



Yeshivat Hakotel-The Wohl Torah Center

## YESHIVAT HAKOTEL

*Bergman Family Leadership Program*

"ואמר רבי לוי כל היוצא מבית הכנסת לבית המדרש ומבית המדרש לבית הכנסת זוכה ומקבל פני שכינה שנאמר 'ילכו מחיל אל חיל יראה אל אלוקים בציון.'"  
(מסכת מועד קטן דף כט עמוד א)



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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*- Margaret Mead*

# GENERAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



## Students of Jerusalem

### *KEEP THE KOTEL SPECIAL IN YOUR EYES*

Come down to the Kotel with us and learn how to **communicate** with all types of Jews and non Jews. We explain the sanctity of Jerusalem from a student's perspective & make a Kiddush Hashem.



## Paving our Path

### *ללמוד וללמד*

Students are given the opportunity to deliver Divrei Torah to peers and chanichim around the world. At the same time, one is able to learn how to edit film. Students are encouraged to share the Torah they learn in the beit medrash to the world.



## Yemin Moshe - Communal Leadership

### *Friday Morning Beit Medrash Program*

Our talmidim connect to the community with Torah. The talmidim are given the opportunity to provide a shiur in the warm environment and receive positive feedback and critique.

### *Minyonaire program*

Helping make the Yemin Moshe Ashkenaz Minyan thrive by delivering the Torah we learn in the Beis Medrash to the Beis Knesset.

### *Mentoring*

The talmidim are educated by the Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Yeres, and other communal lay leaders to the challenges and opportunities in communal development and communal infrastructure.



## Incredible Shabbatonim

Join us on our three General Leadership Shabbatonim. Enjoy Shabbatonim in the communities of Even Shmuel, Modiin and Efrat. There are themes that range from "Stepping Up For What is Right", "Vision", & "Clarity". Each Shabbaton is full of training with the yeshiva feel of chevra, Divrei torah and zemirot with Guest Speakers and our Leadership staff.



## Inspiring Panel Discussions

Featuring panels about Informal Jewish Education, Community Building and Kiruv. The students are exposed to the top professionals in the fields and learn the importance and challenges facing the Jewish Community. Guys walk out ready to share and translate their yeshiva experience in the short and long-term.





## Public Speaking Network

**PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE**

Practicing our public speaking skills with hands on feedback and mentoring. The guys use Divrei Torah plus other venues to improve their delivery, presence, voice modulation & confidence from peers, rabbanim and other outside professionals.



## Mesamchei Lev

**INSPIRING & INSIGHTFUL DIVREI TORAH**

We connect to different Rabbonim around the world to provide solid and relevant Divrei Torah for families during the special life-cycle events. We have published two sefarim so far: one on Weddings and the other on Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. The Schwalb Family series continues next year Im"H with Brit Milah, Pidyon Haben and Shalom Zachor.



## Halacha & Hachlala

**PERSPECTIVE - עין טובה**

Sensitivity training through the Special Needs Community that influences our perspectives in all of our professional & personal interactions.



## Yearly Sefer

**ועתה כתבו לכם את השירה הזאת**

We have finished our first four year cycle! The Students write well-thought essays while developing their writing skills and receive guidance from our leadership staff. The cycle includes, Parsha and Chagim, Pirkei Avot, Biblical Personalities and Aggadot on Shas. We look forward to the next four year cycle with the Schwalb Family Series.



# CORE SHANA ALEF



## Core Leadership Shabbatonim

Join us in Even Shmuel with Rav Tani Prero, Mizrahi Rav Doron Perez and with the OU's Rabbi Steven Weil in Shadmot Mechola. Each Shabbaton is theme based with training and exposure to major professionals in the field!



## Networking Initiative Program

Learn the importance of networking as a key to influence and make a difference. We begin with discussions based on Torah and the general sources of networking. When each boy finds an area he is most interested in, he will have the opportunity to shadow that professional, who will also serve as one of his mentors.



## Conflict Resolution Seminar

A three part series that teaches the students both the conceptual framework and practical ideas and tools in this importance facet of life. Led by Mediator Rabbi Adam Berner, the students will be both inspired and taught important skills on how to approach conflicts on both a personal and professional level.



## Mentoring

The core students receive mentoring from our leadership staff. Each student sits with a mentor and receives weekly feedback on his development. In addition, the students receive Senior mentoring from Rabbi Cutler, Rabbi Weil and Rav Rimon as they develop. This individual mentoring is a major strength of our program.



## Team Building Activities

Activities include Escape-room and more! Rav Tani Prero teaches students that leadership is not an individual sport. We educate them about the importance working together as team. Sometimes one needs to take the lead, in other times one needs to follow.



## Individual Projects

**EXPERIENCE, EXPERIENCE, EXPERIENCE!**

Guys are either given a project or create a new one to have the on the job training. They will have their mentors for each step of the way. From this project, we are able to learn from our failures and celebrate our successes in a safe environment.



## Weekly Dinners

Each week, the guys get together and learn the Jewish Philosophical sources based on our program over dinner. In addition, they are provided with a booklet with both Torah Sources and other links to apply the bi-weekly theme. There is a presentation by a core member that applies the theme to their project and personal lives. There is time for group reflection of the different activities that transpired during the week. Each person is encouraged to share and learn from each other!



# CORE SHANA BET



## Mentoring Programs

The Core Shana Bet Mentor the general leadership programs and specifically, the Core Shana Alef. This includes a combined shabbaton and learning initiative. There is continued mentoring from Senior Mentors: Rav Rimon, Rabbi Cutler, Rav Doron and Rav Weil to Core Shana Bet.



## Social Media Seminars

*Led by Aharon Glazer of Blue Thread Marketing*

What benefit do we achieve by using social media? How can we achieve these benefits? We will learn how to harness that potential for the benefit of our goals and projects.



## Meaningful Shabbatonim

Everyone takes an active role in leading different training exercises and different parts of Shabbatonim. They are mentored before, during and after each shabbaton! In addition, they have their own training Shabbaton!



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## Strategic Planning and Vision Seminar with Rav Elan Mazer

Leadership is not about getting people to do what you want, or to listen to what you have to say. Rather leadership is about getting people to buy into your vision. The question is though, how do you create a vision that people would want to buy into. More importantly how do you create a strategy for implementing that vision. In this two part series, R' Elan Mazer, will work with you on creating and implementing a well thought out and strategic vision that people will want to buy in to.



## The Art of Negotiating

The Core takes the next step after Conflict Resolution Training led by Chairman of Scotwork, Mr. Stephen White. What is the difference between negotiation and persuasion? In addition, the wish list, priorities, proposal questions and much more is learned from the best in the business!

## Contemporary Leadership Roles with Women

A four part seminar learning about the advantages and challenges we face in the 21st century. Lecturers include Rabbanit Shani Taragin and Mrs. Stephanie Strauss.

# CORE SHANA GIMMEL



Leadership is a fully loaded term but one that certainly does not stay in a classroom. It is meant to be engrossed and applied. That is exactly what has occurred this past summer with the SINAI Hakotel Fellowship Program. Under the tutelage of a former Hakotel talmidim, Mr. Jordan Silvestri and Rabbi Cutler have forged together a program that allows Core Leadership Program members to continue their training post-Yeshiva.

SINAI Schools is a network of schools that provide specialized education for students from 1st grade through the age of 21 with special needs. Mr. Silvestri is the director of the SINAI at Heichal HaTorah division working with boys between the ages of 18-21 as they begin to forge ahead preparing for their lives after school.

This year's program has welcomed Ilan Scher as its first fellow. Ilan comes in once a week to work with students 1:1 in a variety of classroom and chessed environments. In addition, he will be joining students in various extracurricular activities to further grow the relationships with the student body. Each fellow will be working on a CornerStone project in the second half of the year with each year's project having a different focus. We are so excited to see what will come of this amazing partnership.

## STAFF MEMBERS



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