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Sunday, June **29**, 2008
1:00pm–9:00pm

Monday, June **30**, 2008
9:30am–5:30pm

Tuesday, July **1**, 2008
9:00am–3:00pm

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Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School in New York City, in partnership with Beit Morasha of Jerusalem, Center for Modern Torah Leadership, The David Cardozo Academy, Lookstein Center for Jewish Education, MATAN, RAMAZ, Yeshivat Hamivtar, and Yeshivat Maale Gilboa, is proud to invite all Judaic Studies teachers as well as lovers of serious Tanakh and Mahshavah study to the sixth annual **Yemei Iyun on Bible and Jewish Thought**.

Leading scholars and educators in the fields of Bible, Exegesis, and Jewish Thought from the United States and Israel will be participating in this three-day conference. The classes and workshops will focus on most of the Biblical books studied in the day school system throughout the country. Participants will be able to choose classes from six tracks, each focusing on a different book of the Bible as well as one track devoted to issues of pedagogy. The third morning will focus on key areas of Jewish Thought with four tracks available to choose from. We are pleased that a number of new presenters will be joining us this year in addition to our cohort of veteran teachers.

We have once again arranged for on-line registration. Visit YCT's website at www.yctorah.org in early May to register or complete the enclosed registration form.

This year we are pleased to join in celebrating the tenth anniversary of the "LookJed" listserv initiated and run by our co-sponsor, The Lookstein Center for Jewish Education at Bar Ilan University. In honor of that event we will be holding a special panel and celebratory dinner on Sunday, June 29, the first day of the Yemei Iyun.

On behalf of Rabbi Avi Weiss, President and Rabbi Dov Linzer, Rosh HaYeshiva and Dean of YCT Rabbinical School, I extend to you a personal invitation to join us on June 29 – July 1, 2008 for this unique opportunity to learn and study with some of the most fascinating teachers and scholars in the world.

With best wishes,

בברכת התורה והמצוה



Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot, *Chair, Departments of Bible and Jewish Thought*
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Dr. Shawn (Zelig) Aster, Yeshiva College

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Rabbanit Michal Tukichinsky, Beit Morasha of Jerusalem

R. Dr. Avi Walfish, Herzog Teachers College

Dr. Ruthie Walfish, Efrata Teachers College

Hon. Dr. Dov Zakheim, Booz, Allen and Hamilton

General Issues and Pedagogy

	Bereishit	Shmot	Melakhim 2	Mishlei	Ezra-Nehemiah	
2:00–3:00	1 Origins and Beginnings: Genesis, Law and the Redemptive Imagination R. DR. TSVI BLANCHARD	5 The Revelation at the Sneh (Hebrew) DR. RUTHIE WALFISH	9 What Happened to the Lost Ten Tribes? DR. DOV ZAKHEIM	13 An Overview of Mishlei: Frumkeit or Common Sense LEEOR GOTTLIEB	17 An Overview of Sefer Ezra and Nehemiah: The Return To Zion and Its Challenges R. ALLEN SCHWARTZ	21 Does God Have Real Feelings? An Inquiry Into Reading the Bible R. URI ETIGSON
3:15–4:15	2 The Vineyard and the Garden: Noah in Light of Etz ha-Daat R. DAVID FOHRMAN	6 The Structure of Parashat Mishpatim R. DR. AVI WALFISH	10 Elisha and Naaman R. YITZCHAK ETSHALOM	14 The Educational Philosophy of Sefer Mishlei DR. MOSHE SOKOLOV	18 Is the Mikdash Worth It? R. ZVI GRUMET	22 Making Sense of Psalms: Pedagogic Strategies For Teaching Mizmorei Tehillim R. SHALOM BERGER
4:15–4:30	M I N H A					
4:45–5:30	Special Panel Discussion in Celebration of Ten Years of LookJed: "Using Academic Methods and Tools in the Study of Tanakh." Co-sponsored by the Lookstein Center for Jewish Education					
5:30–6:30	CELEBRATORY DINNER IN HONOR OF TEN YEARS OF LOOKJED CO-SPONSORED BY THE LOOKSTEIN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION					
6:30–7:30	3 Lemekh: Killer or Penitent R. ALEX ISRAEL	7 The Mishkan and Gan Eden DR. RUTHIE WALFISH	11 Examining Royal Intrigue: The Appointment of Hazael As King DR. SHAWN (ZELIG) ASTER	15 The Use of Mishlei in Midrashic Petihtaot TAMMY JACOBOWITZ	19 Did Nehemiah Have A Kosher Lulav? LEEOR GOTTLIEB	23 Radical Curricular Revision in the Day School – Part 2 R. FRANCIS NATAF
7:35–8:45	4 What Did Joseph's Dreams Really Mean? R. NACHMAN LEVINE	8 Exile and Leadership in the Lives of Jacob and Moses R. FRANCIS NATAF	12 Who is to Blame for the Hurban? AARON KOLLER	16 The Two Women of Mishlei R. ERIC LEVY	20 Were Ezra and Malachi the Same Person? R. ALEX ISRAEL	24 Confronting Halakhic Sections in Humash R. ZVI GRUMET

8:45–9:00 **M A A R I V**

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For more information on our school, please visit our website at www.YCTorah.org

Vayikra

Bemidbar

Devarim

Shmuel 2

Yehezkel

Haggai/Zecharya

10:00–11:10	25 Why did Aaron's Sons Die? LEOR GOTTLIEB	26 Sotah — The Unfaithful Wife: The Transformation of a Ceremony ADINA LUBAR	27 War in Sefer Devarim R. SHALOM CARMY	28 A Portrait of Michal: The King's Daughter or the King's Wife DR. RACHEL ADELMAN	29 Chariot of Fire: A Study of Ma'aseh Merkavah ELANA FLAUMENHAFT	30 Why Haggai and Zecharya Should Be Taught in High School R. MENACHEM LEIBTAG
11:30–12:30	31 Jewish Thought Perspectives on the Concept of Tumah R. YITZCHAK BLAU	32 Would that "All the Lord's People Were Prophets": A Structural Analysis of Ch. 11 DR. RACHEL ADELMAN	33 "The Four Children" of the Haggadah in Shemot and Devarim R. YITZCHAK ETSHALOM	34 Is there Anything Left to Say About David and Batsheva? R. ZVI GRUMET	35 God's Holy Hitmen (Ch. 9): Parshanut and Polemics <i>(Hebrew)</i> LEOR GOTTLIEB	36 Zecharya Ch. 3-4: The Relationship Between God, Zerubabbel and Yehoshua R. HAYYIM ANGEL
12:30–1:30	L U N C H					
1:30–2:40	37 Understanding the Prohibition of Ribbit-Charging Interest <i>(Hebrew)</i> RABANIT MICHAL TUKICHINSKY	38 The Sin of Baal Peor RACHEL FRIEDMAN	39 Deciphering the Shema: Staircase Parallelism in Devarim 6:4 YEHUDA KRAUT	40 David's Sin: What Was Forgiven and What Was Punished? R. SHALOM CARMY	41 Did Yehezkel Change Torah Theology? Ha-Nefesh Ha-Hotoa'at R. HAYYIM ANGEL	42 Hanukkah in the Book of Haggai and Zecharya <i>(Hebrew)</i> R. YOEL BIN NUN
	M I N H A					
3:00–4:10	43 The Mekallel and His Significance in Sefer Vayikra R. NACHMAN LEVINE	44 Why Couldn't Moses Enter the Land of Israel? The View From Sefer Bemidbar R. DAVID FOHRMAN	45 Models of Leadership in Tanakh <i>(Hebrew)</i> RABANIT MICHAL TUKICHINSKY	46 The Poor Man's Lamb of Natan's Parable R. YITZCHAK ETSHALOM	47 The Dry Bones of Yehezkel-Ch. 37 RACHEL FRIEDMAN	48 The Apocalyptic Vision of Sefer Zecharyah: Ch. 14 R. ERIC LEVY
4:30–5:30	49 Beyond Good and Evil: A Philosophical Reclamation of the Concept of Holiness R. ARYEH KLAPPER	50 Resolving Problems of the "Bekhor Behaimah" and the Contradictions in the Torah R. DAVID BIGMAN	51 Unpacking the Parasha of Ve-Zot Ha-Berakhah <i>(Hebrew)</i> R. YOEL BIN NUN	52 David and Avshalom R. DAVID SILBER	53 The Role of Yehezkel's Priesthood in His Prophetic Mission R. HAYYIM ANGEL	54 Are Haggai and Zecharya in Disagreement? Prophetic Priorities for Shivat Zion R. MENACHEM LEIBTAG

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

9:00-9:30 REGISTRATION

Thought of RALBAG (Gersonides)

Tehiyat Haemitim in Jewish Thought

Science and Religion

Thought of Rav Shagar z"l

9:30-10:30

55 An Introduction to the Thought of Ralbag - Part 1
DR. ROBERT EISEN

56 Techiyat Hameitim and Moral Faith
R. DR. TSVI BLANCHARD

57 Should Facts Affect Faith?
R. ARYEH KLAPPER

58 A Comparison of Rav Shagar's and Other Parallel Approaches to Talmud Study
(Hebrew)
R. DAVID BIGMAN

10:45-11:45

59 Ralbag's Unique Perspectives Among Medieval Thinkers – Part 2
DR. ROBERT EISEN

60 Overture To Helek: An Analysis of the Sugya on Resurrection
R. SHALOM CARMY

61 Science and Halakhah: Sympathies and Strategies
R. DOV LINZER

62 Torah Study for Women in the Thought of Rav Shagar
(Hebrew)
RABANIT MICHAL TUKICHINSKY

11:45-12:45

L U N C H

12:45-1:45

63 The Pitfalls of Individual Providence and General Providence
R. YITZCHAK BLAU

64 The Dry Bones of Ezekiel and the Revival of Israel
(Hebrew)
R. YOEL BIN NUN

65 DNA Evidence in Mamzeirut Cases: How Much Reality Can and Should Halakhah Acknowledge
R. ARYEH KLAPPER

66 Rav Shagar, Rav Hutner and Emanuel Levinas: Confluence and Context
R. DAVID BIGMAN

2:00-3:00

67 Ralbag as A Parshan
R. NATHANIEL HELFGOT

68 Is the World to Come Corporeal and Does it Matter?
R. YITZCHAK BLAU

69 From the Ramban's Rainbow to the Theory of Evolution
(Hebrew)
R. YOEL BIN NUN

70 Existential Talmud Study in the Thought of Rav Shagar
R. DR. AVI WALFISH

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Fee

Includes all meals, snacks and handouts.

- Educators and Students: **\$50 per day** (day 1 & 3), **\$60** (day 2)
- All Others: **\$65 per day** (day 1 & 3), **\$75** (day 2)
- **Special Discount for Those Attending All Three Days:**
Educators and Full-Time Students: **\$140**; All others: **\$180**

Registration

- **Deadline: June 16th, 2008** (Reservations received after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.)
- No registration can be processed without payment.
- On-site registration will be available on a first come, first served basis with access available only to classes that have available space.

Materials

- You will receive a printout with your personal program at Ramaz on the day of the conference.
- **Please bring a full *Tanakh* to all sessions.**

For more information:

Contact R. Helfgot at 212.666.0036.

Checks should be made payable and sent to:
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Registration Form

Please Print:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE) _____

Shiurim Choices:

Please **indicate your top two choices of *shiurim* in each time slot** using the number of the *shiur* from the enclosed grids ranked in order of first and second preference. We will make every effort to assign you your first choices for the day, based upon first come, first serve space considerations.

Sunday, June 29th

TIME	#1	#2
2:00-3:30	_____	_____
3:15-4:15	_____	_____
6:30-7:30	_____	_____
7:35-8:45	_____	_____

Monday, June 30th

TIME	#1	#2
10:00-11:10	_____	_____
11:30-12:30	_____	_____
1:30-2:40	_____	_____
3:00-4:10	_____	_____
4:30-5:30	_____	_____

Tuesday, July 1st

TIME	#1	#2
9:30-10:30	_____	_____
10:45-11:45	_____	_____
12:45-1:45	_____	_____
2:00-3:00	_____	_____