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

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Staff Spotlights



MOSHE ALOUF

NIGHT SEDER & ELECTIVES

Moshe Alouf grew up in both Brooklyn, NY and Israel, giving him a unique perspective on Jewish life in the Diaspora and the Land of Israel. A proud graduate of Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim (Class of 2017), he went on to serve in the Israel Defense Forces where he was a sergeant. Moshe holds a degree in Education from Herzog College in Israel and is dedicated to building meaningful connections between Torah learning, personal growth and strong educational values.



All of Moshe Alouf's Shiurim this year have been graciously sponsored by
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RABBI TANCHUM GOLD

MORNING SEDER RABBI

Born in Chicago, Rabbi Gold moved to Israel at a young age. He studied and taught at Yeshivat Birkat Moshe in Ma'ale Adumim for 15 years and served as an infantry soldier in the IDF. Rabbi Gold holds a Bachelor of Education degree in Talmud and Tanach, as well as a law degree, and received his Semikha (Yore Yoreh/Yadin Yadin) from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. He has served as Rabbi of the American program in Yeshivat Birkat Moshe since 2010, teaches in the Yeshiva's Kollel, and he actively sits as a Dayan in the local Beit Din. He is also the rabbi of a congregation in Chashmonaim and has been teaching in Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim since 2017.



RABBI HAROLD SUTTON

ROSH YESHIVAH & FOUNDER

Rabbi Harold Sutton, born and raised in Brooklyn, received Semikha from Hakham Ovadia Yosef, Hakham Meir Mazuz and Hakham Shimon Alouf. He earned a degree in Psychology from YU and studied towards a Master's degree in Judaic studies at NYU. He served as the Rabbi of Bnei Yitzhak, Rosh Yeshivah of Sephardic Rabbinical College and Rosh Yeshivah of Magen David Yeshivah before making Aliyah and founding Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim where he currently serves as Rosh Yeshivah.



All of Rabbi Sutton's Shiurim this year have been graciously sponsored by
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Recent Highlights



We went to Machon Hamikdash museum to learn about the vessels of the Mishkan and Bet Hamikdash!



Rabbi Sutton led an incredible Tu BiShbat Seder. We started the night with the traditional readings and songs. We then learned about the correct order of making berachot, followed by tasting the many delicacies that were served. After eating the foods and dinner, Rabbi Tessler and Etay Bakish gave over Dibre Torah.

Tu BiShbat Seder was graciously sponsored by Steven Betesh and Family

Day of Learning Dedicated in memory of Sally Ashkenazi A”H, Salha bat Simha



Recent Highlights

Eilat Trip

Graciously sponsored by IceCap Group



To kick off our annual trip to Eilat, the buses pulled out at 5:00am so we could make the most of our adventure. After arriving, praying Shahrit, and enjoying breakfast at Eli's, we embarked on our first hike. Along the way, we learned about the significance of the land beneath our feet, and some of us even took a leap into its cool waters. After a lunch break, we dove into some creative physical team-building exercises. Next thing we knew, it was time for Minha and BBQ. Upon arriving at the hotel at night, we unpacked and prayed Arbit. To end off the day, we gathered to watch Super Bowl LX together, learned during halftime and after the game prayed Shahrit together at sunrise. The highlight of day two was our five hour hike through the Eilat Mountains. In the afternoon, we got a chance to unwind and catch up on our learning before heading to the Ice Mall where we ate dinner, went zip lining and ice skating. The third and final day of our Eilat trip we started with a 4:45am hike! We got to the peak of the mountain just in time to pray Shahrit at sunrise. We were able to see four countries from where we were standing: Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Israel. In the afternoon, we went scuba diving and enjoyed water sports. Thanks to the amazing staff that helped organize and execute this unforgettable trip!



Torah learning in bomb shelters!

To help inspire our students to learn even more at this pivotal time of Jewish History, a group of generous alumni launched the Roaring Lion Torah Learning Challenge, enabling students to earn funds toward sefarim.

Roaring Lion Torah Learning Challenge is generously sponsored by Irwin Azar, Jack Azar, Saul Bibi, Jacob Cayre, Joe V. Gindi, Joe Hakim, Joe Shamosh, Jackie Sutton, Solomon Terzi and Jojo Zeitoune.

Recent Highlights

Purim 5786

Graciously sponsored by Jimmy Haber and Family



At our Rosh Hodesh Adar breakfast we heard Dibre Torah from Rabbi Mirsky!
Graciously sponsored by Joey Jemal and Family



Prior to Purim, our students helped pack OVER 1000 Mishloah Manot packages for families of terror victims!
5786 Hesed Program is graciously sponsored by Norman & Jennifer Jemal In honor of Elliott Betesh for his tireless work for the yeshiva



חזק וברך!

Jack Benjamin, Charles Cohen, Ronny Gindi and Nathan Hason have dedicated countless hours to mastering the reading of the Megilah. Their hard work is a gift to our community that was not only enjoyed this year, but will continue to be so for many years to come.



Before Purim we held a costume contest in which students were tasked with connecting their costume to a pasuk in the Megilah. They were judged on creativity, presentation and on how well they were able to connect their costume to the Megilat or Masekhet Esther. Congrats to winners Jesse Leventer, Joseph Catton and Teddy Beyda!

Contest, dinner and prizes were graciously sponsored by Albert & Cynthia Setton



Purim this year was truly something special. It kicked off with students Jack Benjamin and Ronny Gindi reading the Megilah, followed by a deluxe Purim party with DJs Nathan Hason and Victor Shalom keeping the energy going! The next morning, we took the celebration beyond our campus, visiting a local hospital for Bikur Holim. To close out the day, Mrs. Aura and Rabbi Harold Sutton welcomed everyone into their home for a beautiful Seuda full of food, music, and dancing.

Congrats!



Recently, our administrator and registrar, Mrs. Gitta Neufeld, completed her first ambulance shift as a trainee of United Hatzalah! Our "School Grandma" (as she's fondly referred to) has been taking intense EMT classes for months, and we couldn't be prouder. From the front office to the front lines- she does it all. Wishing her safety and success as she brings her heart and dedication to every call.



On March 9th, Mrs. Rivka & Rabbi Yaakov Tessler - and the entire Tessler family- celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Asher Tessler at our yeshivah.

The "official" celebration had to be postponed due to the situation, but the Tesslers chose to celebrate with their family - our yeshivah!



Siyumim



Mabrook to Aron Hasbani on his siyum of Masekhet Hagigah!
Siyum & Special Seuda
graciously sponsored by
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In Honor of Aron's grandparents
Perets & Eti Zikry



Mabrook to Ben Matsas on his siyum of Masekhet Berakhot!
Siyum & Special Seuda
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Mabrook to Joseph Catton & Joseph Dusi on their siyum of Masekhet Moed Kattan!
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Sam & Shirley Catton and Erol & Aurit Dusi!

Alumni Occasions

Mabrook to Sarah Saideh & **Jacob S. Mosseri** (Class of '22) on their marriage!

Mabrook to Esther Manopla & **Joe Sultan** (Class of '22) on their marriage!

Mabrook to Yvonne Tobias & **Elliot Soffer** (Class of '24) on their engagement!

Mabrook to Jacqueline Mizrahi & **Danny Massry** (Class of '21) on their engagement!

Mabrook to Jennifer Zirdok & **Albert Chehebar** (Class of '22) on their marriage!

Mabrook to Leah Arje and **Abie Saada** (Class of 23) on their marriage!

Mabrook to Raquel Salman and **Ronnie Sasson** (Class of '22) on their engagement!

Mabrook to Marlene & **Michael Salem** (Class of '17) on the birth of a baby girl!

Dibre Torah for the Pesah Seder

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

The Four Stages of Geulah by Joseph Catton

In שמות ו:ו-ז, Hashem promises Bnei Yisrael that He will redeem them from Egypt using four different expressions, as the pesukim state:

“לְכֹן אֶמַר לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל...
וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מִתַּחַת סִבְלַת מִצְרַיִם,
וְהִצַּלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מֵעֲבָדְתָם,
וְגֵאלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם בְּזֵרוּעַ נְטוּיָה,
וְלִקְחֹתִי אֶתְכֶם לִי לְעָם.”



The obvious question is: why do we need four different expressions of גאולה? After all, the Jews only left Egypt once. If the entire event was simply יציאת מצרים, why does the Torah describe it with four separate expressions?

The answer is that the redemption from Egypt was not one single moment, but rather a process that unfolded in several פרקים. Each of the four expressions represents a different stage in the gradual lifting of the burden from Bnei Yisrael.



Joseph Catton graduated from Yeshiva of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School in 2025 and is currently a student at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim.

The first stage is והוצאתי: “I will take you out from under the burdens of Egypt.” The נצי"ב explains that this refers to the point when the intense torture began to stop. After מכת ערוב, the Egyptians were no longer able to oppress Bnei Yisrael with the same level of suffering. The people were still technically enslaved, but the harsh מצרים סבלות had begun to ease.

The second stage is והצלתי: “I will save you from their labor.” This represents the removal of the actual slavery. After מכת ברד, the Egyptians' power was significantly weakened, and Bnei Yisrael were no longer functioning as true slaves.

The third stage is וגאלתי: the redemption itself. This took place after מכת בכורות and during the actual יציאת מצרים. At this point, Bnei Yisrael were no longer subjects of Egypt at all. They left as free people, no longer under Egyptian control.

However, physical freedom alone does not yet create a nation. That is why the final stage is ולקחתי אתכם לי לעם, “I will take you to Me as a people.” This was completed at הר סיני, when Bnei Yisrael received the תורה and became an עם מיוחד, a nation defined by its relationship with Hashem.

Thus, the four לשונות של גאולה really correspond to four פרקי גאולה. Each stage removed another layer of oppression and brought Bnei Yisrael closer to their ultimate goal: becoming a unified nation under Hashem.

Mishmar @ Moreshet

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On Jan 22nd, we heard from Zack Rosen, former all-American and Ivy League basketball player of the year, followed by a deluxe Menfis dinner!

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Rabbi Teddy Berman

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Teddy Chattah לעילוי נשמת
רוזט בת חביבה ע"ה



On Jan 29th, Rabbi Edward Benjamin spoke to us about the importance of using our time wisely.

Mishmar was graciously
sponsored by Raymond Grand

On Feb 5th, we heard the incredible story of Yoni Friedman, an elite unit officer who was injured in the war while rescuing his platoon commander. He also spoke about how he lost some friends in the war and about the difficult recovery he experienced-teaching us about courage and resilience.

Mishmar was graciously
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Jack Terzi and Family



On Feb 12th, we heard from R. Teddy Berman about how to effectively implement positive change in our lives.

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On Feb 19th, Madrichim Yehuda Melik & Etay Bakish gave over hiddushim about Purim.

Mishmar was graciously sponsored by Frieda & David Cohen In memory of Shirley Kezra A"H

On Feb 26th, we heard from Eitan Redlich, VP at Greshler Finance, about how he got to where he is today- from his service in the IDF, to building a family, and developing a successful career, all while emphasizing the importance of maintaining a strong commitment to Torah values and personal growth.

Mishmar was graciously sponsored by Joseph & Nazira Chabbott In honor of the Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim Rabbis



On March 5th, Dr. Charles Cohen spoke to us about making a set time to learn Torah when returning to America.

Mishmar was graciously sponsored by Morris Elbaz

Families

As Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim marks its tenth year, "Families" shines a light on parents who have chosen the yeshivah for more than one son. Their experiences capture the consistency, care and confidence that have defined Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim since its founding.

The Terzi Family

Moreshet Magazine (MM): Thanks for taking the time to speak with me.

Terzi Family (TF): Of course, it's our pleasure

MM: So let's start with our first question- what are the names of your children who attended the Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim and what years did they attend?

TF: Isaac went from August 2018 until June 2019 and Victor went from August 2020 until June 2021.

MM: How did you first hear about the school?

TF: We heard about it from a few mothers whose children had attended the year before. Remember- back then, the school was only two years old. Isaac went for year three. It was very new. After many conversations with those parents and from staff of the school, we chose Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim because we felt it offered the right balance and environment for our family.

MM: Any special stories come to mind when you think back to your children's time at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim?

TF: Yes, we can talk about two.



Isaac once needed to go to the hospital at 8:00 PM. It was the first time he would be there without any family. Rabbi Tessler personally drove him, stayed with him the entire night, and refused to leave until Isaac was discharged at 9:00 AM the next morning- despite Isaac repeatedly telling him to go home to his family and that he would be fine. Isaac remembers waking up and seeing the Rabbi sleeping on the chair next to him. Isaac tremendously appreciated this, and as parents that level of care is something we will never forget.

Victor had a wonderful experience at Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim, even though his year took place during COVID-19, which was challenging for everyone. The school worked hard to make the year meaningful, organizing special outings and events whenever possible. Victor felt that all the rabbis genuinely cared about the students. They were strict, but never "super pushy."

One story Victor remembers is how he and his friends wanted to go to Meron on Lag LaOmer, one year after the tragic incident when many people passed away due to overcrowding. A rabbi advised them not to go that day for safety reasons but promised that he would take them on a different day. He kept his word and took them on a special trip later which meant a lot to them.

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MM: How have you seen the school grow from year 3 (when you sent Isaac) to year 5 (when you sent Victor)

TF: Oh it grew tremendously. When Isaac attended, there were twelve boys sharing a small dormitory. By the time Victor arrived, the dorms had been significantly upgraded, and they have continued to improve since. What we find special is that throughout their growth, the school remained selective about who they accepted. They didn't take just anyone, and that commitment to maintaining the school's integrity was very important to us.

MM: Was there a specific rabbi or staff member that your family got close to?

TF: We appreciated and connected with all the rabbis. In Isaac's year, we became particularly close with Rabbi Tessler and in Victor's year, we became especially close with Rabbi Shani. Both rabbis went above and beyond, giving our children truly special experiences.

MM: Tell me about their growth. Did you notice a difference between your children before and after their time here?

TF: Absolutely. We saw meaningful growth in both their Torah learning and religious development, as well as in their personal maturity- handling responsibilities, managing tasks, and taking on new challenges with confidence.



MM: As parents, what do you love most about the school?

TF: What we loved most was the great balance of work and play. We loved the structured learning, the business internships, the trips and outings, and the balance of weekends on campus and weekends off. The boys were given certain freedoms, but were always expected to conduct themselves properly and attend all required classes.

MM: Lastly, what message do you have to Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim staff on celebrating their 10th year?

TF: Thank you for taking care of our children, nurturing them, and helping shape who they are. The number one thing we would highlight about the entire staff is how warm and caring they are. You truly care about every student and every student's needs. Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim is truly a family, and we feel honored to be part of it!



Finding the Right People: Eddie Dweck by Victor Cohen

Eddie Dweck is unique. He's part of a rare group of students of Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim to return for a second year. He's part of another, similarly rare group of students that planned to attend Law School after spending time in Israel. Who else is there that could say they fit *both* categories?

Through his time in Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim, and beyond, Eddie demonstrated his love for the things he cared for and dedication towards finding the right path in life. He's smart, knows what he wants, and knows how to get things done. Below, we'll go through Eddie's journey with Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim, starting from why he decided to attend, to some of the highlights throughout his years, and finally where he is today.

Why Eddie Decided to Attend Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim:

Eddie decided to attend Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim primarily because he saw so clearly the results of its Rabbis. "My Rabbis here in America were direct talmidim of the legion of Rabbis that Moreshet Yerushalayim has," he explained. "That was enough for me to say that this is where I want to be."

He was also interested in growing religiously. He wanted to deepen his relationship with Hashem, study Torah, and felt like the Sephardic Syrian environment of Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim was the best place to do it.

"I usually explain it like this: I practice how I play. I play in the Sephardic Syrian community, so I decided to practice in the hub (Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim) for Sephardic Syrians." "Knowing that I'd have all of my closest friends with me for the ride made my decision that much more of a layup," Eddie added. "Experiencing life with the boys was something that was non-negotiable for me too. And with that— the yeshivah checked every box."

What Eddie Learned in Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim:

"Throughout my time," Eddie explained, "I learned Bet Yosef and Gemara with Rabbi Alouf and Rabbi Sutton."

"I had the pleasure of learning with Rabbi Gold everyday as well and that is still an unforgettable experience."

Eddie participated in a siyum. He completed Masekhet Makkot alongside Mike Shammah. He was also inspired by Yehuda Tawil to pick up HaRambam's Hilkhos Shabbat.

His most important learning came through observation, however. "I loved to just watch and learn from role models such as Moshe Alouf, Mr. Aboody and Ezra Dweck."

As he put it, their unique personalities and outlook on life gave him an even greater understanding of how to appreciate the Torah and love that which it demands of him.

Eddie learns most from his role models and Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim provided him with the right ones.



Alumni Spotlight

The Highlights of his Year:

Eddie described waking up on Yom Ha'asmaut and Yom Yerushalayim as some of the best days of his year, primarily because they'd spend countless hours in Gan Sacher - the park right next to the yeshiva - and because of the electric feeling it gave him for the land of Israel.

"My boys and I, without exaggeration, lived in Gan Sacher. We used to play football under the lights in the Gan after night Seder all the time. I could confidently say I somehow ended up in that park every day with another person for whatever reason."

He also expressed how much he enjoyed the "out Shabbats," and the constant late nights in the Midrash and how much everyone grew together.

What Eddie Dweck is up to today:

"I'm currently in Brooklyn College and am studying for the LSATs," Eddie said, though despite the tough task in front of him, he did not forget what Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim taught him.



Victor Cohen is a student at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and graduated from Baruch College in 2024. He is a graduate of Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim Class of 2022.



"The Torah values, midot, modesty, love for the land, and the pure obsession with growth, are just a few of the traits our rabbis and yeshivah have instilled in my everyday life."

"Not a day goes by," he explained, "where I'm not reminded of the special times with the boys and moments of clarity I felt at every step I took in Israel. I yearn to come back every day and pray that everyone is fortunate enough to experience what my boys and I were blessed with."

Eddie Dweck is a shining example among the Yeshivat Moreshet Yerushalayim Alumni. He's developed a deep bond with the yeshiva and the land of Israel itself, such that he'd even visited for long stretches during his college break. Yet, he also had within him the ability to excel in the business world too, as evidenced by his pursuit of a career in law. Eddie walks a path that we could all strive to learn from, and with Hashem's help he'll continue to do great things.

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