YESHIVAT MORESHET YERUSHALAYIM







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2025-2026

Mission Statement

Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is a Sephardic post-high school yeshivah located in Jerusalem, dedicated to preparing young men for college, business and life with a strong foundation in Torah and misvot. Rooted in the rich traditions of Aram Soba and guided by the timeless Sephardic values of our ancestors, we strive to cultivate future leaders-Bnei Torah-who will carry their experience of living and learning in Eres Yisrael into every aspect of their lives.

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STUDENT REFLECTIONS & PARENT TESTIMONIALS

My year at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim was amazing. It taught me life skills that I am forever grateful for. They taught us how to learn, how to be more responsible and even how to do our own laundry! The bonds and friendships the boys made with each other will hopefully stick for life!

- Charles Cohen

Learning at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim enlightened me to new learning I were never exposed to before and improved my skills overall.

- Charles Savdie

This year has taught me to cherish the Torah and the importance of including it in every part of my life.

- Nathan Hasson

Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim offers the once in a lifetime opportunity to live in Israel while learning from some of the top rabbis in the community. It lets you grow into who you want to be and have a great time doing it.

- Sam Sutton

Watching the growth of Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim these past few years has been outstanding. The connections between Rabbis, staff and our children is so special. As a parent of two alumni, it is heartwarming to know that some things will forever remain, Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim will always be home.

- Sally Cohen

We are so grateful for the year that Daniel and the rest of the boys had. We have seen tremendous religious growth, maturity and independence. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim for making this year a very special one!

- Jamie & Joey Bailey

Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim instilled in Jack a genuine passion for Torah learning that, b'ezrat Hashem, will stay with him always.

- Robyn Sutton

Joseph's time at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim has been truly transformative, marked by meaningful personal growth and a deepening commitment to his values. His experience has been both uplifting and inspiring, strengthening his character and love for Torah. He has so many wonderful mentors there to emulate for life!

- Shirley & Sam Catton

I am so proud of my son Ben. When he left he was a boy. Now he is now a man ready for the world.

- Steven Matsas

Nathan had an incredible year at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim- truly one of the best experiences of his life. He grew tremendously in his Torah learning, built meaningful relationships with the Rabbis, felt like part of a family, and experienced Israel in an authentic way from the heart of Yerushalayim.

- Albert Hasson

RABBINICAL TESTIMONIALS

I recommend Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim... May they be a great light and leaders for communities in Israel and around the world.

Rabbi Meir Mazuz A"H
Rosh Yeshiva, Kisse Rahamim



I am so glad to see important rabbis who have risen to establish Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim for students of the illustrious [Sephardic] Community of New York.

Rabbi Shlomo Amar
Rishon Lesion & Chief Rabbi of Yerushalayim



I highly recommend Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim from two vantages; First from my personal experience as a parent, as my youngest son spent two years as a student and then mentor. Second, as a teacher- it is the ideal Torah center for our youth.

Rabbi Shimon Hai Alouf
Halakha Seder Rabbi, Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim



Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is more than a place of learning - it is a place of growth, connection, and deep commitment to our Sephardic heritage.

Rabbi Avi Harari
Rabbinical Leader, Yeshivah of Flatbush



Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is allowing the young men of our community to continue to build on the foundation of the Torah and Yahadut that they already have... They are ensuring that they maintain and commit to a life of Torah and Misvot at the most crucial times in their lives.

Rabbi Shaul J. Kassin
Rosh Yeshivah, Hillel Yeshivah High School



The beauty of Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is their balance. Where they meld together Torah learning, character growth, and care for each individual student, with a sense of independence and preparedness for their future and the world around them.

Rabbi Joey Haber
Rosh Yeshivah, Yeshivat Osher HaTorah



The rabbis at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim combine brilliance in Torah with open mindedness, warmth, and are very easy to speak to and build strong relationships with, to ultimately help our students build their relationship with Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

Rabbi Joseph Dana
Assistant Rosh Yeshivah, Hillel Yeshiva High School



DAILY LEARNING

All Torah that is studied at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is in loving memory of Ovadia Buddy Sutton A"H

One look at a typical student's schedule for the week shows you the wide variety of content that Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim covers. Gemara is studied in two ways – b'iyun (in depth) and bekiut (familiarity). During their iyun sessions, students delve deeply into a select amount of text, analyzing each line or concept very carefully - why things are said, not just what is said. This slower-paced approach fosters critical thinking, reasoning and analytical skills, and involves extensive use of commentaries. During bekiut class, the goal is to cover a large amount of material, by getting a basic understanding of the text, knowing what it says and the general flow. This helps students build a broad knowledge base and familiarity with the structure and content of texts.

Rabbi Shimon Alouf delivers a Bet Yosef class twice a week where he traces the development of Halakha through contemporary poskim. All students study Halakha in small group sessions. Areas covered include the laws of Shabbat, Berakhot and Tefillah.

A unique component of Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim's curriculum is the strong emphasis on Hashkafa. Students have multiple classes engaging in the classical texts our our great Rabbinical thinkers such as Mesilat Yesharim by Rabbi Moshe Haim Luzato, Pirkei Abot and many of the works of HaRambam.

In addition to the frontal shiurim delivered by our stellar Rabbis, students learn with Habrutot under the guidance of several teachers. During night seder, students work in small groups on their bekiut classes, developing their understanding of the "big picture" of the Gemara they are learning.

Prior to the morning Gemara seder, we offer a shiur on practical topics that our students are interested in, such as the meaning of Tefilah and the laws of Shabbat. A unique part of this experience is the opportunity to delve into Hegyonei Halakha—taught by its author, Rabbi Mirsky, himself.

Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim prides itself on the fact that our low teacher to student ratio allows our students and graduates to develop close, meaningful and lasting relationships with the rabbis and teachers. Not only do our students get more individualized attention while learning, with staff focusing on each student's strengths, weaknesses, and learning styles, they have more opportunities to speak up, ask questions, and participate in discussions, building their confidence and communication skills. All our students benefit from the richer, more personalized and more effective learning experience, and continue to benefit from these meaningful connections as they move through the next stages of their lives.



"With teachers who are mentors, confidants, and guides, every topic becomes a doorway and every relationship a foundation for life."

- Jack Mugrabi



"The learning is unbelievable. The teachers and rabbis will learn whatever you want whenever you want."

- Daniel Bailey

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TRIPS & ISRAEL EXPLORATION

At Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim, students have the opportunity to experience the beauty and depth of Eres Yisrael through unforgettable tiyulim. From hiking the waterfalls of Ein Gedi and Wadi Kelt to exploring the ancient streets of Yerushalayim and Hebron, each trip brought Tanakh and Jewish history to life. These trips foster camaraderie, spiritual growth, and a deeper connection to the Land of Israel.















"The trips are awesome. Whether it's a hike, a tour or even planting in a field- it's all to build our connections with our friends to continue our Torah learning."

- Daniel Bailey



"There's nothing better than going to sleep knowing tomorrow's going to be an amazing trip with the best Rabbis, teachers and all the boys together."

- Ronny Gindi

NIGHT SEDER & INDEPENDENT GROWTH

Night seder at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim reverberates with energy, as students engage in deep learning with their habrutot and teachers well beyond the formal schedule. Optional learning initiatives creates a vibrant environment of Torah lishmah, with many students pursuing personal growth and even completing masekhtot. Thanks to some of our generous alumni we are able to offer gift cards for sefarim which incentivized late-night learning. The bonds formed during these hours extended far beyond the pages of Tanakh and Gemara that were learned.













"Independent learning allowed me to tackle topics that interested me personally, like Pirke Abot, Derekh Hashem and Masekhet Makkot. It gave me time to explore different areas outside of standard shiurim."

-Sam Sefton



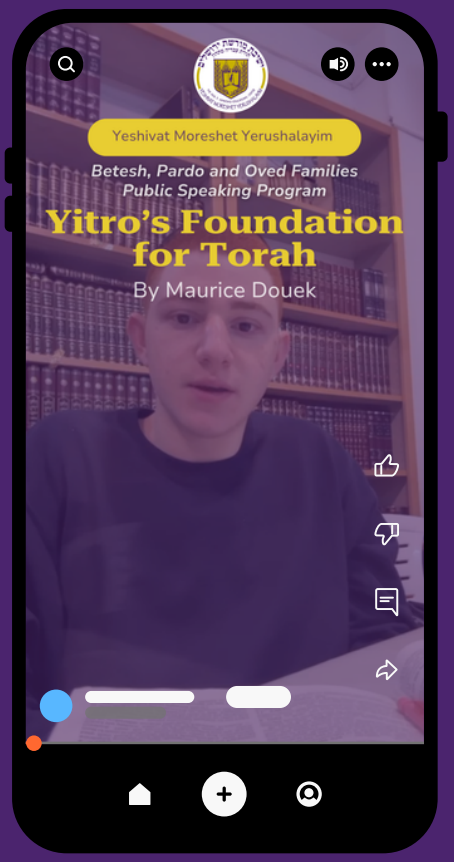
"Night seder was definitely a highlight for me. I learned with Rabbi Tessler, who made every class so enjoyable. All the boys in our class have become extremely close with one another."

- Sonny Cohen

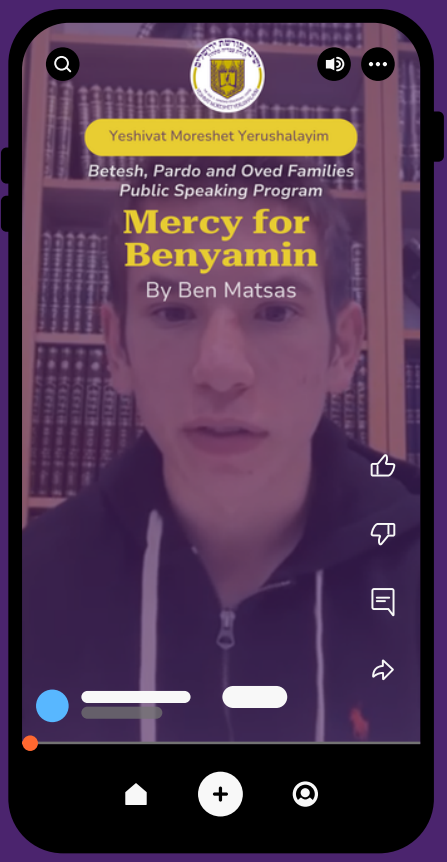
PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM

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Our Public Speaking Program has become a powerful part of the Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim experience, giving students the tools to articulate Torah insights with clarity and confidence. Under the guidance of Rabbi Yitzchak Mirsky, students work on their speeches during his shiur, receiving valuable feedback on both content and delivery. Additionally, our weekly Dibre Torah initiative on Instagram showcases the impressive growth in public speaking, communication and leadership among our talmidim- garnering tens of thousands of views!









"It's so nice hearing from other people about the Dibre Torah we made for the Instagram- especially because of how much time I put into it and how many people I was able to reach."

- Jack Benjamin



"Making a Debar Torah video for the school's Instagram was an incredible opportunity to share what I've been learning in Yeshiva with my friends and family."

- Joseph Catton

SEPHARDIC TORAH & IDENTITY

Our approach to Torah at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is rooted in the rich traditions of Sephardic heritage. We teach Gemara, Tur and Bet Yosef through the Sephardic approach. In Halakha classes, there is a strong emphasis on community minhagim. Our students are encouraged to hazzen, sharpening their hazzanut skills and building their confidence. This year, several students learned how to read the Megillah for Purim. Their hard work is a gift to our community that was not only enjoyed this year, but will continue to be so for many years to come.









"At Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim there are so many opportunities to learn hazzanut, to read the Torah and the Megillah and really learn about our minhagim."

- Jack Benjamin



"I came to Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim to build a foundation in how I want to practice Judaism, with all of our customs and culture."

- David Dweck

SHABBATONS & HOLIDAYS

"In Shabbats" at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim are a cornerstone of the yeshivah experience. Boys enjoy delicous meals with faculty and madrichim, who often lead warm and engaging Oneg Shabbat programs, which include Pizmonim and Dibre Torah. Beyond campus, this year we had several special Shabbatons around Israel. Holidays like Rosh Hashanah, Simhat Torah, Hanukkah, Tu BiShbat, Purim and Yom Haasmaut are celebrated as one family, creating memories of joy, unity and inspiration.













"Holidays are on a whole other level when you're in Israel. It makes everything feel so much more meaningful and helps us connect even more to our homeland."

-Hymie Gindi



Each Shabbaton was better than the next. And Holidays? There's nothing like holidays in Israel, celebrating in the land they are meant to be celebrated in."

- Charles Savdie

HESED PROGRAM

Graciously sponsored by Norman and Jennifer Jemal
In honor of Elliott Betesh for his tireless work for the yeshivah

This year, Hesed at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim took on many powerful forms. Students led and participated in meaningful volunteer work, from packing Mishloah Manot at local pantries to delivering pizza to families of IDF soldiers. They built beds for those in need, helped with farming and even worked on road construction projects in Arad- literally building the future of Israel.

















"When we finished packing Mishloah Manot, the coordinator was so inspired by our enthusiasm that she invited us to come back whenever we wanted. So a week later I went back with two friends, during our free time, to continue packing."

- Ronny Gindi



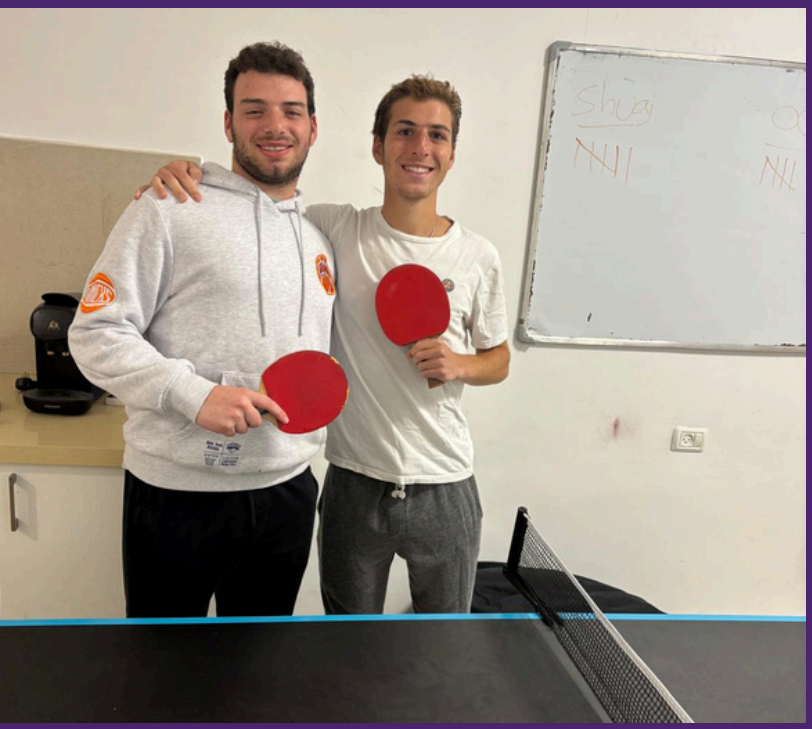
"Hesed is a key component at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim. Be it packing food for families that lost relatives in the war or building beds for the needy, it really felt great to give back."

- Kemmy Cohen

SPORTS & RECREATION

Beyond rigorous Torah study, students stay active with daily gym sessions, a Friday football league, ultimate frisbee games under the stars, epic ping pong matches and Tuesday night basketball leagues, ensuring they stay physically fit while having fun. After all, it's not just about strengthening your mind- it's about keeping your body healthy and energized too!











"I loved playing ball with the boys after an intense day of learning. It's the perfect way to unwind, stay active and have fun."

-Joe Dweck

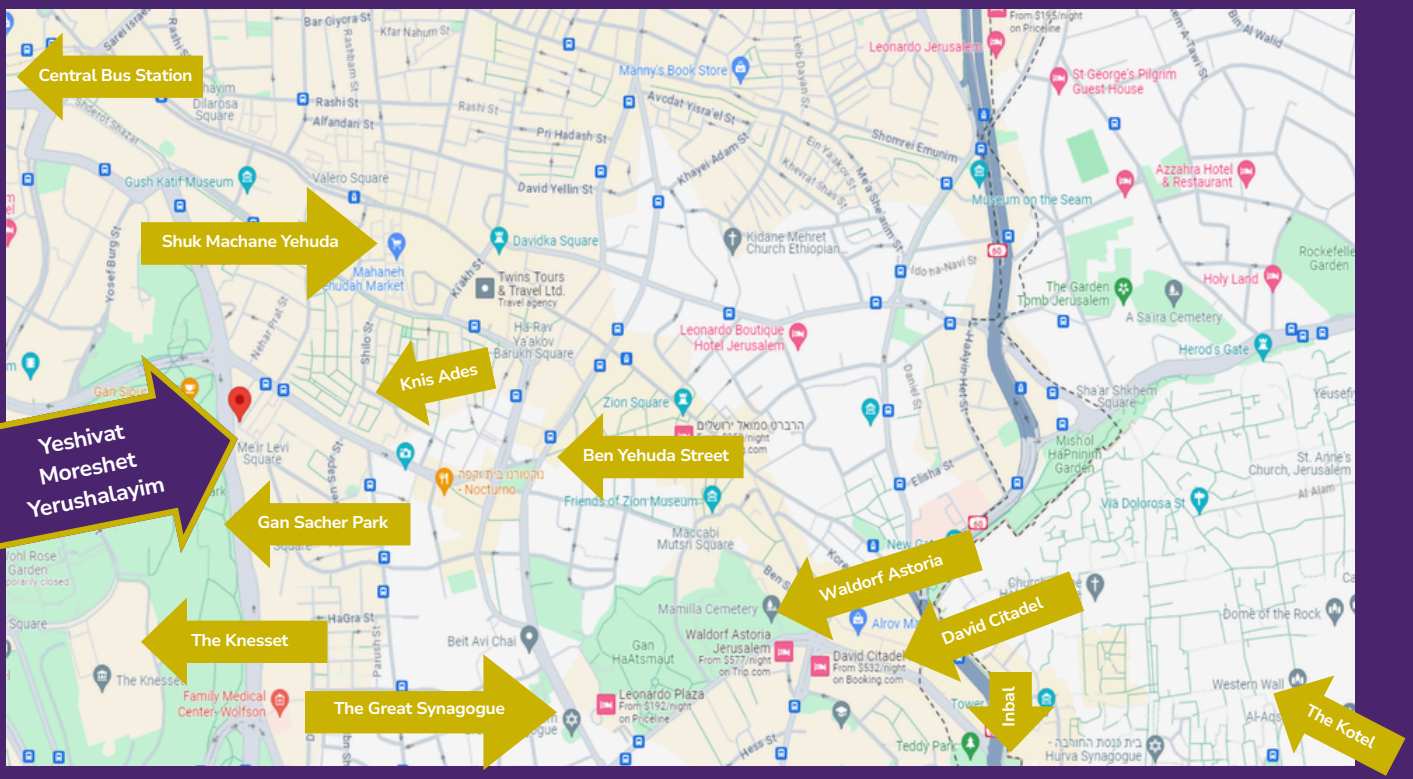


"In Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim we have a long lunch break. Some people use that time to play basketball, others go to the gym and some even take a stroll to the Kotel."

- Charles Cohen

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is perfectly located in the heart of Jerusalem, in walking distance of so many iconic, historic and spiritual sites. Nestled in the picturesque streets of Nachlaot, Gan Saker (an enormous public park with many athletic fields) is right across the street. The fabled Shuk is a 5 minute walk. The Kotel? About 30 minutes. Ben Yehuda Street is about 12 minutes.









"We are literally learning in the capital of our homeland, in Yerushalayim- you can't get better than that."

- Kemmy Cohen



"With Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim located right in the center of everything, we really get the full Israel experience."

- Sonny Cohen

MISHMAR

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Throughout the year, Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim welcomed an array of guest speakers, including community leaders, alumni, professionals, and rabbis from across Israel. Thursday night mishmars were a highlight, featuring engaging talks on topics ranging from Torah and business ethics to leadership, Halakha and experiences in the IDF. These sessions exposed students to a well-rounded Torah worldview, showing them how to integrate Torah values into every aspect of life.














"What I love most about Mishmar is the diversity of speakers we get to hear from. Be it Rabbis, IDF soldiers, businessmen or community members who are visiting us- we learn something from everyone."

- Jesse Leventer



"The lessons we were taught in each week's Mishmar will stay with me for the rest of my life."

- Jack Sutton

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