

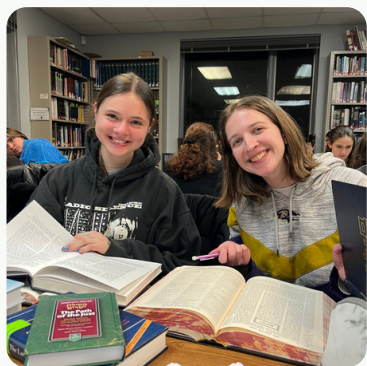
Na'aleh Reaching New Heights

2025-2026 Update

We're proud to reflect on a successful first year of our strategic plan. Here's a brief snapshot of the progress we've made and a few highlights from this year's accomplishments.



Priority 1: Enrollment



Build the pipeline of Maharat candidates.

Campus Ambassadors and College Learning Fellows

Maharat is investing in the next generation of women Torah leaders through school year learning and leadership opportunities.

- Weekly halakha learning for college students.
- New Campus Ambassadors program empowers women leaders to organize learning and grow campus engagement. Ambassadors receive faculty mentorship and leadership training.
- Annual College Learning Intensive brings fellows to Maharat's New York beit midrash for four days of immersive Torah study, community, and leadership development.

Priority 2: Rigor

Ensure continued high-quality education that serves as a differentiator for Maharat.

Spotlight on the Class of 2026

On June 10, Maharat celebrated the ordination of the Class of 2026, whose graduates exemplify the breadth of leadership opportunities made possible through Maharat's rigorous education. There are currently 107 graduates of Yeshivat Maharat as we enter into our 18th "Chai" Year.

The newest graduates will serve communities in a wide range of roles:

- **Rabbanit Karolyn Benger**, Director of Education and Community Engagement at the East Valley JCC in Arizona.
- **Rabba Chana Borow**, Talmud teacher at Leffell High School in New York.
- **Rabbanit Ilana Gimpelevich**, Torah teacher to adults in Israel.
- **Rabba Shoshana Jakobovits**, Teacher to Jews throughout Switzerland in English, French, and German and software engineer at Google DeepMind.
- **Rabbanit Sarah Pincus**, Chaplaincy resident at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell in New York.
- **Rabbanit Chanchkie Slavin**, Educator and Pastoral Guide at Chabad Malvern in Australia.
- **Rabbi Ariel Wolgel**, Director of Education at Moriah Congregation in Illinois.



Out of all the things I have done in my life, being accepted and studying at Maharat is something that continues to nourish me spiritually, and provide me with some of the most amazing people who expand my thinking and push me to be a better leader. - Maharat Graduate

Priority 3: Innovation

Develop new programs for maximum impact.

Hear Her Voice

This year, Maharat launched Hear Her Voice, an integrated center for writing, homiletics, and digital media training that equips students to write compelling essays and sermons to communicate Torah across multiple platforms and emerge as thought leaders.

Va'tichtov: She Writes

Our writing fellows wrote about halakha and modern technology, niddah, and transitional states in both English and Hebrew. Next year, we will publish a volume of these teshuvot for the benefit of the community.

Chochmat Lev

Chochmat Lev: Maharat Torah is Maharat's first published volume of divrei Torah, featuring thought leadership from alumnae, 2026 graduates, and faculty. This landmark volume celebrates 17 years of Maharat's commitment to championing and elevating Orthodox women's voices.

Read more: yeshivatmaharat.org/our-torah



Priority 4: Leadership

Establish a thriving network of female Orthodox Leaders.

Revava Alumnae & Torah Leader Network



Maharat held our inaugural Revava Alumnae & Torah Leader Network Conference, uniting graduates for Torah learning, leadership development, and lasting connection. The theme of the conference was *Your Story, Your Strategy: Communications Across Calm and Crisis* and included an impressive lineup of guest speakers.

Revava was such a nourishing, much-needed gift for me. I left feeling empowered, supported, and inspired by my fellow Maharats. Our learning and gathering gave great honor to the memory of Rabbanit Miriam Hanah Orah Goncarska-Shapiro '15 z"l - Revava Conference Participant

Spotlight on the Rabbanut Exam

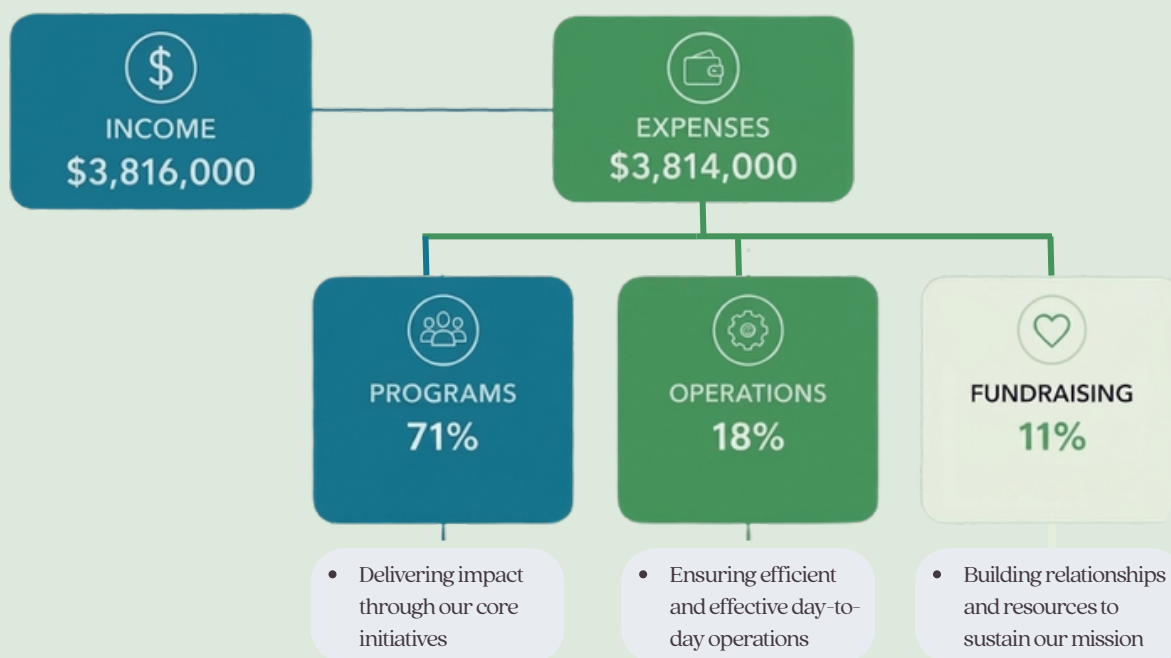
Women can now sit for Israel's Rabbanut exams for the first time: an historic shift from the High Court. Three Maharat alumnae fought for and championed this milestone. Thank you to Rabbanit Avital Engleberg '15, Rabbanit Ya'ara Wiedman Samuel '25, and Rabbanit Sarah Segal-Katz '25 for your leadership.



The real story is not that women are now entering the world of halakha. It is that the world of halakha has already been changed by their presence. - Rabbanit Ya'ara Wiedman Samuel

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