

אל תקרי "חרות" אלא "חירות"  
"Do not read *harut* (engraved on the Tablets),  
but rather *herut* (freedom)."

-*Bamidbar Rabbah*

At the Center for Modern Torah Leadership, we believe that the freedom granted by scholarship and commitment to choose among Torah interpretations is inseparable from the responsibility to discover those interpretations which best reflect the will of G-d. אחריות must come together with חירות.

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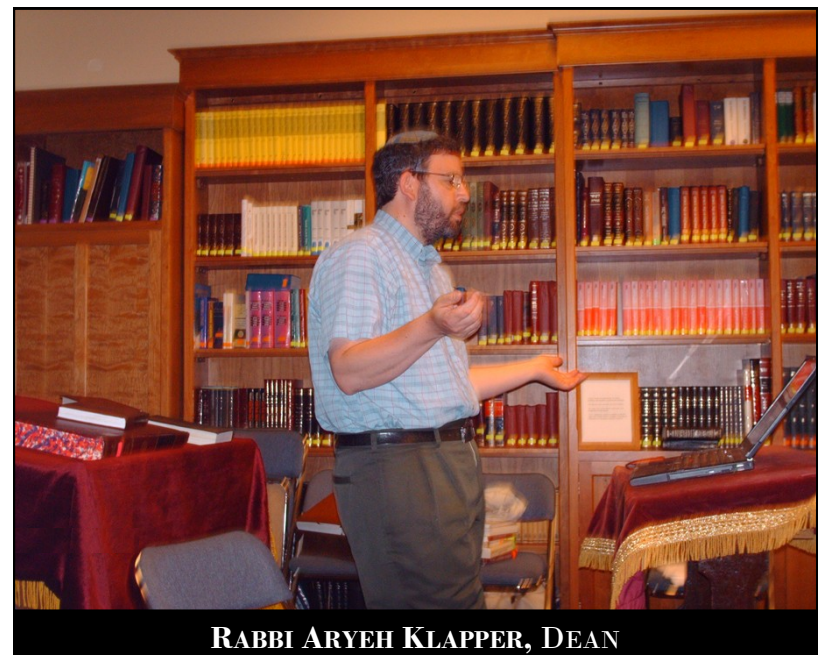
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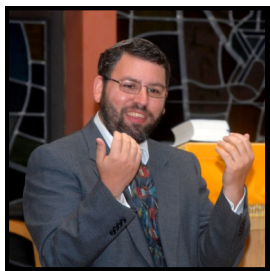
The mission of the **Center for Modern Torah Leadership** is to **model** and **foster** a vision of **fully committed halakhic Judaism** that

**EMBRACES** the intellectual and moral challenges of modernity as spiritual opportunities

**RECOGNIZES** that ideas and rhetoric have consequences, and takes responsibility for the societal implications of its interpretations of Torah

**UNDERSTANDS** that the real-world effects of Torah are mediated by the character of Torah leaders, and that self-knowledge is therefore essential for Torah leadership, and

**ESTABLISHES** the ultimate significance of all human beings as *Tzelem Elokim* as a fundamental Torah principle.



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## Why the Center for Modern Torah Leadership?

*We are focused on how Halakhah and Torah play out in the real life of real people in the real world. We understand the significance of the power to decide Halakhah and to teach Torah, and that conversations in the Beit Midrash matter. We teach students and teachers to understand themselves as producers and not only consumers of Halakhah, and that we collectively are responsible for the Torah content and Torah society that our community produces.*

*We are fully committed to Orthodox halakhah — and embrace the intellectual and moral challenges of modernity as spiritual opportunities, rather than relating to them as roadblocks or traps.*

*We see courage as a primary virtue for scholars and teacher of Torah. We model commitment to truth in the face of personal and communal challenges.*

*We enable genuine open conversation. We have faith in our colleagues and students. We also know that even the most courageous benefit greatly from the sense that they are not alone, and that the deepest moral convictions sometimes falter in isolation. At every level, we provide safe spaces for honest explorations together with a community that is both supportive and challenging.*

*We understand that rabbis are not solely responsible for the content of Torah and the direction of the Torah community. We include educators, researchers, program directors, and laypeople. Our conviction is that all those who learn, teach, and practice Torah seriously—men and women—share responsibility for Torah and need each other’s support to fulfill that responsibility.*

*We understand that Torah creativity, and the establishment of Torah priorities, happens through both study and practice, and that the Torah of Study and the Torah of Life must be in constant communication with each other.*

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