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NER ISRAEL RABBINICAL COLLEGE

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**GRADUATE CATALOG  
&  
STUDENT HANDBOOK**

2022-2024

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Ner Israel Rabbinical College is to train our students to become outstanding Talmidei Chachomim (Sages) who through their knowledge, teaching and steadfast commitment to Torah (Jewish Law) and Mitzvos (Jewish obligations), will pass on our Mesorah (Jewish Heritage) to the next generation. We teach the skills of Talmudic Torah scholarship and encourage the centrality of Torah centered Jewish living. It is our belief that all will be more successful at their chosen course, due to this education. Whatever career path our students chose, they will serve in those roles better and be active members of their communities because of their Yeshiva educational experience.

## OVERVIEW

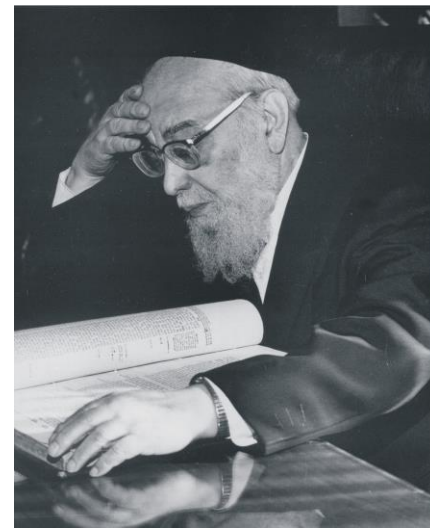
The Ner Israel Rabbinical College was founded in Baltimore in 1933, and received its charter under the laws of the State of Maryland on August 31, 1934. The fundamental aim of Ner Israel Rabbinical College is to teach young men the skills required for in-depth study of the Talmud, which is the source of the Halacha (legal framework of Judaism). The Talmud also provides the moral, philosophical and theological underpinnings of the Jewish religion. Knowledge of the Talmud, therefore, is the sine qua non for the understanding and transmission of authentic Judaism.

The historical role of a rabbinical college (Yeshiva) has always been to produce scholars able to master the teachings of our people and qualified to pass their learning on to the next generation. It must also produce men capable of deciding questions in both Torah Law and philosophy. Such men must have deep familiarity with all facets of Torah and be immersed in the historical traditions of how to apply the principles and rules of the Torah to situations that arise out of ever-changing circumstances and developing technologies. The role of the Yeshiva has come to include a broader goal of educating and producing knowledgeable professionals to be able to take leadership roles in their communities.

These formidable tasks can only be accomplished by having the primary focus of Ner Israel geared to the teaching of skills needed to develop a clear understanding of the fundamental concepts and system of logic of the Talmud.

Our faculty is composed of world-renowned Talmudic scholars who were invited to join Ner Israel in recognition of their scholarship and their ability to guide and teach future leaders. These outstanding teachers and role models do not limit themselves to classroom instruction, but constantly seek opportunities to help their students, both on the individual and the group level. They encourage and inspire their students to pursue their scholastic goals to the limit of their individual abilities.

**Rabbi Jacob I. Ruderman**  
Dean and founder,  
Ner Israel Rabbinical College



Ner Israel has achieved international recognition for the quality of its training. Graduates of Ner Israel serve with distinction as rabbis, educators and administrators in their respective communities throughout the United States and abroad.

We take particular pride in our exceptionally strong emphasis on teaching communal responsibility. Ner Israel strives to imbue its students and graduates with a sense of obligation to involve them in some capacity, wherever possible, in making a positive contribution to the community in which they live and function.

Rav Shmuel Yaakov Weinberg Zt"l



This sense of responsibility is emphasized both in our formal teaching and in Ner Israel's activities. Our students are fully aware of the personal involvement of our faculty and staff in communal issues of both global concern and local impact.

Ner Israel works with numerous fine secular educational institutions in the Baltimore metropolitan area to offer students the opportunity to attend undergraduate and graduate courses at the evening sessions of these universities.

## THE CAMPUS

Ner Israel is fortunate to be situated on the ninety-acre Beren campus in the sprawling hills of suburban Baltimore. It is a unique community that allows our students to live and function in close proximity to their teachers. The students know that they can avail themselves of the personal interest and counsel of their mentors whenever needed. They are also privileged to observe beautifully flourishing families that are role models for them to emulate.

The focal point of the campus is the Tanenbaum Bais Hamedrash (study center). Completed in 1980, the structure is a combination study hall and library. The Israel Henry Beren Learning Center affords us additional classroom and library space to accommodate the growth of both our student body and our library collection.

A substantial portion of the library collection, which in total contains over 35,000 volumes encompassing the breadth of Torah commentaries and Talmudic research, is shelved in the Bais Hamedrash, with the balance of the collection housed in the Learning Center. The library's open stacks and lengthy hours afford our students easy access to core

Portion of the library available in the Tanenbaum Bais Hamedrash



works written by Jewish scholars throughout the ages. Many major volumes of responsa, in addition to more current publications in Talmudic research, are at the researcher's fingertips.

The Beren Learning Center also contains a separate audio library. It houses a vast collection of recorded lectures given in Ner Israel by members of our faculty and lectures delivered by other contemporary scholars during the past thirty years. Well over eight thousand audio files are listed in the catalog. The archive of cassette tapes, dating back decades, have been digitized and are now available online.

Other buildings on campus include the Rosenberg Dining Facility. Renovated and expanded in 2020, the dining room contains both the Sindler and Wolfe Dining Halls, with capacity to serve over 2500 meals per day. There is also the Ateres Leah Simcha Hall, used for public relations and fund-raising affairs. The Harry Beren Administration Building, houses Ner Israel's administrative offices.

In addition, there is the Hurwitz Educational Building, which contains two additional study halls, classrooms and lecture halls equipped with audiovisual facilities. There are three dormitories, which provide spacious housing for the students. The lower level of the Kolker Dormitory is furnished with a canteen, laundry, and dry-cleaning facilities. Athletic fields and basketball courts afford our students recreational facilities. Every effort is made to accommodate any handicap student who is admitted to the institution. Therefore, we have upgraded or built most of the building on campus to be handicap accessible.

On campus faculty housing allows our faculty, and many married students, to reside on campus. They are housed in a neighborhood that includes eight three-story apartment buildings, each containing 12 units, and 18 six-bedroom townhouses.

Our campus is located at:

Ner Israel Rabbinical College  
400 Mt. Wilson Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21208  
410-484-7200

Directions to the Campus are as follows:

From the north: 95 South to exit 64 (695 East towards Towson)  
Exit 20 (towards Garrison)  
Continue to the third traffic light and make a left onto Mt. Wilson Lane  
Continue .7 miles until you see the campus on the right side

From the south: 95 North to exit 49b (695 West towards Towson)  
Exit 20 (towards Garrison)  
Continue to the third traffic light and make a left onto Mt. Wilson Lane  
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# Ner Israel Rabbinical College

## The Beren Campus



### Legend

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Tanenbaum Yeshiva Bais Medrash             | 9. Katz Dorm                               | 17. Playground           |
| 2. Israel Henry Beren Mechina Bais Medrash    | 10. Harry H. Beren Administration Building | 18. 403 Yeshiva Lane     |
| 3. Friedman Family/Hurwitz Education Building | 11. 398 Mt. Wilson Lane                    | 19. 426-437 Yeshiva Lane |
| 4. Klein/Rosenberg Dining Facility            | 12. 410-424 Yeshiva Lane                   | 20. 437 Yeshiva Lane     |
| 5. Friedman Simcha Room                       | 13. 409 Yeshiva Lane                       | 21. 421 Yeshiva Lane     |
| 6. Schottenstein Dorm                         | 14. 407 Yeshiva Lane                       | 22. 419-411 Yeshiva Lane |
| 7. Kolker Dorm                                | 15. 441 Yeshiva Lane                       | 23. 401 Yeshiva Lane     |
| 8. Gudelsky Dorm                              | 16. 405 Yeshiva Lane                       |                          |

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## ACCREDITATION/AFFILIATION

Ner Israel Rabbinical College is accredited by the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS). The Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS) is located at:

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Brooklyn, NY 11210  
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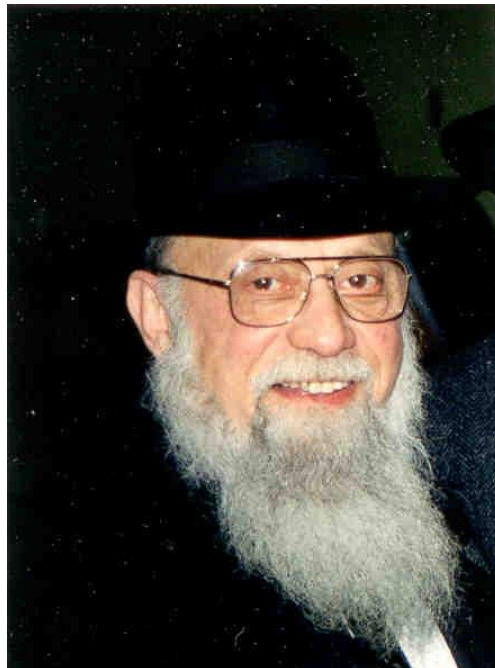
Our graduate accreditation applies to our Master of Talmudic Law, Rabbi and Doctor of Talmudic Law Degrees. A copy of the Letter of Certification is available in the administration building during normal business hours.

In addition, Ner Israel periodically offers the Aish Dos Teacher training program to our graduate students under the auspices of Torah Umesorah - The National Association of Hebrew Day Schools.

## STATE LICENSURE

Ner Israel Rabbinical College is licensed by the State of Maryland to confer the degrees of Master and Doctor of Talmudic Law in addition to Rabbinic Ordination. A copy of the license is available in the administration building during normal business hours.

Rav Yaakov Moshe Kulefsky, Zt"l



## ADMISSIONS

A formal application must be submitted to Ner Israel. An application can be requested by calling the office or emailing [admissions@nirc.edu](mailto:admissions@nirc.edu). The completed application should be addressed to Rabbi Beryl Weisbord, Dean of Admissions, and sent to:

Mail: Ner Israel Rabbinical College  
400 Mount Wilson Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21208

Fax:  
410-484-3060

Email:  
[admissions@nirc.edu](mailto:admissions@nirc.edu)

Online:  
<https://nirc.edu/yeshivaapplicationform/>

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Students applying to Ner Israel Rabbinical College Graduate Program must have a Bachelors degree. In addition, they should have adequate preparation in Talmudic and related studies. The following are the minimum requirements:

*Talmud:* The student must have the ability to independently study the Talmud with the commentaries of Rashi, Tosfos, Earlier Commentators and the Later Commentators.

*Jewish Law:* The student must be able to understand the basic structure of the major Codes of Jewish Law, with their main commentators.

*Bible:* A thorough knowledge of the Pentateuch and substantial parts of the Prophets and Hagiographa.

*Language:* The ability to read and write classical Hebrew; a working knowledge of the Aramaic language of the Talmud.

All applicants for admission are required to report for a personal interview and evaluation at Ner Israel, as personality and character are important factors in determining the eligibility of the prospective student.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

As per Maryland State law, an individual enrolled in an institute of higher education and residing in on-campus student housing shall be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. A student is exempt from the above vaccination requirement if:

- (i) The institution of higher education provides detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of any vaccine to the individual - if he is 18 or older, or his parent or guardian, if he is a minor.
- (ii) The individual – if he is 18 or older, or his parent or guardian, if he is a minor, signs a written waiver in a form approved by the Secretary stating that the individual has received and reviewed the information provided and has chosen not to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

Detailed information regarding meningococcal disease, the availability and effectiveness of any vaccine, as well as an approved waiver are available in the administration building during regular business hours.

**Students Listening to a Lecture in the Tanenbaum Bais Hamedrash**



## TUITION, FEES, AND COST OF ATTENDANCE

The following is the schedule of Tuition:

	Tuition for 2022-23 year					Proposed Tuition for 2023-24 year			
	fall	spring	summer	total		fall	spring	summer	total
Tuition	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,700	\$13,700	Tuition	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$3,800	\$14,400
Room	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,000	\$3,600	Room	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$3,800
Board	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,000	\$3,600	Board	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$3,800
total	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$5,700		total	\$8,100	\$8,100	\$5,800	
			total:	\$20,900				total:	\$ 22,000

In addition to the above charges there are no other fees related to attendance at Ner Israel. Our COA (Cost of Attendance) is listed below:

<b>2022-23 Year</b>	Resident	Commuter - Living with Parents		Commuter – Not Living with Parents
		No meals	Meal Plan	
Tuition and Fees (including dorm)	\$20,900	\$13,700	\$17,300	\$13,700
Living Allowance Personal (to cover books, supplies, transportation, etc.)	0	\$2,000	\$2,000	0
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$25,400</b>	<b>\$20,200</b>	<b>\$23,800</b>	<b>\$20,600*</b>
				<b>\$34,300</b>

<b>2023-24 Year</b>	Resident	Commuter - Living with Parents		Commuter – Not Living with Parents
(proposed)		No meals	Meal Plan	
Tuition and Fees (including dorm)	\$22,000	\$14,400	\$18,200	\$13,200
Living Allowance Personal (to cover books, supplies, transportation, etc.)	0	\$2,000	\$2,000	0
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$26,500</b>	<b>\$20,900</b>	<b>\$24,700</b>	<b>\$22,200*</b>
				<b>\$35,400*</b>

\*Based on BLS Moderate Budget

## FINANCIAL AID

Both students and their parents are expected to participate to the best of their ability in financing their education. However, Ner Israel believes that qualified applicants should not be denied the opportunity to attend Ner Israel because of limited financial resources. Ner Israel, therefore, maintains a financial aid office to assist eligible students to the maximum extent within the limits of the resources available. Any student who is unable to pay full tuition may discuss his situation with the Financial Aid Administrator. The student is encouraged to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and the institution's Application for Financial Assistance. These forms are available from the Financial Aid Office. Institutional scholarships are available for students with financial needs. The Financial Aid Office staff can help students and parents fill out the forms correctly, thus avoiding delays in the processing of the forms. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this service, during regular office hours. The office is located in room 76 of the administration building. The current Financial Aid administrator is Shmuel (Steven) Schachter and he can be reached at 443-548-6055 or at [finaid@nirc.edu](mailto:finaid@nirc.edu).

An applicant for financial aid from Ner Israel will be apprised of the cost of attendance, all available sources of financial aid, and all other aspects of the financial aid package awarded, including disbursement of the aid. In addition, he will be apprised of the academic criteria of the Yeshiva and will be able to personally meet with the financial aid officer who has determined his need.

The student's responsibilities include applying for aid before the deadline, maintaining satisfactory academic progress, and reporting all outside awards and any change in family or student financial status to the Financial Aid Office.

Eligibility for Federal Financial Aid is determined by a process called packaging. The student's expected family contribution (EFC, determined by the Federal Processor) is subtracted from the student's total budget, and the student's need is determined. This concept of "need" is the foundation of financial aid. Students exhibiting need and who apply on time will have priority consideration for all aid programs.

The expected family contribution consists of the parental contribution plus the student contribution. The parental contribution is the amount that the parents are expected to pay, based on their income and available assets. Allowances are made for expenses such as support of the family according to its size, and the number of children in college. Under extraordinary circumstances, allowances can be made for documented expenses such as elementary and high school tuition paid, and medical bills.

We expect the student to contribute toward his education using his prior year and summer earnings, if applicable. The student's assets are generally considered to be available for his education and are expected to be divided among his years of post-secondary education.

Various federal financial aid programs are available to eligible students at Ner Israel. These are described in detail under the next heading, "Federal Student Aid Programs."

## FEDERAL STUDENT AID PROGRAMS

All students wishing to apply for any form of federal aid must complete the FAFSA, and submit it by June 30<sup>th</sup> at the end of the school year. For dependent students, the applicant and his parents must provide information. Independent students do not need parental information.

The **Federal Work Study**. The Federal Work Study Program is an employment program. Funds are allocated to schools as part of the campus-based programs as explained above. Eligible students are offered part-time employment. The Financial Aid Office, in conjunction with the academic staff, determines through an interview if a student is eligible for employment, based on his abilities to fulfill his academic responsibilities with the added burden of employment. Employment is also contingent on student qualifications of the positions available.

Federal Work Study disbursements are in the form of payrolls, distributed monthly during the duration of the of the student's work schedule, until the allocated funds are exhausted. The institution pays a percentage of matching funds for each federal dollar of Work Study. The institutional portion may be paid to the student or may be credited to the student's tuition account. For current years the funds are matched 25% institutional to 75% federal.

## VERIFICATION

Applications for Federal Financial Aid may be selected for verification of various items before disbursement of aid. All federal student aid programs are affected by verification:

Pell Grant - A valid Student Aid Report (SAR) must be received by the last date of enrollment.

Stafford Loan - Ner Israel cannot make any disbursements until verification is complete. We must receive the requested verification documentation within 60 days from the last date of enrollment.

Campus-Based (Perkins Loan, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal College Work-Study) - Verification must be completed within 60 days from the last date of enrollment.

We will not disburse any Federal Aid until verification is complete.

We will notify the student that verification is complete, generally within two weeks of submission. Any revisions to the awards will be reflected on the Financial Aid Adjusted Award Letter.

### Items that we verify:

#### Income information for tax filers

- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)

#### Income information for nontax filers

- Income earned from work.

- U.S. Income Tax Paid.
- Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions.
- Untaxed Portions of Pensions.
- IRA Deductions and Payments.
- Tax Exempt Interest Income.
- Education Credits.
- Number of Household Members
- Number in College
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- Number in College
- High School Completion Status
- Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose

For certain selected students:

More information about the verification process can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office.

Aid received from any of the Federal programs must be used only for educational purposes.

No payment of student financial aid funds will be made if the student is in default on a federal student loan or owes an obligation to a federal student grant program.

Students must carry at least a half-time academic load (six credits per semester) and be enrolled in an approved degree or certificate program of study to receive financial aid. In addition, the student must make measurable progress toward the degree, and remain in good academic standing.

Financial aid funds (except FWS) are disbursed directly to the students tuition account. We will disburse one half the entire annual award during the fall semester and the balance of the award at the beginning of the spring semester. FWS is disbursed monthly on or about 15th of the month following employment.

Students have a right to appeal financial aid decisions to the President. All appeals must be filed in writing.

Students must reapply for financial aid at the beginning of each academic year and must conform to published deadline dates.

Students not maintaining SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) will not be eligible for aid. Once SAP has been achieved aid will be reinstated. For further information, please refer to the section on Satisfactory Academic Progress (page 29). Maryland State Scholarships

A student who is a Maryland resident and wishes to be considered for a Maryland State Scholarship must file his Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline set by the State, generally March 1, for the upcoming school year. For answers to questions concerning state grants, call the Maryland Higher Education Commission at (410) 767-3300 during regular business hours.

The state offers several scholarships. The most common are as follows:

**Senatorial and Delegate scholarships** – Disbursed by the student’s state senator or delegate. An application should be requested from their office.

Detailed instructions on how to apply may be found in the Maryland State Scholarship Program Application Packet. For more information, contact the State Scholarship Board at (410) 260-4565.

### INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the programs listed above, Ner Israel offers an institutional scholarship program. This program allows the tuition committee to help those students who are either not receiving any funding from the above sources, or at the discretion of the committee, not receiving enough funding to allow them to continue their education. If a FAFSA has not been submitted the family is asked to fill out a short one page, 2-sided form asking general questions about the family’s financial situation. The committee is made up of several members, of which Rabbi Boruch Neuberger is the head of the committee and can be reached by email ([byn@nirc.edu](mailto:byn@nirc.edu)) or phone (443-548-6055) to discuss decisions of the committee.

### AVAILABILITY OF FULL TIME EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST ENROLLED AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Ner Yisroel has designated Shmuel Schachter, Financial Aid Administrator, as the full-time employee available to assist enrolled and prospective students in obtaining information on financial aid programs available, criteria for eligibility, and procedure for applying for financial aid, cost of attendance, retention rates, completion and transfer rates, institutional security and crime statistics, and all required disclosures and information, as required by 668.42, 668.43, 668.45 and 668.46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. He can be found in the administrative offices during regular business hours.



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

For the 2022-23 year our Fall semester begins on 8/28/2022 and ends on 12/15/2022. Our Spring semester begins on 12/18/2022 and ends on 3/28/2023. Our Summer Semester begins on 4/17/2023 and ends on 7/16/2023. Vacation times are as follows:

Succos break	Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Hoshana Rabba (class resumes)	Sunday, October 16, 2022
Post Simchas Torah Break	Wednesday October 19, 2022
Classes resume	Sunday, October 23, 2022
Chanuka break	Thursday, December 22, 2022
Classes resume	Monday, December 26, 2022
Off Shabbos break	Friday, February 3, 2023
Classes resume	Monday, February 6, 2023
Pesach break	Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Classes resume	Monday, April 17, 2023
Off Shabbos break	Friday, June 2, 2023
Classes resume	Monday, June 5, 2023

For the 2023-24 year our proposed schedule begins with the Fall Semester on 8/16/2023 and ends on 12/15/2023. Our Spring semester begins on 12/17/2023 and ends on 4/15/2024. Our summer semester begins on 5/5/2024 and ends on 8/01/2024. Vacation times are as follows:

Succos break	Monday, September 25, 2023
Classes resume	Sunday, October 15, 2023
Chanuka break	Thursday, December 7, 2023

Classes resume	Monday, December 11, 2023
Off Shabbos break	Friday, January 19, 2024
Classes resume	Sunday, January 21, 2024
Off Shabbos break	Friday, February 16, 2024
Classes resume	Monday, February 19, 2024
Pesach break	Monday, April 15, 2024
Classes resume	Sunday, May 5, 2024
Off Shabbos break	Thursday, June 20, 2024
Classes resume	Sunday, June 23, 2024

## WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND POLICY

Any student who must leave during the school year should inform the Dean of Students, Rabbi Beryl Weisbord, preferably, in writing. The official date of withdrawal is the date that the student indicates in his notice or the date of notification, whichever is earlier.

In any semester, withdrawal before the semester begins will allow for a 100% refund.

For the fall and spring semesters, tuition will be refunded according to the following schedule:

	Within the first 25% of the semester	Within the first 50% of the semester	Within the first 75% of the semester	After the 75% mark of the semester
	75% of tuition will be refunded	50% of tuition will be refunded	25% of tuition will be refunded	0% of tuition will be refunded
fall 2022	September 25, 2022	October 24, 2022	November 17, 2022	
spring 2023	January 12, 2023	February 6, 2023	March 3, 2023	
fall 2023	September 16, 2023	October 18, 2023	November 14, 2023	
spring 2024	January 16, 2024	February 15, 2024	March 16, 2024	

Withdrawing students from the summer semester will be refunded according to the following schedule:

	Within the first 50% of the semester	After the 50% mark of the semester
	50% of tuition will be refunded	0% of tuition will be refunded
Summer 2023	June 1, 2021	
Summer 2024	June 18, 2024	

**RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS**

For all students who withdraw during a semester, the institution performs an R2T4 calculation utilizing the Return to Title IV software provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

The withdrawal date used to calculate the Title IV refund will be determined as follows:

For a student who gives official notification, the date of withdrawal is the date that the student indicates in his notice or the date of notification, whichever is earlier.

Each semester, there is a one-time enrollment confirmation roster generated by the registrar’s office and circulated to the faculty to be completed at the point in time when 60% of the semester has passed. This roster enables the school to determine whether or not the student who withdraws without giving official notification has attended 60% of the semester. A student who is not in attendance at that 60% point is determined to have withdrawn at the midpoint of the semester.

Generally, if a student officially withdraws before 60% of the semester has passed, he will be able to retain a prorated portion of the financial aid awarded. If he withdraws after 60% of the semester has passed he will be able to retain all of the financial aid he has been awarded. Students who withdraw after the 60% point will still have a Return to Title IV calculation performed to determine if they qualify for post withdrawal disbursements.

Refunds and returns of Title IV funds will be made within forty-five days of the date of determination that a student has withdrawn. Cash refunds to students will be made within fourteen days from the date that a credit balance occurs as a result of the refund calculation. Students will be notified if any of the funds that had been disbursed directly to them need to be returned as a result of the student’s withdrawal. The students are advised of their responsibility to return funds and are notified in writing if a refund calculation produces an amount of unearned funds that must be returned by the student. The procedure for returning the funds will be outlined in the notification.

The institution will calculate and disburse any post withdrawal disbursements that the student is eligible for. Post Withdrawal disbursements that are used to pay institutional costs will be disbursed within 180 days of the date of determination of withdrawal, and post withdrawal disbursements that are paid directly to students will be disbursed within forty five days of the date of the date of determination of the student's withdrawal.

Refund and Return of Title IV fund calculations are quite complicated. Illustrative examples of refund calculations are available at the financial aid office.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### INTRODUCTION

Following the tradition of the great citadels of higher learning that existed in Eastern Europe before the Holocaust, the curriculum offered by the Ner Israel Rabbinical College is focused primarily on Talmudic study.

Students entering the Ner Israel graduate programs are emerging Talmudic scholars who have been exposed to an average of four years of intense Talmud study at various premier schools throughout the world.

### MORNING CURRICULUM

Following the pattern of most American Talmudic colleges, the NIRC curriculum is focused primarily on the study of Talmud. Advanced study of the Talmud at NIRC follows the classic 'Lithuanian' model. In this model, the Bais Medrash, or Talmudic study hall, becomes the crucible in which the budding Talmudic scholar is formed. Generally a student will spend a minimum of 6 hours each day in structured Bais Medrash learning, as well as additional time in Shiurim (lectures). Clearly, the total number of hours spent on Talmudic study at Ner Israel far exceeds the standard definition of credit hours in American universities.

The method of instruction combines both *Shiurim* and *Chavrusa* learning. In the *Chavrusa* system, two students are paired as learning partners for a full semester. This *Chavrusa* study is a full partnership where the *Chavrusa* pair engages in animated joint study of their total curricula. Generally, a student will have two *Chavrusas* each semester, one for the morning *Seder* (formal study session) and another for the afternoon *Seder*.

A *Shiur*, or faculty lecture, complements *Chavrusa* learning and its influence permeates the *Chavrusa* study as well. *Chavrusa* study generally begins with a preliminary reading of the Talmudic texts of a *Sugya* (topic) called a *Laining*. This is then followed with a rudimentary analysis of the Talmudic logic of the *Sugya*. After this background learning, the *Chavrusa* pair is charged to prepare for the *Shiur* (lecture) and then review it after it is delivered.

After the *Laining*, preparing for a specific *Shiur* is accomplished by a more critical reading of the specifically selected text and then carefully reviewing the supplemental references and background materials prepared by the *Rebbe*, or lecturer, in advance. After the *Shiur*, the *Chavrusa* pair reviews the contents of the *Shiur* in a very intense and comprehensive manner. They will review, probe and debate the logic of the *Shiur* presentation and try to clarify between themselves any areas of ambiguity. Almost always, the *Rebbe* himself is available for the entire *Seder*, or *Chavrusa* study period, to engage with his students in their review and debate. This very hands-on give and take between *Rabbayim* (instructors) and *Talmidim* (students) is a hallmark of Talmudic study.

Students in the Master of Talmudic Law program have been prepared for advanced independent studies in Talmud that will propel them to be counted among the world's experts in Talmud Law and Thought. The daily schedule for the Master's students involves an intense morning study session, where they will plumb the depths of the Talmud through its many commentaries in clarifying all potential ambiguities. NIRC offers its Masters students the ability to join the higher-level undergraduate lectures, for students studying the same topics. Many students however, will chose to belong to small study groups called "Chaburahs" in which all the members of the group are teaching and learning from one another. There is an instructor in each group, the "Rosh Chaburah" or supervising faculty member, or Graduate Fellow, who has the responsibility of honing the sharpened skills of the students in his tutelage. Each Chaburah will study one topic together for a semester.

In this approach, the student is being prepared for unsupervised study, and is being trained to develop his own style in approaching the Talmudic text and commentaries. Under supervision, the student is expected to prepare discourses focusing either on analysis of the Talmudic approach to various issues, or studies deriving legal holdings. The Rosh Chaburah will give lectures to the group periodically, as he feels it will benefit the group. As such, grading of the graduate students will revolve around discussions with the supervising faculty member and the Talmudic discourses that may be required.

The time-honored method of study of the Talmud is one where the most advanced experts and the beginners all focus on the same material and their understanding of it. Thus, the same tractate of Talmud is studied in Ner Israel in the undergraduate program as well as in the graduate program, with the exception of Chaburahs that choose a specific topic. The basic Talmud text is not studied in isolation, but in parallel with the commentaries expanding the passage and the Code of Law evolving from the outcome of the Talmudic discussion. Study of the Bible follows the same logical pattern. Because the Talmud itself includes a commentary on the laws of the Pentateuch, a thorough knowledge of Bible is required to understand the Talmud. The students therefore study a correlated curriculum with courses in Talmud, Commentaries, Codes, and Bible. This system follows the tradition of the great centers of higher Jewish learning that existed in Eastern Europe before the Holocaust.

In assigning grades, the Rebbe or Rosh Chaburah will evaluate the totality of the student's participation and accomplishment in the entire correlated curriculum. The Rebbe will assess the quality and quantity of a student's participation and accomplishment in Chavrusa study, as well as in the Shiur. Attendance and effort will also play a role. Various test and quizzes may be given by the Rebbe through the semester.

## AFTERNOON LEARNING

The second part of the day has two possibilities. Some students will join a second Chaburah to cover more topics with the greater analysis that only a Chaburah can provide. Other students will rather look to gain a more comprehensive view of the Talmud and cover a broader amount of ground in their afternoon learning session. The goal of this type of learning session is to provide the student with a broader grasp of the Talmud, covering more topics than the Intensive course in Talmud could. This

course is called Talmud Survey. A secondary goal of this course is to help foster the students' independence in Talmudic Studies. Faculty members are available for questions and insights into the material that is being studied. Evaluation in this course is based on attendance and interaction with the various members of the faculty. Each student has the ability to work out with his academic advisor (generally their primary Rebbe) as to the material they should focus on in the afternoon session. In addition, students have the ability to put some of the afternoon session time into the various electives that are offered here at Ner Israel.

## ETHICS CURRICULUM

Ethics is an integral part of the Talmudic Scholar. To this end there is a daily Ethics session after the Afternoon Prayers and weekly discourses in Ethics development and Jewish Philosophy. In addition, many of the elective courses are on topics in Ethics.

## ELECTIVES

Ner Israel offers elective courses to broaden the scope of the educational program offered. These courses can allow a student to focus some of his time in an area other than Talmud. In addition, many of these courses will transfer to other colleges and assist students attempting to earn secular degrees.

## TEXTBOOKS AND REQUIRED MATERIALS

All required texts can be found in the library and are available at all times for student use. However, students may acquire personal copies if they wish. No other materials are required.

## GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

NIRC offers three different degree programs on the Graduate level.

## MASTER OF TALMUDIC LAW

The Master of Talmudic Law is awarded for the completion of 60 credits with a minimum of 30 of those credits coming from Talmud Intensive courses. In addition there is a two and a half year residency requirement.

## DOCTORATE OF TALMUDIC LAW

After a student has acquired the degree of MTL, or the equivalent, he may apply for admission to the DTL program. Students accepted as candidates for the DTL must pursue their graduate work in residence at the Yeshiva for a minimum of two full academic years past the academic years required for the Master's degree. A student in the doctoral program will be required to make an oral presentation of the work they are doing at the five-year point of their program. After a successful defense of an oral presentation, the student will be able to continue with the written thesis. The thesis must offer a

distinctive and original contribution to the study and understanding of Talmudic Law, and must be deemed worthy of publication.

### RABBINICAL ORDINATION PROGRAM

Ner Israel ordains a student with the title Rabbi when he completes the Rabbinical Program. This program involves two complementary parts. The first is for the student to continue with his Talmudic studies, as all Jewish knowledge can be derived from the Talmud. The student will need to take 40 credits of Talmudic courses. In addition, the student must demonstrate excellent proficiency in Jewish Law, as assessed by both written and Oral tests. There are three different areas that NIRC will test in. Based on which tests the student successfully takes Ner Israel will recognize this accomplishment with one of three different titles on the Rabbinical Ordination: Orach Chaim will get a title of “Rav U’Manhig”; Yoreh Deah will get a title of “Yorah Yorah” and Choshen Mishpat will get a title of “Yudin Yudin.” Students are not required to take additional Talmud courses for each title they achieve.

### FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS

Students enrolled at *Ner Israel* take the recommended number of courses offered each term at their grade level and progress toward their degrees in the time frame outlined in the sample curriculum. Course offerings for each semester take into account the needs of the all students, and courses are offered with enough frequency to enable students to graduate within the normal time frames.

Panoramic View of the Bais Medrash





## SAMPLE CURRICULUM

### Year 1

#### Fall

TD616	Yevamos - Tal. Comm. & Codes	4 Credits
ET633	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
GN616	Yevamos - Sec. 6 & 10 (Tal Srvy)	<u>4 Credits</u>
		9 Credits

#### Spring

TD617	Yevamos - Tal. Comm. & Codes	4 Credits
ET634	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
GN617	Yevamos - Sec. 6 & 10 (Tal Srvy)	<u>4 Credits</u>
		9 Credits

#### Summer

ES634	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
GS617	Yevamos - Sec 4 (Talmud Analysis)	3 Credits
TS617	Yevamos - Talmud Law	<u>3 Credits</u>
		7 Credits

### Year 2

#### Fall

TD628	Bava Basra - Tal. Comm. & Codes	4 Credits
ET630	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
GN628	Bava Basra - Sec. 1 (Tal Srvy)	<u>4 Credits</u>
		9 Credits

#### Spring

TD629	Bava Basra - Tal. Comm. & Codes	4 Credits
ET632	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
GN629	Bava Basra - Sec. 1 (Tal Srvy)	<u>4 Credits</u>
		9 Credits

#### Summer

ES632	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
TS629	Bava Basra - Talmud Law	3 Credits
GS629	Bava Basra - Sec. 9 (Tal Analysis)	<u>3 Credits</u>
		7 Credits

### Year 3

#### Fall

TD611	Gitten - Tal., Comm, & Codes	4 Credits
ET635	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
GN611	Gitten - Sec. 4 (Tal Srvy)	<u>4 Credits</u>
		9 Credits

#### Spring

TD612	Gitten - Tal., Comm, & Codes	4 Credits
ET636	Seminar On Jewish Ethics	1 Credits
GN612	Gitten - Sec. 4 (Tal Srvy)	<u>4 Credits</u>
		9 Credits
	Total	68 credits

## EVALUATION AND GRADING

### ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The manner in which classes are conducted at Ner Israel makes student participation in class discussions essential. Although attendance at many sessions is taken into consideration when determining grades, it is not recorded on a daily basis. Any pattern of absence is immediately forwarded to the Dean of Men for prompt action. Students must also maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) or better to remain in good standing.

Every attempt is also made to aid weaker students in their studies by giving them special attention and enlisting the help of senior and graduate students.

### GRADES AND EXAMINATIONS

Because different courses lend themselves to different evaluation procedures, each instructor has the responsibility of explaining his method of evaluating academic achievement. The grading system followed at the Ner Israel Rabbinical College is based on a combination of criteria. These include an evaluation by instructors of the student's classroom interaction, oral examinations, and written tests.

### GRADE APPEALS PROCESS

A student who wishes to appeal a grade that he received must complete an appeal form and submit it to the registrar. He will give the appeal over to a committee of faculty members who will consider all relevant information, i.e., mitigating circumstances such as illness or death in the immediate family or other unusual situations. This committee will then decide whether or not to grant the appeal.

### ATTENDANCE

Although formal attendance is not required at Ner Israel, students are expected to attend all classes regularly. Many classes will take attendance into account when determining final grades. In addition, excessive unexcused absences may be grounds for dismissal.

## TRANSCRIPTS

The registrar will issue transcripts only upon written request of the student concerned. There is no charge for this service. Transcripts officially transmitted directly to another college or university, or other official institution or agency, receive the seal of Ner Israel.

Transcripts will not be issued if the student is delinquent in any of our rules or responsibilities to Ner Israel (including financial), or if they do not adhere to the Jewish Code of Law.

Please address transcript requests to [jifrah@nirc.edu](mailto:jifrah@nirc.edu),

<https://nirc.edu/collegetranscripts/>

or write to:

Registrar  
Ner Israel Rabbinical College  
400 Mt. Wilson Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21208

## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

All regular students pursuing an approved program at Ner Israel Rabbinical College are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation, which, in this institution is defined as being in good academic standing. In order to remain in good academic standing students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of C or better. Students are only eligible to receive Title IV federal financial aid as long as they maintain satisfactory academic progress. The satisfactory progress standards for students who receive Title IV federal financial aid are the same as for all regular students enrolled at Ner Israel Rabbinical College.

Satisfactory academic progress at Ner Israel has two principal components: a qualitative standard and a quantitative standard:

## QUALITATIVE STANDARD

The student must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (the equivalent of a “C” average) or better. Students are evaluated at the end of each semester.

The grading scale used for academic record-keeping and for the calculation of GPA is as follows:

Grade	Quality Points	Description
A	4.0	Superior
A-	3.67	
B+	3.33	
B	3.0	Very good
B-	2.67	
C+	2.33	
C	2.0	Good
C-	1.67	
D	1.0	Poor
F	0	Failure (also used for withdrawn with penalty)
I		Incomplete
W		Withdrawn Without Penalty
P		Pass (Denotes a grade of C or above – not commonly used).

The Grade Point Average is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned for all courses by the number of credit hours attempted. Credit hours with a grade of Incomplete, Withdrawn without penalty and Pass are not included in the determination of the grade point average, although those hours with a grade of Fail are included.

## QUANTITATIVE STANDARD

A full time student must make sufficient progress through the academic program to complete the 60 credits, three-year Masters program, within a time period of not more than four and a half years (twelve semesters), with a maximum attempted credits ceiling of 90 credits (see chart below).

Full time students must successfully complete 67% of the normal attempted credits (8 credits per semester) and must make sufficient progress to complete the normal three-year program in four and a half years. The chart below illustrates the maximum completion time with the number of credits students must earn by the end of each semester:

Semester:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Credits that must earned:	6	11	15	21	26	30	35	41	45	50	55	61
Maximum attempted credits:	8	16	22	30	38	44	52	60	66	74	82	90

This chart takes into account that every third semester is a shortened summer semester.

At the end of each semester, students' academic files are evaluated to determine if the students are making satisfactory academic progress. As part of the evaluation the students earned credits are divided by the student's attempted credits to determine if the student is progressing through the four-year academic program at a pace sufficient to complete the program within the maximum time frame. If the number of credits earned divided by the number of credits attempted is 67% or greater and the student has earned at least the number of credits that appears in the chart above that corresponds to his semester of attendance, he is determined to be making satisfactory progress.

## FINANCIAL AID WARNING AND ACADEMIC PROBATION

If it is determined at the end of a semester that a student is not making satisfactory progress, the student will be given a financial aid warning during which time he maintains financial aid eligibility. The warning period will last for one semester. During the financial aid warning period, the Dean will counsel the student and attempt to improve the student's performance by providing various student services that might include special tutoring, a new study plan or a scheduling accommodation. If after this financial aid warning period satisfactory progress standards are still not met, the student will be notified that he will be terminated from financial aid. He will be notified that he has the option of appealing his lack of satisfactory academic progress. Procedures for filing an appeal are described in the section below. If the student successfully appeals the lack of satisfactory progress after the financial aid warning he will be placed on academic probation for one semester.

The Dean will monitor the student during the period of probation and will devise a study plan to enable the student to improve his academic standing. This may involve conferences with the student and his instructors. If during the probation period the student's academic performance improves and the student's progress is within satisfactory academic progress standards, the probationary status will terminate.

If after the period of probation, the student's academic performance still fails to meet the academic progress standards of the institution, he will be subject to academic discipline which may include expulsion or suspension from the institution, and will be ineligible to receive Title IV federal financial aid.

All decisions with respect to a student's failure to satisfy satisfactory academic progress and subsequent determinations will be documented in the student's academic folder.

#### APPEALS PROCESS, MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

A student who wishes to appeal a determination of probationary status, lack of satisfactory progress, or similar issues must submit an appeal in writing to the Dean of Men. The Dean will consider all relevant information, i.e., mitigating circumstances such as illness or death in the immediate family or other unusual situations. The Dean will consult with faculty members as appropriate.

The Dean's decision will be conveyed to the student in writing within ten days of receipt of the student's written appeal.

#### REINSTATEMENT

Any student, who loses his financial aid eligibility for a semester due to failure to maintain satisfactory progress in the probationary period, may be reinstated for the following semester upon re-establishing satisfactory progress. The Dean will notify the Financial Aid Office of each student's status at the start of each semester.

To re-establish good standing, students must consult with the Dean of Students, who will design a study plan to assist the student in raising his grades. The Dean of Students will inform the Financial Aid Office when he determines that the student is successfully implementing the study plan. Such notifications will allow the student to again participate in the aid programs until the completion of the semester. Students who do not take advantage of the Dean of Student's program shall continue to have their financial aid eligibility suspended until the time they can establish satisfactory progress.

#### INCOMPLETES AND WITHDRAWALS

Students who fail to complete all required coursework may be allowed up to six months to fulfill the requirements for the course, during which time the grade "I" (Incomplete) will be assigned. If the work is not completed satisfactorily by the required time, the grade of "I" will be changed to an "F" and will be counted in the student's GPA.

Students who withdraw or fail to complete a course, and obtain the Dean's approval for the withdrawal may have the course recorded as Withdrawn Without Penalty. This grade will not be counted in the student's GPA. However, the course(s) will be counted towards the student's number of credits attempted. Students who withdraw or fail to complete a course without the Dean's approval will receive a failing grade for the course and the grade will be counted in the student's GPA. The course credits will also be counted as credits attempted.

## REPETITIONS

A student who fails a course may repeat the course. Upon successful completion of the course, the grade for the failing course will be replaced with the passing grade. In computing the GPA, from the term in which the course is repeated, only the grade for the passed course will be counted. All repeated courses are counted in the number of attempted credits.

## TRANSFER CREDITS

Ner Israel does not accept transfer credits for the graduate program at this time.

## GROUNDINGS FOR DISMISSAL

Students are expected to keep the hours of Ner Israel Rabbinical College's course and study schedule, and attend all lectures. They must also complete regular oral and/or written exams and maintain satisfactory progress.

Students who fail to adhere to Ner Israel Rabbinical College's regulations, keep the Jewish Code of Law, or do not maintain satisfactory academic progress (after being warned about maintaining SAP), may be placed on probation. If improvement is not seen, the Dean will notify the student that he may be dismissed from the school.

Students who persistently violate Ner Israel Rabbinical College's rules of conduct and discipline may also be dismissed from Ner Israel Rabbinical College.

It should be noted that dismissals are extremely rare as every effort is made to accept students of high character and diligence.

## COMPLAINT POLICIES

### INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE:

Any student who has a complaint should submit it in writing to the Dean of Men ([rbw@nirc.edu](mailto:rbw@nirc.edu)). The complaint will be investigated, and the student will be informed in writing within 10 days of the

resolution of his complaint. No person directly involved in the complaint issue will make the final determination of the complaint.

#### AARTS COMPLAINT PROCEDURE:

Complaints may also be filed with the agency that accredits **Ner Israel Rabbinical College**, by contacting the:

Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools  
2329 Nostrand Ave  
Suite M200  
Brooklyn, NY 11210  
[office@aarts.org](mailto:office@aarts.org)  
212-363-1991

#### MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

**A student must first exhaust the complaint/grievance procedures established by the institution.**

1. Should the opinion of the student be that the complaint has not been resolved appropriately by the institution, the student may submit the complaint to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

**B. Specific types of complaints are handled by different agencies or organizations. A student must submit a complaint to the appropriate agency or organization as described below:**

1. A complaint pertaining to occupational licensure requirements is to be submitted to the appropriate licensing board or entity. Licensing board contact information is found in the institution's catalog.
2. A complaint concerning compliance with the standards of accreditation is to be submitted to the institution's accrediting body. Accrediting body contact information is found in the institution's catalog.
3. A complaint pertaining to potential violations of consumer protection is to be submitted to:

Consumer Protection Division  
Office of the Attorney General  
200 Saint Paul Place  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Telephone: 410-528-8662

More information is available at:

<https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD/Complaint.aspx>

4. A complaint concerning discrimination is to be submitted to:

Office for Civil Rights, Philadelphia Office

U.S. Department of Education

100 Penn Square East, Suite 515

Philadelphia, PA 19107-3323

Telephone: 215-656-8541

More information is available at:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.html>

## STUDENT INFORMATION AND SERVICES

### ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS (FERPA)

Ner Israel abides by the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Pursuant to this act students have the right "to inspect and review any and all official records, files and data directly related to them" and to deny access to others without their written consent except under specified circumstances. All information due the student under this act is available from the Registrar or Financial Aid Administrator in the administration building during normal business hours.

### HEALTH AND MEDICINAL SERVICES

Dr. Julian Jakobovits, a physician whose practice is located in the nearby area resides on campus and is available in the evenings for visits. In addition, there are two nurses who live on campus who can assist in any medical issues. In addition, many of the professors are available for pastoral counseling.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION

Men of the Jewish faith are admitted to the Ner Israel Rabbinical College without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, or disability. Ner Israel Rabbinical College is in full compliance with all federal and state laws pertaining to non-discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic origin, age, and disability. Any such discrimination infractions should be directed to the Dean of Men.

### PLACEMENT DISCLAIMER

Ner Israel Rabbinical College is an academic institution and does not provide vocational training nor guarantee employment or placement to students who complete its programs.

### STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

Information regarding crimes committed on campus, completion and withdrawal rates, and other information required by the Student Right to Know Act can be obtained from the Registrar in the administration building during normal business hours, or at our website [www.nirc.edu](http://www.nirc.edu).



## TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

Ner Yisroel offers a highly specialized program of study in Talmud and related subjects. All textbooks are readily available for use on open stacks in the study hall and school library. Students who wish to purchase their own copies of the texts studied may purchase them from one of the local Judaic bookstores stores in the area. Many students prefer to have their own Gemara which costs between \$20-\$50, depending on the publisher and edition, and a Kovetz Miforshim which costs between \$25 and \$45. Most texts used in the program are reprints of the Talmud and other classical texts that do not have ISBN numbers.

Below are addresses of several local Judaica stores:

Shabsi's Judaica Center  
6830 Reisterstown Road  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
410-358-2200

Seforim Nook  
7006 Reisterstown Road  
Baltimore, MD 21208  
410-840-7677

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registrations forms are available in the main administration building outside the registrar's office. Envelopes are provided with the current mailing address of the Baltimore County Board of Elections

## DISABILITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Many efforts have been made to update our campus to be accessible to people with physical handicaps. At this time Ner Israel Rabbinical College does not offer resources to students with intellectual disabilities.

## CAMPUS SECURITY

Ner Israel Rabbinical College is fortunate to be located in a suburban setting away from main roads. That being said the following precautions are in place to help maintain a safe and secure environment.

Entrances to the campus are monitored by surveillance cameras and license plate readers. The guard booth is manned overnight and will deny entry if needed. Dormitories are locked can only be opened by either a valid student ID card, or secure combination.

David Friedman is the head of Campus Security and can be reached at all times on his cell 443-803-8596. All suspicious activity should be reported to him. In the event that he cannot be reached, Rabbi Yehuda Friedman is his assistant in this area and can be reached on his cell at 443-825-2603. The Campus Security Report is filed annually in October. Notice is posted to inform the students that it is available all year long in the administration building during normal business hours.

If a student feels he has been treated inappropriately in any way by anyone in the Yeshiva, he is encouraged to bring it immediately to the attention of any member of the Hanhala. He will be referred to an outside authority who is empowered to investigate accusations which will be responded to in the appropriate manner.

## ACADEMIC COUNSELING

Rabbi Ifrah meets with every new student individually for orientation. He explains the course schedule, transfer credit policy, academic rules, and expectations. He is available in the afternoons for advisement on secular degree options, college counseling, and other academic and career counseling. Students can schedule a meeting with Rabbi Ifrah using a link provided via email, or the tablet that is designated for meeting scheduling outside of Rabbi Ifrah's office. Other members of the faculty are also available to counsel students on career advice and guidance.

Ner Israel has partnered with Mrs. Faige Katz, a career coach at Career360 for career counseling. Career360 offers the Highlands Ability Battery and Natural Abilities test to measure aptitude and offer insight into how students' natural abilities and cognitive predispositions can influence their career opportunities.

While Ner Israel does not offer formal placement services, we do connect students to alumni when appropriate for advice on specific career choices, internships, and job opportunities.

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### TECHNOLOGY

Besides the obvious risk that technology poses to one's spiritual growth, it can also distract from serious immersion in one's studies. Smartphones are an even greater challenge. First and Second year students are not allowed to have smartphones on campus. We strongly encourage all students to avoid using smartphones.

Computers, smartphones and other internet capable devices may only be used for assistance in one's studies - not for entertainment of any sort. If a student must have an internet connection for his studies, he must acknowledge the challenge that this will pose and take the proper steps to ensure his use of it does not hamper his spiritual growth. We have partnered with TAG of Baltimore to provide technology filtering solutions for our students. Any internet-capable device brought to yeshiva must have the

yeshiva's approved filter installed on it. Volunteers from TAG Baltimore will be available to install filters toward the beginning of the semester, and Rabbi Eli Katz is available in the administration building during the lunch break. Not adhering to the Yeshiva's guidelines may result in the confiscation of the device and possibly the suspension/expulsion of the student from the Yeshiva. Devices that are confiscated will automatically become the property of the Yeshiva and will not be returned.

In addition, all cell phones should be kept in a place where they will not be a distraction to yourself or others. Cell phones are not to be used in the main Bais Medrash building.

#### DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Illegal drug use and alcohol consumption will not be tolerated under any circumstances (with the exception of minimal amounts of wine for sacramental use).

Ner Israel is committed to maintaining a drug-free campus. Counseling for drug abuse is available to students, faculty and employees through the CounterForce program of Torah Umesorah National Society of Hebrew Day Schools

#### DRESS CODE AND CAMPUS LIFE

Students are expected to dress in a manner befitting בני תורה at all times. Even when engaging in exercise or sports, a student has the responsibility to look respectable. Sleeves and long pants are required in public. Even when walking in the dormitory, please show respect to yourself and others. Jewish music may be played in a manner that does not disturb others. Secular novels, magazines, and newspapers are not allowed in the Yeshiva. Smoking is prohibited in all Yeshiva buildings. Cooking is not permitted in the dormitory.

The dormitory is a single gender dormitory. This rule will be enforced at all times.

Students may not bring alcoholic beverages to Yeshiva.

Students who are under 20 years old may not have a car in the Yeshiva. Any student who needs a car should be aware that driving on Yeshiva Lane requires special caution. There are people of all ages walking around at all times.

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## COURSE LISTING

**TD601 Pesachim - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of Passover, unleavened bread, and the Passover sacrifice. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD602 Pesachim - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD601**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of Passover, unleavened bread, and the Passover sacrifice. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD603 Berachos - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of blessings, times and methods of prayer, contents of the prayers. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD604 Berachos - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD603**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of blessings, times and methods of prayer, contents of the prayers. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD606 Kesubos - Tal., Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of the marriage ceremony, obligations of the husband to the wife and wife to the husband, required dissolving of a marriage, obligation of estates to widows, and double jeopardy. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD607 Kesubos - Tal., Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD606**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of the marriage ceremony, obligations of the husband to the wife and wife to the husband, required dissolving of a marriage, obligation of estates to widows, and double jeopardy. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD608 Nedarim - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of vows, dedications, statements, inclusions and exclusions. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD609 Nedarim - Tal. Comm & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: TD608**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of vows, dedications, statements, inclusions and exclusions. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD611 Gitten - Tal., Comm, & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of divorce, agents, contracts and documents of sale. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD612 Gitten - Tal., Comm, & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: TD611**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of divorce, agents, contracts and documents of sale. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD614 Kiddushin Tal. Comm & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of marriage, acquisition, agents, bondsmen, time-bound commitments and obligations. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD615 Kiddushin Tal. Comm & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: TD614**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of marriage, acquisition, agents, bondsmen, time-bound commitments and obligations. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD616 Yevamos - Tal. Comm. & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of levirate marriages and family relations. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD617 Yevamos - Tal. Comm. & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: TD616**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of levirate marriages and family relations. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD618 Bava Kamma Aleph - Tal. Comm & Codes****Credits: 4****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of torts, liability, damages and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD620 Bava Kamma Aleph - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD618**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of torts, liability, damages and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD621 Bava Kamma Beis Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of personal liability, theft, injury and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD622 Bava Kamma Beis Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD621**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of personal liability, theft, injury and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD624 Bava Metzia - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of abandoned & lost property, usury, commerce, wages, contractual obligations and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD625 Bava Metzia - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD624**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of abandoned & lost property, usury, commerce, wages, contractual obligations and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD628 Bava Basra - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of property law, division of partnership interests, rights of buyers and sellers, inheritance law, and contractual law. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD629 Bava Basra - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD628**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of property law, division of partnership interests, rights of buyers and sellers, inheritance law, and contractual law. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD631 Yoreh Deah Aleph - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of meat and milk in the preparation of kosher food. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD632 Yoreh Deah Aleph - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD631**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of meat and milk in the preparation of kosher food. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD633 Yoreh Deah Bais - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of purification of cookware and food ware. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD634 Yoreh Deah Bais - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD633**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of purification of cookware and food ware. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD635 Chullin Aleph - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of ritual slaughter and use of diseased and sick animals. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD636 Chullin Aleph - Tal. Comm. & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD635**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of ritual slaughter and use of diseased and sick animals. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD641 Shabbos Aleph - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of sanctification of the Sabbath and the positive obligations of the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD642 Shabbos Aleph - Tal. Comm & Codes** **Credits: 4**  
**Prerequisite: TD641**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of sanctification of the Sabbath and the positive obligations of the Sabbath. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.



**TD643 Shabbos Bais Tal. Comm & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of studies in some common issues of the 39 forbidden categories of work on the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD644 Shabbos Bais Tal. Comm & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: TD643**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of studies in some common issues of the 39 forbidden categories of work on the Sabbath. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD645 Nidah - Tal. Comm. & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual contamination, purification, and laws of family purity. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD646 Nidah - Tal. Comm. & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: TD645**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual contamination, purification, and laws of family purity. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD647 Chullin Bais - Tal. Comm. & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of probabilities in food preparation, methods of food preparation and their ramifications in kosher dietary laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD648 Chullin Bais - Tal. Comm. & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: TD647**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of probabilities in food preparation, methods of food preparation and their ramifications in kosher dietary laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD649 Choshen Mishpat Aleph - Tal. Comm & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of practical application of laws of damages and restitution, injury, contracts, theft and commerce. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD650 Choshen Mishpat Aleph - Tal. Comm & Codes**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: TD649**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of practical application of laws of damages and restitution, injury, contracts, theft and commerce. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD651 Choshen Mishpat II - Tal. Comm. & Codes** Credits: 4  
Prerequisite: None

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of practical application of laws of usury and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD652 Choshen Mishpat II - Tal. Comm. & Codes** Credits: 4  
Prerequisite: TD651

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of practical application of laws of usury and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD656 Shabbos Gimmel - Tal., Comm. & Codes** Credits: 4  
Prerequisite: None

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of other studies in other of the 39 forbidden categories of work on the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD657 Shabbos Gimmel - Tal. Comm. & Codes** Credits: 4  
Prerequisite: TD656

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of other studies in other of the 39 forbidden categories of work on the Sabbath. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD658 Eruvin - Tal., Comm. & Codes** Credits: 4  
Prerequisite: None

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual boundaries and their construction and creation of zones of domicile for the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TD659 Shabbos Daled - Tal., Comm. & Codes** Credits: 4  
Prerequisite: TD658

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual boundaries and their construction and creation of zones of domicile for the Sabbath. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TD660 Talmud, Commentaries & Codes** Credits: 4  
Prerequisite: None

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of general topics in Talmud. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS601 Pesachim - Talmud Law** Credits: 3  
Prerequisite: None

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of Passover, unleavened bread, and the Passover sacrifice. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS602 Menachos - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual meal offerings, laws of tzitzith, phylacteries, mezuzoth, and scriptural writing. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS604 Berachos - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of blessings, times and methods of prayer, contents of the prayers. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS607 Kesubos - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of the marriage ceremony, obligations of the husband to the wife and wife to the husband, required dissolving of a marriage, obligation of estates to widows, and double jeopardy. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS609 Makkos -Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of false witnesses, court-imposed punishments, manslaughter and homicide, and negative commandments. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS612 Gitten - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of divorce, agents, contracts and documents of sale. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS615 Succah -Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of ritual huts for the feast of the tabernacle and the four species taken during the feast of the tabernacle. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS617 Yevamos - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of levirate marriages and family relations. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS623 Sanhedrin - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of courts and punishments, civil law, monarchy, and court proceedings. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS625 Bava Metzia -Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of abandoned & lost property, usury, commerce, wages, contractual obligations and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS629 Bava Basra - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of property law, division of partnership interests, rights of buyers and sellers, inheritance law, and contractual law. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS632 Yoreh Deah Aleph - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of meat and milk in the preparation of kosher food. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS634 Yoreh Deah Bais - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of purification of cookware and food ware. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS636 Chullin Aleph - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of ritual slaughter and use of diseased and sick animals. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS641 Shabbos Aleph - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of sanctification of the Sabbath and the positive obligations of the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS642 Shabbos Aleph - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: TS641**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of sanctification of the Sabbath and the positive obligations of the Sabbath. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TS644 Shabbos Bais - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of studies in some common issues of the 39 forbidden categories of work on the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS645 Nidah - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual contamination, purification, and laws of family purity. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS646 Nidah - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: TS645**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual contamination, purification, and laws of family purity. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**TS648 Chullin Bais - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of probabilities in food preparation, methods of food preparation and their ramifications in kosher dietary laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS650 Choshen Mishpat Aleph****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of practical application of laws of damages and restitution, injury, contracts, theft and commerce. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS652 Choshen Mishpat II - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of practical application of laws of usury and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS656 Shabbos Gimmel - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of other studies in other of the 39 forbidden categories of work on the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS658 Eruvin - Talmud Law****Credits: 3****Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of ritual boundaries and their construction and creation of zones of domicile for the Sabbath. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS660 Shabbos Daled - Talmud Law**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of rabbinical institutions of Sabbath including muktzah and unintended and indirect violations. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**TS661 Talmud Law**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: TS5XX**

In this graduate level Talmud Intensive Course the student will focus on the topics of general topics in Talmud. The skills gained graduate level class the student is honing in on distinct and novel interpretations of the topic being analyzed.

**GN606 Kesubos Sec. 1 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of the marriage ceremony, obligations of the husband to the wife and wife to the husband, required dissolving of a marriage, obligation of estates to widows, and double jeopardy. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN607 Kesubos Sec. 4/5 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN606**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of the marriage ceremony, obligations of the husband to the wife and wife to the husband, required dissolving of a marriage, obligation of estates to widows, and double jeopardy. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN608 Shevuos Sec. 3 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of Vows, dedications, statements, Inclusions and exclusions. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN609 Nedarim Sec. 3 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of vows, dedications, statements, inclusions and exclusions. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN611 Gitten - Sec. 4 (Tal Srvy)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of divorce, agents, contracts and documents of sale. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN612 Gitten - Sec. 9 (Tal Srvy)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN611**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of divorce, agents, contracts and documents of sale. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN613 Gitten Sec. 6 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN612**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of divorce, agents, contracts and documents of sale. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN614 Kiddushin Sec. 2 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of marriage, acquisition, agents, bondsmen, time-bound commitments and obligations. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN615 Kiddushin Sec. 3 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN614**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of marriage, acquisition, agents, bondsmen, time-bound commitments and obligations. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN616 Yevamos - Sec. 6 & 10 (Tal Srvy)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of levirate marriages and family relations. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN617 Yevamos - Sec. 7 & 8 (Tal Srvy)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN616**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of levirate marriages and family relations. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN618 Bava Kamma Sec. 6 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of torts, liability, damages and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN620 Bava Kamma - Sec. 4/5 (Tal Srvy)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN618**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of torts, liability, damages and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN621 Bava Kamma Sec. 9 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of personal liability, theft, injury and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN622 Bava Kamma Sec. 10 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN621**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of personal liability, theft, injury and restitution and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN624 Bava Metzia Sec. 2 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of abandoned & lost property, usury, commerce, wages, contractual obligations and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN625 Bava Metzia Sec. 4 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN624**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of abandoned & lost property, usury, commerce, wages, contractual obligations and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN626 Bava Metzia Sec. 6 (Talmud Survey)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN625**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of abandoned & lost property, usury, commerce, wages, contractual obligations and associated laws. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.

**GN628 Bava Basra - Sec. 1 (Tal Srvy)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of property law, division of partnership interests, rights of buyers and sellers, inheritance law, and contractual law. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GN629 Bava Basra - Sec. 5 (Tal Srvy)**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: GN628**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of property law, division of partnership interests, rights of buyers and sellers, inheritance law, and contractual law. The skills gained a continuation of the fall course, with greater growth of independent analysis and development.



**GN660-GN679 Talmud Survey**

**Credits: 4**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of general topics in Talmud. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS601 Pesachim - Sec. 2 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of Passover, unleavened bread, and the Passover sacrifice. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS607 Kesubos - Sec. 4 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of the marriage ceremony, obligations of the husband to the wife and wife to the husband, required dissolving of a marriage, obligation of estates to widows, and double jeopardy. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS609 Makos - Sec. 3 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of false witnesses, court-imposed punishments, manslaughter and homicide, and negative commandments. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS612 Gitten - Sec. 4 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of divorce, agents, contracts and documents of sale. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS615 Succah - Sec. 2 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of ritual huts for the feast of the tabernacle and the four species taken during the feast of the tabernacle. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS617 Yevamos - Sec. 4 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of laws of levirate marriages and family relations. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS623 Sanhedrin - Sec. 7 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of courts and punishments, civil law, monarchy, and court proceedings. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS625 Bava Metzia - Sec. 3 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of abandoned & lost property, usury, commerce, wages, contractual obligations and associated laws. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS626 Sanhedrin - Sec. 3 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of courts and punishments, civil law, monarchy, and court proceedings. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS629 Bava Basra - Sec. 9 (Tal Analysis)**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of property law, division of partnership interests, rights of buyers and sellers, inheritance law, and contractual law. The skills gained graduate level class the student is concentrating on independent development and study in Talmud.

**GS660-GS679 Talmud Analysis**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: GS5XX**

In this graduate level Talmud Analysis Course the student will focus on the topics of general topics in Talmud. The skills gained graduate level class the student is honing in on distinct and novel interpretations of the topic being analyzed.

**ES632 Studies In Jewish Ethics**

**Credits: 1**

**Prerequisite: None**

A weekly discussion of different ideas in Jewish Ethics and how they pertain to a person's daily life. The course objectives include: Consider how biblical ethics and modern ethics are linked; Demonstrate a profound understanding of the importance of treating every person in an ethical manner.

**ET630-ET649 Seminar On Jewish Ethics**

**Credits: 1**

**Prerequisite: None**

Weekly shmues--a structural dissertation on the classic sources of philosophy and ethics that form the Jewish weltanschauung. An analysis of the nature of man, his duties and responsibilities to his Creator and to his fellow man. The course objectives include: Demonstrate an understanding of the weekly Torah portion as a source for philosophy and ethics; Apply a basic understanding to the responsibilities a man has to his creator; Ability to explore and evaluate the weekly Torah portion.

**ED603 Educational Psychology**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

Exploring practical, real-world applications of psychology and how they relate to educators and communal leaders. Topics covered include (but are not limited to) diagnosis and treatment with a focus on cognitive behavioral therapy, ethics and law, and addictions. The psychology of leadership as it pertains to organizational design and industry is also explored. Source material includes classic works of psychology as well as Jewish literature.

**ED746 Ethics In Education**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisite: None**

Eight studies into the intersection of Halacha and education.

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