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# About the Mesivta

At the Mesivta of Houston, it is our goal to empower each Talmid with excellence in Lemudai Kodesh and secular studies in a warm and caring environment. We strive to develop complete Bnei Torah who will have confidence and enthusiasm in learning, refined Midos, and a passion for Yiddishkeit. Individual attention will be provided to all Talmidim, enabling them to maximize their potential, ensuring that each Talmid be armed with the tools necessary for a successful and happy future. It is a tremendous Zechus for the Mesivta, that Harav Elya Brudny shlita has agreed to be the Daas Torah of the Mesivta.



## General Studies

The general studies program will offer a first class, college preparatory curriculum designed and taught by experienced educators.

### Courses will include:

- Mathematics: Algebra, Algebra 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus
  - Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
  - History: World History 1, World History 2, American History, Government
  - English: English Composition, Grammar, Literature, Poetry, Written and Oral Communication
- AP Courses will also be offered.

Classes will be engaging, and the curriculum will emphasize the content mastery and skills development necessary for long-term success. On Sundays we will offer electives such as economics, public speaking, and other valuable courses intended to prepare students for the future.

## Limudai Kodesh Curriculum

Warm, qualified Rebbeim will serve as role models and mentors, as they guide their Talmidim towards mastery of the Limudai Kodesh curriculum. Rabbi Akiva Rotenberg, an experienced Mechanech known for his success with Mesivta-aged bochurim, will be teaching the ninth-grade shiur.

### Limudai Kodesh Curriculum

In-depth Gemara learning, with an emphasis on building core comprehension skills for clarity in Gemara, Rashi and Tosofos, and a focus on providing Talmidim with a foundational derech halimud and an appreciation of Lomdus.

### Mussar

Guidance in character development and derech erez, incorporating various classic sources.

### Chumash

Mastery of Parshas Hashuva and valuable life lessons through the words of Chazal.

### Bekius

The opportunity to finish a mesechta, with a focus on clarity and retention.

### Halacha

Mishna Breuah and other Halachik works, with an emphasis on practical application in Halcha.

### Other Topics

Such as Biur Tefilla, Emunah and Hashkafa will be discussed, dedicated to developing an appreciation and enthusiasm of Yiddishkeit for each Talmid.

## Our Program

The Mesivta will offer a well-rounded program designed to provide a wide array of educational and extracurricular opportunities in varied settings.

### Extracurricular Activities

These activities are designed to provide opportunities to connect outside the Mesivta's formal schedule. These include Friday night Oneg, Kumzitzes, educational and inspiring trips, as well as sports activities to enrich the student experience.

### Night Seder

#### Shabbos

Davening and learning seder in an enjoyable atmosphere.

*Bringing out  
the best in each and  
every bochur!*



Rosh Mesivta

**Rabbi Akiva Rotenberg** originally from Toronto, Canada is a talented individual, known for his warmth, passion, and inspirational energy. He has been the Rosh Kollel of a large, successful night Kollel in Lakewood, NJ for many years, as well as an experienced and much- admired Rebbi for Mesivta-age boys. Additionally, he has gained a reputation as someone who connects with all of his Talmidim, inspiring each one to maximize his potential.

Rabbi Rotenberg is a graduate of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia, and has retained a strong and close relationship with his Roshei Yeshiva; Harav Shmuel and Shalom Kaminetzky shlit" a, along with Harav Yehuda Svei shlit" a. He then studied in Jerusalem's Yeshivas HaGramad and Beth Medrah Gavoha (BMG) of Lakewood, New Jersey. It was in BMG where he received a comprehensive Semicha. Additionally he has written on various Gemara and Halachic topics, which have been published by "Shivti", a branch of BMG, and has accordingly lectured on both Halachik and Gemara topics around the tri- state area.



General Studies Principal

**Rabbi Dovid Lieberman** has been involved in Jewish education for over a decade. He grew up in Brooklyn New York and received Semicha from Yeshiva Chafetz Chaim in Queens. From New York, he moved to Northern California where he served as both a teacher and a Principal at South Peninsula Hebrew Day School.

Rabbi Lieberman received his Masters Degree from Yeshiva University's Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration. He has been awarded certificates in educational leadership from Harvard University, Consortium of Jewish Day Schools, and Prizmah Center for Jewish Day Schools.

Rabbi Lieberman is passionate about his students becoming independent learners and critical thinkers. He is focused on being data driven to ensure that every single student reaches their potential.

*The Houston Mesivta school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.*