

# EVERY JEWISH WOMAN

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ע"ה, Naava Katlowitz, in memory of

## Just One Woman?

Years ago, an out-of-town rov arranged a course in *Taharas Hamishpacha* for his community.

Though he advertised it broadly, just one woman showed up to the first class. His second class fared no better, as the same woman—and only that woman—attended.

Week-after-week, the woman entered right on time, and, respecting that she made the effort, the rov swallowed his pride and delivered a lecture to an audience of one.

On the next visit to his Rebbe, the rov relayed his feeling of utter dejection. All that energy invested to prepare and deliver a course for just one person!

**“Tell me,” his Rebbe challenged, “how many mothers did Moshe Rabbeinu have?”**

OHR NAAVA BEGAN AS A HUMBLE  
WEEKLY STUDY GROUP OF POST-  
SEMINARY WOMEN. TODAY,  
**OHR NAAVA IS A NATIONAL  
NETWORK OF PROGRAMS**  
THAT FIND AND FILL GAPS IN  
INSPIRATION, EDUCATION AND  
STRENGTH FOR JEWISH WOMEN



AS OUR WORLD BECOMES  
**MORE WIRED** THAN  
EVER, WHO'S KEEPING US  
**ACTUALLY CONNECTED?**





# OHR NAAVA IS ABOUT INSPIRATION

Before Tish'a b'Av 2004, three creative roommates felt a longing to connect with the meaning of the day. They invited Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein to lead a small shiur.

**Turns out they weren't alone.**

That first shiur drew a standing-room only crowd, as girls and women from across the community shared their eagerness for a deeper connection to Hashem.

**Ohr Naava was born that night  
to be their bridge.**



## AVINU MALKEINU

### TENS OF THOUSANDS

fill auditoriums across the nation and around the world to hear today's leading speakers set the tone for the Yomim Noraim.

**5779 EVENTS:** BROOKLYN, NEW YORK / YERUSHALAYIM, ISRAEL / LONDON, ENGLAND / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS / CLEVELAND, OHIO / TORONTO, CANADA / BALTIMORE, MARYLAND / MONSEY, NEW YORK / LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY / MANCHESTER, ENGLAND / ANTWERP, BELGIUM







## TISH'A B'AV AROUND THE WORLD

**24 HOURS** of live streaming stories, lectures and presentations transforming a day of physical hunger into a source of powerful fulfillment



# SHABBOS OF INSPIRATION

**OVER 800** high school seniors  
and post seminary graduates join  
for a high-energy Shabbaton where  
they are encouraged to secure a  
lifelong curiosity for and confidence  
in Yiddishkeit







## BROOKLYN MRKT

### OVER 5,500 WOMEN

converge on Brooklyn's Industry City to celebrate creativity, community and commerce at the world's only expo by and for female entrepreneurs



## DAY TO DISCONNECT

### OVER 400,000 PEOPLE

More and more, our generation is mistaking “plugged in” for true connection. Ohr Naava has inspired over 400,000 people to disconnect from technology for one day—and reconnect to the people and purpose that bring true fulfillment








HOW CAN A **SEM GIRL** FIND  
ANSWERS IF SHE'S SCARED TO  
ADMIT SHE **HAS QUESTIONS?**





# OHR NAAVA IS ABOUT EDUCATION

For the longest time, Bais Yaakov graduates have known one main path forward: seminary in Israel. Yet, so many girls thirst for a different kind of post-high school experience. To serve them takes a different kind of organization.

Ohr Naava offers two distinctive seminary experiences, each with an optional afternoon track for earning a fully-accredited bachelor's degree.



# ATERES NAAVA

**Ateres Naava is a two-year program created for honestly curious girls**

who want to build a more personal relationship with Hashem.

With a strong foundation in Hashkafa, we embrace every student as a whole person first, giving her the space to think, ask and grow to become the best version of herself. An afternoon track offers a fully-accredited Bachelor's degree.



“The teachers here are just extremely open. We speak about everything with no judging, which is something I’ve never experienced until now.”

— SARA LEAH W.



“I couldn’t survive Brooklyn College without having Ateres start me off each morning.”

— CHELLI B.



## BNOS BINA

**Bnos Bina is a rigorous training seminary for the future leaders of Klal Yisroel.**

Whether they aspire to teach in a Bais Yaakov or launch a Kiruv program, our students are gaining the knowledge, confidence and passion to be the leading ambassadors of Yiddishkeit to the next generation. An afternoon track offers a fully-accredited Bachelor's degree.



“Giving our girls this kind of deep understanding of Torah perspectives makes them our nation’s greatest asset.”

— RABBI LABEL LAM, DIRECTOR







WILL OUR SHATTERED **DAUGHTERS**  
EVER **FIND PEACE** IF WE CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND THEIR PAIN?





# OHR NAAVA IS ABOUT **STRENGTH**

In recent years, our community has come to acknowledge the reality of addiction and abuse in our midst. But most people still can't imagine the level of fear, pain and self-loathing that holds a child back from escaping the cycle.

Two Ohr Naava programs that we're proudest of give young women the acceptance, direction and tools to fight their way back home.



## BNOT CHAYA ACADEMY

We believe 90% of the bad choices a teen makes are because of her total lack of self-worth. BNOT CHAYA ACADEMY is chosen by the girl who craves direction but is simply not welcome in any mainstream high school. When BNOT CHAYA accepts her, she begins to accept—and respect—herself.

“One August, we sat with Rabbi Ronnie Greenwald<sup>רמ"ד</sup> in the Catskills and described our vision. ‘You **HAVE** to create this school!’ he said. He pushed us so hard. We opened by Sukkos.”

— MRS. CHANIE SEGAL, DIRECTOR







“At The Ranch, I was able to face my past knowing that it would be understood, and I could plan my future knowing it will be respected.”

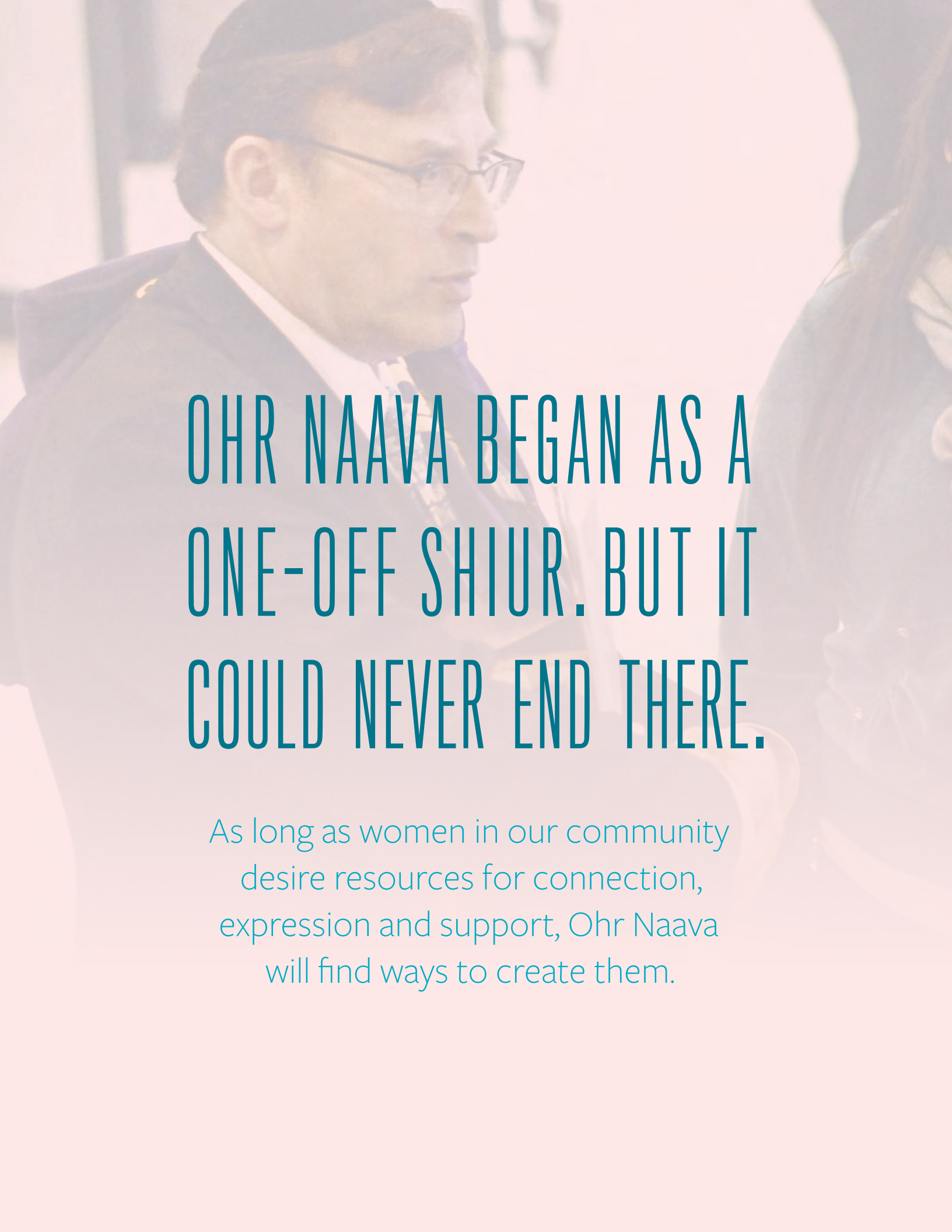
— MINDY M., 19

## THE RANCH AT BETHEL

For survivors of emotional trauma, mental illness or sexual abuse, traditional therapy is often premature. THE RANCH AT BETHEL, an 18-acre equine-therapy estate, is the only place in the world for young Jewish women to find their true inner strength after suffering, leading them to heal physically, emotionally and spiritually.





A background image featuring a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, wearing glasses and looking off to the side. To his right, a woman with long dark hair is partially visible, wearing a dark jacket. The image has a soft, light-colored overlay.

# OHR NAAVA BEGAN AS A ONE-OFF SHIUR. BUT IT COULD NEVER END THERE.

As long as women in our community  
desire resources for connection,  
expression and support, Ohr Naava  
will find ways to create them.



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Founded in memory of Naava Katlowitz, ע"ה, a paradigm of growth, humility and elegance. Naava was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend. She was an artistic, introspective and beautiful woman who rose above her challenges with dignity and grace. She took great pride in identifying herself—first and foremost—as a Jewish wife and mother.

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