

RIETS RABBINIC TRAINING PROGRAM SPRING 2018

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 the student one has 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 required 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.

A student who enters the Pulpit Track will take special courses designed for pulpit preparation and training. These courses are offered on 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.

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.

When registering for RTP classes, please keep the following in mind:

- Any second semester course - as indicated by 'II' after course title - may only be taken after course 'I' has been completed. Therefore, incoming RIETS students must wait until fall semester to begin RTP classes.
- 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.