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BEIT MEDRASH GOVOHA FOR
MEDICAL HALACHA

A Groundbreaking Makom Torah for Medical Students in Israel

Affiliated with the Technion American Medical School (TeAMS)



TECHNION
Israel Institute
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The Ruth and Bruce Rappaport
Faculty of Medicine





Producing Leaders in Medicine with Semicha in Medical Halacha

In today's rapidly evolving world, the Jewish doctor has the dual responsibility to be professionally skilled while also becoming a learned talmid chacham capable of tackling the complex issues in medical ethics and halacha that he will undoubtedly face.

In the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha, these responsibilities become an actualized reality.

The Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha is the first Beit Medrash of its kind anywhere in the world - affiliated with an accredited medical school and fully dedicated to analyzing the interface between medicine and halacha.

Based near the Technion's Bat Galim campus in Haifa and affiliated with the Technion's American Medical School (TeAMS), The Beit Medrash Govoha is run under the leadership of HaRav Asher Weiss shlit"a, one of our generation's leading Poskim and experts in medical halacha.

The Beit Medrash Govoha is a unique environment

for B'nei Torah enrolled in TeAMS, allowing them to maintain the highest standards in their learning and in their ongoing medical education and training.

A unique medical school course schedule allows students in the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha to pursue their medical degree from the Technion's Medical School while also learning for semicha certification in the field of Medical Halacha.

Our students develop into expert physicians and talmidei chachamim with a broad understanding of how to confront today's evolving challenges in medical ethics, technology and medical halacha.



HaGaon Rav Asher Weiss

שליט"א

Nasi, Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha

Rav Asher Weiss shlit"א is among the most renowned and respected halachic authorities of our time. A true Gadol BiYisrael and a leading Posek for the world-wide Jewish community, his unique blend of extraordinary Torah knowledge and profound insight brings thousands to hear his shiurim and seek his counsel.

Rav Weiss is a prolific author and has written tens of volumes of his "Minchas Asher" on Chumash, Shas, halachic responsa and beyond.

In addition, Rav Weiss is a Rosh Kollel, Av Beit Din and also serves as the posek for Shaarei Zedek hospital, responsible to answer questions that require a blend of Torah erudition, background in medical knowledge, and sensitivity to the issues involved. Rav Weiss has a deep understanding of today's latest medical technologies and their halachic ramifications and routinely fields weighty questions in medical halacha from all corners of the Jewish world.

Rav Weiss is the Nasi of the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha.



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Our generation needs doctors of the highest professional caliber who are also thoroughly steeped in halacha and medical ethics. I give my heartfelt blessing to this new Beis Medrash Govoha L'Halacha V'Refuah. I am confident that this Beis Medrash will produce these skilled physicians who are talmidei chachamim, achieving the highest levels of professional competency and equipped to deal with the complex medical halachic questions of our day. I wish Rabbi Sprung, his colleagues and all of the talmidim bracha v'hatzlacha in this most important endeavor.

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- Rav Asher Weiss

World-Class Medical School Education

The Technion Ruth and Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine American Medical School (TeAMS) offers a unique opportunity for members of the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha to study an American-style medical school curriculum in English with Israel's most prestigious faculty of medicine.

TeAMS trains outstanding physicians with the knowledge, skills, research education and practical clinical experience needed to excel in their careers.

FIRST AND SECOND YEARS

Theoretical classroom study

THIRD YEAR

Clinical experience in addition to their regular classroom-based studies. Integrated into the curriculum are USMLE preparatory courses

FOURTH YEAR

Students begin clinical rotations at Rambam Hospital and other Technion-affiliated hospitals and outpatient clinics

FIFTH YEAR

Students can choose to take elective rotations at partnering hospitals in the US

In addition to the regular curriculum, students take special preparatory courses for their USMLE step exams

TeAMS takes pride in preparing students for an exceptional medical career while exposing them to the cutting edge medical research and biotech advancements. TeAMS prepares students for independent, critical and creative thinking in an environment that supports promising research, encourages innovation and celebrates excellence.

TeAMS has opened a dedicated track in the medical school program to encourage participation in the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha. Members of the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha complete the 4-year course study over a 5-year period. The medical school courses and tuition for the usual first year of medical school are spread over two years allowing students in the Beit Medrash Govoha to dedicate half of their day to intensive Torah study during this period.

KEY BENEFITS OF TeAMS

- ▶ Small class sizes
- ▶ One-on-one mentoring and an intimate learning environment
- ▶ US-trained academic liaison for each student
- ▶ Top residency placements in the US and Canada
- ▶ Strong, close-knit alumni network
- ▶ Cutting-edge biotech and biomedical research
- ▶ World-renowned academic institution

ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Eligible applicants to TeAMS require a bachelor's degree from an accredited US or Canadian university
- ▶ Successfully pass the MCAT
- ▶ Complete pre-med requirements as detailed on TeAMS website - <https://teams.technion.ac.il/>
- ▶ Eligible applicants to the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha are male, pre-med college graduates who are serious about pursuing a career in medicine and growing as talmidei chachamim





World-Class Talmud Torah

Our Beit Medrash is actively involved in some of the most comprehensive research and study of medical halacha and medical ethics in the world today. During the first two years of their medical school studies, our students spend the afternoon and evening in the Beit Medrash. During the third year of medical school, members of the Beit Medrash Govoha continue with the evening seder.

The focus of the afternoon seder is on limud halacha b'iyun – in-depth analysis of fundamental principles in medical halacha. The focus during evening seder is on issues in medical ethics, hashkafa and hands-on research of emerging medical technologies and the halachic questions they introduce.

The time spent in the Beit Medrash is structured towards a unique semicha that the students earn in Halacha V'Refuah.

The learning in our Beit Medrash is not simply an academic or theoretical exercise. Our rich, stimulating and technologically advanced environment creates an atmosphere of “Torat Chaim” – Torah that is alive, actual and tangible. Our students work on real-life questions that they encounter throughout their medical school experience, publish articles in the leading Torah journals and benefit from ongoing exposure to world-renowned experts in all areas of halacha and medicine.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM LEARNED B'YUN:

- ▶ Pikuach Nefesh and the obligation to save lives
- ▶ Medical care on Shabbat
- ▶ Operating a hospital in accordance with Halacha
- ▶ Organ donation and transplant
- ▶ Medical and Halachic principles of Brit Milah
- ▶ Parenthood in Halacha
- ▶ End of life in Halacha

SAMPLE EVENING SEDER CURRICULUM:

- ▶ Authority and responsibility of the doctor in Halacha
- ▶ Halachic standing of the patient
- ▶ Medical training in Halacha
- ▶ Medical malpractice in Halacha
- ▶ Genetics in Halacha
- ▶ Medicine in Jewish thought
- ▶ Emerging artificial intelligence technologies and their halachic implications



Our Leadership Team

Rabbi Yossi Sprung

*Rosh Beit Medrash Govoha
for Medical Halacha*



Rabbi Yossi Sprung grew up in Yerushalayim and attended Yeshivas Brisk. He received smicha from HaGaon HaRav Asher Weiss shlit"a as part of the Beit Medrash

for Leadership Training Minchas Asher, as well as from other gedolim in Eretz Yisrael. From 2001 to 2003, he served as Rosh Kollel in the community Kollel in San Antonio Texas, lecturing extensively on topics in Medical Halacha and Medical Ethics. Upon returning to Israel, Rabbi Sprung was a faculty member in Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalayim – a yeshiva for post-high school American students. Since 2004, Rabbi Sprung has served as the senior halachic assistant and Rosh Kollel for his Rebbe Muvhak, HaRav Asher Weiss shlit"a. In this capacity, Rav Yossi has dealt with many complex halachic questions relating to medicine and medical ethics and has organized medical halacha conferences all over the world. Rabbi Sprung is also the founder and Dean of the Institute for Halachic Implications of Emerging Technologies.

Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Wilbur

*Executive Director, Beit Medrash
Govoha for Medical Halacha*



Following graduation from medical school in 2006, Tzvi completed a Pediatric Residency Program in Maimonides Medical Center in New York and spent one year in Cohen Children's Medi-

cal Center as a Fellow in Clinical Pediatric Hematology Oncology. Following training, Tzvi worked as a General Pediatrician in New York while also completing his semicha at YU RIETS. Tzvi and his family currently reside in Jerusalem. In addition to his current responsibilities as a physician, Tzvi is a trained mohel and sofer and a volunteer for Zaka search and rescue in

the Jerusalem region. Tzvi has a great interest in promoting Jewish Medical Ethics and has been the coordinator of the Jewish Medical Ethics Elective in Sackler School of Medicine American Program since 2017 and Director of the Horizon Track in Jewish Medical Ethics in Technion American Medical School Program.

Professor Andrew P. Levy **MD PHD FACC**

Director, TeAMS



Professor Levy received his BA summa cum laude from Yale University majoring in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry. He received a combined MD and PHD at Johns Hopkins Medical

School working for his PhD with Nobel laureate Daniel Nathans. He completed an internship and residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Internal Medicine and then a fellowship in Cardiology at Harvard Medical School. After his fellowship and a short tenure in the US, he made Aliya with his wife Nina and 4 children to the Technion where he set up a laboratory investigating mechanisms underlying atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. At the Technion he has authored over 150 research papers, received over \$30 million in grant support, and has generated 25 patents. He is now a full tenured professor at the Technion. He assumed directorship of the Technion American Medical Program in 2010. He now lives in Kiryat Shmuel with his wife Nina, children and grandchildren where he is an active member of the community.

Dr. Robert Lubin

Managing Director, TeAMS



With over 20 years of experience in teaching, clinical work and management experience, Dr. Robert Lubin is the Managing Director of the Technion American Medical School.

Graduating with degrees from New York, he moved to Israel with his family. He is also the head of the Technion-International Medical Student Exchange Program and in-house psychologist. Dr. Lubin has authored several articles on the career development process. He has provided educational guidance on learning issues, mental health, family and couples counseling. Additionally, he has participated in or authored academic research articles on the medical school learning environment, stress management and cultural understanding. He is an active volunteer with olim providing psychological counseling and career guidance through several Aliyah organizations.

Professor Tzvi Dwolatzky *Clinical Program Director, TeAMS*



Tzvi Dwolatzky is the Director of Geriatrics at the Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa, Israel and is Associate Clinical Professor of Geriatrics at the Technion Medical School. He graduated from the Uni-

versity of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa and has since devoted his professional career to the field of Geriatrics and to the care of older people. He is the chairman of the Israel Geriatrics Society, heads the Academic Geriatric Committee of the Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, is the Clinical Program Director at TeAMS, is a member of the steering committee of the Israel National Dementia Strategy, a member of the National Geriatric Council of Israel and represents Israel on the Board of the European Geriatric Medical Society. His research and clinical interests focus predominantly on the use of technology for the diagnosis and treatment of age-associated cognitive impairment and dementia, healthy aging and centenarians, frailty and integrated health care for the elderly. He is the Editor of the Geriatric Section of the Frontiers in Medicine Journal, has published widely and presented his research at international scientific conferences. He is active in promoting medical education and has received multiple awards for teaching.



Beyond the Walls of the Beit Medrash and Medical School

Outside of the Beit Medrash and medical school, our students have the incredible privilege of spending these years living in Israel. But while this is certainly an exciting aspect of enrolling in TeAMS and in the Beit Medrash Govoha for Medical Halacha, we understand clearly that living away from “home” requires some adjustment and additional support.

It is our highest priority to ensure that our students feel truly settled while in Israel – in medical school, in the Beit Medrash, and during the time spent outside of it. We feel strongly that our students can achieve their highest levels of success when they feel that they have a “home away from home”.

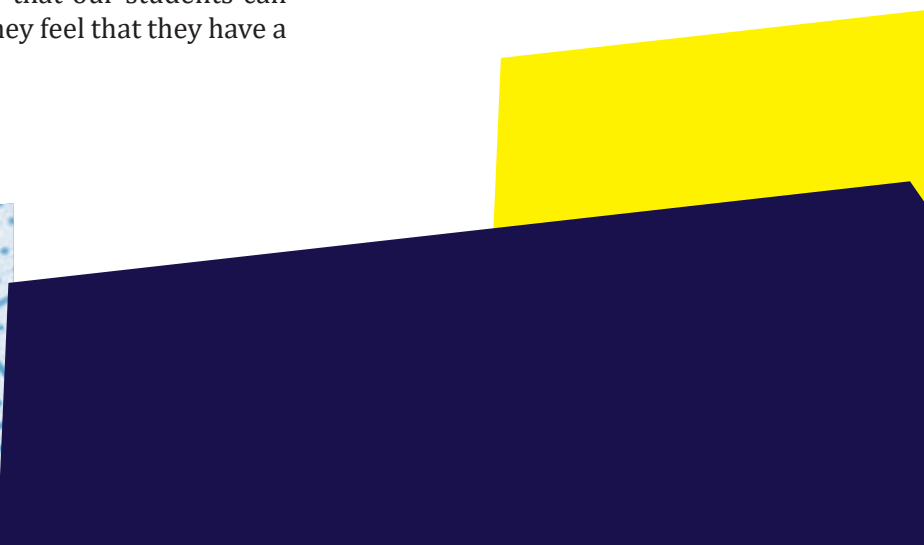
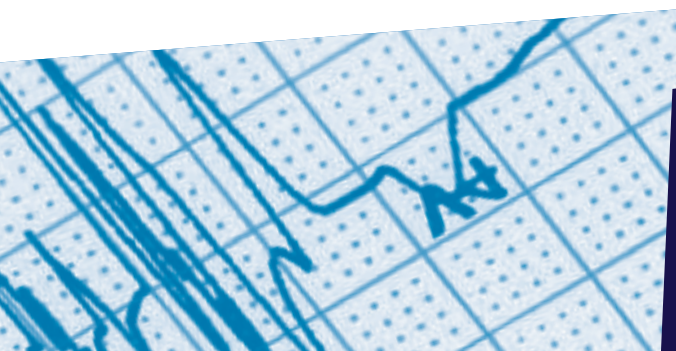
YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Assistance finding apartment rentals near campus

Dorm options available near campus for singles

Helping with schooling for kids and other family/community-related logistics

Regular shabbatonim in Yerushalayim and throughout the country



**Our generation needs
more than ordinary doctors.**

**We need *extraordinary leaders* in all areas of
medicine and medical halacha.**

***Join the Beit Medrash Govoha
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