

Job Description: Rav of BMTL

About BMTL

The Kehilla of Bet Midrash Torani Leumi is comprised of a dynamic group of over 125 families and has been under the leadership of Rabbi Avishai David for the past 20 years. Our membership is comprised primarily of Anglo Olim from the United States, Canada, and the UK, with a small, but we hope growing, number of native Israeli families. Our typical member profile includes a strong Yeshiva and secular education, with many graduates of YU, Hesder Yeshivot, and other higher Torah Education institutions. We have come together in Bet Shemesh to create a vibrant Torah community; our Bet Midrash, with an excellent and always growing collection of sefarim, is available for use from early morning until well past midnight, and is actively used during most of those hours. Bet Midrash Torani Leumi offers a unique setting for both adults and children to maintain and expand their commitment to Torah while reaching out to the larger community.

Description

Bet Midrash Torani Leumi (BMTL) is seeking a Rav to lead its community.

Candidates should be strong, bilingual (English/Hebrew) communicators who are able to relate effectively to a diverse audience of different hashkafot, ages, and genders. They should be inspirational leaders who are able to motivate all members of the community to grow and strengthen their Torah observance and relationships with Hashem through tefillah and learning.

Candidates are expected to be talmidei chachamim who are knowledgeable enough to formulate their own derech in psak both on the communal and private levels while remaining firmly within the boundaries of our mesorah, and who understand the different needs of each situation.

Candidates need to have excellent oratory and instructional skills. They need to be able to present both drashot and shiurim in a clear and organized fashion.

Candidates need to be comfortable working with youth. They need to proactively reach out to the youth in a variety of venues to engage with and inspire them to be part of our bet kneset experience.

BMTL is seeking candidates who have significant first-hand experience with all aspects of life in Israel and the issues that life here present. The young adults of our community choose different directions to serve Klal Yisrael, from Sherut Leumi, to learning in either a Yeshiva or Midrasha. Candidates are expected to be able to assist them in these choices and be supportive of the direction they choose. Candidates should be familiar with, and encourage, army service for men. While they don't need to be actively encouraging of army service for women, they do need

to be supportive of those who choose to serve. They should be familiar with schooling experience in Israel, specifically high school and university life.

At the same time, BMTL is seeking candidates who are familiar with Anglo culture and who can relate to, and understand, our community of primarily olim.

Candidates should identify with the general hashkafa of our community and the educational experience of their families should reflect that identification. Candidates and their spouses should be interested in actively engaging with BMTL members beyond the confines of the bet kneset and seek to become part of the fabric of the community.

Candidates should be supportive of women's learning and comfortable giving shiurim to women.

Candidates should understand that the membership's ability to access them is important and not limited to the bet kneset. They need to be available via modern communication methods (email, whatsapp). While it is understood that the position is not full-time, candidates' other jobs should not require extensive travel which would affect their presence on Shabbatot.

BMTL prides itself on providing a unique tefillah experience that is focused on a quiet, serious davening that provides the mitpalelim with adequate time for proper kavanah. It caters to people who are looking for a serious Torah and Tefillah environment and candidates should be interested in maintaining and enhancing the things that make BMTL special.

While not required, it is preferable if candidates have prior shul leadership experience. Similarly, a counseling background or pastoral training is preferred. Candidates who have a strong relationship with the Rabbanut are also preferred, so as to more effectively provide assistance with lifecycle events.

Interested applicants should forward a resume and cover letter to bmtl.candidates@gmail.com.