RIETS RABBINIC TRAINING PROGRAM

FALL 2015

The Rabbinic Training Program (RTP) of RIETS is designed to prepare you for your rabbinic career by offering courses that will teach you about the life of the rabbi and how to fulfill that role in a professional manner. You are expected to declare a track in the RTP at the beginning of your second year of the semikha program. You should choose the track most suited to your career goals. All semikha students must fulfill a co-requisite requirement. It is expected that if you choose the Education Track that you will pursue a master’s degree at the Azrieli Graduate School of Education. It is important that you be in touch with Azrieli in order to properly plan your course of study in graduate school. If you choose the pulpit track you will, in the fourth year only, in addition to the courses on Fridays, take special courses designed for future pulpit rabbis. These courses are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning approximately at noon. All are required courses. The Community Lay Leadership Track is meant for those students who intend to enter professions other than the rabbinate. If you plan on going to medical school, law school or have some other professional goals, choose the Community Lay Leadership Track.

All courses are required and take place on Friday mornings unless otherwise indicated.

First Year Students

9:15-10:15 am- Survey of Jewish Thought - Wiederblank (JTH 6001)
10:16- 11:30 am- Survey of Professional Opportunities – Turk (RTP 6001)

Second Year Students

Pulpit Track

9:15 – 10:45 am- Public Speaking I – Baer (RTP 6141C)
11:00 am- 12:30 pm- Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate - Turk (RTP 6156)

Education Track

9:15- 10:45 am- Public Speaking I – Gedalia (RTP 6141A)
11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate- Turk (RTP 6156)

Community Lay Leadership Track

9:15- 10:30 am- Pastoral Psychology I - Pelcovitz or Blumenthal (RTP 6111A or 6111B)
11:00 am- 12:30 pm – Public Speaking I – Gedalia (RTP 6141B)
Third Year Students

Pulpit Track

9:15- 10:30 am- Pastoral Psychology I - Pelcovitz or Blumenthal - (RTP 6111A or 6111B)
11:00 am- 12:30 pm-
If you have not yet done so, take Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate - Turk (RTP 6156)
If you have already taken Contemporary Issues, then take Introduction to Outreach - Wildes (RTP 6131A)

Education Track

9:15- 10:30 am- Pastoral Psychology I- Pelcovitz or Blumenthal – (RTP 6111A or 6111B)
11:00 am- 12:30 pm-
If you have not yet done so, take Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate- Turk (RTP 6156)
RECOMMENDED (NOT REQUIRED) -If you have already taken Contemporary Issues, then take Introduction to Outreach- Wildes (RTP 6131A)

All third year students must fulfill a shimush/fieldwork requirement. This is to be approved by Rabbi Turk.

Community Lay Leadership Track

9:15- 10:30 am- If you have not yet done so, take Pastoral Psychology I - Pelcovitz or Blumenthal (RTP 6111A or 6111B)
11:00am- 12:30 pm- If you have not yet done so, take Public Speaking I - Gedalia (RTP 6141B)

Fourth Year Students

Pulpit Track

Monday- 12:00- 1:00 pm- Successful Synagogues - Brander (RTP 6153)
Tuesday- 12:15- 2:30pm- Advanced Pastoral Counseling - Pelcovitz/Shloush (RTP 6121)
Wednesday- 12:05- 1:05 pm- Senior Homiletics Workshop - Turk (RTP 6144)
Wednesday- 1:30- 2:30 pm- Practical Rabbinics - Penner (RTP 6151)

Fourth year courses are open to students in other professional tracks, with permission from Rabbi Turk.