

Beit Midrash Program Application

Writing Prompts & Word Counts

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Beit Midrash Program, a joint program between Maharat and Chovevei Torah. All applications are due **February 3, 2025**, and all references are due **February 12, 2025**. There is a non-refundable \$54 application fee.

Please note that the Beit Midrash is available to both students interested in higher level learning as well as those on the Semikha track. **Students accepted to the Semikha track receive a stipend in addition to full coverage of tuition.** Otherwise, students interested in learning (not on the Semikha track) pay modest tuition on a sliding scale. The application will ask you to indicate to which track you are applying.

The application will also require an **updated resume/CV** as well as your **undergraduate transcripts** (and optionally your graduate transcripts, if applicable). Applicants will be notified if they are offered an interview.

The application will also feature the following writing prompts:

AUTOBIOGRAPHY:

Please reflect upon your Jewish identity. Which people, institutions, and experiences have had the greatest impact on your Judaism? Where and how do you find meaning and what do you feel passionate about in the Jewish community? (500-600 words)

LEADERSHIP:

Please share 1-2 meaningful leadership experiences that you have had, whether Jewish or non-Jewish, and discuss what leadership means to you in those chosen contexts, whether global, local, spiritual, academic, or philosophical. How does leadership inform you on your path? (500-600 words) If you are not applying as on the Semikha track, feel free to skip this question.

PERSONAL:

Describe a topic, idea or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose track of time. Why does it captivate you? (200 words)

Please reach out to Liba Berger, at lberger@yeshivatmaharat.org, or Ruthie Simon, at rsimon@yctorah.org with any further questions or to request an extension or waiver.
