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Principal Teachers

DAVID HARTMAN was, until settling in Israel in 1972, a prominent educator and religious leader in New York City and Montreal. He received semikhah from Yeshiva University, where he did post-graduate work in rabbinics and taught philosophy of Halakhah. He also holds a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and has taught philosophy at McGill, Sir George Williams and Loyola universities in Montreal. He is the founder of the Akiva Day School and the Meyer Segals Center for the Study and Advancement of Judaism (an ongoing colloquium of leading Jewish theologians) in Montreal, and has served as rabbi to congregations there and in New York. He has published several articles in Halakhah and Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University and is 41 years old.

PINHAS PELI is a native of Jerusalem. He studied at the Etz Hayyim and Mercaz Harav yeshivot and received rabbinical semikhah here. Following undergraduate work in Talmud and Jewish history at the Hebrew University, he received a master's degree in Hebrew literature from that institution and a doctorate in Jewish literature and thought at Yeshiva University, the University of the Negev and the Hebrew University. In addition, he serves as the rabbi of the Emet Ve-Emunah Congregation and has lectured widely on American university campuses and for the Israeli army. He has edited several anthologies of Hebrew short stories and poetry, published articles on the Siddur and nearly completed a volume on the Siddur for the Melton Research Center. He is 42 years old.

MICHAEL ROSENAK was born in Germany, but immigrated with his family to the United States as a child. He has devoted much of his life to Jewish education in Israel, where he settled in 1958. He has taught in several Israeli secondary schools, at the Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad, at Beit Berl, and, most recently, in the Hebrew University's Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora. Holder of a bachelor's degree in sociology from Yeshiva University and an M.A. in history from Columbia University, he has published a number of articles on Israel and Jewish education in leading Israeli and American journals and is now preparing a doctoral dissertation on the teaching of Jewish theology. He is presently educational director of Kiriat Moriah, the World Zionist Organization's center for youth study-programs, and a member of the executive board of Midrashiat Noam. He is 38 years old.

ELIEZER SCHWEID is one of Israel's leading teachers of Jewish thought and Hebrew literature. He has taught at the Haifa University Institute and Haifa University, the University of the Negev, Beit Berl, the Institute for Collective Education of the Union of Kvutzot and Kibbutzim and the Tel-Aviv Teachers Seminary. He is presently teaching Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University, where he did his undergraduate and doctoral training in that subject. A sabra, he was for five years a member of Kibbutz Tzor'ah, where he did agricultural work. He is the author of nine books to date, including studies in Maimonides, Crescas and Albo and in modern Jewish thought and Hebrew literature. He is 42 years old.

ADIN STEINSALTZ is widely known in Israel as a scholar and teacher of several Jewish disciplines. A native Israeli, he did graduate study in physics and mathematics at the Hebrew University before taking up rabbinical studies, leading to semikhah, at the Lubavitcher yeshivot of Jerusalem and Kfar Habad. He headed an experimental high school in the Negev and has taught many informal study groups such subjects as Talmud, Bible, Hasidism and Jewish philosophy. He has published numerous articles in these subjects, as well as in archeology, mathematics, education and public affairs. He is the author of a volume on the language of the Kabbalah, and is now engaged in editing a major new edition of the entire Talmud, for which he is writing a Hebrew commentary. He is 35 years old.

ARYEH TOEG was born in Shanghai to an Iraqi-Jewish family. During the upheavals of the Second World War and the Communist Revolution, his family moved to Hong Kong, Manila and finally, in 1951, to Tel-Aviv. He was educated in Israel and served with a Religious Scouts contingent in Nahal (the voluntary, paramilitary arm of the Israeli army which sets up and helps man border kibbutzim). He holds a B.A. and an M.A. in Bible from the Hebrew University and is now completing doctoral research there in that field, focussing on the interdependence of religious perspectives and literary features in the Pentateuch. He has published several articles in Biblical studies and has taught Bible for six years at Bar-Ilan and the Hebrew University. He is 34 years old.

Tutors

BERNARD BERKOVITS was born in Leeds, England, and grew up in Sydney, Boston, Chicago and New York City. He studied at Yeshiva University, where he received a B.A. in sociology, an M.A. in Jewish history and rabbinical semikhah. He also did master's-level work in philosophy at Yeshiva University and the Hebrew University. He has done informal teaching and counseling on the staffs of Camp Moshava, Yeshiva University and the Hartman College of Jewish Studies, where he is presently teaching a formal course in Humash. He came to Israel in 1970 and is, in addition to his teaching, a full-time student at Yeshivat Mercaz Harav. He is 27 years old.

MENACHEM FROMANN was born in Israel and grew up in Moshav Kfar Hasidim. He was active in the Noar Hameuhedet (now Noar Ha-Oved Vehalomed) youth movement and did his army service with a Nahal contingent at Kibbutz Haon, staying on afterwards to become a member of the Kibbutz. Following the Six-Day War, he came to Jerusalem to study at Yeshivat Mercaz Harav and then, for three years, at the Hebrew University, where he concentrated in Jewish and general philosophy. In 1970 he returned to Mercaz Harav and has been a student there ever since. He is 27 years old.

ARYEH STRIKOVSKY is a Sabra and a graduate of the Yeshivat Hadarom high school and teachers college. He studied Talmud at Yeshivat Hevron and with Joseph Soloveitchik and Abraham Weiss at Yeshiva University, from which he also received a B.S. in economics and an M.A. and Ph. D. in Bible. He has taught various Judaic disciplines at the University of Manitoba, the University of Detroit, Wayne State University, the Detroit Midrashah, the Chicago College of Jewish Studies and the WUJS Institute in Arad. He currently teaches Talmud and Jewish thought at the Technion and is publications editor for the Religious Education Department of the Ministry of Education. He is the author of several articles on Bible and Talmud and of a forthcoming volume on the Ari (Yitzhak Luria). He is 30 years old.

ELLIOT YAGOD comes to us from Montreal. He did his undergraduate work in psychology at Yeshiva University and then returned to his native city for graduate study in philosophy at McGill University, where he has been for the last four years. While at McGill, he was an active member of the Student Zionist Organization and served on the editorial board of Other Stand, in its time one of North America's leading Jewish student journals. He taught philosophy at McGill and is now at work on his doctorate in that subject, with special concentration in Jewish philosophy. He came to Israel in 1972 and is 27 years old.

BURTON ZEFFREN is a native of St. Louis, where he was active in B'nei Akiva (the religious Zionist youth movement). He received a B.A. in education from Roosevelt University, an M.A. in American history from St. Louis University and semikhah from the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago. He taught on an intermediate level at the Epstein Hebrew Academy in St. Louis and the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County (New York) and was for five years the principal of the Torah Academy High School for Girls in St. Louis. He was an active member of Pe'ilim, a world wide organization which helps provide for the religious needs of Sephardic immigrants to Israel. Since coming to Israel in 1971, he has been studying Talmud at the Mir Yeshivah, and Talmud, Jewish philosophy and the philosophy of science at the Hebrew University. He has also been teaching in the Jerusalem Free University. He is 39 years old.

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