MF501.2 Advanced Mishnah

MF502.1.2 Overview of Mishnah 1 credit per semester

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

MSP501.1 Advanced Mishnah

SECOND SESSION

MS501.2 Advanced Mishnah

MS502.1.2 Overview of Mishnah

SUMMER

MS501.1 Advanced Mishnah

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE

Study of the Bible is designed to offer the student an appreciation of the lessons, ethical, moral, philosophical and historical, to be gained therein. In addition to various programs of independent study, which allow the student to pursue self-paced analysis of Biblical topics, there are lecture series of great profundity which provide great insights into the subject matter.

B I B L E

The sections of the Bible which are studied in the various Bible courses are as follows:

(01) Genesis

(02) Exodus

(03) Leviticus

(04) Numbers

(05) Deuteronomy

(06) Prophets

(07) Writings

(08) Book of Esther

(09) Book of Lamentations

(10) Book of Ecclesiastes

(11) Book of Ruth

(12) Song of Songs

(13) Overview of Weekly Bible Reading

B I B L E

LEVEL I:

Course Numbers: BF101.1, BF101.2, BSP101.1, BSP101.2, BS101.1

Title: **Overview of Biblical Concepts (Rabbi Braun)**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are designed to introduce the student to the structure of the Bible. The teacher will focus on the classic biblical commentaries, explaining their approaches to interpreting the Bible. The teacher will look at the language of the bible, as well as its grammar and musical notes. The teacher will also explain methods by which the Talmud (Oral Law) derives various principles from the structure of the Bible.

Course Numbers: BF102.1, BF102.2, BSP102.1, BSP102.2, BS102.1

Title: **Bible Studies**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses introduce the student to the Bible. The teacher will translate the weekly Bible portion, reading and explaining it using the primary commentary of Rashi.

Course Numbers: BF103.1, BF103.2, BSP103.1, BSP103.2, BS103.1

Title: Overview of Torah Topics/Skills, Concepts (Rabbi Sapirstein)

Credits: 1

Description: Introducing the student to the techniques and concepts of many mitzvos etc.

B I B L E

LEVEL II:

Course Numbers: BF201.1, BF201.2, BSP201.1, BSP201.2, BS201.1

Title: **Overview of Biblical Concepts II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses continue in the format of the Level I courses, with the teacher continuing to lecture on the structure of the Bible and the approach of its commentators to its interpretation.

Course Numbers: BF202.1, BF202.2, BSP202.1, BSP202.2, BS202.1

Title: **Bible Studies II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses continue in the same format as Level I. As a result, the student will soon have a solid grasp of the fundamental themes of the Bible. these themes will constantly be referred to in other areas of study, such as Philosophy and Talmud.

LEVEL III:

Course Numbers: BF301.1, BF301.2, BSP301.1, BSP301.2, BS301.1

Title: **Intermediate Bible Studies**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses are designed for those students who are capable

reading using an array of commentaries. Once each week, a class will be given on the weekly Bible portion.

LEVEL IV:

Course Numbers: BF401.1, BF401.2, BSP401.1, BSP401.2, BS401.1

Title: **Intermediate Bible Studies II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses continue in the same format as Level III, with the student adding additional commentaries to his weekly study.

LEVEL V:

Course Numbers: BF501.1, BF501.2, BSP501.1, BSP501.2, BS501.1

Title: **Advanced Bible Studies**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses continue in the same format as Levels III and IV.

BIBLE

LEVEL I

FALL

FIRST SESSION

- BF101.1 Overview of Biblical Concepts
- BF102.1 Bible Studies
- BF103.1 Overview of Torah Topics/Skills

SECOND SESSION

- BF101.2 Overview of Biblical Concepts
- BF102.2 Bible Studies
- BF103.2 Overview of Torah Topics/Skills

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

- BSP101.1 Overview of Biblical Concepts
- BSP102.1 Bible Studies
- BSP103.1 Overview of Torah Topics/Skills

SECOND SESSION

- BSP101.2 Overview of Biblical Concepts
- BSP102.2 Bible Studies
- BSP103.2 Overview of Torah Topics/Skills

SUMMER

- BS101.1 Overview of Biblical Concepts
- BS102.1 Bible Studies
- BS103.1 Overview of Torah Topics/Skills

LEVEL II

FALL

FIRST SESSION

- BF201.1 Overview of Biblical Concepts II

BF202.1 Biblical Studies II

SECOND SESSION

BF201.2 Overview of Biblical Concepts II

BF202.2 Bible Studies II

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

BSP201.1 Overview of Biblical Concepts II

BSP202.1 Bible Studies II

SECOND SESSION

BSP201.2 Overview of Biblical Concepts II

BSP202.2 Bible Studies II

SUMMER

BS201.1 Overview of Biblical Concepts II

BS202.1 Bible Studies II

LEVEL III

FALL

FIRST SESSION

BF301.1 Intermediate Bible Studies
SECOND SESSION

BF301.2 Intermediate Bible Studies

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

BSP301.1 Intermediate Bible Studies
SECOND SESSION

BSP301.2 Intermediate Bible Studies

SUMMER

BS301.1 Intermediate Bible Studies

LEVEL IV

FALL

FIRST SESSION

BF401.1 Intermediate Bible Studies II
SECOND SESSION

BF401.2 Intermediate Bible Studies II

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

BSP401.1 Intermediate Bible Studies II

SECOND SESSION

BSP401.2 Intermediate Bible Studies II

SUMMER

BS401.1 Intermediate Bible Studies II

LEVEL V

FALL

FIRST SESSION

BF501.1 Advanced Bible Studies

SECOND SESSION

BF501.2 Advanced Bible Studies

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

BSP501.1 Advanced Bible Studies

SECOND SESSION

BSP501.2 Advanced Bible Studies

SUMMER

BS501.1 Advanced Bible Studies

PRAYER AND LANGUAGE STUDIES

LEVEL I:

Course Numbers: HF101.1, HF101.2, HSP101.1, HSP101.2, HS101.1

Title: **Language - Hebrew and Aramaic**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses introduce the student to the basic rules of the Hebrew and Aramaic languages. The student will be encouraged to do his own personal study to supplement this course.

LEVEL II:

Course Numbers: HF201.1, HF201.2, HSP201.1, HSP201.2, HS201.1

Title: **Language - Hebrew and Aramaic II**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses encourages the student to continue his language independent basis. The student will use the daily prayer book as a study text.

LEVEL III:

Course Numbers: HF301.1, HF301.2, HSP301.1, HSP301.2, HS301.1

Title: **Further Studies in Hebrew and Aramaic**

Credits: 1

Description: For the student who has not yet mastered the skills required for

LITURGICAL ANALYSIS - SPECIAL PRAYERS - Prayers of holidays are examined for textual meanings and thematic interpretation.

LITURGICAL MUSIC - Cantorial studies, biblical chanting and renditions of regular prayers.

HISTORY - INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH HISTORY 101 - Development of Jewish communities and centers of scholarship in the Diaspora and their relationship with the Homeland - Israel.

BF 101 - OVERVIEW OF TORAH TOPICS/CONCEPTS/SKILLS - Rabbi Sapirstein

Shir Hashirim, Daniel, Ruth, Mishlei are either Bible or Philosophy depending on the lecturers

PRAYER AND LANGUAGE STUDIES

LEVEL I

FALL

FIRST SESSION

HF101.1 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic

SECOND SESSION

HF101.2 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

HSP101.1 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic

SECOND SESSION

HSP101.2 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic

SUMMER

HS101.1 Language- Hebrew and Aramaic

LEVEL II

FALL

FIRST SESSION

HF201.1 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic II

SECOND SESSION

HF201.2 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic II

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

HSP201.1 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic II

SECOND SESSION

HSP201.2 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic II

SUMMER

HS201.1 Language - Hebrew and Aramaic II

LEVEL III

FALL

FIRST SESSION

HF301.1 Further Studies in Hebrew and Aramaic

SECOND SESSION

HF301.2 Further Studies in Hebrew and Aramaic

SPRING

FIRST SESSION

HSP301.1 Further Studies in Hebrew and Aramaic

SECOND SESSION

HSP301.2 Further Studies in Hebrew and Aramaic

SUMMER

HS301.1 Further Studies in Hebrew and Aramaic

ACE APPROVED COURSES

REL 233/ACE 0007 Analysis of Hebrew Scriptures - Genesis 3 credits

REL 308/ACE 0077 Studies in Jewish Law -

Laws & Customs of Shabbos 3 credits

REL 264/ACE 0006 Analysis of Hebrew Scriptures - Exodus 3 credits

REL 358/ACE 0008 Analysis of Hebrew Scriptures - Leviticus 3 credits

REL 359/ACE 0009	Analysis of Hebrew Scriptures - Numbers	3 credits
REL 315/ACE 0133	Studies in Jewish Law/ Laws & Customs of Shabbos II	3 credits
REL 232/ACE0074	Studies in Jewish Law: Blessings	3 credits
REL 270/ACE0116	Jonah	3 credits
PHI 374/ACE 0059	Philosophical & Theological Foundations of Jewish Prayer	3 credits
HIS 230/ACE0149	Modern Jewish History	3 credits
REL 337/ACE 0076	Studies in Jewish Law- Economics & Business	3 credits
REL 108/ACE 0086	The Early Prophets - Judges	3 credits
PHI 280/ACE 0109	Ethics of the Fathers	3 credits
PHI 378/ACE 0136	Writings of Maharal of Prague	3 credits

Course description and syllabus available upon request. Ace courses have been approved the American Council on Education. Additional ACE approved courses may be added periodically to our curriculum as needed.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Ohr Somayach presently maintains a small graduate program of advanced Talmudic students in a program leading to a First Professional Degree. The First Professional Degree is the degree level after the First Talmudic Degree and is equivalent to a Master's level program.

This degree requires 60 credits from Level 5 and level 6 courses. Level 5 courses are the highest level courses listed throughout our catalogue for each category. These courses are listed in the 500 numbers. Level 6 course is outlined on pages 61 - 64 of this catalogue.

SMICHA PROGRAM - LEVEL 6 OF FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE

Course Numbers: BF613.1, BF613.2, BSP623.1, BSP623.2, BS633.1, BF633.1,
BF643.2, BSP643.1, BSP653.2, BS653.1

Title: **Psalms of King David**

Credits: 1

Description

Course Numbers: TF 601.1, TF601.2, TSP601.1, TSP601.2, TS601.1

Title: **B'Iyun-Advanced Talmudic Studies**

Credits: 3

Description: These courses constitute the graduate level of Talmudic group study

Talmudic piece on his own, will still prepare in the customary manner of chavrusa study.

He will be required to delve into the later commentaries of the Acharonim, contrasting their insights with those of the Rishonim. This study will take place under the guidance of a leading Talmudic scholar, who will lead the students in an advanced in-depth discussion of the Talmud.

Course Numbers: TF 602.1, TF602.2, TSP602.1, TSP602.2, TS602.1

Title: **B'Iyun-Advanced Chavrusa Tutorial**

Credits: 1

Description: These courses complement the T601 courses. The student is required to review and clarify his daily Talmudic studies by means of chavrusa study with a student from one of the first three levels.

Course Numbers: TF605.1, TF605.2, TSP605.1, TSP605.2, TS605.1

Title: Talmud - Follow Up Study with Study Partner or Independently

Credits: 1

Description: The student will break new ground with a new tractate. The faculty member will instruct the student to focus on development of his Talmudic learning skills. This course is designed to encourage the student to further develop his Talmudic learning skills and vocabulary by means of independent study or chavrusa study.

Course Numbers: LF 611.2

Title: Basar B'Cholov: Meat and Milk

Credits: 2

Description: The laws of separating meat from milk, including which meat must be separated from what ;milk, organization of cooking and eating areas to allow for preparation and eating of meat or milk, and how long a person must wait after eating one before eating the other. Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Yorah Deah* sections 87-89 and relevant commentaries.

Course Numbers: LSP612.1

Title: Basar B'Cholov: Meat and Milk

Credits: 2

Description: Results of violations of the laws learned in LF611.2, including the status of improper mixtures, their effects on cookware and tableware, how parve foods are affected by contact with meat and /or milk, and how cookware and tableware is affected by contact with meat and/or milk. Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Yorah Deah* Sections 91-97 and relevant commentaries.

Course Numbers: LF613.2, LSP614.1

Title: Basar B'Cholov: Meat and Milk (discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications.

Course Numbers: LS615.1

Title: Ta'aruvos: Forbidden mixtures

Credits: 2

Description: How contact with forbidden foods (including non-kosher meat, blood, insects, and shellfish) affects the status of permitted foods and cookware. Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Yorah Deah* Sections 98-111 and relevant commentaries.

Course Numbers: LS616.1

Title: Ta'aaruvos" Forbidden foodmixtures (discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications.

Course Numbers: LSP641.1

Title: L'Hisracheik min HaOrayos: Social Conventions

Credits: 2

Description: Appropriate and inappropriate intra-gender relations, including seclusion and physical and social contact between the sexes, proper dress, and related issues. Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Even HaEzer* Sections 21-22 and relevant commentaries.

Course Numbers: LSP643.1

Title: L'Hisracheik min HaOrayos: Social Conventions (discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications

Course Numbers: LF651.1

Title: Laws and customs of the Days of Awe

Credits: 2

Description: Laws and customs of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Succos, including laws of hearing of the Shofar, who must fast on Yom Kippur, and who must eat and sleep in the Succah. Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim* Sections 581-583, 590, 612-618, 639-643, and relevant commentaries including Mishneh Berurah.

Course Numbers: LSP652.2

Title: Hagolas Keilim:Kashering for Passover

Credits: 2

Description: How to clean and "kosherize" cookware and tableware for Passover and year-round use. Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim* Sections 451-452 and relevant commentaries, including Mishneh Berurah.

Course Numbers: LF653.1

Title: Laws and customs of the Days of Awe(discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications.

Course Numbers: LSP654.2

Title: Hagolas Keilim:Kashering for Passover (discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications.

Course Numbers: LSP661.2

Title: Aveilus: Death and Mourning

Credits: 2

Description: Laws of visiting the sick, end of life issues, proper ritual conduct in burial and subsequent mourning periods. Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Yorah Deah* Sections 335-341, 380-391 and relevant commentaries.

Course Numbers: LSP663.2

Title: Aveilus: Death and Mourning (discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications.

Course Numbers: LF671.1/2

Title: Laws and Customs of the Sabbath

Credits: 2

Description: The laws of the Sabbath, including what labor is permissible and what is t, when the Sabbath may be violated for health reasons, what non-Jews may do for Jews on the Sabbath, and disposition of work which was impermissibly done

on the Sabbath. Sources include Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim Sections 253, 301-344 and relevant commentaries, including Mishneh Berurah.

Course Numbers: LF673.1/2

Title: Laws and Customs of the Sabbath (discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications.

Course Numbers: LS683.1

Title: Hilchos Brochos

Credits: 2

Course Numbers: LS691.1

Title: Niddah: Family Purity

Credits: 2

Description: Laws of family purity: Sources include *Shulchan Aruch Yorah Deah* Sections 183-199 and relevant commentaries.

Course Numbers: LS693.1

Title: Niddah: Family Purity (discussion)

Credits: 2

Description: Students analyze relevant sources and discuss contemporary applications.

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