

OUR FACULTY

RABBI SHALOM PASTERNAK

is an inspiring teacher and mentor known for his passionate command of Chassidic thought. He speaks throughout Israel and abroad in various institutions, seminaries and yeshivas, focusing primarily on distilling complex concepts in Judaism for beginners. Rabbi Pasternak graduated Vassar College with a degree in philosophy, and studied piano with contemporary jazz masters. He pursued his Jewish education in Oregon as well as Hadar HaTorah in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and received his Certificate of Rabbinic Ordination at Kollel Tzemach Tzedek.



RABBI ARIEL GORENSTEIN

is best known for his authoritative command of classical Jewish law. After studying in the famed Kollel of Rechovot, where he gained a stellar reputation as an expert in Jewish law, Rabbi Gorenstein is authorized to render judgment in many areas of Torah. As a spiritual mentor, Rabbi Gorenstein oversees the spiritual well being of our students, as well as others from across the country that come to seek his trusted advice and guidance. Rabbi Gorenstein is a graduate of Boston University. He pursued his Jewish studies in Tiferes Menachem, Sea Gate and in Tzfat, and received his Certificate of Rabbinic Ordination at Kollel Ohr Yaakov of Rechovot.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Tzfat is known for its extraordinary wealth of Torah personalities and inspirational speakers. Home of the Rebbe's first emissaries sent to Israel, Tzfat is considered by many the spiritual headquarters of Chabad in Israel. To say the least, there is no shortage of guest speakers to choose from for special lectures and farbrengens.



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Welcome to Yeshiva Temimei Darech. Discover your heritage in a creative and authentic environment. It's your birthright: Embrace it. Challenge it. Explore it. Plumb the depths of Torah study at your own pace in a program focused on individualized progress, emphasizing the development of skills for independent study.

The Way Inside

Our philosophy, as the name Temimei Darech implies, is that sincerity is valued above all – in our relationship with our selves, with G-d, and with each other. This approach creates a healthy framework that fosters trust and camaraderie. We are all seeking the same kernel of truth, each in his own unique way. With openness and mutual respect, faculty and students embark on the journey together. The environment is serious yet relaxed, and encourages the development of lasting friendships.



Situated in the picturesque city of Tzfat, in the Mountains of northern Israel where Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism were first revealed, YTD offers an unmatched atmosphere. Ancient cobblestone paths, stone houses, sweeping views, clear mountain air, and a colony of artists and musicians, set the perfect creative and tranquil tone for spiritual growth and discovery. Students can literally walk in the steps of our sages throughout history in a place where the spirit of our people is tangible.

Judaism Unbounded

One of the things that makes YTD unique is the opportunity to explore Judaism and spirituality in more creative ways by tapping into the rich resources of Tzfat: Students often join music groups and form bands, learn from and collaborate with local artists, and seek spiritual solace in the vast nature reserves and hiking trails in the valleys below.



The Whole Picture

YTD follows the holistic Chabad approach to Torah study that students find both satisfying and energizing: Classic Talmudic and legal study is integrated with the study of ancient Kabbalah, Chassidic thought, and contemporary mysticism. Students tackle Jewish law with the same vigor with which they embrace spirituality, and apply logical analysis to the study of metaphysics.

Learning Jewish Law must be balanced with its proper spiritual and mystical framework. YTD follows in this revolutionary tradition, providing students with a profound grasp of the secrets of existence. The Rebbe often stressed that the knowledge of Kabbalah and Chassidic thought is a fundamental requirement that addresses the unique challenges of our generation.

At the end of the day, the ultimate goal is to apply the wisdom we gain in order to improve our lives and those of the people around us.

