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# FACULTY

# OUR MISSION

## AT MACHON LA

we are committed to inspiring a passion for Yiddishkeit and creating a nurturing environment that challenges each girl to advance and excel in the pursuit of Torah and secular knowledge, and all aspects of personal development. Our students mature to be well-rounded, confident, and successful young women who are excited to contribute to their family, community, and the world at large.

## PASSION FOR YIDDISHKEIT

We foster an environment that encourages and inspires spiritual growth, Yiras Shamayim, and refinement of character, fortifying our girls as they deepen their personal connection with Hashem and His Torah.

We instill a love of learning Torah and a commitment to becoming lifelong learners by providing students with the skills necessary for self-directed study.

We infuse our students with Ahavas Yisroel and a love of Eretz Yisroel.

We cultivate in our students pride in being a Jewish woman, in being part of our Mesorah, and in her ability to contribute positively to her community.

## EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

We pursue excellence with uncompromising standards for both Limudei Kodesh and General Studies.

We provide a rigorous, integrated college preparatory curriculum that prepares our graduates to excel in higher education and enables them to successfully pursue the careers of their choosing.

We create a stimulating, innovative, and integrative learning environment, promoting the development of analytical skills, intellectual curiosity, and perseverance.

## EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON

We are an educational community that promotes growth-mindset principles and a collaborative teaching and learning environment, encouraging our students to maximize their potential. Our warm, knowledgeable, and open staff are invested in their students' success and are committed to educating the whole person.

We produce well-rounded individuals who are engaged in exciting extracurricular and co-curricular programs that encourage meaningful relationships, leadership skills, and creativity.



# LIMUDEI KODESH

THE GOALS OF OUR  
LIMUDEI KODESH  
PROGRAM ARE  
TWO FOLD:  
דעת & לב  
THE EDUCATION OF  
THE MIND AND THE  
EDUCATION  
OF THE HEART.

## יִדְעַת הַיּוֹם

Our curriculum is designed to give our students both deep understanding and broad knowledge of Chumash, Navi, Halacha, Tefillah, Machsheves Yisroel, and Jewish history. Text-based learning naturally summons students' highest intellectual abilities. This learning sparks lively and deeply meaningful Torah discussions while sharpening analytical and critical thinking skills. Together with our comprehensive Hebrew language program, students gain the tools they need to become lifelong learners.

## וְהִשְׁבַּת אֶל לִבְכֶּךָ

More importantly, we endeavor to develop and expand the hearts and souls of our students. We relate to the Torah not merely as a collection of facts and laws; rather, a Jew must fall in love with Torah and Yiddishkeit, turning the da'as she learns into a relevant chochmah that speaks to her personally and drives her to dignify and elevate her life through mitzvos, learning, tefillah, character refinement, and acts of chesed. This transformative process of growth through Torah is an integral part of Machon LA's mission and will be achieved with the guidance of passionate limudei kodesh teachers in conjunction with chesed projects and our Mechaneches program.

## FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM

	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
Chumash	Shemos	Bamidbar	Devarim	Bereishis
Navi/Kesuvim	Melachim II	Megilla Yirmiyah	Trei Asar Mishlei Yerushalayim	Yeshayahu Tehillim
Halacha	Shabbos	Brachos & Tefillah	Kashrus & Yichud	Shabbos
Parsha	Parsha	Parsha	Parsha	Ramban on the Parsha
Machsheves Yisroel	Pirkei Avos	Haftora	Mesilas Yesharim	Senior Seminar
Historia	Galus Bavel - Bayis Sheini	Amoraim - Geonim	Rishonim - Inquisition	Acharonim - Haskalah
Language	Ivrit	Ivrit	Ivrit	Spanish



# GENERAL STUDIES

## ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE

Machon provides a rigorous college preparatory General Studies curriculum that prepares each girl to successfully embark on the path she chooses. The core subjects of Science, English, Math, and History are taught at an advanced level and culminate in AP classes. Along with building mastery in core subjects, we provide a well-rounded education, including art and an advanced STEM track.

## DEVELOPING SKILLS

In addition to imparting knowledge, an excellent education develops analytical and critical thinking skills, as well as the ability to communicate effectively in both the spoken and written word. At Machon, learning is collaborative and reflects real world application. Active engagement in the academic process is encouraged through inquiry, exploration, articulation, reflection, and roundtable discussion, with a goal of exciting the intellect, igniting the imagination, and honing critical thinking skills. Students are given the opportunity to present in class, developing poise and the ability to communicate advanced ideas with coherence and confidence.

## FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM

	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
English	Introduction to Literature	British Literature	American Literature	World Literature AP Literature
Math	Geometry Algebra I	Algebra II Geometry	Precalculus Algebra II	AP Calculus
Science	Biology STEM	Chemistry	Anatomy and Physiology	Physics
History	World History	European History AP European History	AP US History	AP Government & Economics
P.E.	Fitness Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports
Art	Art	Art	Art	Art Graphic Design



# HERE AT MACHON LOS ANGELES WE FEATURE...



## POWERUP!

Empowering students to create deeper, more meaningful connections with each other, their families, and the Torah - by giving them tools to be wise digital consumers. The PowerUp! initiative includes parent education, experiential student learning, and a series of guided challenges to help our students build healthy habits around their digital use.



## STUDENT NEWSPAPER

A collaborative project of the Limudei Kodesh and English departments, students prepare various forms of written entries in a published newsletter. Enhanced by the graphic design and artwork of Machon students, the Machon newsletter offers a broad range of opportunities for creativity, leadership, and self-expression.



## LUNCH N' LEARN

Lunch n' Learn is a voluntary opportunity for small groups of students to bond with a teacher over lunch and learn select relevant and meaningful sources which fall outside of the ordinary curriculum.



## IVRIT

Machon utilizes a proven ulpan-stye Modern Hebrew curriculum created by Mrs. Sara Yankelewitz. Students build a broad and relevant vocabulary and develop effective writing skills with the goal of fluency in Ivrit. A rigorous Ivrit program enhances our girls' ability to learn Torah and allows them to navigate comfortably while visiting or living in Eretz Yisroel.



## ELECTIVES

In addition to featuring a rigorous Limudei Kodesh and General Studies curriculum, Machon is proud to offer a wide variety of elective courses for our students to choose from, including embroidery, photography, fitness, debate, medical ethics, and voice lessons.



## GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Machon's Seminary and College Guidance program provides each student the tools and individualized guidance necessary to succeed in her post high school path. We understand that our students have high aspirations and we are prepared to guide every student on the journey that she and her family decides is best for her to achieve her potential as a Bas Yisroel.



# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

The Social-Emotional curriculum is designed to promote self-awareness and personal growth. Grounded in current research on how teenage girls best learn and thrive, our program seeks to empower our students by cultivating

A LIFELONG APPROACH TO WELLNESS,  
NURTURING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE,  
FOSTERING RESILIENCE & GROWING CONFIDENCE.

## MECHANECHES PROGRAM

Overseen by Mrs. Shifra Revah, the Mechaneches program is designed to address the hashkafic, social, emotional, and societal challenges specific to high school girls. Each grade has a designated mechaneches (grade advisor) who meets with students in both individual and group settings. This program gives each student the time and space to discuss important life issues in a supportive and comfortable environment, and the opportunity to develop a meaningful relationship with a role model faculty member outside of the classroom.

## FITNESS & NUTRITION

Physical education classes offer varying activities, from dance and core-strengthening workouts to basketball and tennis. Exercise promotes an overall feeling of well-being, and the girls' learning will benefit from enhanced energy and alertness, sharpened focus, and decreased stress. Additionally, part of the curriculum will be devoted to studying healthy lifestyle choices, including nutrition.

## SELF AWARENESS

Understanding that lasting growth is a slow and steady process, we provide sessions of mussar-oriented learning throughout the week, with a focus on Shmiras Halashon and Emunah. The weekly Mechaneches period addresses Bein Adam L'chaveiro topics, helping the girls develop their interpersonal relationships with understanding and sensitivity.

# INSPIRING GROWTH



## KODESH ENRICHMENT

ELUL VAADIM

SEFIRAS HAOMER VAADIM

מי כעמר ישראל

YEDIOS KLALIYOS



## YIMEI IYUN

Using a combination of informative talks, multi-media presentations, and hands-on activities, Yimei Iyun at Machon give girls a richer, more meaningful experience of the Yamim Tovim. Current events and trends are also addressed, providing opportunities for students to grow their knowledge and reflect on their place in society as from Jews.



## GUEST SPEAKERS

Machon presents thought-provoking and inspiring guest speakers to educate and motivate both our students and the community. With dialogue and engagement in mind, our students have learned about Inyanei D'Yoma, topics in Hashkafa, and important life skills, from master educators.



## CHASDEI DOVID

L'ilui Nishmas Reb Yisroel Dovid Mikel z"l,  
Yisroel Dovid Ben Chaim

The school-wide Chessed program is central to our vision. The goal is to help the students reach beyond themselves and become lifelong givers. Nurturing and growing their sense of compassion and communal responsibility, the Chessed program encourages the girls to use their time, energy, and talents in meaningful ways that benefit the Klal. Chessed opportunities for individuals are offered throughout the year in a variety of settings.







# STUDENT LIFE

Through the visual and performing arts, interactive games, hands-on projects and field trips, Machon provides a joyful environment that inspires personal growth. Whether they are making a video, playing music, stargazing at Griffith Observatory, or simply sharing a Melave Malkah, our girls are encouraged to engage in and take charge of student life at Machon.

NURTURING ACADEMIC FUN CONFIDENT  
MIDDOS INSPIRING MESORAH TORAH STEM  
FRIENDSHIPS JOYFUL PRIDE EDUCATION  
KNOWLEDGE MIND HEART NURTURING  
ACADEMIC FUN CONFIDENT MIDDOS INSP  
TORAH TORAH STEM FRIENDSHIPS JOY  
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