

# PANIM MEIROS SEMINARY

סמינר פנים מאירות



BECAUSE EVERY GIRL DESERVES A PLACE TO SHINE



## ▶ M I S S I O N S T A T E M E N T

**THE OPENING OF PANIM MEIROS** IMYH in Elul/September 2023 is intended to provide an exciting fresh alternative for the post-high school girl in the UK. There are a significant number of young ladies who, due to a variety of factors, need a broader educational approach to enhance their continuing development.

Through our holistic focus on the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of our students, we intend to provide a unique bespoke programme for these young ladies. We will create an environment which will provide a safe haven to build confidence, develop their uniqueness, and enable them to grow intellectually and spiritually, each according to their individual path.

## ▶ THE CHALLENGE

**WHEN ONE OBSERVES** the possibilities available to our bochurim and young ladies leaving high school, a blatant discrepancy becomes apparent. There exists numerous mosdos catering for bochurim who need a more specialised environment, yet not one designed for our young ladies.

Having spoken at length to educators and Rabbonim in Manchester, London and Gateshead, the general consensus is that a post-high school girl who does not fit into a classical Seminary model, will not find a Torah-based environment in the UK or Europe. As such, her choices are either to find a Seminary in Israel or America, or alternatively, to go to work. Experience shows that these options are far from ideal, often resulting in negative outcomes.

## ▶ THE SOLUTION

**PANIM MEIROS OFFERS** a variety of programmes designed to build her confidence and sense of value, helping her to thrive. Alongside her needs for inspirational kodesh classes and qualifications or vocational courses to prepare her for life, she will be given opportunities to express herself through Art, Drama and Music. Her general well-being and resilience would be built through Aerobics, Dance and regular outings, and a dedicated staff of Rabbanim and female teachers who understands her, will help keep her safe and happy. Each girl will be assigned a member of our pastoral care team and paired with an appropriate counsellor.

Creation of a bespoke environment for these girls will, IMYH, help them to develop spiritually and build their own families in the future.

# ▶ OUR PROGRAM



## **KODESH COURSES**

Rabbi Canter will lead the team of Rabbanim and Mechanchos giving Kodesh lessons. Our goal is to inspire the girls to build a foundation of emunah which will become a solid basis for their yiddishkeit. Shiurim will include all facets of hashkofa, mussar, halacho, and chumash. Our Eim HaBayis and Madrichos will lead discussions on issues relevant to a young Jewish lady, including, tznius, the Jewish Family, technological awareness and more.



## **CHOL AND VOCATIONAL STUDIES**

The girls will have a wide range of courses to choose from. Those who wish to pursue A levels in Maths, English, Biology and Art will have a dedicated tutor to assist them in their studies. Vocational courses will be offered in Graphic Design, Photography, Child and Health Care, Beauty and Hair courses. An independent student will have the opportunity to pursue Open University online.



## **CREATIVE OUTLETS**

Panim Meiros desires to awaken the inner talent of our girls. Newfound skills and confidence will be developed through our courses in Visual Art, Music, Drama, and Dance. These outlets will serve to bring out inner strengths and build independence.



## **PHYSICAL OUTLETS AND OUTINGS**

Experience and research show that when we exercise regularly, in addition to enjoying ourselves, we release pent-up stress and develop greater resilience. Our programme will include Aerobics, Hiking, Zumba, Dance and regular outings.

# ▶ OUR SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:10		Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
9:10 - 10:00		Davening & Breakfast				
10:00 - 10:10	Registration & Davening Miss Avishag Benami	Mrs Malka Wahrhaftig Aim Habayis	Mrs Malka Wahrhaftig Aim Habayis	Mrs Malka Wahrhaftig Aim Habayis	Mrs Malka Wahrhaftig Aim Habayis	Parsha Rabbi Cohen 10:00 - 11:00am
10:15 - 12:00	Bagels & Brunch @ 10:30 Contemporary Issues @ 11am Mrs Adina Strom Mechaneches	Biology - Mrs HL Levine Computer graphics - Miss Rivka Mazovski Gym Instructor - Online Independent courses - Chol Supervisor		Maths - Mrs HL Levine Beauty - Mrs Leah Bookman Independent courses - Chol supervisor		Tefillah Rabbi Shaya Grunfeld 11:00 - 12:00pm
12:00 - 1:00	Travel to Manchester	Zumba Miss Gitty Corn	Toras Emes Rabbi Yehuda Canter	Outing  Mrs Tova Shprecher Miss Noa Benami		Life skills Mrs Mimi Pines
1:00 - 3:00	Free time	Lunch break	Lunch break			Lunch break
3:00 - 4:00		Hilchos Shabbos Rabbi Yossi Moore	Halocho Rabbi Shlomo Weisbart			Toras Chaim Rabbi Yehuda Canter
4:00 - 5:00	6:45pm Supper	Tutorial Rabbi and Mrs Litwin	From Fomo to Jomo Miss First		Art Studio Mrs Cassie Horwich	
5:00 - 7:00		Supper 6:15pm				
7:00 - 9:00	7:45-8:30pm Sifrei Mussar Rabbi Dovid Eisenberg	Women in Tanach Mrs Sara Rivka Dansk	Chumash Rabbi YM Adler	The Yearly Cycle Rabbi Shmuel Schwartz / Emunah - Rabbi Yehuda Canter	From Fomo to Jomo Miss Debs First	
	9:00pm Workshop with Mechaneches	Inspiration and Discussion Mrs Sara Rivka Dansk	Vaad Mrs Perele Reif	Yesoidos Mrs Shevi Bengio	Leil Shishi Mrs Sara Nemeth Guitar @ 9:15pm	
9:00 - 10:00	10pm Return to Sem	Mechaneches	Mechaneches	Mechaneches		

# ► O U R H O M E

**WE ARE** delighted to introduce to you our new Seminary home. We have found an exceptional venue in the former New Hobbit Hotel that impeccably aligns with our vision and requirements.

The interior space of the facility is conveniently designed to cater to our specific needs. It boasts 30 en-suite bedrooms, a spacious dining room, and a versatile function room. The generous size of the building allows us to allocate multiple classrooms for the variety of courses and activities we are offering, including social spaces which will provide an environment where students can foster meaningful connections and cultivate lasting friendships.

Beyond the architectural charm of the venue, we are privileged to be surrounded by an expansive two-and-a-half-acre landscape that invites our girls to venture outdoors and to embrace the beauty of nature.

We are grateful to Hashem for providing us with a remarkable building and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our Seminary family to experience the warmth and comfort it offers.

Panim Meiros will serve as an idyllic environment for girls to flourish in their Avodas Hashem and spiritual growth. It is with great pleasure that we extend our heartfelt invitation to embrace this journey with us.



# ► OUR LOCATION

**NESTLED** in the scenic hills just outside of Sowerby Bridge and with a convenient 35 minute drive to Prestwich, this exceptional location presents an ideal setting for the girls' educational journey.

Sowerby Bridge is situated on the edge of the majestic Pennines. Renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty, this enchanting area invites picturesque walks and panoramic views.

The village of Sowerby Bridge provides convenient transportation links, including a direct train line to Manchester's Victoria Station, ensuring uncomplicated travel for students and staff alike.

Against the backdrop of spectacular beauty, the Seminary becomes a remarkable environment that nurtures personal and academic growth, making it an exceptional place in which the girls can thrive in.



# ▶ S H A B B O S

**AT PANIM MEIROS**, Shabbos will be a time to recharge and be inspired. We will have a rotation of visiting Rabbanim, Rebbetzins and their families who will engage with the girls through discussions, activities, and shiurim.

Our team of Madrichos will keep the girls busy through a lively programme designed to fill the day with Menuchah and Simcha. Every third Shabbos will be 'off' - giving girls an opportunity to return home or to visit friends across the UK.





# ▶ OUR PRINCIPAL



**RABBI YEHUDAH CANTER, MSc** We are delighted to have Rabbi Yehudah Canter (MSc) as Principal of Panim Meiros Seminary. His passion, enthusiasm, and educational experience are attributes which place him at the heart of this new Seminary, and we are very excited to have him onboard with us.

Rabbi Canter learned in Yeshivas Torah Ohr, the Mir, and was a close talmid of Rav Yitzchak Berkowitz, culminating in Semicha at the Jerusalem Kollel. He joined the Whitefield Kollel in 2004, where he learned and gave shiurim to the wider community for 10 years.

Upon leaving the Kollel, he began teaching in Manchester Beis Yaakov, Yeshivas Darchei Torah, Yeshivas Shira HaTorah, Seed, and the evening programme Kabtzeinu.

Rabbi Canter has a Masters Degree in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) from the University of Salford, which he has used to help numerous teens facing a wide range of challenges.



# ► O U R T E A M

## **RABBINIC ADVISORS**

*Manchester:*  
RABBI YAAKOV WRE-  
SCHNER

*NW London:*  
DAYAN YEHOSHUA POSEN

*NE London:*  
DAYAN MEIR MARKOVIC

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

*London:*  
MR BENTZY ADLER  
MR ARYEH MELINEK  
MR DANNY ROSENBERG  
MR ELI SELIGER

*Manchester:*  
MR YONA EMANUEL  
MR MD SALZMAN  
MR DOV BLACK  
MR CHAGAI KAHN

## **PRINCIPAL**

RABBI YEHUDAH  
CANTER, MSc

## **CHINUCH ADVISORS**

RABBI REFOEL  
SPITZER  
*Menahel of Bnos High,  
Chinuch Consultant*

MRS MIMI PINES  
*Chinuch Consultant*

## **EIM HABAYIS**

MRS MALKA  
WAHRHAFTIG  
*Mechaneches at  
Beis Chinuch High,  
Manchester*

## **LECTURERS**

RABBI YISROEL MEIR ADLER  
*Maggid Shiur*

RABBI DOVID EISENBERG  
*Rav of Shrubberies, Popular  
Lecturer*

RABBI SHAYA GRUNFELD  
*Director of Seed Manchester,  
Therapist*

RABBI YOSSI MOORE  
*Popular Lecturer, Associate Dayan  
in Manchester Beis Din*

RABBI SHMUEL SCHWARTZ  
*Rebbe Yavne High, Popular  
Lecturer*

RABBI ARYEH SHOIME  
WEISBART  
*Manchester Kollel, Lecturer for  
Halacha*

## **MADRICHOS/LECTURERS**

MRS SARAH RIVKA DANSKY  
*Mechaneches at Jewish High,  
Manchester*

MRS S NEMETH  
*Former director of girls outreach, Gibralt-  
ar*

MRS PERELLE REIF  
*Mechaneches at Meor High*

MISS ROCHELLE BLEIER  
*Mechaneches at Beis Chinuch High*

MRS ADINA STROM  
*Aish, Manchester*

## **SAFEGUARDING LEAD**

MR MOSHE SIMMONDS  
*Level 4. Safeguarding lead for Hatzola -  
Manchester*

PENDING  
*Deputy Female Safeguarding Lead*

# ► F O U N D E R S

*Panim Meiros was founded in 2023 by Rabbi Yehuda Canter and Mr MD Salzman with a goal of creating a warm, caring environment in which girls could come to learn, grow spiritually and solidify their connection to Torah and Mitzvos.*

*Menachem Dovid Salzman has a wealth of experience in both community work and business ventures. As a huge asset to the core team of askonim, he's bringing this dream into a reality. With daughters of his own, he recognises the great need for a bespoke moisod like ours come to fruition and has been a passionate co-founder of this revolutionary seminary Panim Meiros*



# ▶ H A S K O M O S

'Panim Meiros will fill a long overdue gap in the mosdos hachinuch of our community.'

Thank you Rabbi Canter and his team for taking the plunge to ensure this much needed facility actually happens.

**Rabbi Refoel Spitzer,  
Principal of Bnos High**

"...Our brocho is that Rabbi Canter should have siatta de'shmaya as chazal have told us 'Anyone who establishes one nefesh of the klal yisroel is as if they have built an entire world..'"

**From the translation of a  
letter of brocho from Dayan  
Heimlich,  
and Rav Wreschner**

I am very happy that Rabbi Canter has proposed the creation of a new seminary to cater for the needs of students who are not able to fit in any of the existing mosdos... His plan is amazing and we hope and daven that he will have great success in this new wonderful project. Beis Soroh Schenierer Seminary is delighted to encourage Rabbi Canter in his courageous proposal. Hatzlocha rabbo

**Rabbi Yehuda Marmorstein,  
Principal BSS**

"Kol HaKaavod to Rabbi Yehudah Canter on his new initiative Panim Meiros Seminary. In my experience over the years working with Yehudah, I have found his compassionate nature together with his ability to give over hashkofos a winning combination in creating a healthy well-balanced individual. As of now, only in Israel or the USA offer such a seminary, so this a wonderful opportunity for our girls to have this experience without having to travel overseas."

**Meilich Dovid Kanter,  
Director of Pathways**

"...the establishment of Panim Meiros is long overdue. The Kehila in the UK needs to recognize that it's not one size that fits all. Panim Meiros is unique by the fact that is being run by someone with a deep Toradik understanding and experience in the mental well-being of teenagers.

**Rabbi Avrohom Posen,  
Principal of Tiferes High**

"I am passionately excited about the concept of Panim Meiros seminary. Enormous thought has been invested into designing a programme that will excite and inspire you and take you on a journey to discover and enhance your unique talents. You will graduate with a strong sense of achievement and accomplishment. Rabbi Canter is a favourite teacher at MBY. He has a special way understanding and relating to teenagers of 2022. Under his leadership, Panim Meiros will iy"H truly flourish."

**Mrs R.L. Wolf,  
Head of Kodesh MBY**

# ▶ H A S K O M O S

בס"ד

הנה זה זמן רב שהננו דואגים על העתידות של כמה בנות שעררי  
העיר אשר היות שמוסדות שבערינו אינם מתאים להן,  
וקם גברא יקירא הרב י-הודא קנטור שליט"א והגה ברוחו להקים  
עבורן וקראו בשם "פנים מאירות",


וגברא הדין הנהו מתייעץ עם מחנכים וראשי מוסדות, ובעז"ה יש  
תקוה שהוא ביחד עם "ועד" יהיו שליחי דרחמנא שתהיינה תולכות  
בדרך הישר והטוב,

ברכותינו שיהי' לו סיעתא דשמיא וכבר אמרו ז"ל כל המקיים נפש  
אחת מישראל כאילו קיים עולם מלא וימלא כבוד ה' את כל הארץ

אמן. כ"ה י"ב סיון תשנ"ג


חיים כ"ה י"ב סיון תשנ"ג  
יעד & חיים

# ▶ T E S T I M O N I A L S




We're delighted about the opening of Panim Meiros. Up until now, we couldn't find a fitting environment for our daughter. After being refused by two sems we finally managed to get her in with protecsia. Since it wasn't fitting for her, she dropped out half way thru the program.

*Mrs S, London*




It's not fair that bochurim have so many options, yet nothing for girls

*Mechaneches,  
Golders Green*



If only this program would have existed a few years ago, my daughter could have found her place... After she left school and ended up going to work, she sadly deteriorated in many ways.

*Mr J, Salford*



Rabbi Canter helped my son find direction and a drive to succeed through their therapy sessions when he attended Shaarei Torah in Manchester

*Rabbi X, Gateshead*



# C O N T A C T

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