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TORAH STUDIES PROGRAM SUMMARY

Currently, the Aleph Institute Torah Studies program offers eight certificate courses, including *Chumash I* (Beginners Torah Study), *Chumash II* (Advanced Torah Study), *Jewish History*, *Moshiach* (Messiah), *Kaballah*, *Tefillah* (Prayer), and a short three-week course *Hilchos Beis Habechirah* (Laws of the Holy Temple). We are currently working on adding three more courses to the list: *Beginners Hebrew*, *Kashrus* (Kosher), and *Pirkei Avos* (Ethics of the Fathers).

Chumash I uses the *parsha sheets* only. The *parsha sheets* require a basic understanding of the weekly portion. Material in the *parsha sheets* includes summary of each *parsha* and some of the classic commentaries, such as Rashi or Ramban.

Chumash II uses the Stone Edition Chumash (published by Art Scroll). A clear, in-depth understanding of the portion of the week is expected from the students, who are to study on their own from the Chumash. This is a more advanced course. Students without prior background in Jewish learning are required to take Chumash I before proceeding to Chumash II.

Jewish History uses the History of the Jewish People (published by Moznaim Publishing House) and covers the period from the dawn of time until the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel. This is an extensive course, which consists of two parts.

Kaballah uses the Tanya, the mystical text authored by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, which delves into matters of the soul and its relation to G-d. This is a more advanced course. Students are advised to complete *Chumash I* and *Moshiach* before enrolling in *Kaballah*.

Moshiach uses the Highlights of Moshiach by Rabbi Avraham Stone as well as other publications by the experts in this area. This course examines the sources and details of the Jewish belief in the final Redemption.

Hilchos Beis Habechirah is a special short course that covers the laws pertaining to the Jewish Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The material is intended to be studied during the three weeks of mourning leading up to the Tisha B'Av (anniversary of destruction of both Holy Temples).

Tefillah uses My Prayer by Nissan Mindel and goes through the daily prayers and their meaning and practice. The book is currently out of print, but the course is being updated. A used copy of the book may be borrowed by the student for the duration of the course, if approved.

Talmud is the basis for all codes of rabbinic law and consists of discussions pertaining to Jewish law, ethics and customs. This course uses a particular tractate in order to illustrate the nature of such study. Tractate booklets may be purchased or borrowed from the Aleph Institute.



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HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

All students interested in the program must be confirmed members of the Aleph Institute. Please make sure to fill out and return the membership application form prior to submitting this packet.

All materials are supplied by the Aleph Institute and shipped directly to each student. Please make sure to notify the Aleph Institute in the case of transfer in order to avoid losing your work.

Each course includes questionnaires, to be completed and returned to the Aleph Institute for grading after each portion of the material. Questionnaires contain 10 questions per page, for a total of 10 points per questionnaire. Partially correct answers receive ½ point.

Your work will be graded in the order it was received. Please make sure to date your work, in order to avoid delay in its grading. Grading process will take approximately 2 weeks from the time you mail your course work to us. During the months of Tishrei, Kislev, Adar and Nissan the grading process may take longer, since the Institute closes down for the Jewish holidays.

Our exams are closed-book and must be administered and signed by a designated proctor. Exams are based on the questionnaires but individual questions may be re-worded to test the actual understanding of the material. Please make sure to read the exam questions carefully, as they are not duplicates of questionnaires. If you do well on the sheets you will easily pass the exams.

Note: Chumash II is intended to be a full-year course. Students are to study from their own Chumash at the pace on one weekly portion each week, as is done across the synagogues worldwide. However, the course may be completed at a faster pace, if the students so wishes.

Once the participant has graduated from the entire course, by receiving a grade of sixty-five percent or higher, a certificate of completion along with a grade transcript will be issued by the Aleph Institute. Please notify us if you would like your Hebrew name printed on the certificate.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING WITH YOU!



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TORAH STUDIES ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____, _____ ID Number: _____
(Last) (First and Middle)

Facility mailing address: _____
(Name of facility)

(Street or P.O. Box)
_____, _____ - _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Please check off the correspondence courses for which you are applying, and enter the appropriate fees:
All books are to be ordered by students directly from the main Aleph office at the address below:

The Aleph Institute 9540 Collins Ave., Surfside, FL 33154

	Course Fees	Book Fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Chumash Level I (Assumes no prior knowledge)	_____ (\$18.00)	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Chumash Level II (<i>Stone Chumash</i> required)	_____ (\$18.00)	_____ (\$21.00)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish History (<i>History of the Jewish People</i> required)	_____ (\$18.00)	_____ (\$12.00)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kabbalah (<i>Tanya</i> required)	_____ (\$18.00)	_____ (\$14.00)
<input type="checkbox"/> Moshiach	_____ (\$18.00)	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Hilchos Beis Habechirah	_____ (\$18.00)	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Tefillah (<i>My Prayer</i> required)	_____ (\$18.00)	(<i>currently out of print</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Talmud	_____ (\$18.00)	_____ (\$10.00)
Total fees:	_____	

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)



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DESIGNATED PROCTOR APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

I agree to serve as a proctor and supervisor for the Torah Studies courses offered by the Aleph Institute, which are taken by:

_____, _____
(Name of inmate) (ID number)

I hereby assume the responsibilities inherent in this role given to me by the representative of the Aleph Institute, as stated below:

1. To proctor any closed-book tests connected with the courses I am supervising for the above inmate. The inmate will be allowed one hour per test. The schedule for each course will be mailed with the course materials.
2. To sign and return the completed tests to the Aleph Institute in Pittsburgh in the self-addressed stamped envelopes.

Signed, _____ Date _____

Name: _____ Official Position: _____
(Please type or print clearly)

Proctor's mailing address: _____
(Name of facility)

(Street or P.O. Box)

_____, _____
(City)

_____, _____
(State) (Zip Code)



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____, _____ ID #: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Facility mailing address: _____
(Name of facility)

(Street or P.O. Box)

_____, _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

I am applying for a scholarship to have the course and book fees corresponding to the classes checked below reduced or waived due to financial need. If at some future time this need no longer exists, I will notify the representative of Aleph Institute and subsequently pay any fees for future courses that I may take through the Aleph Institute. I understand that I must provide proof of my level of need by supplying statements for the past two months of my commissary account along with this form.

- Chumash Level I
- Chumash Level II
- Jewish History
- Kabalah
- Moshiach
- Hilchos Beis Habechirah
- Tefillah
- Talmud

I am submitting this application to The Aleph Institute for the purpose of receiving religious educational and ritual materials. I understand that Aleph is relying on the truthfulness of the information contained in this application and I hereby affirm that all information provided is accurate and truthful.

Signature of inmate requesting scholarship Date

Signature of designated supervisor Date

Name of designated supervisor (please type or print)