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SHEM-TOB EBEN FALAQUERA RABBINIC SCHOOL

(BME) is an educational center in the Dominican Republic, dedicated to the education of the Spanish & Portuguese Jews, specializing in Sephardi culture, rite and jurisprudence. For over 10 years, the BME has created and published materials in various languages, and has educated Jews in 5 continents. Our staff includes rabbis and judges from Israel, Morocco, the USA, the Caribbean, and Brazil.



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Why Eben Falaquera?

Shem-Ṭob Eben Falaquera (1235-1291) was a Spanish Jewish philosopher, writer, and translator born in Toledo, Spain, which was a major center of Jewish learning and culture during the Middle Ages. Eben Falaquera was a prominent figure in the Jewish philosophical and intellectual circle of Toledo, which was known for its rich tradition of Aristotelian scholarship. He was a student of the renowned philosopher and Talmudic scholar, Ribbi Moses ben Ezra, and later became a prominent figure in his own right.

The Eben Falaquera Rabbinical Curriculum was reconstructed and adapted to the contemporary context (online and in-person) by the Dean to offer classical Sephardic rabbinic training. After the devastation of Sephardic rabbinic academies in the Ottoman Empire and Western Europe, we saw fit to recreate an environment and program to train our children in the ways of our forefathers. We aim to *train leaders with a Sephardic humanistic world vision.*

The curriculum focuses on the anthropological and linguistic analysis of the Tanakh; Hebrew philology, morphology, and grammar; Sephardic history; Hazzanuth; Talmud; Geonic responsa; Andalusian rabbinic jurisprudence; and Responsa of the Western Sepharadim. Students learn all areas of Jewish law, with a strong foundation of the Mishneh Torah, and practical rabbinics (Marriage, Divorce, Counseling, and Arbitration). Some students are also taught ritual slaughtering, and horticulture. Moreover, the students must take courses in public speaking, arbitration, philosophy, psychology, and counseling.

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THE DEAN

Hakham Dr. Yehonatan Elazar-DeMota ם״ד was born in Miami. He comes from a long line of Sephardic families from Spain, Portugal and North Africa, which established themselves in the Caribbean before migrating to the United States of America. He began his rabbinic education under Hakham Yosef Benarroch ם״ד, ה״צ, at the Sephardic Education Center of North Miami Beach (yore yore). After that, he studied the laws of shehitah with Hakham Abraham Bitton ם״ד, and was certified by Hakham Israel Levi Tytell. Thereafter, he continued his studies under Hakham Mordekhay Levi de Lopes ם״ד (yadin yadin). Moreover, H. Elazar-DeMota was certified in Israel as a mohel by Hakham Yoel Nissim Dayan. Apart from rabbinic studies, H. Elazar-DeMota has a Master's degree in Anthropology and Religious Studies from Florida International University and a PhD in International Law from the University of Amsterdam. H. Elazar-DeMota is the author of numerous books and articles on Western Sephardic Jewry. He established his Beth Midrash in 2009 in the Dominican Republic and has been educating local Jews and Jews worldwide.

THE EBEN FALAQUERA CURRICULUM & START DATE

*The Eben Falaquera Rabbinical Program takes **8 semesters** to complete, with **15 credit hours** every semester.*

During the summer, students will travel to the *The Dominican Republic* for one week to meet staff members and gain hands-on training in special topics.

The BME intends to begin the next enrollment of students for the Eben Falaquera Rabbinical Program the first week of Heshwan 5785 (November 2024). Join the waiting list by sending two letters of recommendation and a letter of interest to our email: info@bmeleazar.org.

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Falaquera Rabbinical Program Curriculum

SEMESTER I

Course	Credit Hours
Mishne Tora I	3
Hebrew Diqduq & Miqra I	3
Sephardic history & Hazanuth I	3
Near-Eastern Anthropology & the TaNaKH I	3
Mishnah & Rambam Commentary I	3

SEMESTER II

Course	Credit Hours
Mishne Tora II	3
Hebrew Diqduq & Miqra II	3
Sephardic history & Hazanuth II	3
Near-Eastern Anthropology & the TaNaKH II	3
Mishnah & Rambam Commentary II	3

SEMESTER III

Course	Credit Hours
Kessef Mishneh & Lehem Mishneh	3
Shuhan Arukh, Y"D & O"H I	3
Tosefta, Sifre, Sifra, Mekhilta	3
Early Modern Western Sephardic Intellectual Tradition I	3
Isaac Canpanton Talmudic Iyyun I	3

SEMESTER IV

Course	Credit Hours
Speech and Homiletics	3
Shuhan Arukh, Y"D & O"H II	3
Early Modern Eastern Sephardic Intellectual Tradition	3
Early Modern Western Sephardic Intellectual Tradition II	3
Isaac Canpanton Talmudic Iyyun II	3

SEMESTER V

Course	Credit Hours
Rabbenu Hannanel, Rabbenu Nissim Gaon	3
Shulhan Arukh, E"H I	3
The Provençal and Italki Intellectual Tradition	3
Nomologia o Discursos Legales I	3
Isaac Canpanton Talmudic Iyyun III	3

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Course	<i>SEMESTER VI</i>	Credit Hours
The RIF		3
Shulhan Arukh, E"H II		3
20th Century Israeli Sephardic Intellectual Tradition		3
Nomologia o Discursos Legales II		3
Writing Ketuboth		3

Course	<i>SEMESTER VII</i>	Credit Hours
Teshuboth Ha-Geonim		3
Shulhan Arukh, H"M I		3
Classical Sephardic Teshuboth I		3
Nomologia o Discursos Legales III		3
Writing Gittin		3

Course	<i>SEMESTER VIII</i>	Credit Hours
Teshuboth Ha-Geonim II		3
Shulhan Arukh, H"M II		3
Classical Sephardic Teshuboth II		3
Writing Halakhic Teshuboth		3
Psychology and Pastoral Care		3

BENEFITS

- ✓ In-depth study of Sephardic traditions, law, and culture.
- ✓ Connect with fellow students from around the world.
- ✓ Blend of classical Sephardic rabbinic training with contemporary educational methods.
- ✓ Balance education with personal and professional responsibilities.
- ✓ Courses covering a wide range of topics from Hebrew philology to rabbinics and public speaking.
- ✓ Guidance and mentorship from dedicated faculty members.
- ✓ Opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic for hands-on training and cultural experiences.

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PAYMENT PLANS

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EARLY BIRD

Full Payment**

US\$4,000

GOLD PLAN

2 Payments** of

US\$2,200

SILVER PLAN

3 Payments** of

US\$1,500

All payments are made via Paypal to paypal.me/obadyahalliance**

** **PRICES ARE PER YEAR**

Join now the Eben Falaquera Online Rabbinic Program and deepen your understanding of Sephardic traditions to emerge as a knowledgeable and empowered leader of Am Yisrael.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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