

NILI YARCHEI KALLAH

WOMEN'S LEARNING CONFERENCE



Torat Chaim:
Bringing Torah to Life's
Greatest Challenges

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

9:30-10:00AM

REGISTRATION AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

10:00-10:50AM

*Keynote
Shiur*

Mrs. Alissa Zeffren, Director of NILI
Tefillah in the Age of AI

Social Hall

10:50-11:00AM

BREAK

11:00-11:45AM

Main Sanctuary

RABBI ZVI ENGEL
"Finding Light When
the House Goes Dark"

Beit Midrash

MS. TZIVIA MAJOR
GPATS Student
"Kohelet, Iyov, and Eichä:
Living Through the Questions"

Classroom

MRS. AVIVA APPLEBAUM
"The Gift of a Challenge:
How to Bring Simcha into
Your Everyday Life"

11:45-11:55AM

BREAK

11:55-12:40PM

Main Sanctuary

DR. ESTHER SHKOP
"בבית לדורות:
Kinnot and Lamentations
Then and Now"

Beit Midrash

MS. TZIVIA MAJOR
GPATS Student
"The Oasis Between
מִן and שִׁירַת הַיָּם"

Classroom

MRS. TAMAR SHAMES
"Seeing the Child, Not the
Challenge: Bringing Torah
Wisdom to Parenting"

12:40-1:20PM

LUNCH

Social Hall

1:20-2:20PM

*Keynote
Speaker*

Dr. Hindi Posy
*Genesis and Genetics: Exploring the Biblical Story of
Creation through Modern Reproductive Genetics*

Social Hall

2:20-2:25PM

BREAK

2:25-3:00PM

FIRESIDE CHAT AND Q&A

with
DR. HINDI POSY
MODERATED BY MRS. ALISSA ZEFFREN

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MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026		
9:30-10:00AM	REGISTRATION AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS	
10:00-10:50AM	<i>Keynote Shiur</i> Rabbi Reuven Brand, Rosh Kollel <i>Choosing Life</i>	<i>Social Hall</i>
10:50-11:00AM	BREAK	
11:00-11:45AM	<i>Main Sanctuary</i> MRS. YOSEPHA KROHN "How Do I Grieve for Something I Never Knew? Mental Preparation for Tisha B'Av"	<i>Beit Midrash</i> MRS. MEIRA GERSHMAN "Viewing our Struggles Through the Eyes of Our Imahos"
11:45-11:55AM	BREAK	
11:55-12:40PM	<i>Main Sanctuary</i> MRS. MINDY REISS "The 10 Commandments of Dating: Help and Hope via the Aseret Hadibrot"	<i>Beit Midrash</i> MRS. NURIT SEIGAL "From Rav Hirsch to Sarah Schenirer: The Historical Ties Between Their Worlds and the Future of Women's Torah Learning"
12:40-1:20PM	LUNCH	
1:20-2:00PM	<i>Art & Soul</i> From Learning to Living LED BY JULIE AVNER, LPC, ATR	<i>Social Hall</i>

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