

RIETS RABBINIC TRAINING PROGRAM FALL 2019

The Rabbinic Training Program (RTP) of RIETS is designed to prepare students for their rabbinic careers, through courses which explore different features of the rabbinate, both as a life's mission and as a profession. The courses focus on various aspects the rabbinate, in addition to providing comprehensive guidance as to how the rabbi can best fulfill his role, in a professional and effective manner.

The RTP program consists of several core courses, all of which are mandatory for all RIETS students. There are additional courses, which are offered specifically for students who enroll in particular professional tracks. There are three professional tracks in the RIETS program; pulpit, education and community/lay track. A student should select the track which is most suited towards his specific career goals. The decision as to which track to select is one which should be made carefully and deliberately. Rabbi Rothwachs is available at all times to discuss any questions, thoughts or concerns a student has regarding this important decision. One should declare his desired track in the RTP no later than the beginning of his second year in the semikha program.

Students who select the Education Track are strongly advised to pursue a master's degree in education. Most semikha students pursue a master's degree at the Azrieli Graduate School of Education. Alternatively, a student may pursue a master's degree in academic Jewish studies, from the Bernard Revel Graduate School. It is important that the student contact the graduate school directly, in order to properly plan his course of study. All students in the Education track must register to take MSCEIT examination during the second year.

A student who enters the Pulpit Track will take special courses designed for pulpit preparation and training. These courses are offered on Thursday and Fridays in the third year and on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning approximately at noon, in the fourth year. All of these courses are required for students in the pulpit track. All students in the Pulpit track must register to take MSCEIT examination during the second year.

The Community/Lay Leadership Track is designed for those students who intend to enter professions other than the rabbinate. A student who plans on attending medical school, law school or has other professional aspirations, should choose the Community/Lay Leadership Track. All of these courses are required and take place on Friday mornings, unless otherwise indicated.

Please keep in mind that all courses should be taken in the order presented here, unless the student receives explicit permission from Rabbi Rothwachs. Students who have any questions regarding the RTP program, courses or curriculum, should make every effort to meet with Rabbi Rothwachs for consultation.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

ALL TRACKS				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Survey of Professional Opportunities I	Rothwachs	RTP 6001	F	9:15-10:15 am
Survey of Jewish Thought I	Wiederblank	JTH 6001	F	10:30-11:30 am

SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Public Speaking Seminar I	Gedaliah	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Baer	RTP 6141C	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141D	F	9:15-10:45 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate I	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis	Mondrow	RTP 6128		n/a

EDUCATION TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Public Speaking Seminar I	Gedaliah	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Baer	RTP 6141C	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141D	F	9:15-10:45 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate I	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis	Mondrow	RTP 6128		n/a

COMMUNITY / LAY TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Pelcovitz	RTP 6111A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Blumenthal	RTP 6111B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Gedaliah	RTP 6141B	F	11 am-12:30 pm

THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Pelcovitz	RTP 6111A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Blumenthal	RTP 6111B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Life and Career of the Rabbi I	Bleicher	RTP 6157	F	10:45-12:15 pm
Rabbinic Leadership I	Rothwachs	RTP 6251	Th	12:15-1:15 pm
3 rd Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		n/a
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis *	Mondrow	RTP 6128		n/a

*if not previously taken

THIRD YEAR STUDENTS (CONT.)

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COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Pelcovitz	RTP 6111A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Blumenthal	RTP 6111B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate I *	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
Life & Career of the Mechaneich I	Mondrow	RTP 6171	W	12:30 pm-1:45 pm
3 rd Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		n/a
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis *	Mondrow	RTP 6128		n/a

COMMUNITY / LAY TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Pelcovitz	RTP 6111A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations I	Blumenthal	RTP 6111B	F	9:15-10:30 am
3 rd Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		n/a

FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Advanced Pastoral Counseling I	Pelcovitz/Rothwachs	RTP 6121	T	12:15-2:30 pm
Practical Rabbinics I	Rothwachs	RTP 6151	M	12:15-1:15 pm
Senior Homiletics Workshop I	Penner	RTP 6144	M	1:20-2:20 pm
4 th Year Internship	Shloush	RTP 6202		n/a
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis *	Mondrow	RTP 6128		n/a

EDUCATION TRACK & COMMUNITY / LAY TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
4 th Year Internship	Shloush	RTP 6202		n/a

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