

BETH MEDRASH GOVOHA

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

Applicants to Beth Medrash Govoha's undergraduate program must be beyond the age of compulsory attendance in the State of New Jersey and are generally expected to have completed high-school, including a preparatory program of Talmudic study that has prepared them for college-level study*. Applicants should meet the following minimum qualifications:

TALMUD:

- The completion of 150 folio pages of Talmud with the principal commentaries of Rashi and Tosfos.
- The skills to translate, explicate and provide a basic explanation of Talmudic text material and to research and apply related commentaries, all in their original languages.
- Facility for carrying out primary Talmudic analysis (with a chavrusa/research partner).
- Familiarity with the bibliography of secondary Talmud sources.

** Note: Exceptions may be made for students who demonstrate the ability to function at the advanced academic level required to study at Beth Medrash Govoha and evidenced by a passing score on an independently administered ability to benefit test approved by the US Department of Education or documentation of completion of six credits of college work applicable to a degree offered by Beth Medrash Govoha or who meet the criteria for students who are beyond the age of compulsory education in NJ.*

LANGUAGE:

- Read, fully comprehend, and write scholarly Hebrew.
- Read and fully comprehend Aramaic.

Since the academic program at Beth Medrash Govoha is very rigorous, potential applicants are required to undergo a series of interviews and examinations to determine their suitability to successfully undertake the program. This assists the institution in accepting appropriate applicants to the program. The admissions process also helps a prospective student to assess whether Beth Medrash Govoha is in fact the right place for him. Candidates are selected for admission based upon an assessment of their academic skills and ability, academic preparation, and personal development and character.

To begin the process, each candidate must submit a form with basic information to the Office of Admissions, which will constitute his formal request for an admissions application. This form can be obtained by calling (732) 367-1060, extension 4224.

The fee schedule associated with processing the application request is provided as part of the application packet. When a preliminary application has been received, the Office of Admissions will contact the applicant to continue the application process and to schedule the required interviews and academic testing (generally on campus). A formal Application for Admission must be completed and submitted prior to the interview.

Applicants should be prepared to complete comprehensive oral examinations and interviews. In addition to the above, students will be required to submit the following documents before being admitted to Beth Medrash Govoha:

- 1) A copy of the applicant's high school diploma or documentation of a recognized equivalent, such as a general education development (GED) certificate; having completed homeschooling at the secondary level in a homeschool that state law treats as a home or private school; an associate's degree; or earning at least 60 credits that are accepted towards a bachelor's degree program.
- 2) Transcripts from previous post-secondary institutions attended.
- 3) A completed Immunization Form.
- 4) Students who seek to apply for institutional or government financial aid must complete the FAFSA.

Foreign students will be issued an I-20 form, so that they can make travel plans in time for the new semester.

THE RABBI AARON KOTLER INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED LEARNING

In order to apply for admission to the Rabbi Aaron Kotler Institute for Advanced Learning, a student should have first obtained a bachelor's degree in Talmudic studies, either from Beth Medrash Govoha, or from a program of comparable standing. Students who can demonstrate exceptional breadth of knowledge, extensive preparation, and substantial coursework in Talmudic Studies, and who have obtained a bachelor's degree in another field may request a waiver of the requirement to possess a Bachelor's of Talmudic Studies. Waivers will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

To begin the process, each candidate must submit a form with basic information to the Office of Admissions, which will constitute his formal request for an admissions Application.

The fee schedule associated with processing the application request is provided as part of the application packet. When a preliminary application has been received, the Office of Admissions will contact the applicant to continue the application process and to schedule the required interviews and academic testing (generally on campus). A formal Application for Admission must be completed and submitted prior to the interview.

Applicants should be prepared to complete comprehensive oral examinations and interviews demonstrating their ability and promise in one or more areas of advanced Talmudic learning.

In addition to the above, students will be required to submit the following documents before being admitted to the Rabbi Aaron Kotler Institute for Advanced Learning:

- 1) A copy of the applicant's bachelor's degree.
- 2) Transcripts from previous post-secondary institutions attended.
- 3) A completed Immunization Form.

Foreign students will be issued an I-20 form, so that they can make travel plans in time for the new semester.

Graduates of Beth Medrash Govoha's undergraduate program will generally be admitted to the Rabbi Aaron Kotler Institute for Advanced Learning through a streamlined process without the need for additional processes but should formally complete registration documents for graduate courses of study in a timely manner and complete all applications for student financial assistance early enough to ensure access to limited funds.

READMISSION POLICY

A student who has withdrawn from Beth Medrash Govoha and has been separated from the school for more than one full semester must reapply for admission to Beth Medrash Govoha by filling out a readmission application at the Registrar's Office.

If the student has been separated for no longer than one full semester, his registration for classes for the upcoming semester constitutes a notification to the Registrar's Office that he intends to return to the school.

Notwithstanding the length of time of the student's separation from Beth Medrash Govoha, if the student has attended any other institution of higher education during his time away from Beth Medrash Govoha he must submit transcripts from those institutions to the Registrar's Office at the time of his readmission.

Foreign students who have been separated from the school for any length of time must contact the Registrar's Office prior to readmission so that they can be issued an I-20 form and have their student visa status verified.