

THE CHIEF RABBI'S
שלם
FELLOWSHIP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE WOHL LEGACY AND YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

“The most exciting aspect of the Shalem Fellowship is that it will allow motivated undergraduates in the UK to grow in their Avodat Hashem and their Torah learning ensuring that they can simultaneously aspire to reach the highest standards of both Torah and secular study in ‘shleimut’.”

– Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE



About Us

Keviyut.

- We encourage and enable our students to study both Torah and their secular subjects at university to the highest standards. Our Beit Midrash programme, which includes the opportunity for chavrutot and high quality shiurim, is organised around the university schedule, to make this possible.
- We offer shiurim which are stimulating and challenging, fostering continued curiosity and ongoing engagement with Talmud Torah.
- We inspire our students to value learning Torah as a central part of their day, even when they need to seek it out for themselves. We teach our students to balance a multitude of Torah values, so that they can emerge from their undergraduate years as strong Bnei and Bnot Torah.
- We provide our students with the opportunity to learn skills of analysis as a path to truth, and middot as a path to personal character refinement and the achievement of a kiddush Hashem in the wider world.

Shleimut.

- We push beyond the Beit Midrash to teach our students to live lives filled with meaning, seeking greater and closer connection with HaKadosh Baruch Hu in every part of their lives - in the Beit midrash, in the library, at work and at home. Our shiurim address ways that we can harness our Torah and secular studies to better understand and make a positive impact in the world.
- We believe that the worldview of our students should have the benefit of being filtered through a Torah lens. While sefarim are a start to understanding this, role-models are also key. Therefore, we provide our students with access to our programme directors and teachers one-on-one.
- We are privileged to host exceptional Rebbeim and scholars from Yeshiva University each year in London who support our own team of outstanding local teachers.
- While it is possible for students to sign up to the programme for a single year, we encourage our students to stay on as fellows throughout the time they are studying in university. This is because our curriculum builds year to year, developing exceptional, inspired and deeply rooted graduates who will help Am Yisrael grow from strength to strength.

Shalem is an outstanding initiative of the Chief Rabbi, who has personal interest and involvement in the programme of studies throughout the year.

The fellowship includes:

- Stipend
- Trip to New York
- Shabbatonim, onegs and other events
- Mentorship
- Access to incredible educators from Yeshiva University
- Structure and incentive to achieve your goals in Talmud Torah and Avodat Hashem!

Elul programme:

Yemei Iyun

21st, 28th September,
5th October

Winter Term

19th October - 12th December

Spring Term

11th January - 20th March

Summer Term

3rd May - 19th June

Fellowship Responsibilities

Your commitment is for one year of your degree, although we very much hope that you will stay on and continue learning with us throughout your degree! The Fellowship is open for students in all years of their undergraduate studies.

Beit Midrash Attendance

During term-time there are four sessions each week with a variety of different shiurim - discussion based classes, chavruta and shiur, and chaburot. They run on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday night in our Beit Midrash. Our fellows choose three of these sessions to commit to and can be flexible about which slots they choose term to term if their university commitments change.

LOCATION: Kinloss Beit Midrash, Kinloss Gardens, London, N3 3DU

Scholar-In-Residence Participation

Four times a year, top educators and Rebbeim from Yeshiva University will be visiting London specifically to learn with our programme and spend time with our students. Students are expected to be at a couple of additional shiurim with these speakers on weeks when the speakers are visiting (arranged around student schedules).

Certificate in Judaic Studies from Yeshiva University

We are privileged to work with YU Global, an advanced online learning platform. In advance of our Yeshiva University speakers coming in person, fellows have the opportunity to deepen their learning from some of these speakers by completing short online modules based on the material the speaker is expert in. The courses are custom-made for us and will reflect Shalem's values, interests and goals. By completing all eight modules over the course of three years, fellows have the opportunity to complete a Certificate in Judaic Studies offered by Yeshiva University. Fellows are required to complete at least one of these modules per year of their fellowship.

Some examples of courses:

- Shaping the Shevatim: Family Dynamics & the Development of Israel's 12 Tribes
- Jewish Interpersonal Ethics & Business Applications
- 'Words, Words, Words': Hashgacha, Hashkafa & Hamlet.

Stipend

Stipends will be paid to all our Fellows in termly instalments. Receiving a full stipend will be conditional on attendance (barring exceptional circumstances, and university commitments).

Trip to Stern College, NY

All our fellows are invited to an all expenses paid trip to learn in Stern College in the winter holidays! We will be learning in their Beit Midrash, attending Torah classes and meeting and learning from exceptional Torah teachers and Rebbeim there. Of course it's also an amazing opportunity to catch up with friends from the States and see some sites in Manhattan!



Last year we met with President Rabbi Ari Berman, Rabbi Aryeh Leibowitz, Dean Shoshana Schechter, Rabbi J J Shachter and more! We also hosted a networking dinner, meeting with exceptional baalei batim who are at the executive level of their chosen careers, as well as making time for Torah learning and involvement in their communities.

The trip will take place the week of the 14th December 2025 for all new fellows.

Last year, we were honoured to welcome:



Rabbi Daniel Feldman

Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman is a Rosh Yeshiva at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University, as well as an instructor in the Sy Syms School of Business, and has taught for the Wurzweiler School of Social Work and the Katz School of Continuing Education. He also serves as the Executive Editor of the RIETS initiative of YU Press. He is an alumnus of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh and received his ordination (Yoreh Yoreh and Yadin Yadin) from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, where he was a fellow of the Bella and Harry Wexner Kollel Elyon. Rabbi Feldman is a prolific author of sefarim in Hebrew and English, which have been published with the approbations of R. Avraham Schapira, R. Ovadiah Yosef, R. Natan Gestetner, R. Zalman Nechemiah Goldberg, R. Asher Weiss and others.



Dr. Nechama Price

Dr. Nechama Price is the Director of Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Advanced Talmud and Tanach Studies (GPATS) and teaches Tanach and Halacha at Stern College. Nechama received certification from GPATS, earned masters degrees from Azrieli Graduate School and Bernard Revel Graduate School, and an Ed.D from Azrieli Graduate School focusing her research on the impact of female Torah scholar role models on high school students. She is a certified Yoetzet Halacha, and currently serves as a Yoetzet Halacha (Halakhic Advisor) for the communities of Teaneck, Englewood, Tenafly, Livingston, West Orange, and Long Branch NJ. Nechama is the author of Tribal Blueprints, a Maggid imprint which analyzes the lives and personalities of the twelve tribes. Nechama is a community scholar and speaks all over North America. She lives in Bergenfield, NJ with her husband and four children.

We also welcomed:

Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh Sgan Rosh Kollel at Gruss - Yeshiva University in Israel.

Professor Shaina Trapedo Professor of English specialising in the impact of Tanach on Western literature.

Director

Rabbanit Hannah Abrams

Director of the Shalem Fellowship. Previously Tagel-YU Women's Advanced Learning Programme, Matan, OU-JLIC, Graduate Programme of Advanced Talmudic Studies at Stern College.



Teachers (Example)

Rabbi Yoni Birnbaum

Senior Rabbi of Finchley United Synagogue (Kinloss). Director of Marriage Authorisation at the Office of the Chief Rabbi. Previously Rabbi at Hadley Wood and Toras Chaim. MA and PhD in Jewish Studies.



Rabbi Shmuli Sagal

Rabbi of Shomrei Hadath Federation. Director of Operations at the Evening Beis in Hendon and Registrar for Marriages and Divorce at the Beis Din of Kehillas Federation. Previously Rabbi of Sutton & District Synagogue. BA, MA and Semicha from Yeshiva University.



Rebbetzin Lauren Levin

Director of Education and Yoetzet Halacha at South Hampstead Synagogue. Co-director of the Mikveh Education Programme (the United synagogue's programme for brides). Graduate of Nishmat Centre for Advanced Torah Study for Women in Jerusalem.



Rabbi Ben Kurzer

Senior Rabbi of the Golders Green United Synagogue. Previously Rabbi of Pinner Shul and Assistant Rabbi at Edgware United. BA in Jewish History and Semicha from Yeshiva University.



Miss Rivka Simmonson

Adult, post-seminary and high school teacher, sought after lecturer in the UK and the US. Previously Director of Learning for Kodesh at Hasmonean High girls school.

Examples of Guest Shiurim:

Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis | Rebbetzin Ilana Epstein
Rabbi Anthony Manning | Professor David Latchman
Rabbi Akiva Tatz | Rabbi Yaakov Klein

Weekly Schedule

(example)

Sunday

Tuesday

9:00 – 9:50

Hilchot Shabbat

Rb. Hannah Abrams

Core Sugyot in the Talmud
Rabbi Sagal

Mussar and Middot for the Modern World
Rebbetzin Shuli Liss

10:00 – 10:50

Open Beit Midrash
(YU Global)

11:00 – 12:00

Guest Shiur Series

14:00 – 14:50

15:00 – 16:00

20:00 – 21:00

Open Beit Midrash
(YU Global)

21:00 – 22:00

Emunah and Bitachon
Miss Simonsson

Wednesday

Thursday

**Contemporary
Ethical Questions**
Rabbi Ben Kurzer

**Living with
the Haftara**
Rb. Lauren Levin

**Open
Beit
Midrash**
(YU Global)

**Rashi b'Iyun
on the Parsha**
Rb. Hannah Abrams

**Hilchot
Shabbat:
Bishul**

Rb. Hannah
Abrams

Hilchot Tefilla
R. Dr Yoni Birnbaum

**Shir
HaShirim**
Miss
Simmonson

Mishmar

**Open
Beit
Midrash**
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