



Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

בית המדרש לרבנים ליהדות מתחדשת

INSTITUTE FOR PROSPECTIVE RABBINICAL STUDENTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

10:30 -12:20 PM **Optional (for early arrivals) - Choice of Regular Classes**

12:30 – 1:10 PM **Registration/Lunch/Building Tour**

1:15 – 2:10 PM **Welcome and Icebreakers**

2:15 - 3:05 PM **Observe Regular Classes or Building Tour**

Option 1: Choice of Regular Classes

Option 2: Building Tour

3:10 -3:25 PM ***Mincha***

3:30 - 5:30 PM **What Brings Us Here? Sharing Our Journeys Toward the
Rabbinate and Our Hopes for the Institute**

5:30-6:15 PM **Free Time**

***Evening programming will be held at the home of Rabbi Deborah Waxman
(RRC '99), President of RRC.***

6:30 - 7:30 PM **Dinner**

7:30- 8:30 PM **President's *Shiur***



THURSDAY

8:00 – 9:10 AM ***Shacharit***

9:10 – 9:30 AM **Continental Breakfast Available**

9:30 -10:20 AM **Observe Regular Classes or Special Session**

Option 1: Observe Regular Classes

Option 2 Rabbinic Internships Opportunities on College Campuses

10:30 – 11:20 AM **Observe Regular Classes or Special Session**

Option 1: Choice of Regular Classes

Option 2: Decision Making for the Contemporary Jew

11:30 - 12:20 PM **Observe Regular Classes or Special Session**

Option 1: Choice of Regular Classes

Option 2: Opportunities for Spiritual Growth During Rabbinical School

12:30 – 1:10 PM **Lunch with Members of the Faculty**

1:15 – 2:10 PM **Observe Regular Classes or Special Session**

Optional 1: Choice of Regular Classes

Option 2: Social Activism, Community Organizing and the Rabbinate

2:15 – 3:05 PM **Observe Regular Classes or Special Session**

Option 1: Regular classes

Option 2: Text Study with Vice President for Academic Affairs

3:10- 3:25 PM ***Mincha***

3:30 -4:30 PM **Panel on Internships, Field Experience and Supervision**



4:45-5:45 PM **“What’s It Like?” Facilitated Breakout Groups**

6:00 PM- **Night on the Town (or Free Time)**

FRIDAY

9:00 – 9:45 AM ***Shacharit***

9:45 – 10:00 AM **Break -- Continental Breakfast Available**

10:00-11:00AM **A Reconstructionist Approach to Judaism- Where We Come From and Where We Are Going**

11:10- 12:00 PM **Affording an RRC Education- How Students of Diverse Backgrounds Make it Work**

12:10-12:45 PM **“Preparing for Shabbat” Torah Study**

1:00 – 2:15 PM **Lunch and Panel on Rabbinic Work Options in Reconstructionist Communities and in the Wider World**

2:25 – 3:10 PM **Closing Program and Evaluation**

3:15 PM **Free Time and Return to Hosts**

SHABBAT– (Optional student-led programming)

On Friday night, Institute participants will join RRC students for *Kabbalat Shabbat*, dinner and conversation at the home of a current RRC student. On Saturday morning, participants will join their hosts at a nearby congregation for *Shacharit* and then enjoy lunch with small groups of students and Institute participants. Everyone will reconvene as a group Saturday evening at 5:30pm for *Seudah Shlishit* (the third Shabbat meal) and *Havdalah* at the home of a current RRC student.



After the Saturday evening program, Institute participants will be free to explore Philadelphia on their own or may return to their hosts' home for some down time. Participants traveling by air or rail should arrange their own transportation to the airport or train station on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

MEETINGS WITH THE ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT AND RABBINIC FORMATION

Rabbi Amber Powers will be available throughout the Institute for one-on-one conversations with Institute participants. A sign-up sheet will be passed around on Wednesday. Feel free to bring a list of any individual questions you might have.

HEBREW LEARNING ADVISING

Rabbi Vivie Mayer, Director of the Mekhinah Year and the Beit Midrash and Dr. Tamar Kamionkowski, Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies, will be available on Thursday afternoon for one-on-one brief advising sessions with Institute participants. A sign-up sheet will be passed around on Wednesday.