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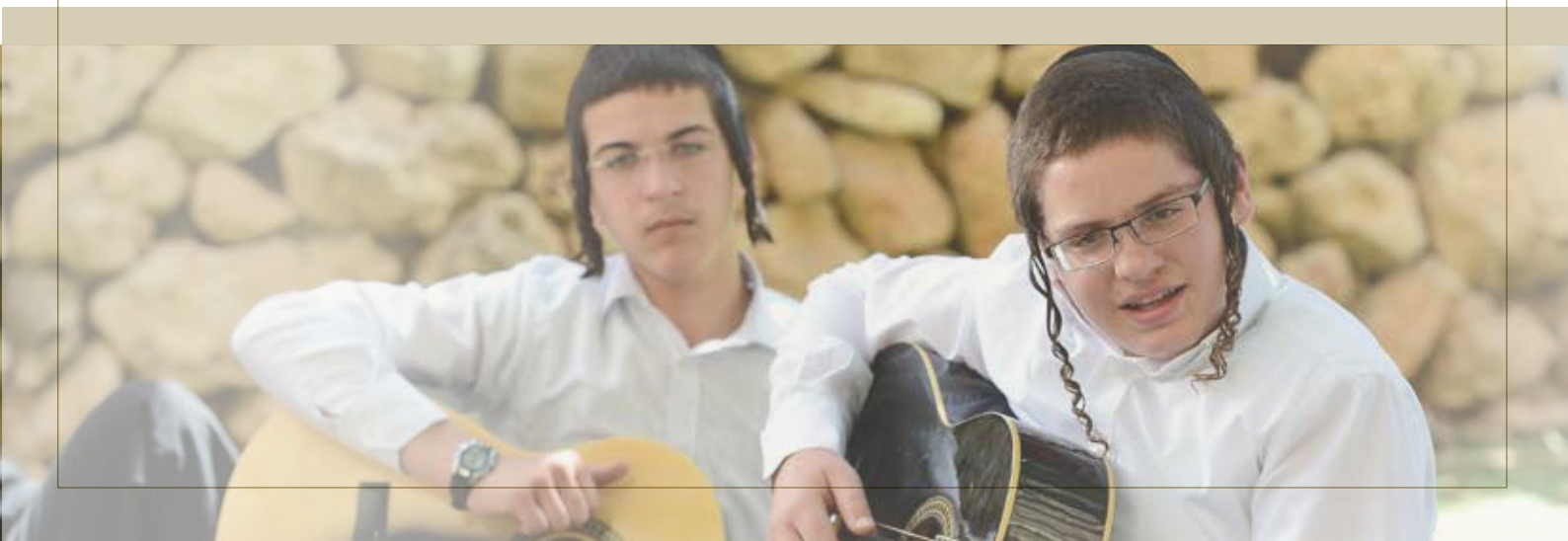
Think Forward - Build Tomorrow's Generation

Why Torah Academy?

Torah Academy is a new and exciting educational model that affords children from mainstream Hassidic homes the opportunity to remain rooted in Torah study and values while preparing for an adult life with a professional path that can support a family. It is the first high school in Israel to offer an integrated program for the Hassidic community, geared to boys in the mainstream system that wish to combine traditional study with an educational base that paves the way for professional advancement.

Haredi Integration

There are a number of schools that have been opened for Haredi children in recent years, but none are aimed at the Hassidic community. All of these programs are groundbreaking in that they introduce general studies into the Haredi (ultra orthodox) educational system and offer national matriculation which is a prerequisite to University or college acceptance.



Preventing poverty in 2020 and beyond

Many Hassidic families are struggling to make ends meet. If we do nothing, the next generation will suffer from poverty and its associated issues of depression and poor mental and physical health.

Torah Academy offers an empowering solution for the next generation through knowledge and education. Graduates will be ready for a higher education and will have better career opportunities than their parents' generation.

Torah Academy opened its doors in 2014. Our students are motivated and proud to be part of this new venture.





Haredi Education Explained

Talmud Torah – 6 yrs - 14 yrs

Yeshiva Ketana – 14 yrs - 17 yrs

Yeshiva Gedola – 17 yrs - marriage

Kollel – provides a modest stipend for married men learning full time.

Understanding the cultural background

Hassidic boys in Israel are not taught general studies as part of their formal curriculum. They only study Torah and Talmud. Girls typically marry upon high school graduation and find jobs while raising their children. The boys study in Yeshivas from 9th grade until they reach their 40s, often with many children to support and can no longer manage on a meager Yeshiva stipend or the part time wages their wives earn. At this stage of life, they require a substantial salary in order to support their large family. Yet they have little to no work experience or exposure to people outside their own community and few technology skills to entice prospective employers. Unless such a person has a family business that is willing to train him, he is fated to live in poverty.

The growing levels of poverty in the entire community have become a concern of national proportion. The traditional model of full time study for everyone until their 40s is no longer sustainable.

Healthy social balance

The Haredi community has grown to comprise 12% of the Israeli population, creating substantial implications for Israel's economy. To improve the social balance in Israel, the integration of Haredim into the workforce has become a national priority with the aim of alleviating poverty and generating income.

Crisis prevention

In recent years, many government and public sector initiatives have been launched to help Haredi men and women gain the training necessary to support their families with dignity. Special programs have mushroomed in the business sector, and on college campuses. Study programs help Haredim fill their 12-year educational gap and compete with fellow students. Preparing adults to become educated without high school matriculation is a difficult, lengthy, expensive and complex process.



Transition to professional life

The time has come to provide solutions for the Hassidic community at the secondary school level. Torah Academy provides an education that integrates Talmud study for the well-adjusted, mainstream Hassidic boy with general studies, national matriculation and the acquisition of practical life skills.

Forward thinking to strengthen the community

Headmaster Rabbi Menachem Bombach is an educational visionary. He established Torah Academy as the first Hassidic high school in Israel. Torah Academy is an unprecedented opportunity for Hassidic boys to remain loyal to their own community, while taking general studies to gain a broad-based education. As open-minded teens, students will be better prepared for higher education and a professional life. Students will be raised with respect for others and taught life skills that will strengthen their sense of individual awareness and self reliance.

Torah Academy students will graduate with full matriculation and be prepared for higher education.



About the founder

Rabbi Menachem Bombach was born and raised in the Mea Shearim neighborhood of Jerusalem. Following a summer job as a counsellor working with troubled youth in Northern Israel, Rabbi Bomach set out on an educational journey. He seeks to improve the socioeconomic status of Haredi society in general and the Hassidic community in particular. He is directing the next generation toward professionalism and dignity, with a strong sense of purpose and spirit.

A graduate of the Mandel Center for Leadership, Rabbi Bombach remains an active Mandel Fellow. He successfully founded a preparatory program for Haredi students at Hebrew University of Jerusalem that integrates the new students through a year of course work, and twinning with a non- Haredi student who acts as a helpful ‘buddy’ for the Haredi student throughout his degree program. This program has prevented many Haredi students from dropping out when they hit obstacles at various junctures in their academic experience and provided the impetus for founding the Torah Academy.

Rabbi Bombach brings with him 10 years of valuable experience as a successful high school principal who has a proven track record in motivating students to acquire life skills, study well and to succeed in their matriculation exams.

A typical school day includes the following subjects:

Computers	Lifeskills
English	Math
History	Physical education
Gemara	Tanach
Language arts	





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and grow Israeli society into the future.

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