FRIDAY
4:45-6:00 pm
“People of the Book:” Experience a Taste of Yeshiva
Rabbi Yossi Paltiel
Mezzanine Ballroom
Two and a half millennia ago, the leaders of the Jewish people made the conscious decision to shift the center of Jewish life away from spirituality in the direction of academic scholarship. Since that time, the Jewish people have given priority to the study of Talmud over all else. Why did they do this? What did they gain? What were they hoping to gain? And how does all of this fit with the paradigm of the reemergence of Jewish mysticism over the last few centuries?

FRIDAY NIGHT
Farbrengen, Yeshiva Style
Rabbi Levi Kaplan
Room D
Rabbi Levi Kaplan, director of Torah Cafe and beloved mentor to many, leads an interactive discussion of advanced Chasidic concepts, revealing their power to positively affect your life. This session is for men.

SHABBAT
8:30-9:30 AM
Overcoming Illusion:
Turning Pain into Joy
Rabbi Shalom Pasternak
Mezzanine Ballroom
An in-depth study of a seminal work of Chassidic Philosophy. Learn to push beyond your boundaries, and uncover the depths of your faith. Learn to use the power of reason to be transported into a plane beyond reason. A textual study of a unique chapter of Tanya.

Who Am I Really?
Rabbi Eli Nosson Silberberg
Room D
We all experience highs and lows; moments of belief and spirituality, as well as moments of doubt and weakness. Which ones define who we are, and which should be seen as external? A famous story in the Torah will provide us with insight into this all important question. This session is for women.

The Objective of Prayer
Rabbi Zalman Dubinsky
Beit Midrash
Is Tefillah (prayer) about our needs, or about connecting to G-d? Discover the true meaning and power of prayer with a text-based session led by a master teacher. This session is for men.

4:00-5:15 PM
Why Israel? A Unique Plenary Session
Men: Beit Midrash
Women: Mezzanine Ballroom
A tiny slice of land gets a disproportionate amount of attention. The subject of Israel raises the emotional level for Jews and non-Jews, and is constantly being discussed and debated. For centuries battles have raged and continue to rage over the Holy Land and Jerusalem. What is unique about this land over all countries of the world? What is the connection between the Promised Land and the Jewish nation? Our eminent scholars will help you discover, through the lens of Torah, what gives this land its power – and its centrality to Judaism and the Jewish people.
Men: Rabbi Simon Jacobson
Women: Mrs. Shaindy Jacobson

MOTZEI SHABBAT
7:30 PM
Taste of Yeshiva Reception
Mezzanine Ballroom
You studied, listened, shared and farbrenged; now it’s time to reflect and internalize. Please join us for an exclusive event saluting the scholars and students who participated in the Taste of Yeshiva Experience. We will be joined by Rabbi Eli Nosson Silberberg of Machon Alte Institute. Sushi and hors d’ oeuvres will be served. For Taste of Yeshiva Experience participants.