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DRISHA INSTITUTE  
FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Programs for High School Girls  
SUMMER AND YEAR-ROUND

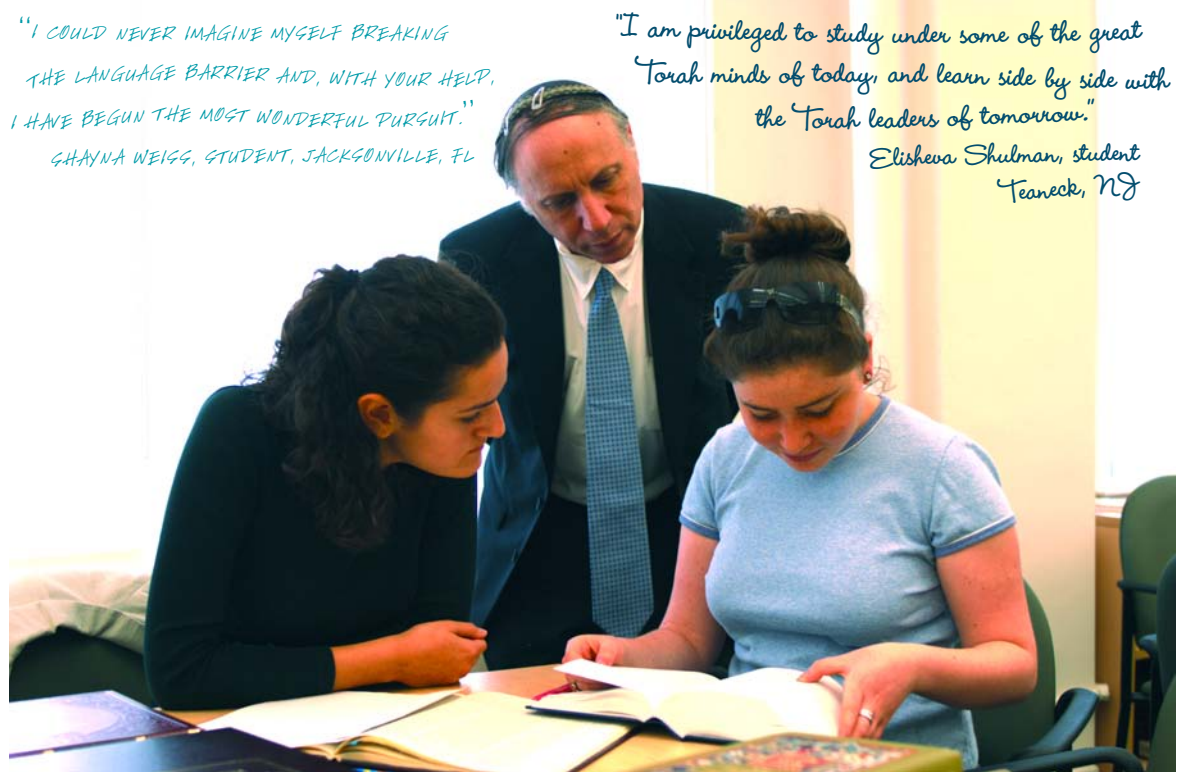
Open Your Mind  
Explore Jewish Texts  
Ask Questions  
Make New Friends  
Experience New York  
Be Yourself

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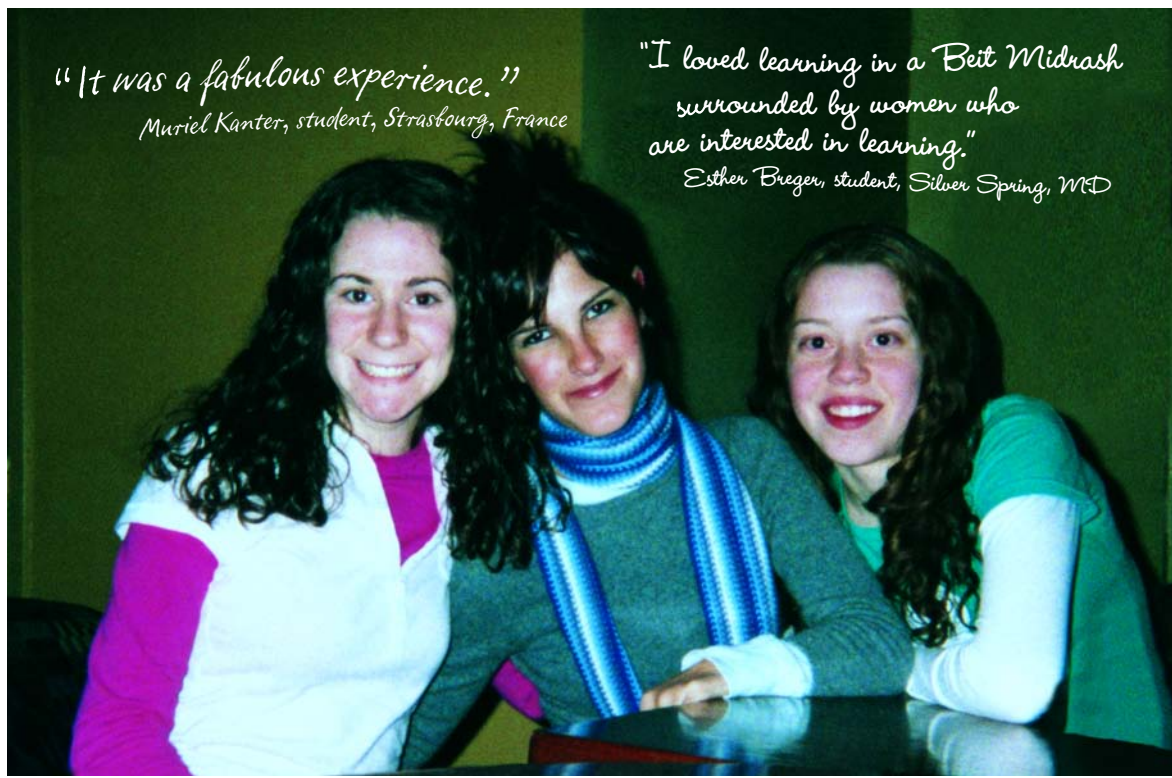
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THE LANGUAGE BARRIER AND, WITH YOUR HELP,  
I HAVE BEGUN THE MOST WONDERFUL PURSUIT."*  
SHANNA WEISS, STUDENT, JACKSONVILLE, FL

*"I am privileged to study under some of the great  
Torah minds of today, and learn side by side with  
the Torah leaders of tomorrow."*  
Elishava Shulman, student  
Teaneck, NJ



*"It was a fabulous experience."*  
Muriel Kanter, student, Strasbourg, France

*"I loved learning in a Beit Midrash  
surrounded by women who  
are interested in learning."*  
Esther Bregor, student, Silver Spring, MD



*"I loved learning how to learn with people who would try and try again."*

Mitzi Steiner, student,  
Los Angeles, CA



## Join high school girls from around the world and study at Drisha

for five weeks during the summer, or for three to four days during the year-round programs.

### Learn for the sake of learning.

Pursue topics in Talmud, Tanakh, Halakha, and Philosophy with other motivated students and dynamic teachers who share your interest and love for learning. No grades or tests.

### Mentors and Role Models.

Students and faculty get to know each other in the classroom and during the extracurricular activities. Many of the teachers studied at Drisha, and now teach at schools in the US and Israel.

### Explore your own questions.

Why would God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? Did Ishmael deserve to be banished? Choose the question that intrigues you, and research it with a faculty advisor.

### Learn with your peers.

Each class has a havruta component, where you study text with a partner. You learn actively and develop your own viewpoints, and then join together for lively class discussions.

### Interpret the text independently.

Students go home amazed at their new skills and confidence in learning Torah on their own.

### Be yourself, and meet different people too.

Form lasting friendships. Students come from different cities and countries, from traditional yeshivot, community schools, and public schools. Everyone feels comfortable in a respectful and engaging environment.

### Experience New York.

Whether you are already a New Yorker, or want to be one for a while, the extracurricular activities are fun... Shakespeare in the Park, fireworks on the FDR Drive, rowing in Central Park, ballet at Lincoln Center, Shabbatonim in nearby communities, and more.

### Give back to the community.

Participate in a range of chesed projects... paint a mural at a city hospital, visit homebound seniors, package and deliver food to the homeless, and other initiatives.

### Live dorm-style.

The furnished dorms are located near Drisha, and madrikhot (counselors) live onsite and guide the daily activities. During the short winter programs, students receive home hospitality. Kashrut and Shabbat are strictly observed.

**Wendy Amsellem**, the **Director of High School Programs**, is happy to talk with you (**212.595.3185** or **wamsellem@drisha.org**).



An alumna of the Drisha Scholars Circle and the Summer High School Program, she has a BA in History and Literature from Harvard University and is pursuing a PhD in Jewish Studies at NYU.

**Apply.** For an application and deadline information, please go to **http://highschool.drisha.org**. Needs-based assistance is available.



*"The first days are get-to-know you days and the rest are make-new-memories days. Drisha is an amazing place."  
Sarah Steinberg, student, Highland Park, NJ*

## Classes

TOPICS VARY EACH YEAR



"You have opened Ayala's eyes to the world of Gemara and Jewish learning not only through teaching but by example."  
*Ted Fram, father of student Ayala Fram, Be'er Sheva, Israel*

"Drisha can change your life...and more."  
*Marian Frankston, mother of students Julia and Arielle Frankston-Morris, Harrisburg, PA*

### Talmud

#### A Study of Pesachim

The rituals of the Passover Seder and other festive meals are meant to jolt us into asking questions. We will do precisely that, focusing on seder rituals as well as on concepts such as Kiddush, Havdala and Kos Shel Bracha.

### Bible

#### A Golden Opportunity: Aaron and the Golden Calf

As the people clamor for Aaron to make them a god, he faces the dilemma of a lifetime. We will look at his many options and how his actions are judged by later midrashim.

### Prophets

#### David and Avshalom

David is torn by conflicting emotions as he flees from his rebellious son, Avshalom. We will investigate how he weighs his need for self-preservation and his love for his son.

### Jewish Law

#### When Law Conflicts with Life

What if observing a certain halakha could put you in danger, or stop you from saving a life? We will study the implications of this principle through analysis of Gemara, commentators, halakic codes and responsa.

### Philosophy

#### Approaches to Prayer

An exploration of the approach of Jewish scholars and philosophers to the possibilities and nature of prayer, with special attention to the works of Maimonides, Rav Soloveitchik and Rav Kook.

### Ethics

#### Human Cloning: Ethical and Religious Dilemmas

Why does cloning engender such emotional reactions? We will survey rabbinic/Jewish responses in the US and Israel and discuss these in the context of general ethical considerations.

## Summer Activities

VARY EACH YEAR



Winter activities include ice skating, ballet at Lincoln Center, and walking tours.

## Drisha Institute for Jewish Education

A forum for developing and empowering the next generation of Jewish scholars and educators, Drisha Institute was founded in 1979 by Rabbi David Silber as the world's first center for women's advanced study of classical Jewish texts.

Today, Drisha offers a wide variety of educational initiatives for every life stage: Bat-Mitzvah study for mothers and daughters; learning and activities for high school girls, premarital classes for couples, multi-year certificate program for scholars; summer institutes for adults; continuing education classes and community lectures; and participatory prayer services that have been a catalyst and model.

Thousands of people participate in Drisha programs annually, reflected in the informed voice and active leadership of Drisha alumni who serve as scholars, educators, and role models in every sphere. They address issues at public forums, teach and develop school curriculum, and shape community initiatives that foster spiritual growth and knowledge.



"We facilitate the age-old encounter between reader and text, giving students the tools—and then watch them thrive."  
*Miriam Udel-Lambert, Drisha Faculty*

"Within a week, my beginner Gemara students started to think like the Gemara, act out and write Gemaras, and reach a whole new level of understanding."  
*Channa Locksbin Bob, Drisha Faculty and Gemara Teacher at Maayanot High School*

"Drisha is an important institution that fits into our mission as a school. My students describe the teachers as 'awesome' and are very enthusiastic about their experience."  
*Lee Buckman, Head of School, Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit*

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