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MESIVTA

OF LAS VEGAS

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What is a Mesivta?

The term Mesivta was first used to describe a Yeshiva of higher learning in Talmudic times, when it referred to the great Torah academy of Sura. Until today, Mesivtas continue to operate around the world, studying the same timeless lessons of the Talmud and how they affect our daily lives. The Mesivta of Las Vegas is proud to join their ranks and provide the highest standard in both Jewish and general education to the Las Vegas Jewish community.

The Mesivta is an affiliate of Rabbinical Seminary of America Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim. RSA has many affiliate Yeshiva high schools throughout the United States and Canada. Chofetz Chaim-affiliated Mesivtas have been successful in combining strong Judaic studies, with an emphasis on analytical thinking and character development, together with a rigorous general studies program. The Mesivta of Las Vegas has followed this model by having created a Yeshiva High School to meet the needs of the Las Vegas Jewish community.



Mesivta of Las Vegas

Equipping young men for a life of Torah and professional success

At the Mesivta, we strive to show our students the beauty of our heritage and support each one in his quest for personal development.

Through our comprehensive Torah and college-preparatory general studies program, our goal is to graduate educated young men who are inspired and committed to lead a Torah-true life.

Mesivta of Las Vegas is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges



Torah Studies

למודי קודש

Through the Mesivta's Torah studies curriculum, students will accumulate a broad knowledge of Torah concepts. The courses are structured to enable students to develop textual and analytical skills, which will equip them for independent in-depth study. Emphasis is also placed on appreciating the Torah's insight into all aspects of life.









GEMARA - IYUN: TALMUD IN-DEPTH

In the Gemara Iyun shiur, the Rebbi will engage the students in actively exploring the Gemara's reasoning, focusing on the commentaries of Rashi and the Tosafos. Together, the Rebbi and students will carefully and methodically analyze the give-and-take of the Gemara. Through this interactive process, the Rebbi will guide the students in developing robust textual and analytical skill sets, which will ultimately enable them to experience the fulfillment of independent in-depth Gemara study.

GEMARA - BEKIUS: FASTER-PACED TALMUD

The Gemara Bekius shiur covers a larger amount of Gemara, serving to expand the students' knowledge of Gemara concepts and familiarize them with key Gemara vocabulary, syntax, and patterns of reasoning.

CHUMASH

The Rebbi and students will carefully study the Chumash together with Rashi, Ramban, and other classic commentaries and arrive at a deeper understanding of the Chumash. Students will glean insights into the Torah's outlook on life, human nature, and man's relationship with Hashem.

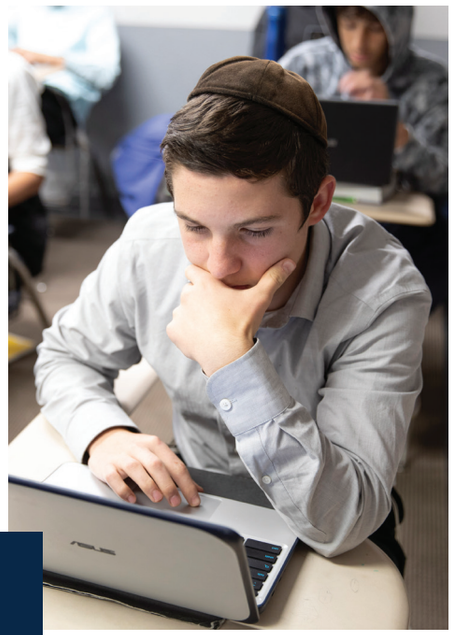
HALACHA: JEWISH LAW

Students will learn various topics of halacha pertaining to daily living, including Tefillah, Brachos, and Shabbos. They will examine the principles underlying the halachos and study their practical application.

MUSSAR: JEWISH ETHICS

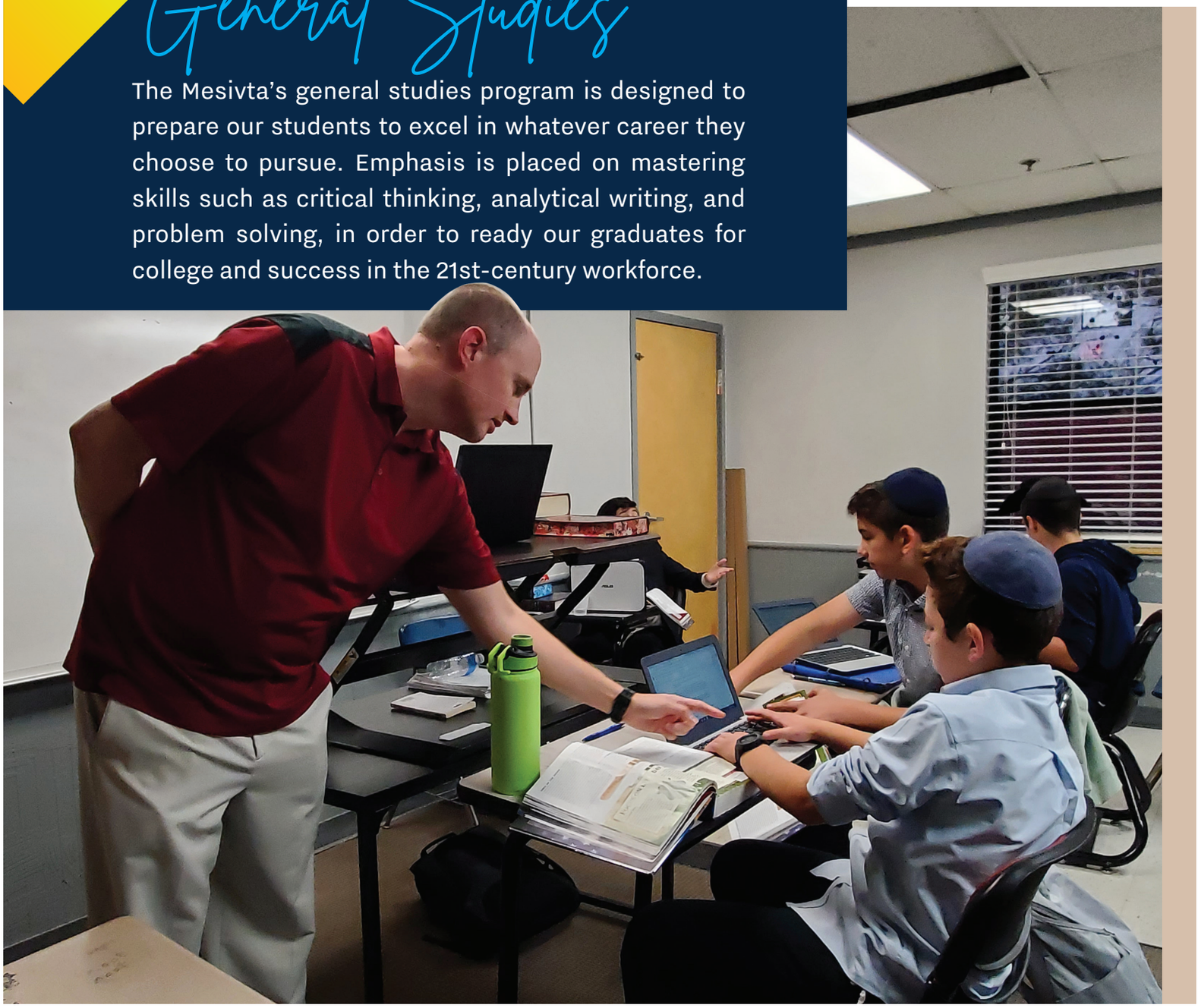
Rebbeim will emphasize the importance of character development, as well as the relevance and application of the Torah's perspective to life in the 21st century. Through informal discussions throughout the week, as well as the Mussar Shmuess on Friday, the Rebbeim will expose the students to the importance and value of personal growth, self-awareness, and self-actualization, and give practical, down-to-earth guidance on how to implement these ideals in their own lives.





General Studies

The Mesivta's general studies program is designed to prepare our students to excel in whatever career they choose to pursue. Emphasis is placed on mastering skills such as critical thinking, analytical writing, and problem solving, in order to ready our graduates for college and success in the 21st-century workforce.







SCIENCE

Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Physics, Psychology

Students will develop their understanding of the sciences and become proficient in developing and using models, analyzing and interpreting data, and constructing explanations of scientific phenomena. They will learn about the interdependence of science, engineering, and technology and their influence on society and the natural world. Emphasis is also placed on analyzing major global challenges and designing, evaluating, and refining solutions.

MATH

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math, Statistics

Students will develop mathematical understanding and learn to justify the reasoning and derivation of mathematical statements and rules. They will analyze problems and identify entry points to their solutions; represent the problem symbolically; construct viable arguments and justify their conclusions; and apply the mathematics they know to solving problems in everyday life, society, and the workplace.

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History, US History, US Government, AP World History

Knowledge of one's past and a sense of one's place is fundamental to the development of responsible citizenship. Students will investigate events, issues, and personalities from multiple perspectives and evaluate information and ideas to develop informed opinions and creative solutions. They will understand how history connects to current world issues and be empowered to actively participate in civic and community life.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Creative writing, Journalism, Rhetoric, Composition, Poetry, Comparative Literature, Contemporary Literature, Play/Script Writing

Through reading works ranging across genres, cultures, and centuries, students will develop the capacity to evaluate intricate arguments and synthesize complex information. They will determine central ideas and themes and make logical inferences; examine how the author's point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of the text; and assess the credibility and accuracy of each source. In turn, they will produce their own clear and coherent writing, asserting and defending claims using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.



Bais Medrash

The Bais Medrash is a 3-year post-high school Yeshiva program. Students spend their day immersed in advanced Torah study from early in the morning until late at night. The Rebbeim deliver daily lectures and are available during independent study periods to help guide the students in their learning. The Bais Medrash program emphasizes character refinement through a daily Mussar study session and two weekly Mussar discourses, and the Rebbeim are available to provide personal guidance, as well.

The presence of the Bais Medrash on the same campus as the high school affords the younger students daily opportunities to interact with and observe the Bais Medrash students. The Bais Medrash students serve as mentors and role models for the younger students. Bais Medrash students pair with high school students on a weekly basis for one-on-one study.

The Bais Medrash students contribute to the vibrancy of the local community. Each week, the students visit one of the shuls in Las Vegas and “set up shop.” They either study with community members, or they engage in their regular study regimen in this community setting. Additionally, students will often share Shabbos meals with members of the community. This allows for exposure, so local younger children can see these accomplished young men up close and aspire to be like them.



Meet Our Staff



RABBI NOAM ABRAMCHIK
ROSH YESHIVA

Rabbi Abramchik joined the Mesivta in 2019. He brings with him a wealth of experience, having founded the Pacific Torah Institute in Vancouver in 2003. Under Rabbi Abramchik's leadership, P.T.I. flourished, becoming a vibrant institution that dramatically changed the Torah landscape in the Pacific Northwest. As well, P.T.I. has graduated hundreds of students over the years, and has alumni across North America.

In addition to receiving Ordination from the Rabbinical Seminary of America, Rabbi Abramchik holds a degree in Business Management from Touro College. His experience, as well as his personable and friendly demeanor make him a terrific member of the leadership team at the Mesivta.

As director of the fundraising department, Rabbi Abramchik is responsible for the Mesivta's advancement and sustainability. He is also a warm and dedicated teacher, and guides students in the High School and Bais Medrash divisions, in both formal and informal settings.



RABBI BORUCH FEINSTEIN
ROSH YESHIVA

Rabbi Feinstein received his Semicha (Rabbinic ordination) from Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim/Rabbinical Seminary of America, where he studied for 13 years. During his time in the Yeshiva, he developed and directed courses of study in several areas of Halacha (Jewish law). Rabbi Feinstein also mentored college- and graduate-level students in advanced Talmud courses.

Prior to moving to Las Vegas, Rabbi Feinstein taught courses at the Mesivta Chofetz Chaim High School in Flushing, NY. He is a graduate of the National Torah Initiative's Teacher Training Program.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Rabbi Feinstein teaches an advanced Gemara Shiur in the Bais Medrash division. He enjoys helping his students step by step to break down and understand even the most complicated passage of Gemara.

He believes that through challenging students while offering them individual support and encouragement, a teacher can help them achieve far more than they would have thought possible.



RABBI AARON KAMIN
ROSH YESHIVA

Rabbi Kamin joined the Mesivta in 2019 after serving as one of the deans at Pacific Torah Institute in Vancouver for fourteen years. Prior to P.T.I., Rabbi Kamin was dean at the Mesivta of Roslyn, in Long Island, New York.

Having received Ordination from the Rabbinical Seminary of America, Rabbi Kamin developed a reputation as a highly regarded Talmid Chacham/ Scholar, well versed and knowledgeable in all areas of Torah. His expertise in many areas is sought after, by students, peers, and community members.

In addition to delivering multiple shiurim to the Bais Medrash level students, Rabbi Kamin oversees the entire Bais Medrash program, ensuring that each student, respectively, is receiving the necessary guidance for optimal spiritual growth. Rabbi Kamin is known as a pedagogue par excellence, who can articulate Talmudic concepts in a clear and precise manner. Highly approachable, students know they can turn to Rabbi Kamin for advice on just about anything.



RABBI SHOLOM RICHMOND
ROSH YESHIVA

Rabbi Richmond received his Rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim/Rabbinical Seminary of America after 13 years of intensive Torah study. He is also a graduate of teacher training courses conducted by Rabbi Elimelech Gottlieb and Priority One. In October 2010, Rabbi Richmond became a certified mohel upon graduation from the London School of Circumcision.

Prior to moving to Las Vegas, Rabbi Richmond was a popular Rebbi in New York, most recently in Yeshiva Zichron Paltiel and Yeshiva Tiferes Yisroel. He also ran a successful Kiruv program for teenage boys in Queens for close to a decade.

As principal of the High School Division, Rabbi Richmond is known for his dynamic and engaging personality. He is a caring and beloved Rebbi who intuitively understands his students and forms meaningful and lasting relationships with them. He consistently earns the trust and respect of his students and the confidence of their parents.

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RABBI MENACHEM MOSCOVITZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Originally from New York, Rabbi Moscovitz comes to Mesivta of Las Vegas with a broad range of experience and expertise. Rabbi Moscovitz graduated from the Rabbinical Seminary of America, capping many years of intense study in the areas of Talmudic Theory, Jewish law, and Jewish ethics. He also received a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Trident University.

Rabbi Moscovitz has served in several educational and administrative capacities. Most recently, he worked with the Las Vegas Kollel, teaching Adult Education classes and engaging individuals in one-on-one study sessions. He was also tasked with creating and implementing various social programs under the auspices of the Kollel. Prior to moving to Las Vegas, Rabbi Moscovitz served as the 5th grade rebbi/Judaics instructor at Yeshiva Derech HaTorah in New York, where he demonstrated his expertise at introducing Talmudic study to his young students. He has also served as Managing Director for the Long Island Torah Network, a New York-based Outreach and Education Center for Adults. His responsibilities there included supervising the day-to-day operations of the institution, ensuring a smooth running and effective organization.

Currently, Rabbi Moscovitz teaches Chumash (Bible) and Talmud at the Mesivta. He enjoys applying the timeless lessons from the lives of our forefathers to our world today. He also enjoys helping the students comprehend the methodology and structure of Talmud and enabling them to begin to study it on their own. Rabbi Moscovitz also serves as Executive Director, where he focuses on community relations and development, helping to ensure a stable, sustainable school.



RABBI YOSSEF ALCABES
REBBI

Rabbi Alcabes was born and raised in Queens, New York. He was ordained as a rabbi by the Rabbinical Seminary of America. He also is a graduate of the Merkaz Teachers Institute as well as the Gott Learning Teachers Program.

Prior to relocating to Las Vegas, Rabbi Alcabes taught the seventh grade at Yeshiva Tiferes Moshe in New York.He also served as Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Mekor Habracha. Currently, in addition to teaching various Chumash and Halacha classes at the Mesivta, Rabbi Alcabes is a beloved Judaics teacher at Yeshiva Day School of Las Vegas.

Rabbi Alcabes' main goal during his classes is to demonstrate how Torah is practical and relevant to his students.



RABBI ARON FROMOWITZ
REBBI

Rabbi Fromowitz hails from a family of educators- teaching is part of his very essence! After receiving Rabbinic ordination from the Rabbinical Seminary of America, Rabbi Fromowitz taught 10th grade for many years in Yeshiva Zichron Paltiel in Staten Island, New York. He also taught in their Bais Medrash division, guiding and mentoring the older students in their self study program. Rabbi Fromowitz also served as a campus rabbi and Director of Education for Exhibit J- a Staten Island based Jewish Outreach organization. In addition to teaching at Mesivta, Rabbi Fromowitz runs Camp Maarava, a summer program catering to high school aged Yeshiva boys. He brings lots of passion and enthusiasm to the classroom and prides himself on the close bonds he develops with his students.



RABBI MOSHE MORGENSTERN
REBBI

Rabbi Morgenstern spent many years in intense study at the Rabbinical Seminary of America, culminating in Rabbinic ordination. While engaged in his own studies at RSA, Rabbi Morgenstern focused heavily on assisting the younger students and their progress, developing many meaningful and lasting relationships, as well as developing his teaching skills. He moved with his family to Las Vegas in 2021 to join the staff at Mesivta, where he has earned the respect of his students and peers alike for his scholarship and his sterling character. Rabbi Morgenstern enjoys seeing his students rise to their respective challenges both in learning and in personal growth. He believes that demanding from the boys while supporting and expressing belief in them is the greatest gift he can give them.

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MR. JACOB AMOUYAL, PSYCHOLOGY

Mr. Amouyal pursued post- secondary Yeshiva studies for seven years in Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, Ner Yisroel Toronto, and the Mir Jerusalem. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Judaic Studies from Ohr Somayach, a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Bellevue University, a specialist's degree in Educational Psychology from UNLV, and is a Nevada licensed and nationally certified School Psychologist.

Mr. Amouyal has four years of teaching experience and has worked as a special education teacher for secular and religious studies at a Jewish day school in New York, as well as a teacher for NCSY's Torah High program. He recently completed his school psychology internship in CCSD and is thrilled to be joining the Mesivta faculty.

Mr. Amouyal believes in taking a holistic approach in trying to help each student fulfill their potential and strives to understand each student's unique situation. Mr. Amouyal values the personal and collaborative relationships the Mesivta atmosphere fosters and feels it is an ideal place for helping students learn, grow, and succeed.

Mr. Amouyal encourages students to think about, question, and challenge what they learn and loves seeing them discover answers they can apply to their own lives.



MR. MICAEL MAYA-PEINL BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND A.P. STATISTICS

Mr. Maya-Peinl hails from California and just recently relocated to Las Vegas. He holds a Master's degree in Chemistry from UC San Diego as well as a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from UC San Diego. He has tutored Math, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at MiraCosta Community College for 7 years, as well as serving as a Chemistry teacher on the college level since 2018. He also served as a Legoland robotics instructor. Mr. Maya-Peinl uses images, videos, diagrams and demonstrations as part of his teaching method. He describes his style as "constructivist and inquiry-based." He enjoys providing students with hands-on opportunities to learn and explore and considers that the most enjoyable part of science class.



MR. AARON WOODBURY WORLD HISTORY AND U.S. GOVERMENT

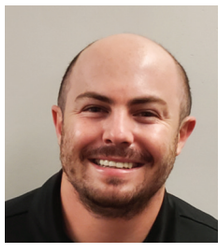
Mr. Woodbury holds a BA in Secondary Education Social Studies from the University of Wyoming.

Before moving to Las Vegas, Mr. Woodbury taught high school Social Studies in Wyoming for many years, including Government, History, World Geography, Sociology, Criminal Justice and Economics. He also worked for several years as an ESL teacher, as well as presiding over a Youth Soccer league in Wyoming.

Mr. Woodbury very much favors project-based learning, but also varies his instruction to accommodate different learning styles. He believes that students need to focus on critical thinking and problem solving, rather than rote memorization of facts. He also incorporates writing and public speaking skills into his lessons, in order to help prepare students for life after school. Mr. Woodbury enjoys teaching because he likes to help youth grow and excel. He receives much satisfaction knowing he has made a difference in their lives.



Meet Our Staff



MR. JOEY FELSENFELD, ALGEBRA I & II, GEOMETRY AND PERSONAL FINANCE

Mr. Felsenfeld received his Bachelor's degree in Education from both the Reno and Las Vegas divisions of the University of Nevada. He has been teaching mathematics for 5 years, focusing on Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus. Mr. Felsenfeld believes in a student-centered learning environment that allows them to take ownership of their growth. Students are the driving forces in his classroom, allowing him to scaffold their knowledge and help them master content through notes, practice problems, homework, and class discourse.

Mr. Felsenfeld enjoys observing students who are willing to push their own limits, while collaborating and communicating with their peers.



MR. DOUG RATCLIFFE ENGLISH

Mr. Ratcliffe holds a degree in Business Management from Brigham Young University. In 2013, he became a Clark County licensed teacher.

Mr. Ratcliffe has taught English at Sunrise Mountain High School. He also currently teaches English as a Second Language online to a student base overseas. An avid sports lover, Mr. Ratcliffe has coached freshman and varsity volleyball.

Mr. Ratcliffe is excited and honored to be teaching English at the Mesivta, and enjoys helping his students become effective communicators and successful people.



Recreational and Extracurricular Activities

- BASKETBALL
- ROLLER HOCKEY
- PING PONG
- SHABBATONS
- ROSH CHODESH PARTIES
- CHANUKAH MESIBA
- SKI TRIP
- SWIMMING
- FLAG FOOTBALL
- BARBECUES







Daily Schedule

MONDAY – THURSDAY

8:00	Shacharis
8:50	Breakfast
9:25 – 10:00	Chumash
10:05 – 11:00	Gemara Iyun
11:00 – 11:20	Break
11:20 – 11:35	Mussar
11:35 – 12:25	Gemara Iyun
12:25 – 1:10	Lunch
1:10 – 1:45	Halacha
1:50 – 2:35	Gemara Bekius
2:40 – 2:50	Mincha
2:50 – 3:20	Break
3:20 – 4:02	General Studies - Period 1
4:05 – 4:46	General Studies - Period 2
4:48 – 5:30	General Studies - Period 3
5:32 – 6:14	General Studies - Period 4

THURSDAY EVENING – MISHMAR IN YESHIVA

6:14	Supper
6:50 – 7:40	Mishmar
7:40 (winter)	Maariv

FRIDAY

8:00	Shacharis
8:50	Breakfast
9:25 – 10:00	Mussar Shmuess
10:05 – 10:50	Gemara Iyun
10:50 – 11:10	Break
11:10 – 12:00	Gemara Iyun

SUNDAY

8:00	Shacharis
8:50	Breakfast
9:25 – 10:00	Workshops
10:10 – 11:00	Gemara Iyun
11:00 – 11:20	Break
11:20 – 11:35	Mussar
11:35 – 12:30	Gemara Iyun















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