

RIETS RABBINIC TRAINING PROGRAM SPRING 2020

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.

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.
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FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

ALL TRACKS				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Survey of Professional Opportunities II	Rothwachs	RTP 6002	F	9:15-10:15 am
Survey of Jewish Thought II	Wiederblank	JTH 6002	F	10:30-11:30 am

SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Public Speaking Seminar II	Krohn	RTP 6142A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar II	Baer	RTP 6142B	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate II	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis*	Mondrow	RTP 6128		n/a

* Only required for those who had not previously registered and taken MSCEIT examination

EDUCATION TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Public Speaking Seminar II *	Krohn	RTP 6142A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar II *	Baer	RTP 6142B	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
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COMMUNITY / LAY TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Pelcovitz	RTP 6112A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Blumenthal	RTP 6112B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Public Speaking Seminar II *	Krohn	RTP 6142A	F	9:15-10:45 am
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Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
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THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

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Pastoral Psychology Foundations	Pelcovitz	RTP 6112A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Blumenthal	RTP 6112B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Life and Career of the Rabbi II	Bleicher	RTP 6162	F	10:45-12:15 pm
Rabbinic Leadership II	Rothwachs	RTP 6252	Th	12:15-1:15 pm
3 rd Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		

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Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Blumenthal	RTP 6112B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate II	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
Life & Career of the Mechaneich II	Mondrow	RTP 6172	M	12:15-1:15 pm
3 rd Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		

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FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Advanced Pastoral Counseling II	Pelcovitz/Rothwachs	RTP 6122	T	12:15-2:00 pm
Practical Rabbinics II	Rothwachs	RTP 6152	W	12:15-1:15 pm
Senior Homiletics Workshop II	Penner	RTP 6145	W	1:30-2:30 pm
4 th Year Internship	Shloush	RTP 6203		

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