



Sha'alvim

For Women



Welcome to Sha'alvim for Women!

Experience our caring and warm environment, with challenging shiurim and outstanding ruach, tiyulim, and Shabbatonim.

Develop your learning skills and grow in your middot to guide you throughout your life of dedication to Torat Yisrael, Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael.





Our Mission

At Sha'alvim for Women...

...you will be empowered to become an independent Torah learner and Torah thinker, prepared for a life dedicated to Torat Yisrael, Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael. Rigorous, challenging shiurim, with incredible and inspiring teachers, in a caring and warm environment - together with other amazing and motivated young women - are complemented by outstanding ruach, tiyulim, and Shabbatonim. And all of this with the goal of helping you progress in your learning skills, study habits, and middot to shape your character and guide you throughout your life.



אין אדם לומד תורה אלא ממקום שלבו חפץ
(מסכת ע"ז דף יט)



Torah Learning for Life

At Sha'alvim for Women...

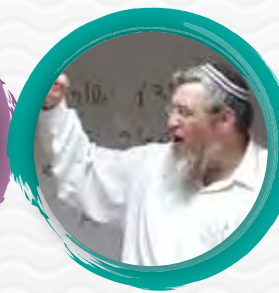
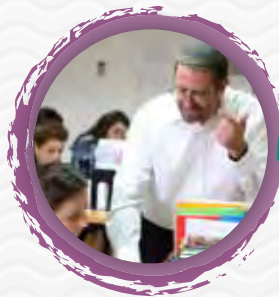
... everything we learn – in our Beit Midrash, in our shiurim, on our tiyulim, etc. – is geared towards helping you acquire the Torah knowledge and to strengthen your Torah learning skills that you will take with you well beyond your “year in Israel.” Torah is studied on the highest level in our Beit Midrash and shiurim. With a wide range of rigorous, advanced, text-based shiurim and in the Beit Midrash with your chavruta - assisted by teachers and Mechanchim/Mechanchot - ideas, skills, and concepts are acquired to empower you to become a lifelong learner.

...we are blessed to be a branch of – and closely connected with – Yeshivat Shaalvim. Established in 1960, Sha'alvim has more than 50 years of experience and thousands of alumni serving leadership roles throughout the world. We are the fortunate beneficiaries of that expertise and of those resources.

ודברת בם, בשבתך בביתך
ובלכתך בדרך, ובשכבך ובקומך
(ספר דברים פרק ו)



אין התורה נקנית אלא בחבורה (מסכת ברכות דף סג)



Beit Midrash

At Sha'alvim for Women...

... our active Beit Midrash is at the center of our Torah learning as our students master the texts. We know that the vast majority of your Torah learning throughout your life – not just next year in Israel – will be with the topic of your choosing, with the chavruta of your choosing, and at the pace of your choosing. To prepare you for a life of that kind of independent, self-driven Torah learning, you will learn in our beautiful and well-equipped Beit Midrash every morning, every night, and throughout the day where you will grow from the lively "kol shel Torah" in the Beit Midrash! Therefore, our shiurim – each with a Beit Midrash/chavruta component and a formal shiur element – only tell part of the story. Of course, while the learning is self-driven and independent, you are never alone; our faculty, administration, and mechanchim are always there to assist you in your learning.

Our Unique Environment

At Sha'alvim for Women...

... the warm, caring atmosphere permeates the classrooms, the dormitory, the dining room... everywhere! The kindness and sincerity of each member of our exceptional staff along with the individual attention provided to each student creates the ultimate environment for success in your personal growth and in your Torah study. At SFW, we believe that learning and growing in Torah is far more than just the accumulation of knowledge. By providing you with an environment of kindness, sincerity and individualized attention, we help you grow in your yirat shamayim, ahavat HaShem, derech eretz and avodah shebalev. You are surrounded by attentive, caring, and concerned staff and faculty and each one has a singular focus throughout their day: you and your growth.



עשה לך רב וקנה לך חבר

(מסכת אבות פרק א)

דרך ארץ

קדמה

לתורה

(תנא דבי אליהו,

פרק א)



Ruach and Chessed

At Sha'alvim for Women...

... we believe that any learning that is to last and become a part of who you are must be accompanied by simcha and ruach. Your year at SFW is filled with special activities, chagigot, Shabbatonim, etc. that enhance and complement your rigorous Torah learning. That is why we spend so many chagim and special events together such as Rosh Chodesh Chagigot, Melave Malkas, Chanukah, Purim, Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Haatzmaut, Lag BaOmer, Yom Yerushalayim, and Shavuot. And that is why Shabbatonim – in our own building and throughout our beautiful country – and our special Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur davening together in Yeshivat Shaalvim... all add to your incredible experiences at SFW.

While, for much of the time next year, you will be focused on yourself and your own growth, no Jewish experience is complete without giving of ourselves to others. Informal and "unscheduled" chessed are always available as our students are naturally drawn to such opportunities. And you will grow in our formal chessed program as well. For example, some students become certified "medical clowns" while others work with disabled children, food packaging for the impoverished, soup kitchens, etc.



תלמוד גדול
שהתלמוד מביא לידי מעשה
(מסכת קידושין דף מ)

כל מצוה שקיבלו עליהם בשמחה...
עדיין עושין אותה בשמחה
(מסכת שבת דף קל)

Eretz Yisrael

At Sha'alvim for Women...

...we are fortunate to learn and to live in Israel where the events of the last 70+ years are the beginning of the actualization of our 2,000-year-old hopes, dreams and prayers. Our appreciation of the Land and of the State of Israel – and our ability to live Jewish history not merely study it – is a crucial part of our philosophy. Therefore, our celebration of the Land of Israel does not begin and end on Yom Haatzmaut or Yom Yerushalayim – while they are certainly unforgettable days of celebration and praise to Hashem! At SFW - in the classroom, in the Beit Midrash and on our amazing siyurim and tiyulim - you will expand your love for Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael.



קום התהלך בארץ
לארכה ולרחבה
כי לך אתננה
(בראשית פרק יג)





Links in a Chain

At Sha'alvim for Women...

... we know well that that the person you are today – and the person you are to become – did not happen overnight. Nor did it first begin to sprout when you stepped into the halls at SFW. You are who you are because of the Herculean efforts and energy invested in you by your parents, the schools where you learned and grew, and the communities where you were raised.

As such, at SFW we encourage you to develop a deep appreciation for and a sense of obligation to your family, your schools, and your community. While relationships with teachers and administration at SFW will be deep and long-lasting, the connections you have with the people and institutions that contributed to making who you are must be continued and fostered. In addition, when your time at SFW concludes, it is our prayer and expectation that you will take your newly developed skills and experiences and build upon them in the future as life-long Torah learners and leaders in your communities.



וחוט המשולש
לא במהרה ינתק
(ספר קהלת פרק ד)

Facilities and Services

At Sha'alvim for Women...



... we believe strongly that our physical accommodations and facilities contribute to your peace of mind during your stay here and enable you to think about your Torah learning, your spiritual growth and your connections that you make to the Land of Israel and the people here. Therefore, our campus is airy with a gorgeous view of the Yeruhalayim skyline; our dormitory is new, clean, and spacious; we provide three nutritious and delicious meals a day, every day including for both "in-" and "off-shabbatot"; our dormitory never closes; over Sukkot and Pesach vacations we provide programs, special tiyulim, etc.

אם אין
קמה

אין
תורה

(מסכת אבות
פרק ג')







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