



# CHOTAM

## Prioritizing Jewish Values



## Our Vision

The Chotam institute primarily acts towards re-instilling Judaism and its values into the fabric of Israeli society. We at Chotam believe, that Judaism is the foundation upon which the State of Israel rests, and without Jewish values, the identity of the state is lacking its most fundamental and defining component. Along with the State of Israel's development socially, economically, and scientifically, there needs to be appropriate spiritual development as well. Various issues which arise throughout the Israeli public sphere, in the Knesset, in different professional forums, and in the media, must be addressed from a professional-halachik standpoint – one which examines and elucidates the issues at hand in depth, and is capable of presenting a crystalized Torah perspective, appropriate for our generation.





*We bring  
halachik  
perspectives to  
discussions in  
the Knesset*

## Jewish Values in-Action

The Chotam institute, headed by haRav haGaon Yaakov Ariel, partners with leading professional Torah research institutes in Israel, to examine the issues which arise in their respective field of expertise, be it medicine, economics, law, technology, sociology, agriculture, or other relevant fields.

Chotam's primary undertaking is to focus on the activities in the Israeli Knesset, in its meetings and sessions, and in the law-proposals which take place there. With the help of the staff of researchers and rabbis from the different Torah research institutes, Chotam writes up reports, assesses various law-proposals, and creates educational and other programs, which express Judaism – its laws and spirit – in the most important issues facing the country today.

**Getting  
Practical**



# Our Fields of Expertise

Chotam  
b'Kalkala  
(economy)

Chotam  
b'Chevra  
(society)

Chotam  
b'Kashrut  
(dietary laws)

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## Making a Mark like an Expert

The Department of Research at Chotam, works together with the leading research institutes in Israel to elucidate the issues most critical to the public today. This department analyzes and clarifies the issues from a professional-halachik standpoint, maintaining a close partnership with relevant professionals and rabbis. The Department of Research issues pamphlets that present their research, as well as other write-ups with ideas and recommended courses of action, which in-turn are used by the Departments of Law and Public Policy, respectively.

## Department of Research





## Department of Law



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והיחס אליהם

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## Strengthening the Jewish State

The Department of Law at Chotam, consists of attorneys and lawyers who focus their activity on legislation in the Knesset and its various sessions and meetings. This department analyzes law proposals, suggesting corrections to the current version of a given law, striving to uphold Jewish values in each and every law proposal addressed in the legislative offices.

In addition, this Department formulates law proposals for the other departments of Chotam, such as those focused on Torah judicial law, the Jewish family unit, Tza'ar Ba'alei Chaim (preventing cruelty to animals), Kashrut (dietary laws) and other causes. These law proposals strive to anchor a halachik outlook into state laws in all the practical fields of national life in the State of Israel.

Furthermore, representatives of the Department of Law provide information on legal matters relating to causes promoted by the organization, and work with different government offices to promote their respective causes.





## Making Visible Changes

The two primary areas of focus of this department are the Knesset and its sessions, and the public sphere.

The department acts to promote law-proposals which reflect the Jewish identity of the State of Israel, working together with the relevant professionals. This enables the department to identify law-proposals which defy Jewish values, or to promote alternatives which uphold them.

The department keeps track of the different discussions in the Knesset, allowing its representatives to participate in the most critical discussions, and to present the halachik viewpoint on the fundamental issues. Additionally, the department plays a role in the public sphere, encouraging the discussion of core issues, among them: Shabbat in the public sector, the political status of Jewish law, and issues regarding dietary laws.

## Department of Public Policy







## Department of Marketing and Publicity

## Navigating the Communal Conversation

The Department of Marketing and Publicity attempts to raise awareness of the significance of the various issues dealt with by Chotam, aiming to prompt public discourse on these important and relevant matters.

Additionally, this department develops educational programs, marketing programs, and curriculums, creates seminars and conferences for the public, and even organizes special programs which impart practical tools to educators, entrepreneurs and other influential individuals capable of shaping the State of Israel's public image, and reinforcing Jewish values in its public sphere.



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