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Overcoming Challenges: Integration of Haredim into Higher Education

A series of workshops addressing the challenges and difficulties inherent in the process of integrating Haredim into the academic world. The workshops aim to enhance dialogue and participation and will include teachers, professional staff, academics, Haredi community leaders and students.

Together with the Jerusalem Haredi College, we have developed a series of workshops that focus on identifying social and academic obstacles, dispelling prejudices and developing mutual understandings. The workshops will enable us to explore the benefits of both worlds of knowledge (the academic and the Haredi), to find ways to deal with the accompanying tensions and contradictions and to strengthen this important social development.

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Need

It is widely known that higher education is a strong indicator of economic sustainability; without a university degree, finding remunerative employment is extremely difficult. Haredi communities are among the poorest in Israel. More and more Haredi men and women are seeking gainful employment, and there is no doubt that education is the key. This desire to obtain higher education is encouraged by Rabbis who understand the need for professional training. Thus, in recent years we have witnessed a significant growth in the number of Haredim (both men and women) turning to academic studies. Several new colleges have been established, and universities are preparing for the influx of these students. This important trend presents challenges and difficulties to both the Haredi communities and to the academic establishment.

This series of workshops will begin the process of addressing the needs of the Haredi and academic communities, creating an appropriate framework that will enable Haredim to succeed academically without compromising their fundamental beliefs.



Background

In establishing the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (VLJI), its founders gave voice to their solidarity with the Jewish people and their commitment to ensuring its future. The Institute creates and implements projects that reinforce a connection to Jewish heritage, and supports research and activities that promote Jewish identity and culture in Israel and worldwide.

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute bridges the gap between academic research and social involvement, addressing major challenges in the areas of Israeli Civil Society and Democracy; Jewish Culture and Identity; Advanced Studies in the Humanities and the Social Sciences; Regional Peace and Dialogue; Education; Economic Development; and Social and Gender Equality.

Be our partner in this important enterprise.

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