

# **BETH HAMEDRASH SHAAREI YOSHER INSTITUTE**

## ***ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES***

Admission to the Beth Hamedrash Shaarei Yosher Institute is open to qualified men of the Orthodox Jewish faith, without regard to age, race, color, national origin or physical handicap. Application is based solely on a combination of criteria that include intellectual ability, academic background, personal maturity and ethical behavior.

In addition, the admissions philosophy of the institution is to look beyond scholastic ability and to judge the applicant's potential integration into the Shaarei Yosher family of students.

Students applying to Beth Hamedrash Shaarei Yosher must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Have graduated high school and provide evidence of high school graduation
2. Have been homeschooled and provide documentation of homeschooling
3. Meet one of the recognized equivalents. Recognized equivalents include:
  - a. GED/TASC/HISET
  - b. Successful completion of an associate's degree program;
  - c. Successful completion of at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours that does not result in the awarding of an associate's degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution; or
  - d. Enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours have been successfully completed, including credit hours transferred into the bachelor's degree program.

Beth Hamedrash Shaarei Yosher Institute does not utilize an Ability to Benefit test for admitting students.

Applicants to Beth Hamedrash Shaarei Yosher Institute must also meet the following minimum qualifications:

- *Talmud*: The ability to independently comprehend basic Talmudic text and the completion of 150 folio pages of Talmud with the commentary of Rashi.
- *Chumash (Bible)*: Completion of the entire Chumash with the commentary of Rashi.
- *Language*: The ability to read and write classical Hebrew; a working knowledge of the Aramaic language of the Talmud; fluency in Yiddish, the language of instruction at Beth Hamedrash Shaarei Yosher.

Beyond the basic requirements described above, the Shaarei Yosher Mesivta student is evaluated on the basis of his performance during his senior year there. In addition to his written tests, the faculty's evaluation of the student's maturity, diligence and deportment is the critical measure that will determine his admission to the undergraduate program.

An applicant from a Mesivta other than the Shaarei Yosher Mesivta must first arrange for a personal interview by contacting the Menahel, Rabbi Pinchus Kaff. At the time of the interview, the applicant must provide references from his present school and submit to an oral examination by the Rosh HaYeshiva. The applicant will be informed of the school's decision within 30 days. Applicants residing out-of-town may request an application to Shaarei Yosher by a fax to Rabbi Rottenberg's at 718-436-9045.

Students who require tuition assistance are advised to submit an application to the financial aid office at 1630-41<sup>st</sup> Street. The school's administrator, Rabbi Aaron Rottenberg, will assist the student with the details of making tuition arrangements and applying for financial aid. Requests for institutional scholarships should be addressed to either Rabbi Rottenberg or Rabbi Kaff.

Upon acceptance, students will be required to complete an admission form.