

HERE WE

BUILD



HERE WE BUILD SUCCESS. HERE WE BELONG.



NOT FAR FROM YOU, THERE'S A BOY WHO'S SEARCHING FOR SUCCESS IN YESHIVA.

For the right friends, the supportive environment, the ability to really learn. Yeshiva Derech Hatorah is where he finds it.

HERE WE TASTE SUCCESS



**HE *LOOKED* LIKE A
YESHIVA BACHUR.
HE JUST DIDN'T *FEEL*
LIKE ONE.**

Yeshiva was confining. Yeshiva was pressure.

Yeshiva was banging his head against a brick wall of *gemara* for hours on end.

**Then he joined Yeshiva Derech Hatorah.
And his definition of yeshiva changed.**



Here, he has friends who get him
and strive together.

Here, he has absorbing *shiurim*,
brimming with challenge and
vibrancy.

Here, he has *rebbeim* who take any
question, who truly believe in him.

**HERE, HE HAS A
PLACE WHERE HE
DOESN'T JUST
LOOK LIKE A
BACHUR, HE *FEELS*
LIKE ONE.**

Yeshiva is connecting. Yeshiva is belonging.
Yeshiva is knowing he scaled the wall, and
made a *siyum* on a *masechta*.



Yeshiva Derech Hatorah is about giving bachurim who want
to learn and grow the opportunity to do so. The yeshiva
environment is positive, enjoyable - it's a place where each
talmid can thrive and succeed.

Rabbi Sholom Rupp
ROSH YESHIVA



HERE WE BALANCE

Too much structure?

They're stifled — no room for flexibility, understanding, individuality.

Too much space?

There's *hefkerus* — no drive for growth, mastery, achievement.



Teenagers have a need for individuality, and the yeshiva understands that. It provides structure, but not so much that they feel like they're being forced to do something or act like someone, so they succeed in genuine growth.

Rabbi Yitzchok Cohen
12TH GRADE REBBI



STRUCTURE & EXPECTATIONS

There's a set daily schedule of *sedarim*, *minyanim*, and recreation. Learning includes *gemara*, *halacha*, and *hashkafa* — with tests to pass and goals to achieve. Technology is limited.



FLEXIBILITY & INDIVIDUALIZATION

Shorter 60-minutes learning segments enable focus without burnout. There are weekly outings, *kumzitzes* and sports which foster close-knit friendships.

AKIVA NADOFF SHARES:

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH TALMID



I became interested in Yeshiva Derech Hatorah when I saw the rebbeim — so carefree, but not irresponsibly. So happy. I wanted a taste of that. In reality, it's an even more motivating environment than I could have imagined."



8:05 AM / PRE-DAVENING SHIUR

"It's nice that the schedule starts a little later than in other places, and we get to start our day in a relaxed way, learning how to make tefillah real."

8:20 AM / SHACHARIS

"Davening grows on you as you get motivated by the environment."



9:10 AM / BREAKFAST

9:50 AM – 10:15 AM / HALACHA SHIUR

"It's cool how the rebbeim always make sure we know the halachos of the yamim tovim as they come up."



10:25 AM – 11:25 AM / SEDER

"No words to describe how geshmak it is — when every guy is involved, motivated and pumping."

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM / SHIUR

"The rebbeim are role models. They help you, gently pushing you, and you start emulating them. You just want to, on your own."



12:45 PM / LUNCH

“Hanging out with my friends, chilling. The guys are awesome; while the rebbeim set the boundaries, we make the vibe, the matzav, turn it into the yeshiva we want it to be.”

2:00 PM / MINCHA

2:10–3:10 PM / BEKIYUS

“Last year, I covered about 20 times as much as I had in any other Torah environment. The feeling of accomplishment is HUGE.”

3:15–5:15PM / SECULAR STUDIES

“We get on the computer and everyone is doing his own thing to graduate with a diploma.”

5:20–7:00 PM / RECREATION

“Vibing, kumzitzing, gym, bowling, shopping trips... Half the fun is doing it with the guys.”

7:00 PM / SUPPER



8:15–9:30 PM / NIGHT SEDER

“After chazarah, the rebbeim sometimes stay until 12 or 1 o’clock in the morning talking to guys. You just say, ‘I need to talk’ and they’re 100% there for you.”

9:30 PM / MAARIV

9:45 PM / POST-MAARIV ACTIVITY

“One of my favorites is Thursday night, retzufah seder. They take the clock off the wall, we hand in our cell phones and then we just learn. It’s awesome to see how time can feel so short! Then we sing together and celebrate a week of learning.”

11:15 PM / GET BACK TO THE DORM

“The masechta program trips are incredible! Nothing like them in any other yeshiva — the sense of accomplishment is beyond. You really recharge and get ready to go back and start again.”

12:00 AM / LIGHTS OUT



Shiurim are amazing because the rebbeim are amazing. Not boring at all. You do sit down and learn, but it's interactive, pumping, enjoyable. You want to be there.

Ashi Goldman, TALMID



We saw it was the right place from the happiness and smile on my son's face, the excitement he would show about his friends and rebbeim, his natural exuberance when he would do well on a bechina or get a kind word from his rebbeim.

Tzvi Ray, PARENT

HERE WE BELONG

AT YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE LEARNING. IT'S ABOUT GENUINELY ENJOYING YIDDISHKEIT.

It's about middos: developing humility, perseverance, learning to stick things out even when they're not coming easy.

It's about understanding: Becoming a *ben Torah*, finally mastering *gemara*, appreciating *mitzvos*, feeling Shabbos, seeing your parents sincerely proud of you.

It's about joy: experiencing success, accomplishment, the happiness of Torah and Yiddishkeit.

Because in an atmosphere of warmth, support and enthusiasm, growth is authentic and inevitable.



A TALMID CAME TO ME AND SAID ‘REBBI, I CAN’T LEARN, I CAN’T LEARN FOR 20 MINUTES STRAIGHT. I JUST CAN’T.’

I asked him, ‘Can you do 2 minutes?’ and when he said he could, I told him, ‘Just do what you can.’ After, he was beaming, ‘Rebbi, I can’t believe it! I just learned for 20 minutes!’

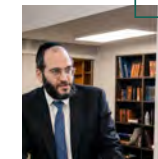
Rabbi Shaya Grossman, NIGHT SEDER REBBI



HERE WE ARE FAMILY

Rabbi Rupp just took me along to a supermarket - spending time with him one on one. You get the feeling that the rebbeim would do anything for you.

Ashi Goldman, STUDENT



HERE WE DEFY LIMITS

I was talking to a parent and at the end of the conversation, he said, ‘Baruch Hashem we’re having this conversation. A year ago, it would have been — can I keep him in yeshiva after 12th grade? Now we’re talking about which one would be a better fit.’

Rabbi Yitzchok Cohen, 12TH GRADE REBBI



HERE WE SHEP NACHAS

For the first time, I saw my son go over to the seforim shelf on Shabbos on his own, because that’s what he wanted to do. It’s a very special thing to see he’s just learning for learning’s sake, and he gets enjoyment and satisfaction from it. We all strive for it at any age, but for a teenager that’s a tremendous step.

A Yeshiva Derech Hatorah parent

MORE THAN A BUILDING. A LEARNING RETREAT.

In answer to our growth, we're investing in a newly-built and renovated campus.

A spacious dormitory. Bright, airy classrooms. A modern dining room and accessorized kitchen. Inviting lounges, a workout room, and a music room. Basketball and sports courts, with fresh landscaping.



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LEARN, LIVE, AND GROW, MORE THAN THEY
DREAMED POSSIBLE.



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YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH RENOVATION CAMPAIGN

GOAL: \$1,000,000
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Demand isn't shrinking, it's growing. Help us open the doors of growth and possibility to more boys.

Partner in our campus renovation fund, and give a *bachur* a fighting chance for growth, mastery and success.

