

**2008**

***PROSPECTUS***

***Beit Netzarim***  
***Yeshiva***  
***and***  
***Davar Bible School***

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## **General Information**

### **The Yeshiva: A Brief History**

In 1999 Dr. James Scott Trimm, having been authorized by the International Netzarim Beit Din, established Beit Netzarim Yeshiva.

### **Statement of Purpose**

Beit Netzarim Yeshiva has a vital role in filling a present gap in theological education. The prevailing emphasis of the Yeshiva is Torah and Messiah. Within that emphasis Beit Netzarim Yeshiva strives to prepare qualified candidate for authentic service in the Body of Messiah, through the seeking of excellence in textual criticism, biblical interpretation, systematic theology and apologetics. Beit Netzarim desires to train the layman and professional, starting at the level they find themselves.

The Yeshiva believes in the close relationship between talmid (student) and teacher that seems to have characterized the Yeshivot (plural for “Yeshiva”) of the Second Temple Era. Without compromise, Beit Netzarim will guide talmidim (plural for “talmid”) through a complete theological education.

Beit Netzarim and its founders feel there is a need for an institution, which will instruct both the layman and the professional Messianic believer with the same high level of education offered in a Rabbinic Yeshiva. Many of those calling themselves "Rabbi" within the Messianic movement do not have the same level of education held by their Rabbinic counterparts. The purpose of this Yeshiva is to offer a solution to this situation. The Yeshiva is Messianic in its composition, intent, and theology.

Beit Netzarim is a training institution for the development of all believers who are dedicated to the study of the Word of Elohim. Admission is basically open to those desiring to learn, whether the talmid is preparing for full-time ministry, part-time ministry, or has no intent to enter the ministry. We fully realize that some talmidim may simply wish to take courses and not work toward graduation.

## **Davar Bible School**

In 2008 Beit Netzarim Yeshiva established the Davar Bible School as a vehicle to offer free Bible correspondence courses under the umbrella of Beit Netzarim Yeshiva. Students of Davar Bible School earn a small amount of credit at Beit Netzarim Yeshiva. Currently only one six lesson course is being offered through Davar Bible School. The Davar Bible Correspondence Course, an informative course of study will help you understand the clear, simple, plain truths of your Bible. The only textbook you will need for this correspondence course is your Bible. You will be richly rewarded with enlightening new truth in each lesson.

If you wish to enroll free of charge, email [cleartruth@yahoo.com](mailto:cleartruth@yahoo.com) and download Lesson One and Test Booklet One from <http://www.lulu.com/nazarene>

## **Free Bible Quiz**

The PDF file at the URL below is a two page Bible Quiz and introduction to a free Bible Correspondence offered by Davar Bible School (a division of Beit Netzarim Yeshiva). We encourage you to download and distribute copies as widely as possible.

Free Bible Quiz  
<http://www.lulu.com/content/2324355>

## **Four Ways to Take Classes**

Beit Netzarim Yeshiva currently allows talmidim three ways to take classes.

1. Synagogue Campus Courses
2. Email Correspondence.
3. Audio/Video Correspondence.
4. Directed Independent Study

## **Email Correspondence Courses**

Email correspondence courses use e-mail list-servers as virtual classrooms. Talmidim receive class material and participate in class discussions with one another via an email discussion group created for each class.

## **Audio/Video Courses**

Beit Netzarim Yeshiva is now pioneering video and audio courses. In time the entire curriculum will be available to be taken at home through extension studies.

## **Directed Independent Study**

The Directed Independent Study method allows students to study independently, at their own pace using the course textbook. These talmidim are required to work closely with a teacher who will guide them and grade them on the material which they study independently. These talmidim will be required to write essays on each chapter as they complete them. Upon completing the textbook the talmid will take a final exam for the course in question.

## **Synagogue Campus Courses**

Beit Netzarim is open to place the Yeshiva course work in synagogues and assemblies in order to expose the largest number of talmidim to formal Yeshiva studies. Such classes will be taught by Beit Netzarim faculty or by teachers approved by Beit Netzarim. The talmidim taking Synagogue campus courses must fulfill all the requirements of the course and of Beit Netzarim Yeshiva. They must be registered and turn in all assignments. All tuition must be paid to receive credit. To establish Yeshiva courses at your synagogue or assembly, have the congregational leader contact Beit Netzarim Yeshiva.

## **Theological Faculty**

Dr. James Scott Trimm

Rosh Yeshiva, Professor

S.T.D. Semitic Studies, St. John Chrysostom Theological Seminary

Ordained Rabbi; UNR and International Nazarene Beit Din

Rabbi Robert O. Miller

Professor

Graduate of Southern Bible College

Graduate of Berean Bible College

Ordained Rabbi, Union of Nazarene Yisrael Congregations  
and International Nazarene Beit Din

### **Accreditation**

The Yeshiva is not accredited at this time. The Yeshiva is organized and operated under the approbation of the International Nazarene Beit Din and is recognized by the UNR.

### **Admission**

The Yeshiva will consider applications for admission to its theological educational programs from all “qualified students”.

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Talmidim having personal, spiritual, emotional, or academic problems that impact on their Yeshiva work, may need to have correspondence with the Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by the Rosh Yeshiva. The Committee will offer advice or issue directives to help the talmid through the difficulties being experienced. The talmid may be advised to cut back on the class load or remain out of the Yeshiva for a semester in order to facilitate a return and study at a peak level.

The Committee may also place a student on academic probation until the problems are overcome or until the talmid is performing satisfactorily. Issues that may bring students before the Committee include: 1) Needing advice or prayer for spiritual problems or domestic difficulties; 2) Grave moral difficulties; 3) Ongoing academic problems; 4) Difficulties in attendance, or lateness to class (for “campus” classes) and 5) Ongoing tardiness in completing assignments or work requirements.

## **Termination**

The Yeshiva reserves the right to terminate a talmid at any time for grave reason. The Rosh Yeshiva shall terminate a student by letter stating the specific reason or reasons for such termination.

## **Credit Value**

A credit is defined as the equivalent of thirty hours of Yeshiva involvement/engagement. Unless otherwise noted, each course earns 3 credits.

## **Yeshiva Studies and Discipline**

Yeshiva candidates should have a reading knowledge of the Scriptures. The talmid is expected to exhibit a mature results-oriented perspective. Yeshiva education is preparation for the Rabbinat. As such, self discipline is expected of the talmid. The talmid will be expected to evaluate his/her personal effectiveness and goals in their studies. This type of disciplined study presumes several things:

- a) An ongoing commitment and inquisitive curiosity on the part of the talmid with the rabbis and instructors providing challenge and guidance. The course work is substantive and demanding and assumes a basic knowledge of the Scriptures.
- b) An ability to independently secure and read with intelligent criticism the various text books and monographs in the area of study with an eye to learning and broadening one's appreciation;
- c) An ability to reflect in a positive spirit and put down in thought and practice both the question and the reasoned answer;
- d) A willingness to meet all requirements and deadlines in a timely manner. Theology Comprehensive

All students entering the Graduate Level programs, must take an oral comprehensive exam for graduation.

## **Residence**

Each talmid is required to keep the Yeshiva advised as to his current residence and mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number.

## **Correspondence Requirements**

It is the sole responsibility of the talmid to provide correspondence and replies to correspondence in a timely manner. Academic work which is late or irresponsible, may be rejected and may be resubmitted.

## ***S'mikhah* and Sponsorship**

The Yeshiva does not recommend a talmid for *s'mikhah* per se, under any circumstances. The Yeshiva will only warrant that a given talmid has successfully completed the course of instruction. The Yeshiva is not responsible for the qualifications required by authorities other than the International Nazarene Beit Din for those seeking *s'mikhah*. The requirements for *s'mikhah* differ from organization to organization, therefore the one responsibility of the Yeshiva is to provide quality theological education for the preparation of the rabbinate.

Neither the Yeshiva, its staff, nor any member of the International Nazarene Beit Din or the UNR guarantees *s'mikhah* as a Rabbi. The completion of a course of studies is only one among several requirements for ordination. The Yeshiva is held harmless by the several leaders who sponsor talmidim from any obligation to confer *s'mikhah*.

## **Grading System**

Beit Netzarim uses a 4.0 grading system.

4.0 = A; 3.0 = B; 2.0 = C; 1.0 = D

F = Unacceptable; I = Incomplete; W = Withdrawal

## **Credit Requirements**

Yeshiva talmidim must complete all assignments and requirements before credit can be given.

## **Transfer of Credit**

Transfer credits *may* be accepted by Beit Netzarim Yeshiva. All requests for transfer of credits must be made to the Rosh Yeshiva. (Most MBI Yeshiva credits are accepted).

## **Financial Information**

Tuition Costs-  
\$150 Per Course

-Student Fees-  
Registration Fee  
\$100 one time fee

Re-Registration Fee  
\$30 - Students must re-register if inactive for three months or longer.

Late Registration Fee  
\$45 Per Semester.

Materials Fee  
\$10 Per Semester. on Campus Students only.

Shipping & Handling / Materials Fee  
\$25 one course, US Extensions Students only; Foreign students require additional price quote.

\*All fees are subject to change

**IMPORTANT:** We must receive payment before the semester begins or you will not begin your classes on time.

Just send your check or money order to:  
Nazarene Judaism  
Box 471  
Hurst, TX 76053  
USA

Or you may pay fees online with PayPal <http://www.paypal.com>  
You must sign up with them, but rest assured the service to you is FREE!!! You can send money from your bank account to our bank account, or you can use your credit card to send money from your credit card to our bank account.

Send your payments to the following email address:

[donations@beitnetzarim.com](mailto:donations@beitnetzarim.com)

Make sure you put in the notes, that you are sending in fees for the Yeshiva

### **Degree Programs**

All classes are worth 3 credit hours each.

#### **Certificate of Basic Biblical Studies**

(15 hours; two semesters; Five classes)

Required courses:

Survey of the Tanak I

Survey of the Tanak II

New Testament Survey I

New Testament Survey II

Systematic Theology

#### **Certificate of Biblical Studies**

(30 hours; two semesters; 10 classes)

Required courses:

Survey of the Tanak I

Survey of the Tanak II

New Testament Survey I

New Testament Survey II

Systematic Theology

+ Five other classes

#### **Master's Degree in Hebrew Letters**

(60 hours; four semesters; two years post graduate studies)

Required courses:

Tanak Survey 1&2

NT Survey 1&2

Hermeneutics

Systematic Theology

Mishna Survey 1&2

Talmud Survey 1&2  
Survey of the Dead Sea Scrolls  
Hebrew 1&2  
Aramaic 1&2

**Doctoral Degree (Certificate of Rabbinate) (*S'mikhah*)**

(120 hours; eight semesters; four years post graduate studies)

Required courses:

Tanak Survey 1&2  
NT Survey 1&2  
Hermeneutics (year)  
Tanak Textual Criticism  
New Testament Textual Criticism  
Systematic Theology  
Answering Christendom  
Mishna Survey 1&2 (year)  
Talmud Survey 1&2 (year)  
Survey of Midrashim 1&2 (year)  
Sefer Yetzirah Survey (year)  
Bahir Survey (year)  
Zohar Survey 1&2 (year)  
Survey of the Dead Sea Scrolls  
Messianic Apologetics  
History of the Nazarenes  
Jewish Mysticism  
Hebrew 1&2 (year)  
Aramaic 1&2 (year)

## **YESHIVA COURSES**

(\* indicates classes available through directed independent study; a/v indicates classes available through audio/video; +a/v indicates classes expected to be available by a/v by the end of 2008)

### **General Biblical Studies (GB)**

#### **Bible Correspondence Course (Davar Bible School) - A**

Revolutionary Course in Bible Understanding. This informative course of study will help you understand the clear, simple, plain truths of your Bible. The only textbook you will need for this correspondence course is your Bible. You will be richly rewarded with enlightening new truth in each lesson. There is no tuition or cost to you whatsoever, this course is absolutely free of charge. Your enrollment has already been paid by the voluntary freewill tithes and offerings of those who have elected to support this teaching. As you read each lesson, make sure you look up each Scripture that is cited. A separate test booklet is provided for each lesson. This way you can keep the lessons for further study, returning only your test booklet to be graded by your teacher. (Alternatively you may just email your answers to us.) (This six lesson course earns 1 credit)

**Survey of the Tanak (1 & 2)** – This course looks at the general background of the Tanak, the forming of the canon, dates, authors, and purposes of the various books.

**Survey of the New Testament (1 & 2)** - This course will look at the New Testament from a Jewish perspective in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Rabbinic literature etc. We will examine the New Testament on the four levels of understanding.

Textbooks:

**Romans Survey** - This course will look at the book of Romans from a Jewish perspective in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Semitic texts. Rabbinic literature etc.

**Survey of Torah (1 & 2)** – This course will go through the Torah in detail through each of the 54 parashot.

**Survey of Navi'im (1&2)** – This course will book by book through the Prophets, the background of each book its author and purpose.

**Survey of Ketuvim (1&2)** – This course will go book by book through the Ketuvim, the background of each book its author and purpose.

**Survey of the Apocrypha** This course will go book by book through the Apocrypha, the background of each book its author and purpose.

**Survey of the Pseudepigrapha (1&2)** This course will go book by book through the Pseudepigrapha, the background of each book and its purpose.

**Survey of the Books of Enoch** – This course will go verse by verse through 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Enoch.

**Survey of the Book of Jasher** – This course will go chapter by chapter through the Book of Jasher.

**Survey of B'sorot (Survey of the NT 1)**– This course will look at the four Gospels from a Jewish perspective in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Rabbinic literature etc. We will examine the Gospels on the four levels of understanding.

**Survey of Shaliachim (Survey of the NT 2)** - This course will look at the writings of the emissaries from a Jewish perspective in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Rabbinic literature etc.

**Survey of the New Testament Apocrypha** This course will go book by book through the New Testament Apocrypha, the background of each book its author and purpose.

**Parables of Yeshua** - This course will review each of the parables of Yeshua.

**\*Tanak Textual Criticism** – This course will examine the manuscript history of the text of the Tanak.  
(textbook: Old Testament Textual Criticism by Ellis R. Brotzman)

**a/v "New Testament" Textual Criticism** - This course will examine the manuscript history of the text of the New Testament.

Textbook: The Hebrew and Aramaic Origin of the New Testament by James Scott Trimm <http://www.lulu.com/nazarene>

**a/v Jewish Hermeneutics** –Students receive DVD's of this class as it was taught to a "live" class of students with a workbook and assignments to be mailed or emailed to the Yeshiva to be graded. This course will discuss logistics in interpreting the scriptures from a Jewish perspective. This course will cover the four levels of understanding, the seven rules of Hillel, the thirteen rules of Ishmael, the thirty two rules of Eleazer and the basics of Midrashic Exegesis. Textbook JEWISH HERMENEUTICS available from <http://www.lulu.com/nazarene>

**Semitic Poetry** – This course will cover the various types of Hebrew poetry and how identifying these forms can help us better understand the scriptures.

## **Language Studies (LS)**

### **+a/v Biblical Hebrew (1-4)**

TEXTBOOK

Introducing Biblical Hebrew; by Allen P. Ross; ISBN: 0-8010-2147-2

### **+a/v Aramaic (1-4)**

TEXTBOOKS (for 1-2)

Classical Aramaic Book 1; Erico and Bazzi; ISBN: 0-9631292-1-X

Introduction to Syriac; Thackston; ISBN 0-936347-98-8

### **Biblical Greek (1-4)**

## **Advanced Systematic Theology (AST)**

**+a/v Systematic Theology** – This course will give an overview of the major areas of theology. Textbook: Nazarene Theology by James Trimm <http://www.lulu.com/nazarene>

**\*Jewish Mysticism I** – This course will cover Jewish mysticism, especially in relationship to understanding the Godhead.

Textbooks:

THE MIDDLE PILLAR available from

<http://www.lulu.com/nazarene>

**Eschatology** – This course will give an overview of matters relating to the last days and the afterlife.

### **Apologetics and Polemics (AP)**

**Apologetics** – This course will deal with basic polemics and apologetics.

Textbook: The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell

**Overview of the Typology of the Jewish Feast Days** – This course will go over each of the festivals of Israel and examine their typology.

**Creation Science** – This class will examine evidence for special creation and against evolution.

**Answering Islam** – This course will review and answer the claims of Islam as well as explore methods of presenting Torah and Messiah to Moslems.

**Survey of the Quran** This course will go Surah by Surah through Quran to provide those entering apologetics ministry a detailed knowledge of this book.

**Answering Christendom** - This course will review and answer the claims of Christendom as well as explore methods of presenting Torah and Nazarene Judaism to Christians and examine pagan elements within Christendom.

**Answering Para-Christian Groups** – This course will review and answer the claims of para-Christian groups as well as explore methods of presenting Torah to them

**The Branch Davidians; A Case Study of a Destructive Para-Christian Sect** – This course will supply an overview of the history,

development and theology of the Branch Davidian Sect as a case-study of a destructive Para-Christian Sect. Course will include a firsthand review of Branch Davidian printed, audio and video materials. The purpose of this study will be to provide those entering apologetics ministry a detailed case study of a destructive para-Christian sect so as to prepare the apologist to deal with such sects.

**Archaeology and the Bible** – This course will cover the Bible in its relationship to Biblical Archaeology.

**a/v Messianic Apologetics** - How to respond to the anti-missionaries.

## **Talmudic and Midrashic Studies (TM)**

**Overview of Rabbinic Literature** –

**Rashi on the Tanak** –

**\*Introduction to the Mishna -**

TEXTBOOKS: THE MISHNA AN INTRODUCTION by Jacob Neusner ISBN 1-56821-358-1;

THE MISHNA A NEW TRANSLATION by Jacob Neusner Paperback ISBN 0-300-05022-4

**Survey of the Tosefta** - This course will go tractate by tractate through the Tosefta, the background of each tractate and its purpose

**\*Introduction to the Talmud -**

TEXTBOOKS: The Essential Talmud – Adin Steinsaltz; Everyman’s Talmud; Abraham Cohen

**\*Survey of Talmud (1 & 2) -** This course will go tractate by tractate through the Talmud, the background of each tractate and its purpose

TEXTBOOKS: THE ESSENTIAL TALMUD by Adin Steinsaltz ISBN 0465020631; EVERYMAN'S TALMUD by Abraham Cohen ISBN 0805210326 – The Soncino Talmud

**\*Introduction to the Midrashim** –An overview of the Midrashim this class will examine: Midrash Mekhilta; Midrash Sifre and Midrash Rabbah

Textbook: The Midrash; an Introduction; Jacob Neusner ISBN 1-56821-357-3 or 0-87668-814-8

**\*Survey of the Sefer Yetzirah**

Sefer Yetzirah: The Book of Creation; by Aryeh Kaplan (Editor)  
ISBN: 0877288550

**\*Survey of the Bahir**

The Bahir; by Nehunya Ben Ha-Kanah, Aryeh Kaplan  
ISBN: 0877286183

**Survey of the Zohar (1 & 2)**

**Survey of the Siddur** – This course will go through the Siddur giving a better understanding of the traditional liturgy.

**Essene Studies (Ess)**

**Overview of the Essenes** – An overview of the history, theology and halacha of the ancient sect of the Essenes based on information in ancient sources (such as Josephus, Philo and the Dead Sea Scrolls)

**\*Survey of the Dead Sea Scrolls** – This course will go document by document through the Dead Sea Scrolls (apart from biblical manuscripts) Text Book: The Dead Sea Scrolls a New Translation by Wise; Abegg & Cook.

**Halachah (Hal)**

**Mechanics of the Hebrew Calendar** – This class will examine the mechanics of the original Hebrew calendar, the Hillel II calendar and even the Qumran calendar.

**Overview of the Mitzvot** - This course will examine each of the 613 mitzvot (commandments).

## **History (H)**

**History of the Nazarenes** – This course will trace the history of the Nazarenes from the beginning of the ministry of Yochanan the immerser (John the Baptist) forward.

**History of Judaism** – This course will cover the history of Judaism through the Second Temple Era.

**History of Rabbinic Judaism** – This course will cover the history of Rabbinic Judaism from the second Temple Era forward.

**History of Christendom** – This course will cover the history of Christendom from its inception to the current day.

**Tracing the Lost Tribes** – This course will trace the migrations of the Lost Tribes.

### **NOTICE:**

Beit Netzarim Yeshiva is solely instituted to provide religious training and theological education. The certificates and degrees of Beit Netzarim Yeshiva are awarded only for religious purposes and worded accordingly.

### **REFUND AND RETURN POLICY**

Beit Netzarim Yeshiva fees, tuition and book charges are non-refundable. Non-completed courses may be traded for good cause, credit for credit. The Yeshiva may restrict multiple or frequent trades. Required courses for those seeking a degree may NOT be traded.

### **DISCLAIMER:**

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determines their own guidelines for transferable credits. Beit Netzarim Yeshiva cannot determine whether or not a given school will recognize Yeshiva credits. The only contract, and no other implied, which Beit Netzarim Yeshiva enters into with the student, is to provide transcribed course credit for tuition paid. By applying to Beit Netzarim Yeshiva the student agrees to hold Beit Netzarim Yeshiva blameless and not liable for failing any possible expectation of the student concerning participation in Beit Netzarim Yeshiva. Any student who submits an application for admission to Beit Netzarim Yeshiva agrees to the policy of the Yeshiva as listed here.