

FOXMAN TORAH INSTITUTE

STEIN BAIS MEDRASH



The Joy of Torah- For Life

The Stein Bais Medrash at FTI seeks to produce **B'NAI TORAH** distinguished as **LAMDONIM** and **BA'ALEI MUSSAR**, dedicated to lifelong **LIMUD HATORAH**, **SHLAIMOS HAMIDDOS** and **ACHRAYIS** to Klal Yisrael.





FTI's talmidim achieve these goals through participating in engaging iyun shiurim, inspiring mussar sederim, thought-provoking shmuzin, informative vaadim, vibrant sederim, and hartziga davening, all balanced within a happy and comfortable environment. Through personal attention to each yachid, rebbeim work tirelessly to ensure that talmidim capitalize on their time here.

עיון

Our morning iyun seder is characterized by ameilus baTorah; talmidim dive into the depths of the sugya and emerge having experienced the beauty and geshmak of amito shel Torah. Our interactive shiurim encourage debate and collaboration with rebbeim and fellow talmidim as we approach p'shat in the sugya together. Talmidim learn how to develop a sugya and how to place s'vara, cheshbon, and lashon into the proper perspective. This entire process empowers talmidim to clearly understand the underpinnings and mechanics of the sugya.

מוסר

Mussar is a critical component of the day; talmidim focus on personal growth and character development by learning mussar b'hispaylis in a fiery sviva, with all rebbeim in the yeshiva participating. Mussar groups and chavrusos with rebbeim are a very popular option for many talmidim. Weekly mussar shmuzim give clarity and insight into chochmas hamussar and kochos hanefesh. Chazaras hashmuz sessions analyze the anatomy of a shmuz, empowering talmidim to access the wisdom of chazal on their own.

בקיאות

Our afternoon and night sederim are centered on attaining a bekius hamesechta; talmidim expand their range of Torah knowledge, while honing the skills necessary for independent lifelong learning. A Rebbe is always present to answer questions and help the talmidim navigate through the more difficult sugyos. A reading-focused bekius shiur is an option for talmidim who want to acquire high-level leining skills. We also offer weekly bekius chaburos given by a Rebbe on the week's bekius quota, providing deeper insight into the various sugyos of the masechta.

השקפת החיים

A derech for life is acquired through spirited hashkafa discussions, weekly vaadim, Shabbos meals, daily table talk, and lively question-answer sessions. The yeshiva's close-knit atmosphere makes rebbeim remarkably accessible, which facilitates the development of each yachid according to his unique set of kochos. Visits to and from gedolim, including the Roshei Yeshiva of Queens and Reb Shmuel Kamenetsky, as well as vaadim from local Roshei Yeshiva, Roshei Kollel, and Rabbanim, complement our regular program.





Kesher

- ▶ Constant Rebbe Presence in BM
- ▶ Approachable and Responsive Hanhala
- ▶ Mussar Groups with Rebbeim
- ▶ Thursday Night Vaadim
- ▶ Shabbos Meals in Rebbeim's Homes



Yeshiva Life and Ruach

- ▶ Friday Night Onegs
- ▶ Thursday Night "Cholent"
- ▶ Revolving "Branch Guys"
- ▶ Visits from Roshei Yeshiva
- ▶ Shabbatons
- ▶ Winter Ski Trip



Bein HaSedarim

- ▶ Basketball Court
- ▶ 1.5-Acre Sports Field
- ▶ In-House Chef
- ▶ JCC Monday Nights with Swimming
- ▶ Friday Football
- ▶ Motzei Shabbos Gym
- ▶ Dormitory amenities include spacious carpeted rooms, basketball court, swimming pool, free washer and dryer.



Rabbi Shimon Max

Rabbi Max is the founding Rosh Yeshiva of FTI and sits at the helm of our Bais Medrash program. With twenty years of experience as a Rebbe and Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Max leads with a wealth of experience combined with a clear sense of direction stemming from his close connection to the Rosh HaYeshiva ZT"l. Rabbi Max is well known for his contagious passion and lomdos that has both challenged and enlightened scores of talmidim ranging from high school age to Blatt shiur level and beyond. His remarkable ability to simultaneously transmit both the depth and geshmak of Torah makes his shiur a highlight for all of our talmidim. The Max home, well known for its delicious food and inviting hospitality, is a frequent stop for our talmidim and is a place where they truly feel at home.



Rabbi Chaim Juni

Rabbi Juni, Rosh Yeshiva, is our Magid Shiur for the first year bais medrash bochorim as well as our Bais Medrash Mashgiach Ruchani. Rabbi Juni is known for his dynamic and engaging personality and is a master at motivating talmidim to reach ever-higher heights. Talmidim are pulled in by his boundless enthusiasm and energy, and respond with astounding results. Rabbi Juni's recent move to Cherry Hill and constant presence in Yeshiva has had a profound impact on our Bais Medrash and will b'e'zras HaShem continue to do so. His unique combination of interpersonal skills and intuitive understanding of his talmidim has earned him the trust and respect of the entire yeshiva and many chinuch professionals.



Rabbi Yisrael Davidowitz

Rabbi Davidowitz, Rosh Yeshiva and Head of School, is responsible for the operational aspects of the Yeshiva. Talmidim know they can turn to Rabbi Davidowitz, not only for a sympathetic ear, but also for his counsel regarding any concerns. Rabbi Davidowitz has been an integral part of the recent rapid growth of the Yeshiva, including the seamless launch and continued success of our Bais Medrash program. The genuine care, concern, and dedication that Rabbi Davidowitz has for each individual talmid is a key component to the happy s'viva that permeates the entire Yeshiva.



Rabbi Moshe Strassfeld

Rabbi Moshe Strassfeld, FTI's 11th grade Rebbe and night seder *Shoel U'Meshiv*, joined our staff this year after spending many years immersed in Torah study as a member of the Kollel in Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim in Queens, NY. During his decade of study in Queens, Rabbi Strassfeld had the opportunity to become a close talmid of the Roshei HaYeshiva, HaRav Dovid Harris shlit"a and HaRav Akiva Grunblatt shlit"a, as well as many other Rebbeim in the yeshiva's leadership. In particular, Rabbi Strassfeld served as secretary to Rabbi Mordecai Tropper zt"l, legendary mashgiach of the Yeshiva, where he was afforded an insider's view into his wisdom and his devotion to the talmidei hayeshiva.



Rabbi Yitzchok Shmidman

Rabbi Yitzchok Shmidman, our morning seder *Shoel U'Meshiv*, is a graduate of Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim in Queens. Most recently, he was a rebbe in Yeshivas Yam Hatorah and Yeshivas Zichron Aryeh teaching gemara and mussar. Additionally, Rabbi Shmidman is our Mesivta Boarding Student Mashgiach. Rabbi Shmidman is a highly skilled mentor and has much experience helping boys balance school, family, social, and yiddishkeit obligations in a healthy and productive way.



Rabbi Hirsch Hollander

Rabbi Hirsch Hollander, our morning seder *Shoel U'Meshiv*, comes to FTI after teaching kodesh subjects in Ottawa Torah Institute, the local yeshiva high school. Rabbi Hirsch Hollander is a graduate of Rabbinical Seminary of America in Queens NY, where he was ordained with Semicha in 2016. Rabbi Hollander has taught teens and adults in many settings including teaching at Mayan Hatorah, a Chofetz Chaim affiliate in Kew Gardens.

Daily Schedule

7:40	Shacharis
8:30	Mishna Berura
9:05	Breakfast
9:45	Iyun Seder
12:00	Shiur
1:15	Lunch
2:45	Mincha
3:00	Mussar Seder
3:30	Bekius Seder
6:15	Dinner
7:15	HS Night Seder
8:00	Night Seder
10:00	Maariv



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FTI talmidim can earn up to 30 college credits for their first year of Bais Medrash. Federal financial aid is available to qualifying students.