

# Opportunities to Invest in Jewish Education at Drisha Institute

## Current Learning Programs

### Fellowships for Full-Time Students

Directly impact the talent pool of Jewish educators by providing a fellowship for a full-time Scholars Circle or Beit Midrash student or Arts fellow. Includes the option to personally meet the student and experience the tremendous impact of this gift. (Sponsorship Levels: \$10,000, \$18,000, \$30,000, \$100,000)

### Summer High School Program

This 5-week program raises the expectations and achievements of teenage girls, providing a stimulating environment where participants engage in Torah study for its own sake. Many alumnae choose to pursue careers in Jewish education. The stellar reputation of this program draws students from across the Americas and overseas. (Sponsorship Levels: \$5000, \$10,000, \$25,000)

### Parashat HaShavua Class

In this popular weekly class, students analyze and discuss an issue, theme or text in the weekly Torah reading, drawing upon both modern and classical sources. The class is usually taught by Rabbi Silber, and many of the students have been active participants for years. (Naming Opportunity: \$350,000)

*Note: Specific classes in Talmud, Parshanut (Biblical Interpretation), Mishna, and Biblical Hebrew can also be endowed*

## New Space

### Builder Recognition

A specially-worded plaque in recognition of the donor is prominently displayed at the main entrance to Drisha Institute. There are 3 opportunities, and one is reserved. (\$1,000,000)

### Beit Midrash RESERVED

The center of havruta and group learning, the Beit Midrash is heavily used by full-time and part-time students, from morning to evening, and is the site of community programs as well.

### Lecture Hall

Adjacent to the Beit Midrash, the lecture hall will be the site of community lectures as well as interactive classes. The lecture hall opens to join with the Beit Midrash for special community events that seat 250 people. (Naming Opportunity: \$350,000)

### Classrooms

Six different rooms host classroom learning for full-time and part-time time students throughout the year. (Naming Opportunities: \$150,000 - \$250,000, depending on the classroom size)

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### New Space (continued)

#### Library Fund

Drisha's comprehensive library of 2000 books and sefarim is used by our full-time and part-time students and the community-at-large who come to learn in our Beit Midrash. Donations are needed for new acquisitions and to conserve and maintain the volumes. (Donations to general book fund: \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000. Opportunity to name Library Fund: \$250,000)

#### Computer Resource Center for Students

Computers and specialized CDs in Jewish studies support student and faculty research in the Beit Midrash. (Donations: \$500, \$1,000, \$2500. Naming Opportunity: \$250,000)

#### Offices

Academic and executive offices are available. (Naming Opportunities: \$25,000-\$35,000 depending on office)

### Chairs

#### Chair of Jewish Scholarship

Rabbi David Silber is the founder and dean of Drisha Institute, internationally recognized as the creative force for women's advanced study of classical Jewish texts. Over the past twenty five years, Rabbi Silber has introduced groundbreaking initiatives that continue to change the way people look at Jewish education in general, and the role of women in particular. Many of Drisha's programs, including the Scholars Circle and HaSha'ar, have been emulated in the US and Israel. (Naming Opportunity: \$500,000)

#### Chair, Tanakh Studies

Rachel Friedman teaches Bible and Parshanut, and is the Director of the Yesodot Program which empowers women to build the skills necessary for independent learning and interpretation of classical Jewish texts. Rachel Friedman is a highly respected teacher who frequently lectures throughout the country on biblical topics (Naming Opportunity: \$400,000)

#### Chair, Talmud & Rabbinics

Devorah Zlochower is the Director of the full-time programs, teaching Talmud and Halahka to students in the 1-year and 3-year programs. She is one of the students who initiated the formation of the Scholars Circle, and is a 1996 graduate of the program. Devorah Zlochower has been recognized for her rigorous teaching style that blends traditional and feminist approaches, and is a sought-after guest lecturer at synagogues, conferences, and schools. (Naming Opportunity: \$400,000)

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### New Initiatives

#### Bat Mitzvah Program

An enriching and practical way for children to take their place in the adult community, and for families to grow through the experience together. Families can choose some or all of the program components, from individual tutoring to intergenerational group learning. (Naming Opportunity: \$500,000)

#### Satellite Beit Midrash Program

New initiatives include an on-campus program to stimulate college students to consider careers in Jewish education and scholarship, and an in-school program where mothers and other women take time each week to learn, presenting important role models for the elementary and high school students. (One-year Sponsorship: \$25,000 or Naming Opportunity: \$500,000)

#### Women and Decision-Making in Philanthropy

What are the barriers that keep women from financially supporting the initiatives that empower them? Using traditional and non-traditional market research techniques, this study will yield results that enhance awareness of key issues and strengthen community giving. (Shared Sponsorship: \$25,000)

#### Passover Seder Kit

Fresh insights into the Hagaddah, in a multimedia kit. Includes a Leader's Guide and CD by Rabbi David Silber. (Sponsorship Levels: \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000)

#### Women on Learning

A panel of accomplished women share how they broke through the "glass ceilings" in traditional Jewish spheres of learning. Modeled after the successful Women on Wall Street program, Women on Learning will inspire talented individuals to consider careers in Jewish education. (Sponsorship Level: \$75,000)

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