

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

"The Beit Midrash is a place where everyone asks questions, because we all want to delve deeper into Torah. Having that type of community and people around you just makes you want to learn."

NAOMI MORYOSEF, SAN DIEGO, CA A t Midreshet Lindenbaum, you will learn with a *chavruta*, which allows you to delve deeply into the Torah, developing both the skills and the love for learning on your own. Our talented and dynamic teachers welcome and respect all questions, and take your learning to the next level as they guide you in the Beit Midrash, open up new vistas in classroom discussion, and invite you to their homes to share Shabbat together.

Learning is a window into a way of life. Analyzing the stories in Tanach, deciphering the complexities of the Gemara, and understanding the development of Halacha enable you to grow in *middot, yirat shamayim* and *shemirat mitzvot*. The connections you form with your teachers and fellow students through Torah learning create the strongest bonds. **Find mentors and friends for life!** 

OUR BEIT MIDRASH:

THE HEART OF

THE MIDRASHA

More day 1 We can't wait to see you!!!

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

At any given moment, you can hear Torah learning in 4 languages in our Beit Midrash – home to a host of programs for students from all over the world & at various stages of life.

"It's an incredible environment that pushes you beyond where you think you can go, and I think that's fostered by the kindness of all the people here. Everyone is working together, and we are growing as a community. The students and faculty are just so warm and welcoming and loving - there's an overwhelming amount of support." ELLIE WEISBERG,

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INSPIRATION & COMMITMENT

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

LIFETIME CONNECTIONS

**(** piritual growth goes hand in hand with learning U Torah. Meaningful learning creates a stronger connection to Hashem and a deeper commitment to mitzvot. Our shiurim, guest speakers and spiritual experiences such as tefilot, shabbatot and tiyulim, all help you experience different modes of spirituality and create a personalized connection to your Judaism.



Our Individual Spiritual Program (ISP) is an incredible opportunity that pairs you with a staff mentor for regular meetings to develop an individualized and goal-oriented plan to foster spiritual growth and implement what you learn at your own pace.

# **DID YOU KNOW?**



Every student meets regularly with a central faculty member to develop her own personalized plan for religious growth and a closer connection to Hashem.

"The trips are planned so well, combining everyone's preferences from hiking to *chesed*, and from Tanach/ Gemara *tiyulim* to chill experiences. They are really just the cherry on top of our fantastic time at Midreshet Lindenbaum!"

ELIANA BUNIM, NEW ROCHELLE, NY We believe that part of spending a year learning Torah in Eretz Yisrael is seeing and experiencing the land and its people with your own eyes. At Midreshet Lindenbaum, the **vibrant extra-curricular programs** – including *shabbatot* and *tiyulim* around the country, a meaningful *chesed* program and a myriad of other special programs – complement and enhance the learning and help achieve our goals of religious and personal growth. Pushing your limits, hiking the land, spending shabbat on a *yishuv*, volunteering as a mother's helper for an ill child, and learning about Israel's politics enable you to feel an even deeper connection to Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael.







# **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our trip to Poland is an opportunity to experience a painful and important chapter of our history, providing additional layers of meaning and motivation for your year in Eretz Yisrael.



# MAKE CHESED YOURS

"We do a lot of chesed here. People in the community really count on Lindenbaum. Part of living a Torah lifestyle is learning, and bein adam l'chavero is also crucial. Volunteering and experiencing Am Yisrael teaches us how we want to live our lives after we leave the midrasha."

MIRIAM GOLDBERGER, NEW YORK, NY

e believe that cultivating a Chesed mindset is 🛿 essential to Avodat Hashem. To support this, we partner with a variety of organizations in Yerushalayim, who welcome our students as volunteers for a few hours each week. In the past, students have served as "Big Sisters" for One Family Fund, an organization dedicated to assisting victims of terror and their families, helped at the local chapter of Friendship Circle, volunteered at Shalva-the Israel Association for the Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilitiesand made regular visits to Beit Sababa, a local nursing home.

In recent years, our efforts have extended to the Arnona/Armon Hanatziv community, assisting families with special needs children, homebound senior citizens, and recently we have provided significant support to families of IDF soldiers on extended reserve





duty. We also provide regular group volunteering opportunities, featuring both pre-planned events and spontaneous initiatives that respond to emerging needs in the community and all over Israel.

# ID YOU KNOW?

our students develop a "chesed mindset," learning to identify needs and plan ways to address them. We help each student find a meaningful way to contribute.



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## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ML?

"I came because I wanted to take Israeli classes and make Israeli friends." SHALVA ROSENFELD, OXFORD, UK

"It is inspiring to learn and be taught by so many women who are experts in their fields. It's really such a special part of Lindenbaum" JEMIMA SCHOEN, ATLANTA, GA

"For the *beit midrash* – it is the best place in Midreshet Lindenbaum. The *avira* really inspires me and pushes me to learn." **ORA DOMERGUE**, **STRASBOURG**, **FRANCE** 

"I wanted a program with high level learning where everyone is motivated and excited to learn. The warmth of the program can be felt when you walk through the door." ADINA TANNER, NY, NY

## CAN I LEARN WHAT I WANT?

"They lay it all out for us and then we get to choose what we want to learn." SARA SHORE, TORONTO "There are a lot of class options in every slot! For me, I really wanted a lot of Gemara and now I learn 6 hours of Gemara some days at an advanced level with teachers who are invested in my growth." OLIVIA FISHMAN, LOS ANGELES, CA

WHY MIDRESHET LINDENBAUM?

"I really wanted to learn Tanach and getting to learn with Rav Leibtag and Rav Blau have helped me learn Tanach in a way that I never knew existed before." NAAVA BODEK, BERGENFIELD, NJ

# WHAT ARE THE STUDENTS LIKE?

WHAT OUR STUDENTS LOVE MOST

"Nice girls looking to learn Torah and grow in their Judaism and make connections with those around them. Everyone is so kind and non-judgmental." TIKVA EPSTEIN, BERGENFIELD, NJ

"Welcoming people from all over the world who come wanting to make friends." TALIA FELDMAN, WEST HEMPSTEAD, NY

"The girls here are really warm and friendly. I came all by myself and I feel like I can talk to everyone here and everyone is so nice." **ROSIE MILLER**, **WOODMERE**, **NY** 

"It is a loving and warm environment. You can feel comfortable going up to everyone, whether Israelis or overseas students. The girls are all so genuine." RACHEL SNOW, SILVER SPRING, MD

## SHARE A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE:

"Tzfat – I loved understanding the spirituality there and meeting the cool people there!" LEEMOR WALDMAN, TEANECK, NJ

"Tsipori – it was so cool to experience a place where the big names of the Gemara lived. After learning Gemara for a whole year it all kind of fit together." LEXI SZAFRANSKI, MIAMI, FL



"My chesed opportunity through

Friendship circle working with 2 families, one with a Down's syndrome child and one with autism. I got really close with the families, and we are still in touch." REENA BERNSTEIN, TORONTO

"I love taking classes with Hadas. It is meaningful for me to learn Hebrew and really experience what life in Israel is really like." TALIA DISTENFELD, HOLLYWOOD, FL

## WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THE ML FACULTY?

"They are experts in their fields and are wholly dedicated to making your year a productive, growthful, meaningful year." GABRIELA YOHANANOFF, NY-ISRAEL

"They are so welcoming and caring. I loved going to teachers' houses for shabbos." RACHEL SUSMAN, ENGLEWOOD, NJ





"They want you to ask questions, they aren't afraid of them. They even want to learn from you." SHOSHANA STADLAN, BOCA RATON, FL

"The teachers and *beit midrash* are so welcoming. When the faculty ask you questions they genuinely want to hear your answer and they really want to hear all of our thoughts." DANIELLA TAUB, CLEVELAND, OH

### WHAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT ML?

"How much Midreshet Darkaynu would add to my year." ALIZA BILLET, BOYNTON BEACH, FL

"When you think about a program with high-level learning you don't think about all the other parts and we get so much of that here – *tiyulim*, *chesed*, and a supportive environment!" MIRIAM GOLDBERGER, NY, NY

"Because the learning is at such a high level, I didn't expect the level of help and support I get in and outside the *beit midrash.*" LIELA SILBIGER, MONTREAL

"Being in such a serious place, I didn't realize everyone would be so warm and friendly." KAYLA DISTENFELD, TEANECK, NJ

## "The girls and teachers here are so special and so nice. I feel like I can talk to everyone. It's a place that everyone really feels like they belong and are appreciated."

ARIELLA SUSMAN, ENGLEWOOD, NJ

# **YOU KNOW?**

Our campus is conveniently located in Jerusalem, a short walk or bus ride from the outside our door called "Midreshet Lindenbaum"!



Our campus is also home to Midreshet Darkaynu -Midreshet Lindenbaum's program for students with special needs. The programs come together for shabbatot, tiyulim and weekly chavrutot in the Beit Midrash, shared opportunities which enhance everyone's Israel experience.





# FAMIL AT HOME IN

JERUSALEM

idreshet Lindenbaum is located in Arnona, a lovely residential neighborhood in Jerusalem. Our beautiful facility, centered around our Beit Midrash, is complete with a renovated dormitory, classrooms, dining room, garden patio, exercise room, and so much more – all under one roof.

Midreshet Lindenbaum is your home! Our dorm has a security guard, and we are open 24/7 throughout our year – including *shabbatot* and *chagim*. We never close and you are never asked to leave.



**REBECCY BABITZ**, SILVER SPRING, MD → GIVAT SHMUEL, ISRAEL

W hy choose between being totally immersed in a program built for Israelis, and being in a completely overseas environment? At Midreshet Lindenbaum you don't have to choose – you get the best of both worlds!

You can integrate with Israelis in the dorm, in classes and in the Beit Midrash, creating friendships with Israeli peers while learning and gaining different perspectives from the Israeli teachers. At the same time, we give you all the support and guidance of an overseas program that understands your background and experience. If you choose to stay in Israel, your connection with both the overseas and Israeli programs creates a wonderful support system. And if you head back overseas, you go prepared with guidance for university life from those who understand where you are headed, and strong roots in Israel to which to return.



# THE BEST OF BOTH WORL ISRAELI INTEGRATION &

OVERSEAS CARE

# Hadas Chu"l allows you to

fully integrate into our sister Israeli program, combining Torah study with IDF service along with your Israeli peers.

# MENTORS FOR LIFE WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT OUR FACULTY

"The faculty are truly the most caring people. From checking up on each of us after a long day, to having ISP meetings, I feel so taken care of. They have such passion for Torah and want us to internalize the material, while also empowering us to learn on our own."

ILANA LOSKOVE, TEANECK, NJ







#### **Rabbanit Sally Mayer** Rosh Midrasha

Rabbanit Sally serves as Rosh Midrasha and teaches Talmud, Halacha and Emuna at the midrasha. Before moving to Israel with her family, she was a member of the core faculty that built Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls in Teaneck, NJ. She served as an editor for the new Koren translation of the Talmud.

"You are the epitome of a great role model. You gave us chizuk to be the best that we can be and pushed us to reach our true potential. You always led by example and truly showed us all the characteristics we should strive to embody."



#### **Rabbanit Nomi Berman** Rosh Beit Midrash

Rabbanit Nomi Berman serves as Rosh Beit Midrash at Midreshet Lindenbaum, and teaches Tanach and Halacha at the midrasha. She and her husband Rav Todd served for four years as the first Av and Eim Bayit in Lindenbaum's current facilities. As a team, they also pioneered the Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus, a program co-sponsored by the OU and Hillel which brings Rabbinic couples to university campuses.

"Your wisdom and casual knowledge of everything inspires me. Thank you for always making yourself available to meet and discuss ideas. You are such a clear thinker and devoted teacher. No matter what I needed help with over the course of the year, you were there."



#### **Rav Shlomo Brown**

**Executive Director** 

Rav Brown is a graduate of the Hesder Yeshiva Har Etzion where he learned for 7 years and received semicha. He has been part of the Midreshet Lindenbaum family since 1986, teaching Talmud, Tanach and Halacha, and has served as director of the Israeli and overseas programs. He passionately leads Midreshet Lindenbaum's unique and informative annual Poland trip.

"Thank you for your consistent devotion and commitment to making sure this school functions properly. You dealt with any of our issues in a very understanding manner, always listening and offering a solution when possible. I would also like to thank you for organizing such a meaningful Poland trip."



#### **Cheryl Burnat** Rakezet Chevratit

Cheryl Burnat plans and implements all of the extra-curricular elements of the ML experience, from incredible *tiyulim* to our individually tailored chesed program. She offers guidance to our students as an ISP mentor and coordinates our alumnae program. Cheryl spent many summers in Camp Moshava, served as Em Bayit at Midreshet Lindenbaum, and volunteers for several non-profit organizations. She is currently studying in OTS's

International Halacha Scholars Program.

"You are the glue that holds this Midrasha together. You are everyone's go-to, our role model and the wisest and most understanding person I have ever spoken to."



**Rav Dr. Kenneth Brander** President and Rosh HaYeshiva Ohr Torah Stone

**Rav Dr. Shlomo Riskin** Founder and Rosh HaYeshiva Ohr Torah Stone



"You've kept us engaged and laughing throughout the year, while still managing to help us become educated Jewish women in every sense of the word."

#### Rav David Brofsky lacha Faculty

"Your complete impassioned love of learning has made every shiur that we've had together interesting and engaging, and our debates have been nothing less

than intellectual. **Merav Edrei** im Bavi



#### Rav Aaron Feigenbaum Machshava Faculty



"Your excitement while teaching, or questioning, keeps us all engaged, fosters intellectual conversation, and keeps us eagerly awaiting our next lesson."

#### Dr. Nava Finkelman nach Faculty

"Thank you for sharing with us

a different way of looking at Tanach – a very holistic approach." Rav Alex Israel



"Your enthusiasm to learn is inspiring and contagious. Not only have you taught us how to learn Tanach, but also how to live our lives embodying the Tanach and its values."







"You are able to take the ancient characters and not only bring them to life, but also make us see ourselves in them. We appreciate your calm and kind demeanor, overflowing wisdom, and genuine love for teaching."

individual growth."







**Rabbanit Avigayil Unterberg** Nouriel, Machshava Faculty "Thank you for providing us a space to tackle big questions that we struggle with day to day. Our discussions are meaningful and productive and always bring new perspectives."



#### **Rabbanit Rivky Krestt** nach Facult

learning '

"Thank you for being such a dynamic teacher, and creating the perfect balance between schmoozing and serious

#### **Rabbanit Rachel Weber Leshaw** emara Ra'm

"Thank you for constantly pushing me to develop my skills and fostering my love for learning by introducing me to other mefarshim and challenging me to learn them on my own, all with a smile."

#### **Rabbanit Yael Leibowitz** Tanach Faculty

"Your approach to Torah is like nothing I have learned before and has allowed me to integrate its messages into my

#### Rav Menachem Leibtag Tanach Facultv

"Thank you for taking us on an exhilarating journey through the five books of Torah and for giving us your incredible Torah knowledge open-handedly."

#### **Rabbanit Yael Nitzanim** Halacha Faculty

"Your passion and excitement for whatever we're learning can't help but make us excited and interested in it too!"

#### **Dr. Rebecca Mischel**

Your warm personality quickly puts people at ease and you always provide consistent and effective guidance."

#### **Rav Itiel Oron**

Gemara Ra'm

"Thank you for both pushing us in class to work hard and grow in our Gemara skills while simultaneously taking an interest in how we are doing and our

#### Rabbanit Jennifer Raskas adershin Training

Thank you for empowering us and teaching us how to be an effective leader through a Torah lens."



#### Rabbanit Dena Rock iemara Ra'm

"Your consistent enthusiasm, positivity, and warmth are invaluable to our year. You make each of us feel so special and cared for, whether it be one-on-one, or with the giant smile with which you greet us upon

entering the classroom."



#### **Rav Yoni Rosensweig** alacha Faculty

"You have not only broadened our knowledge but also our appreciation & understanding for Judaism in the modern world and the 'dynamic' halachic system. Thank you for your constant availability to answer

questions thoroughly and seriously."



#### Professor Tamar Ross lachshava Facultv

You challenge societal norms with your teachings and writings, yet are still able to be an amazing, respected, and strong female educator



#### **Jamie Salter** Understanding Israel

"You taught us things that we wouldn't have gained from an average course. You led us in fascinating discussions, on interesting trips, and even entertained

our outlandish solutions to issues facing the country."



#### **Rav Ari Shvat (Chwat)** Machshava Faculty

"Your class makes us think and reevaluate what we know to be true, and you are such an engaging and innovative teacher and storvteller.



#### Rabbanit Davina Wanderer -Kriel, Machshava Faculty

"You introduced me, all of us, to a new perspective, a new way of approaching Judaism, from a point of spirituality and optimism."



# TAKE YOUR LEARNING TO THE NEXT LEVEL MATMIDOT SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

# A SELECT COHORT

Midreshet Lindenbaum invites you to take part in our mission to expand women's advanced Torah scholarship and leadership by applying to our MATMIDOT scholars program.

Matmidot scholars meet leaders and scholars in their homes, getting a glimpse into what motivates them.

As a Matmida, you get the support to research and write an original Torah article on a topic of your choice, to be published in our annual Matmidot Torah Journal.

**STEP 1: MIDRESHET LINDENBAUM APPLICATION** 

**STEP 2: MATMIDOT APPLICATION** 

# DID YOU KNOW?

The Matmidot's inspirational visits include leaders & scholars such as Rav David Stav, Dr. Yael Ziegler, Rav Yosef Zvi Rimon, Rabbanit Michelle Cohen Farber, & Dr. Aviva Zornberg.

## **APPLY NOW:**



# SHERUT SHELI SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS FROM MIDRASHA THROUGH SHERUT LEUMI AND ARMY SERVICE





- Midreshet Lindenbaum
- and more, during your sherut year or army service
- Post-service university guidance •
- Classes and a Bayit Cham for you to come back to

Information and personalized guidance during your year at

• Dedicated in-house Rakezet Sherut Leumi, to help find the right National Service for you, or Midrashit Chul garin for army service

Continued support, including ISP mentorship, shabbatonim,

• Join the community of Midreshet Lindenbaum alumnae in Israel!



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