Guide to the Yeshiva
The Undergraduate Torah Experience
Welcome to Yeshiva!
Our Yeshiva has a long and profound history and legacy of Torah scholarship, Jewish values, and spiritual aspirations. Grounded in the world-view of Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik and guided today by our world-renowned Roshei Yeshiva, we prepare each student on his personal path to greatness. We have assembled in one Yeshiva an unparalleled group of warm Rebbeim, insightful Mashgichim, and helpful support staff to enable you to have an uplifting and enriching Torah experience—ranging from beginner to advanced levels. Beyond the Beit Midrash and classroom learning, we provide programming, shabbatonim, and extracurricular events with Rebbeim, often in their homes. As you decide where you will spend the next stage of your life’s journey, we hope that you will join us here in Yeshiva and take full advantage of all that we have to offer you here.

With Torah Blessings,

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, President

Rabbi Dr. Yosef Kalinsky, Dean

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The Mazer Yeshiva Program offers an advanced and sophisticated classical yeshiva experience. Students engage in in-depth study of Talmud with our world-renowned Roshei Yeshiva. The most extensive of the programs, MYP offers the exposure to traditional learning while at the same time providing opportunities to interact with Roshei Yeshiva outside the beit midrash, thereby nurturing a special rebbe-talmid relationship.

**DAILY SCHEDULE**
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. — morning seder
- 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. — lunch break
- 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. — shiur

**HIGHLIGHTS/PROGRAMS**
- Night seder
  - Daily from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
  - Join your peers deep into the night and choose to learn any topic of interest, or keep up with a *gemara bekiyut* paced by our night seder Rebbeim and shoalim umeishivim.
- Shiur events/Shabbatonim—spend time socializing with your Rebbeim in their homes and off campus.
- Shiur assistants are assigned to each shiur and are available to answer all your shiur-related questions, set up *chavrutot*, assign seating, and more.

The MYP program has given me and my fellow Talmidim the opportunity to grow tremendously in terms of Talmud Torah, Avodas Hashem, and Yir’as Shamayim. The ability to learn from so many first-class talmidei chachamim and ba’alei middos is remarkable in its own right, but the accessibility of those role models is truly unparalleled. I feel so fortunate to have been able to create real relationships with such knowledgeable and extraordinary Rabbanim.

—Yoni R. ’19,
Denver, CO
Denver Academy of Torah High School
Yeshivat Hakotel
The IBC program is designed for students seeking an advanced and structured, yet flexible environment in the major areas of Jewish learning and practice. Core content includes Jewish studies courses, including Jewish history and philosophy, Halacha, Talmud, Hebrew language and Tanach. Within IBC, students are empowered to attain the broad knowledge and skills necessary for meaningful study of classic Jewish texts.

**DAILY SCHEDULE**
- A variety of courses are offered between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day. Students choose 2–3 courses a day.

**HIGHLIGHTS/PROGRAMS**
- Diverse courses and flexible schedule
- First-Year Chabura Seminar—a unique course for first-year students transitioning into YU, featuring small study groups allowing students to get to know the Rebbeim and their fellow classmates.
- Honors-level courses
- Independent Study

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The Rebbeim in IBC are some of the most genuine people in the world. All they want is for you to be who you really are. Your relationships with your Rebbe will be the most honest and meaningful connection you have ever had.

—Eli W. ’19, Passaic, NJ
Rav Teitz Mesivta Academy
Yeshivat Shaarei Mevaseret Zion
REBBEIM & FACULTY

Rabbi Hayyim Angel
Rabbi David Bashevkin
Rabbi Benjamin Blech
Rabbi Dr. Yosef Bronstein
Rabbi Gabriel Danieli
Rabbi Reaven Fink

Rabbi Meir Goldwicht
Rabbi Zev Reichman
Rabbi Benjamin Rofeh
Rabbi Zvi Romm
Rabbi Itamar Rosenweig

Rabbi Allen Schwartz
Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank

YC FACULTY

Dr. Chaviva Levin
Dr. Ari Mermelstein
Rabbi Yonason Shippel, Director
Rabbi Jon Green, Assistant Director
Rabbi Mordechai Becher
Rabbi Dr. Daniel Lerner
Rabbi Matt Levee
Rabbi Yitzchok Liberman
Rabbi Uri Orlian
Professor Harvey Sober
Rabbi Simcha Willig
Rabbi Benjamin Yudin
The JSS program is designed for those students who are new to Hebrew language and textual study, who aspire to attain a broad-based Jewish philosophical and text education. Classes are led by dynamic and caring faculty, with daily mentoring from students at YU’s rabbinical seminary. The program provides a nurturing and supportive environment, inspiring students to appreciate the beauty, warmth and wisdom of traditional Judaism.

DAILY SCHEDULE
- A variety of courses are offered between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day. Students choose 2–3 courses a day.

HIGHLIGHTS/PROGRAMS
- Focus on foundations and fundamentals of Judaism
- Close relationships with warm Rebbeim
- Off-campus Shabbatonim
- Practical courses that are relevant to everyday practice of Judaism

No other institution has given me the support and strength to connect to Hashem. JSS is not a program, it’s a family.

—Albert B. ’22, Panama
Albert Einstein High School
Binyan Av
Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program (SBMP)

The Stone Beit Midrash Program offers classic Yeshiva learning typified by morning seder with a chavruta in the beit midrash and an in-depth shiur with caring Rebbeim. The curriculum includes classes in Tanach, Halacha, Chassidut, and Jewish philosophy.

DAILY SCHEDULE
- 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. — Opening Shiur
- 10:20 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. — Morning seder in the beit midrash
- 11:50 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. — Talmud Shiur

HIGHLIGHTS/PROGRAMS
- Join your peers for SBMP night seder in the beit midrash and choose to learn any topic of interest between 8 p.m.–10 p.m., or join an exciting shiur specifically tailored to SBMP students 2 nights a week between 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Shiur events/Shabbatonim—spend time socializing with your Rebbeim in their homes on and off campus.
- Shoalim u’meishivim—each shiur has a semicha student who is there to connect with you, answer questions, and help you prepare for shiur.

There is no better combination of both learning at a high level as well as having strong, individualized relationships with a Rebbe than in SBMP.

Andrew T. ’20, Englewood, NJ
SAR Academy
Yeshivat Reishit
Yerushalayim

Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program (SBMP)

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Developed for students with the potential to become genuine talmidei chachamim, the Masmidim program offers a rigorous, structured learning schedule and curriculum in order to maximize religious and spiritual growth.

**HIGHLIGHTS/PROGRAMS**

- Personal mentorship provided by Rabbi Mayer Twersky, director of the program, and the assistant director, Rabbi Tanchum Cohen, who tailor an individualized program for each talmid by mapping out areas for growth in Torah and yiras shomayim as students aspire to become genuine talmidim chochomim.
- Small weekly chaburos with senior Roshei Yeshiva.
- Bekiyus Program that pushes talmidim beyond the typical Yeshiva curriculum.
- Friday morning seder and additional chaburos in gemara and hashkafa.

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The Masmidim Program allows us close access to the Roshei Yeshiva and creates a yeshiva structure around your college life.

*Moshe R. ’19*  
*Lawrence, NY*  
*DRS Yeshiva High School*  
*Yeshivat Kerem B’Yavneh*
Developed for exceptional aspiring rabbis with a passion to maximize their Torah learning, the BA/Semicha Program enables participants to earn a bachelor’s degree and semicha while fully immersing themselves in Torah scholarship that will lay the foundation for their future. Participants learn three daily sedarim and participate in a unique Halacha curriculum tailored toward the future rabbi.

DAILY SCHEDULE
In addition to the typical Yeshiva schedule, students in this program take a lighter load in the college and study halcha be-iyun between 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. daily, under the guidance of Rabbi Tanchum Cohen.

HIGHLIGHTS/PROGRAMS
• Place yourself on a track that integrates your undergraduate education with the semicha program
• Focus on practical halachik topics
• Take a lighter load in the college and spread out your degree over four years

You’re not leaving Yeshiva in Israel. You’re able to carry Yeshiva, you’re able to live yeshiva, this is yeshiva; where you have three sedarim a day, you’re able to pound shas, you’re able to really learn Halacha with tremendous personalities and you’re able to develop your knowledge and really master that.

—Yehoshua S. ’20
Teaneck, New Jersey
MTA
Yeshivat Kerem B’Yavneh
Support Staff

ADMINISTRATION

Rabbi Zvi Romm, Bochen
Rabbi Willie Balk, Advisor
Rabbi Yeshayahu Ginsburg, Advisor
Rabbi Etan Schnall, Program Director

MASHGICHIM

Yeshiva is your place to continue to grow as ovdei Hashem—and we are here to help in any way we can. We serve an important role as you adjust to a dual curriculum while maximizing your learning and spiritual growth.

Rabbi Ely Bacon
Rabbi Josh Blass
Rabbi Yosef Blau
Rabbi Aharon Ciment
Rabbi Dan Cohen
Rabbi Binyamin Krohn
Rabbi Azriel Kaschnir
Rabbi Benjamin Rofeh
Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg
Rabbi Moshe Weinberger
Madrichim

Your peers and mentors from your yeshiva in Israel are here to help you orient to Yeshiva University.

• Aish Gesher
• Bar Ilan
• Derech
• Har Etzion
• Hakotel
• Kerem B’Yavneh
• Lev Hatorah
• Mevaseret
• Netiv Aryeh
• Orayta
• Reishit Yerushalayim
• Shaalvim
• Torat Shraga
• Yishrei Lev
Annual Programming

SHABBAT U’MOADIM
Shabbat, Chanukah, Purim, Shavuot—life in Yeshiva is only complete when experiencing Shabbat and moadim in the Yeshiva. Some of your most uplifting, powerful and memorable moments will take place during these special times of the year.

Shabbat on campus consists of programming every week with rebbeim, mashgichim, and other torah personalities. With a lively Carlebach minyan, spirited tishes, shiurim and activities, students often stay on campus for Shabbat. Monthly In-Shabbatot feature multiple personalities, special minyanim and the camaraderie of more than 300 of your fellow talmidim.

SEPHARDIC PROGRAMMING
With over 200 Sephardic students on campus, we offer a variety of programs ranging from daily minyanim, sephardic themed shabbatonim, and other opportunities for students to get together over food and Torah. Rabbi Dan Cohen, our Sephardic Mashgiach, lives on campus with his family and hosts students throughout the week and especially on Shabbat in his home.

SHIUR EVENTS
Learning from your rebbe outside of shiur is a vital component of a Torah education. Shiur lunches, melave malkas, Shabbatonim, question and answer sessions, and Chanukah and Purim mesibot are just a few of the many opportunities you will have to bond with your rebbe throughout the year.

FARBRENGENS
Have you ever experienced an uplifting Farbrengen with spirited music and inspiring words of Torah? You won’t want to miss these late-night events with Rabbi Moshe Weinberger and other personalities on campus.

FUN FACTS
✴ 150+ couples and 14 Rebbeim live within a few blocks of Campus
✴ 10,000 slices of pizza served last year for UTS programming
✴ 200 students in RIETS
✴ Glueck beit midrash has two floors and 700 seats
✴ 25 weekly chaburos, topics ranging from ten minute halacha to in-depth look at the Parsha
✴ Check out yuzmanim.com to see our more than 20 daily minyanim
Financial Aid

Yeshiva University is committed to providing a high-quality, affordable education that prepares students to be leaders in their chosen professions. We do this by working with each family to understand their individual needs and creating a unique financial aid package that does not saddle students and families with high debt upon graduation. Here are some ways that we make your education affordable.

**FAFSA**
The first step to determining your eligibility is to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This online form is used by the government to determine you and your families Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)—the amount that a family is expected to contribute toward the cost of education. If the EFC is less than the cost of YU, then we will help you make up the difference by putting together an aid package that includes YU and government grants and loans to help meet this financial need. File your FAFSA starting October 1 and using Yeshiva's school code: 002903.

**YOUR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE**
Yeshiva University’s financial aid packages are comprised of both academic and need-based grants and scholarships, (funds that do not need to be repaid) as well as government and private loans, (funds that do need to be repaid after your education). In addition, generous work-study funds are made available to students who qualify and are able to work on campus. To make your education affordable, YU disburses more than $42 million annually in University funds which demonstrates our commitment to making your education affordable.

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS**
International students are also eligible for financial assistance through YU. In lieu of the FAFSA, non-U.S. citizens can file the International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA), available at www.yu.edu/osf/forms.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP**
The financial aid process can be confusing and stressful for families but YU is here to help you throughout the process. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Finance at 212.960.5399 or via email at studentaid@yu.edu.