

St. Louis student discovers Drisha

After graduating from Block Yeshiva High School last June, Devorah Wolf was one of 23 students selected to participate in Drisha Institute's Summer High School Program. Young women age 13-19, coming from places as distant as Israel, Canada, Los Angeles and Miami, gathered in New York this past summer to study classical Jewish texts.

These young women choose to spend five weeks of their summer learning Torah, improving their ability to read and analyze sources. They spend a significant portion of each day in *havruta* (partner) study, during which pairs of students work through texts on their own, questioning and refining each other's ideas. Since no tests or grades are administered, students appreciate the atmosphere of learning for its own sake.

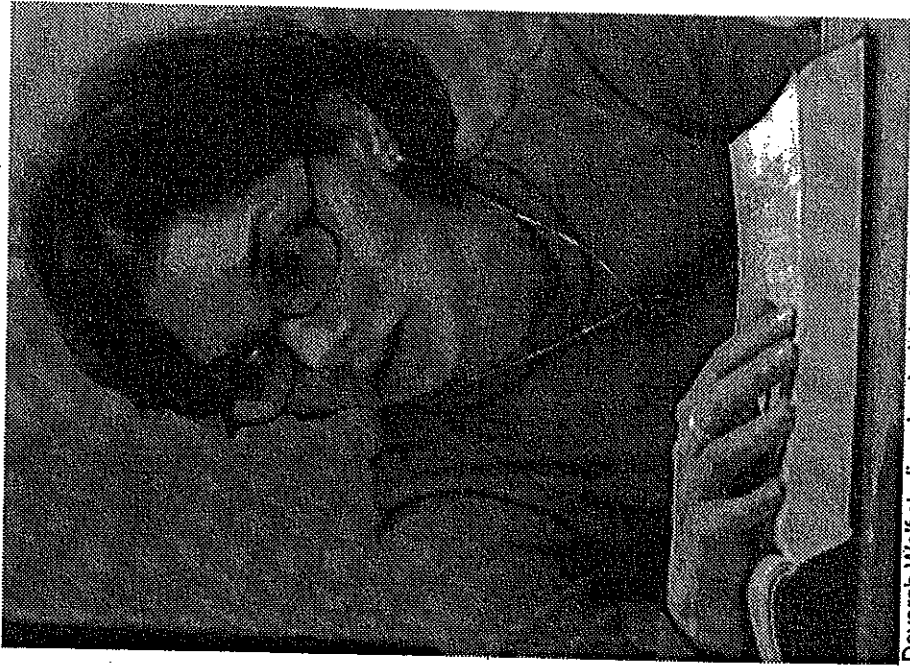
"I've never been challenged in this way!" commented Wolf. "The teachers' vast knowledge and high expectations inspired me and pushed me every day."

Located less than two blocks from Manhattan's Central Park, Drisha offers many extracurricular events, including sports activities and weekly *chesed* (social action)

it stimulated me to learn seriously on my own, and it introduced me to the textual study of Gemara, to many motivated peers and to teachers who took us seriously and pushed us. I have grown intellectually, emo-

tionally and spiritually this summer." ■

For more information about Drisha Institute or the Drisha Summer High School Program, visit www.drisha.org or write to Beth Samuels, director, Drisha Summer High School Program, 131 West 86th Street, New York, NY 10024.



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