

The
Center for Modern Torah
Leadership

Our mission is to model and foster a vision of fully committed halakhic Judaism that

EMBRACES the intellectual and moral challenges of modernity as spiritual opportunities,

RECOGNIZES that ideas and rhetoric have consequences, and takes responsibility for the societal implications of its interpretations of Torah,

UNDERSTANDS that the real-world effects of Torah are mediated by the character of Torah leaders, and that self-knowledge is therefore essential for Torah leadership, and

TAKES the ultimate significance of all human beings as *tzelem Elokim* as a fundamental Torah principle.



RABBI ARYEH KLAPPER

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RABBI ARYEH KLAPPER is Dean of the Center for Modern Torah Leadership and Rosh Beit Midrash of its Summer Beit Midrash Program, Instructor of Rabbinics and Medical Ethics at Gann Academy, and a member of the Boston Beit Din. Rabbi Klapper previously served as Orthodox Adviser and Associate Director for Education at Harvard Hillel and as Talmud Curriculum Chair at Maimonides High School. He has published articles about contemporary halakhah in numerous academic journals including *Tradition*, *Meorot*, *Dinei Yisrael*, and *Beit Yitzchak*. He is a popular lecturer who is consulted internationally on issues of Jewish law. His work is cited regularly by both academic and traditional scholars.



- Must be **proficient in reading rabbinic texts**
- Display **talent for leadership** positions in the Jewish community
- Be **fully committed to halakhah**.

The **SUMMER BEIT MIDRASH** provides **food & housing** for all Fellows. A **limited number of stipends** are available on the basis of need and ability.

“Developing effective and courageous Orthodox leaders committed to actively participating in, learning from, and challenging contemporary Jewish and non-Jewish culture.”



*The theme that sticks out in my mind is **responsibility for what Torah will look like in the future**. This idea is particularly important for Modern Orthodox Jews who are committed to Talmud Torah and halakhah but do not see their core values consistently represented in Torah as it is taught today.*

Michael Grunfeld, Harvard College



**SUMMER
BEIT MIDRASH**

INVITES

**10-12 Outstanding Men & Women
to join us next summer for
six intensive, exhilarating weeks
learning about Halakhah**



TENTATIVE DATES

July 6 – August 11, 2010
24 Tammuz – 1 Elul 5770
at
Young Israel of Sharon, MA



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“Taking Responsibility for Torah”